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1000 WORKERS GREET CONQUEST COMMITTEE AT ABILENE MEETING

A crowd estimated at over one thousand greeted the Conquest Campaign committee at the First Church, Abilene on Wednesday of last week. Each association in the district was well represented at the meeting. Representatives were present from as far as Stonewall county on the North, Midland on the West and Cisco on the East.

The meeting began with an address by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, organizer of the campaign who explained fully the plans whereby Texas Baptists endeavor to raise \$2,000,000 during the present year. The plan, which was fully outlined recently in The West Texas Baptist, is to secure in cash and pledges the two million dollars by March 15, the pledges to be paid by the end of the year. This campaign is the beginning of a united effort on the part of Texas Baptists to raise a total indebtedness of over \$6,000,000 against the various institutions of the state and the state board.

Following the address of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. George W. Truett, who heads the campaign, delivered a great address in which he inspired his hearers to a greater effort to carry out the great forward movement of Texas Baptists started a few years ago at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign. At the close of the address Dr. Truett pledged the audience to get into the campaign in a telling way as they felt led of God's spirit.

Lunch was served by the Baptist women of Abilene in the basement of the church to the visitors. In the afternoon conferences were held in three groups. Dr. Scarborough conducted a conference for the pastors and laymen; Mrs. J. E. Leigh led the women in their conference, and Secretary T. C. Gardner led the young people in a meeting.

At these meetings the campaign was discussed from every angle and talks were made by a number of pastors and missionaries. At the meeting conducted by the pastors and laymen the attitude of Simmons University toward the campaign was brought up and discussed. It is generally understood that Simmons is not to participate in the campaign. President Sandfer made the statement that he was urging the friends of Simmons to enter heartily into the campaign, collect every dollar possible and send it undesignated to Dr. Groner's office at Dallas to be applied on the debt paying campaign. He quoted a statement from Dr. Scarborough to the effect that he (Dr. Scarborough) did not believe in letting a Baptist dollar get away, and in view of this statement President Sandfer suggested that if in the canvass Baptists were found who would not contribute to the general campaign and wanted to designate their gifts to Simmons, that this money be accepted and sent to Simmons. In commenting upon this statement Dr. Scarborough stated that every Baptist certainly had the right to designate his money and that no criticism should be made of a man's loyalty who so desired to designate his money. The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is to participate in the campaign and is to receive 1.56 percent of all money collected during the campaign.

Other Baptist leaders who were present and spoke during the Abilene meeting were Dr. F. S. Groner of Dallas and Dr. T. V. Neal, pastor of the First Church, El Paso.

On Wednesday evening and Thursday the members of the Conquest Campaign met with the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, where plans of the campaign were outlined and discussed. At the Sweetwater meeting plans were discussed for the carrying out of the campaign in the Sweetwater Association. A meeting of workers of the campaign is to be held with the Caps Chhreh on next week; an announcement of this meeting appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist.

Dr. W. R. White of the Department of Missions of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, is to do the preaching in a meeting with the College Heights Church, Abilene, beginning March 20th. This church and the students of Simmons University will have, in the coming of Dr. White, opportunity of hearing one of our really great preachers.

A MATTER OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE

L. R. Scarborough

On a flying train, in the great Panhandle section of Texas, I am writing this soulful word to my brother preachers and co-laborers in the churches of Texas. Our Campaign party has swept around the State in sixteen of the most significant conferences and rallies I have ever seen after a quarter century of campaigning for Christ's cause. My part in the rallies has been to assist in and set out the organization. The eighteen District Organizations have been completed and are functioning in a noble way. The hundred and twenty Associational organizations have been set up, rallies being held, information given out, and inspiration has begun to stir the hearts of our people. The next step and one of supreme importance is the organization of the local churches. The organization is a very simple one—the pastor is the director, each church is to appoint a live, aggressive, liberal busy, co-operating layman, the President of the W. M. U., B. Y. P. U., and Superintendent of the Sunday School and four-minute speakers constitute the church organization. This organization is to appoint teams for the canvassing of the church. The membership of the church should be made out by districts—names and addresses should be given of all the members in each district—these names ought to be distributed wisely among the canvassing teams. It is exceedingly important that the pastor and organizers shall wisely select the names, and approach in a persuasive and prepared way, the larger givers. Large subscriptions—Ten Thousand, Five Thousand, Twenty Five Hundred, One Thousand, Five Hundred, Two Hundred and Fifty, One Hundred Dollars, should be secured from these, if possible. At this point lies the Conquest victory. We will not give this money by hat collection. The Organization ought to be so effective as that it will do two things:

1. Secure cash and a subscription from every member of ever church. The poor, the near poor, the rich and the near rich, and all in between, ought to be seen, in this time.

2. Secure a sacrificial gift from every member. Two Million Dollars is lots of money to raise in a few weeks. If we raise it, all must give, and all must give sacrificially—that is a nobly worthy gift. It is hoped that the pastors, in whose heart lie failure or victory, ought to pray, plan, pull, push and persistently carry on until the organization reaches these two noble ends. I urge that the pastors shall not take the offering until their people are thoroughly informed, inspired and organized. Do not pull the fruit until it is ripe, but ripen it as rapidly as possible. Information in spiration and organization will ripen the fruit. Dr. Truett said the other day, a very pungent statement when he said—"Victory or Failure, in this Campaign, rests in the heart of the pastors of Texas. If they will it, it will be done." Do not fail to set up the church organization at once, and get it ready for action, in a great fashion, and do your best to make your church a One Hundred Per Cent Church, and may God be with you as you battle on to Victory.

BAYLOR HAS GREATEST SHRINE TO BROWNING

As a result of the enthusiastic and constant efforts of Dr. A. J. Armstrong, head of the English department at Baylor University, Waco, that institution now boasts of the greatest shrine to Robert Browning there is in the world, the collection of Browning material even surpassing that at Browning's own college, Balliol, at Oxford.

While Dr. Armstrong was the chief factor in launching and promoting this marked tribute to the great poet, by his energy and enthusiasm he has elicited the interest and cooperation of the entire faculty and student body at Baylor, as well as many friends of the institution, in this undertaking, and for sometime now the collection has been attracting large international attention.

GOVERNOR AND MRS. DAN L. MOODY



Texas Third Baptist Governor is Inaugurated

Last Tuesday Texas' youngest governor was inaugurated into office after one of the most colorful political campaigns in Texas politics. Simmons University was particularly concerned in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of Daniel L. Moody, because of the fact that a Simmons graduate became first lady of Texas on that day. Mrs. Dan Moody formerly Miss Mildred Paxton, graduated with the Class of '17 from Simmons. While in the Abilene school she was leader in many activities among

the Simmons Brand. She later returned to Simmons as publicity director and instructor of journalism in 1924. The following are excerpts of the inauguration taken from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Wednesday, January 19, telling of Moody's entrance into office.

Ten Thousand Applaud
A crowd which covered the walks and the lawns of the capitol grounds, variously estimated at from 10,000 to 20,000 people, applauded as he entered the capitol building to take the oath of office.

Every living ex-Governor of Texas sat on the platform, from Governor Sayers, Colquitt, Ferguson, Hobby and Neff to his right, and Miriam A. Ferguson his immediate predecessor, to his left.

With him on the platform were members of the higher courts of the State, officials of the Legislature, Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller, who took the oath of office with him, and a distinguished gathering of Texas citizens.

Mrs. Moody Watches Closely

intimate friends for the quickness of appreciation, her keen humor and strength of character. Presumably new in politics, she was for a period a newspaper woman, and therefore her thought has been attuned to political reaction. Nothing escaped her penetrating gaze, and no particular occurrence failed to be registered in her eyes. She closely watched the proceedings and intently listened to all that was said and now and then an animated conversation occurred between herself and her sister and

FISHER COUNTY WORKERS ON CONQUEST CAMPAIGN

We are in the Pay-up Campaign in this Fisher County Association. We are now holding rallies, trying to do two things, namely: Give information, and in some way give some inspiration. I want to say this thing to my brethren: The best way to pay off this debt, and make every body feel good, is make it extremely evangelistic. If you can only get the souls of the people, you can get their money. If we will only make it evangelistic, and hold revival meetings all over our state, it will put us on higher ground every way, after the money raising campaign is over. If we fail to get the souls of our people, even if we do get the money, there will be a going down, in our work, instead of going up. So let us go for the souls of the people. I am ready as best I can to help anywhere that I may be wanted, to help to try to deepen the spiritual life of our churches, and win the lost to Christ. The meetings so far have been very helpful. God grant that we as Baptists may show to the world, that we are not only for the truth of the Bible, but that we are a debt paying people.—J. M. Reynolds.

TENNESSEE YOUTH IS EVANGELISTIC MUSICIAN AT SEVEN ONE-HALF YRS.

H. Evan McKinley, Jr., of Morristown, Tenn., son of Evangelist and Mrs. H. Egan McKinley, probably enjoys the distinction of being the youngest boy in the country who plays a saxophone regularly in evangelistic work. He travels with his parents and has been singing in public since he was three years of age. His saxophone programs have been broadcast on several occasions.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADOPTED AS GUIDING PRINCIPLE BY STUDENTS

In an effort to attain a higher standard of personal conduct, the 1,500 Baptist students from all over the South, who attended the recent All-Southern Baptist Student Conference at Birmingham, unanimously adopted Christ's Sermon on the Mount as their moral code and recommended to students everywhere that they memorize that discourse in order that they might become more thoroughly imbued with its high idealism.

DELEON CHURCH CLOSING FINE TRAINING SCHOOL

Le Leon Baptist Church enjoyed a week's ministry from Pastor H. H. Stephens of Winters. He is profoundly spiritual and supremely practical. Brother Stephens taught a class only three diplomas reaching the A-1 each evening in "The Sunday School Manual," first division. Sixteen took the examination. A large number attending the class already had the diploma. The Sunday School workers caught a new vision from this prince of Sunday School men.

The De Leon Sunday School lacked Staggard. Plans are being made by the church to have Dr. H. Beauchamp attend a Sunday School banquet and inspire the Church to go ahead and reach the Advanced Standard. The new building is in every way adapted to the AA-1 requirements.

The sermons of Pastor Stephens were a great spiritual feast to those who heard them. A special feature of the service each evening was the showing of Home Mission stereoscopic pictures of the Cuban, Mexican, and Mountain work.

Pastor Stephens also attended the Workers Conference of the Comanche Association and addressed it for an hour in a very edifying way on "Kingdom Finance."

At the morning hour on Sunday a gracious service of spiritual harvest was conducted in the Junior department of the Sunday School and there were twelve professions. The Church at the evening hour approved five for baptism.—J. N. Campbell, Pastor.

BAPTIST SECRETARY HAS VISITED MANY CHURCHES

R. D. Garland, secretary of the Baptist Board of Missions and Education in Virginia, and reputed to be the most generally loved Baptist man in the Old Dominion, has personally visited every Baptist church in that state but fifteen, it was announced at the recent meeting of the State Association. Although a layman, Mr. Garland has spent many years in religious work and frequently conducts evangelistic meetings.

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST TO BE PUBLISHED SEMI-MONTHLY

As announced in the editorial columns this issue, the West Texas Baptist will be published semi-monthly beginning with next month. The next issue of the paper will appear on February 10th.

REV. WOODIE SMITH IN SERIOUS AUTO MISHAP

Sunday evening while enroute here from Fort Worth to be at the bedside of his father, Rev. Woodie Smith happened to an accident that came near being serious. Being in great haste to get here at the earliest possible moment Rev. Smith was driving a new Studebaker touring car at a rapid rate of speed down in the Throckmorton country, and the night being a very dark one he could not see a great distance ahead, when he came to a sharp turn in the road. Seeing the turn he attempted to apply the brakes but instead stepped on the accelerator and his car lunged forward at even greater speed and in making the curve the car was turned over. Aside from receiving a very severe shake-up and minor bruises Rev. Smith came out in good shape but the car was very badly bent up in the mishap.—Monday Times.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

The terrible accident at Round Rock last week which cost the lives of ten fine young men, students in Baylor University, has caused great grief among friends everywhere of this great institution. The accident happened as a bus load of students were on their way to Austin to play the State University basketball team.

One of the victims of the accident was a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Pender of Abilene. Another was Muri Dudley of Abilene, a former student of Simmons University, who was studying law in Baylor. Our deepest sympathies are with the loved ones of these young men.

BAPTIST SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE IN BOTH NUMBERS AND QUALITY

Baptist schools and seminaries of the South, 117 in number, have matriculated about 2,000 more students, all told, at this season of the school year than they had at the corresponding date of 1925, according to advice received by Dr. J. W. Cammack of Birmingham, secretary of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Many of the institutions report that the quality of their new students is improving from year to year.

Rev. R. Neal Greer has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Rule.

BAPTIST BODY TURN THEIR FACES FORWARD

Larger Financial Objectives for General Work of Denomination Assumed by State Conventions

At no time since the decline in Southern Baptist gifts to missions and benevolences began a few years ago, has the prospect for a distinct advance in this direction been so favorable as now, according to information received at Baptist headquarters in Nashville from the various states comprising the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At all of the Baptist state conventions that have been held so far there has been a uniformly fine spirit of unity, fellowship, and determination to go forward to larger achievements in the general work of the denomination. Practically every state which has held its convention has adopted a much larger financial objective for the next year than has been reached or fixed in recent years, while several of the states have increased the percentage of their total gifts that shall go to the Southwide missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises.

Every convention has reaffirmed its loyalty to the Co-operative Program and the consideration of this subject proved the highest hour in several of them.

Deft Lifter in Oklahoma

The Illinois convention was preceded by a night of uninterrupted prayer and much of the success of that gathering was attributed to the influence of this unusual season of communion with God. The Oklahoma Baptist Convention was made memorable in the raising in cash of \$38,000 that remained to complete the lifting of \$300,000 in indebtedness on the work in that state. With the work out of debt there now, Oklahoma Baptists expect to go forward to still larger achievements.

There is a heavy indebtedness on many of the Baptist schools and hospitals of Texas and a special campaign to raise \$2,000,000 in cash in the early spring to liquidate those debts was inaugurated by the Texas convention, with Dr. George W. Scarborough as general director, and Dr. L. R. after the detailed work, looking for what similar special campaign may be inaugurated soon by the state executive board, though the funds raised in Tennessee will be shared with the Southwide as well as the state causes embraced in the Co-operative Program. Each interest will participate in the returns on the basis of the established percentages of the program.

DISTINGUISHED LAYMEN HEAD TWO CONVENTIONS

Baptists of Kentucky and Texas chose distinguished laymen as heads of their state conventions for the ensuing year. As moderator of the Baptist General Association of Kentucky, George E. Hays, prominent business man of Louisville, was chosen, while the new president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas is Ex-Governor Pat M. Neff, well-known attorney of Waco.

Mr. Hays is one of the most active of Southern Baptist laymen, being much in demand for addresses on stewardship and personal soul-winning. Mr. Neff was for a long time moderator of the Waco Association and has been for years president of the board of trustees of Baylor University.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST CHURCHES RECEIVE 312 NEW RECRUITS

As a result of a recent simultaneous evangelistic campaign in which eleven Baptist churches of New Orleans cooperated, 312 additions were received into the membership of those churches. The campaign was directed by the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board.

RICHMOND CHURCH CUTS BUILDING PROGRAM IN INTEREST OF MISSIONS

Announcement is made by the building committee of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., that the church has reduced the estimated cost of its new house of worship, to be erected in one of the best residential sections of the city, from \$750,000 to \$400,000, in order that the church may be able to do a larger part by the missionary and benevolent work of the denomination, now in great need. This church is pastored by Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The BYPU's of the College Heights Church, Abilene, are now editing the church paper, "The Messenger." It is a credible paper and reflects credit to the young people who are editing it.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Beginning with next issue The West Texas Baptist is to become a semi-monthly publication. The dates of the publication will be on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We believe it best to take this step for the following reasons:

The West Texas Baptist began publication on November 20, 1925. For several months the paper was issued as a semi-monthly. Our belief that a sectional paper in this section of Texas was needed was justified by the fact that in a little over one year's time two thousand paid subscribers were secured. Appreciating this hearty response on the part of our readers, we felt anxious to give them the very best service possible and as a result on the first of June last year, we began the publication of a weekly paper. After a trial of eight months we have become thoroughly convinced that the patronage will not justify a weekly publication. In first place the news and other contributions from over the section have not been sufficient to justify a weekly paper. Perhaps this has been due, largely, to the fact that the pastors, missionaries and other workers have been careless about the matter of sending in reports of the news on their fields. Whether this lack of patronage is due to carelessness or to indifference, it remains a fact that our readers have not taken advantage of the fact that a weekly paper has been available, at a very nominal cost, for the enlightenment of our people about the work in this section.

A few weeks ago we sent notices to about six hundred subscribers whose subscriptions expired by January 1st, 1927. Of this large number only about two hundred responded to the request to renew their subscriptions. Of the number renewing a large majority took advantage of the clubbing offer with the Baptist Standard and subscribed for both papers. During the subscription contest about four hundred new names were added to our list. Over three hundred of this number subscribed for both papers. This indicates to us that a large majority of our readers are readers of both papers. This being true a semi-monthly publication of our sectional paper will be sufficient to keep these readers well informed on all our denominational work in this section.

As a semi-monthly the subscription price of the West Texas Baptist will be 75 cents per year for single subscriptions and 50 cents per year in clubs of five or more. During the depressing times brought about by the low price of cotton, this will give our people in this section an opportunity to secure a religious newspaper for this small amount where they feel they are not able to subscribe for our denominational paper for \$2.00 per year. Baptists who are already taking the Standard will not object to paying fifty cents more in the news of West Texas Baptist which is selling for the small sum of fifty cents. It will be possible for our pastors to place a denominational paper in the home of every single Baptist in their parishes. Some members of the church will feel that they cannot pay \$2.00 for a religious paper; these people should be able to pay fifty cents for a paper. Others will perhaps prefer to take the Standard alone, while others will be glad to take both.

The editor is anxious to make satisfactory adjustments with our subscribers on this change from a weekly to a semi-monthly. Our plan is to extend the subscriptions of the subscriber who has paid \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the paper to two years. For example, if you sent one dollar for a subscription on January 1, 1927 for a weekly paper, your subscription will be extended to January 1, 1929, which will give you two years subscription to the semi-monthly paper instead of one year for the weekly. If you sent \$1.00 last July for a weekly subscription, you still have six months subscription coming to you on the weekly basis. Your subscription in this instance will be moved up six months longer or to January 1, 1928. If this arrangement is not satisfactory with a subscriber at his request we will be glad to return to him the money he has sent in for his subscription.

Anyone at all familiar with the cost of newspaper production will know that the small amount we are charging for a subscription to the West Texas Baptist will not pay the cost of producing the paper. That we are able to sell the paper at this price is due to the fact that deficits in running expenses are being met by some good friends in this section of the state. After the 1st of February all subscribers who are as much as three months in arrears with their subscriptions will be dropped from the mailing list. If you have not renewed your subscription in that time we take it that you do not care to renew your subscription.

We wish to thank all of our friends for the support they have given the paper, and we invite your continued support for the future, assuring you that we shall make every effort to publish a paper that will help advance the cause of Christ in this vast expanding empire of the West. We assure you that the West Texas Baptist is a permanent fixture in this part of the world. We hope that some time in the future the patronage will justify the renewal of a weekly paper. Until that time we will endeavor to give you the very best semi-monthly paper possible.
SAM MALONE, Editor and Publisher.

FROM A SAN FRANCISCO POLICEMAN

Whence comes crime? Could we locate its origins, much human misery could be prevented. The Washington Voice declares that it appears in about 40 per cent. greater

volume among aliens than among native-born Americans. To some extent, therefore, it is a matter of immigration control. Wiggam suggests it comes from a comparatively small element in our population. He says that "In Indiana, nearly all crime is committed by about one hundred families." Therefore a wider study of eugenics may disclose another means of prevention.

Whatever light eugenists or experts in immigration restriction may throw upon the beginnings of crime, churchmen know of powerful factors working in crime-prevention. Captain Duncan Matheson of the San Francisco police recently said to the Commonwealth Club there: "In this country we have fallen down completely in the administration of justice. We are making criminals faster than we can take care of them. But," he added, "in all of my police experience I have seen, but one boy who had graduated from both high school and Sunday school combined come into the hands of the police."

In this day, when America holds the record for murders, when our very republic is being tested, as never before, by a minority advocating nullification of a Constitution they cannot amend, the churchman may well tell Captain Matheson's story to his unchurched neighbor. He can remind the latter that the taxes paid for the cost of crime do not go for Sunday school graduates.

A THREE-STORY HOUSE

Dr. Josiah Strong once said that every man lives in a three-story house. The lower story is part underground. There he eats and drinks. This is his physical nature. Many men never leave this basement. There they live, there they die, never entering the stories that are above.

The second rises above the first. From its windows the outlook is wider, the light in it is more abundant, and the air is purer. This is man's intellectual department. Some go up into the second story often, and though they do not abandon the basement, they use it mostly for eating.

Then there is the third story. This is the highest. Here the air, the sunlight, the outlook are the best. This is the spiritual realm. Few rise into it. In many cases dust and cobwebs are the sole occupants of what should be the choicest part of the house. The wise man, while he does not abandon the basement or the second story, loves the third the best of all, and there spends much of his time. "And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit, and soul and body, be preserved entire at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you who will also do it."—Selected

THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

The test of the nations is their loyalty to God's Word. The nations which have honored God's Word, and which are honoring God's Word, are the nations which have his blessing.

The state will never be guided into ways of constructive peace and permanent development through society's aim and desire to better mankind. Reform movements, no matter how strong and efficient they may be, can never reform the state or the nation until that reform begins at the fireside. There is no chance for men to do, in their interests and desires for others, what God has said the father and the mother, the husband and the wife, the brother and the sister must do.

The Bible is the one great power which God has given to us, to instruct how to lead our children and build our homes aright; and without the Word of God there is no dictionary to give to us the words and comprehension of things. There is no other natural world in which we live, a knowledge of individual life that we may relate our lives to the individual life aright, and a constructive earnest purpose to follow the principles which are incarnate in Christ's teachings.—John Timothy Stone.

"PEE WEE IDOLS"

Judge Ben Lindsey says that the Baptist ministers of Knoxville are just a set of "pee wee idols" because they object to him delivering an address before a luncheon club in that city.

We do not know the full story of the protest which these brethren in Knoxville made, but we do know that the country is very rapidly changing its mind about the Denver jurist who, until a few months ago when he began to receive fabulous sums for his sex articles in *The Red Book*, was regarded as one of the ablest men in the nation. Of course, he had the folks fooled all the time, but he hasn't got them fooled now. The Knoxville Baptist preachers may be idiots, but we prefer that sort of mental capacity, so long as it takes God into account, as compared with the flouted brain of a brazen enemy of the home and of society who wears the garb of a judge and takes advantage of his position to stab alive the youth of our nation. Mr. Lindsey may deliver his Knoxville address, but Mr. Lindsey will not get very far with his scheme in Knoxville.—Christian Index.

A MAN IS POOR

If he is without friends.
If he has low ideals.
If he has a guilty conscience.
If he has lost his self-respect.
If his morals are questionable.
If he has lost his grip upon himself.
If he is selfish, uncharitable, or cruel.
If he has forfeited his health for wealth.
If his mind and soul have been neglected.
If he has traded away his character for money.
If he has a disagreeable disposition that makes enemies or repels his friends.
If making money has crowded out the cultivation of his spiritual life.
If worldliness has caused him to lose fellowship with Christ.

If love of money has hardened him until the love of Christ and his gospel doesn't stir him to do his best for missions.

If all his investments and possessions are laid up on earth and he has no treasures in heaven.—Lutheran Church Herald.

BAPTIST PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS

According to an arrangement made by the pastors of the Baptist churches at Tahoka, Brownfield, O'Donnell, and Wilson, they will exchange pulpits once a month until each of these pastors has filled each of the four pulpits.

In pursuance of this agreement, the local pastor, Rev. B. N. Shepherd filled the pulpit at O'Donnell last Sunday morning and evening, while Rev. W. K. Horn, the O'Donnell pas-

tor filled the Baptist pulpit here. Rev. W. K. Horn preached two strong sermons here, both of which were enjoyed by good-sized congregations. He preached at Edith Sunday afternoon.

THE BAPTIST WOMEN MEET
The Baptist W. M. U. met in regular session January 17, at 3 o'clock. After the business session an interesting lesson was conducted by Mrs. Bake Robinson.

Our study of Bible Questions prove interesting and instructive; and we urge every woman of our church to

join us in this study. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. B. Robinson. This will be our Social and Royal Service Day.—Lynn County News.

Radios, automobiles and other distractions do not interfere with the study of the students of Mars Hill Baptist College at Mars Hill, N. C. This is one of the Baptist mountain schools and a regulation issued to the students reads: "Automobiles, guns, dogs, cards or radios are not needed, are generally a hindrance to satisfactory school work and are not allowed."

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

PRESIDENT SANDEFER RETURNS FROM TRIP TO TEXAS PANHANDLE

President Sandefer returned to Abilene Monday night after speaking in Amarillo Friday evening, in Ralls on Sunday and attending the funeral of W. A. Foster at Loraine on Monday. The Realtors Association of America held a banquet at the New Herring hotel in Amarillo, being completed and opened January 1, of which President Sandefer was the main speaker. He spoke on "Building a Balanced Modern City". At Ralls, Sunday he spoke at morning and night services of the First Baptist Church.

Classmates, former teachers, and other friends throughout the state mourn the passing of W. A. Foster, according to many letters of consolation and sympathy received by the bereaved wife and Simmons friends of the popular Simmons senior.

The Choral Club of Simmons University under the splendid direction of Professor Wm J. Work, is planning its annual tour which will take in a circle of several West Texas towns in and about Abilene.

The Press Club, an organization of those students engaged in work on the Simmons publications, Brand, Corral and Bronco, and recognized as one of the most worth while clubs in the university, has been recognized and will function regularly throughout the Winter and Spring terms according to the President, Charles Miller, working especially toward Simmons supremacy in the T. I. P. A. contests to be held at Trinity in the Spring.

Already the expectations of the authorities that the enrollment for the present quarter would be more than the total for the winter term of last year have been realized.

To date there have been over 850 enrolled in the university. The complete enrollment for last winter quarter was only seven hundred and thirty-two.

The Cowboy Band played at the annual banquet and business session of the Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall auditorium, Tuesday night. The band was well received, and one present.

Dr. Julius Olsen delivered an interesting message last Saturday morning in Chapel concerning scholarship and regularity. Dr. Olsen emphasized the importance of scholarship.

"For we are laborers together with God" was the subject of an intensely interesting and inspiring message brought to the Simmons student body Tuesday morning by Rev. Sam Morris, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Weatherford, Texas.

Organization of the Special Workers Group was initiated last Tuesday evening at 6:30. Several Special Workers met for the purpose of organization. Three committees were appointed by the temporary chairman, a nominating committee, a program, and a membership. The nominating committee consists of Miss Annie Woods, Miss Thelma Andrews, and Miss Elizabeth Morgan. Miss Ruth Irwin has charge of the programs. Mr. Frank Andrews and Miss Pendleton are serving as a Special membership committee.

At the regular meeting of the Volunteer Band last Tuesday evening, January 11, a very interesting and inspiring program on the subject: "Work While it is Called Day" was presented. It was very fitting for this first meeting of the band this new term. Those appearing on the program were: Iva Crutcher, Irene Anderson, and Arthur Teaff. Lillie Smith led a very interesting devotional at the beginning of the services.

Miss Addie Smith, a "last year's" member, was welcomed back as a member.

"The Mascot," a comic opera by Edmund Audran was presented to a large and appreciative audience in Abilene Hall Tuesday evening. This opera sung in English was presented in three acts under the management of George E. Mulvaney, and proved a feast of melody and laughter from the time the curtain went up on the opening scene until it descended at the end of the third act.

At class meeting Wednesday night the Simmons University Seniors voted that the lights, the Senior gift to the institution, should be dedicated to Mr. W. A. Foster in memoriam to his life and work in Simmons University, and there should be no class orator elected to fill the place left vacant by the going of this man.

At the special invitation of the inaugural committee the Cowboy Band

took a prominent part in the ceremonies at Austin last Tuesday when Dan Moody became governor of Texas.

The Band gave several concerts in different cities during the week's tour. Sunday night it played at Brady, Tuesday at Austin, Tuesday night at San Marcos, Wednesday at Georgetown, Thursday at Belton, Friday at Mineral Wells, and tonight the organization will be in Seymour.

The following message was received from Dub Powell, publicity manager of the Cowboy Band, Thursday afternoon:

"Fifteen hundred people heard concert at Brady Sunday night. Entertained Austin at the hotels and at the capitol. Concert given at the special request of the House of Representatives Tuesday. Entertained thousands at the inauguration, played Star Spangled Banner after oath was given Dan Moody. Movie made of band and all big papers carry write-ups. Big crowd at San Marcos."

If you want to see the unusual in the way of antiques and relics go to the Simmons University Museum in the third floor of the Caldwell Fine Arts Building and see the interesting and extensive display.

Coins ranging in value from the widow's mite to the millionaire's bank account are among the large number in the Museum. This museum is sponsored by the Simmons Round Table organization of which Mrs. J. D. Sandefer is president. Gifts of ancient and modern relics and souvenirs from friends of Simmons are on display in the Museum.

The varied assortment of coins has been given by different persons. Many of them are found in the Hamlett, Jenkins and Crane collections and there are about five hundred coins in all.

The oldest coin in the museum is a rough edged one of corroded metal. Inscribed on one side is "Tarentum Diddrachm." This coin dates 300 B. C.

Among the Roman coins is a Roman Denarius. This piece of money is about the size of an American penny and was coined during the time of Titus. Coins of Commodus, Hadrian, Augustus Caesar, Gordianus, Agrippa and Vespasian are included.

A very interesting Syrian coin found at Bikka where the Jews made their last stand in the second revolt, is among the Hamlett souvenirs. Also there are three coins found at

Jerusalem which date about the 4th century A. D.

Among the Turkish coins in the Crane collection there are six pieces of money, each about the size of a quarter, but only valued at four cents. A large number of foreign countries are represented by coins in this collection. Perhaps the greatest number are from England, France and Germany. The Jenkins collection includes a great assortment. These pieces of money are made of gold, silver, copper, nickel, iron, etc.

Mounted on one board are sixty three United States pennies. The dates on these pennies range over a long period of time.

"Keep me and prosper" is the inscription on one of the good luck pieces, the center of which is a United States penny.

Other usual American coins are a rare "Mind your business penny,"

The Junior class held a meeting in the home of Miss Frances Jackson last Wednesday evening. The change of meeting places proves to be a great class, the largest attendance of the year, were there.

A thrilling nine point rally in the closing moments of play overcame a Howard Payne lead and gave the Cowboys the second game of the series with the Yellow Jackets 25-23. Tuesday evening in the Cowboy Corral, thus making a clean sweep of the two contests with the Brown-wood aggregation.

Speaking in the interest of the Conquest Campaign being conducted by Texas Baptists, Dr. Groner delivered a twenty minute address to the students in chapel Wednesday morning. Dr. Groner and Secretary T. C. Gardner of the State B. Y. P. U. visited chapel in the places of Dr. George Truett and Lee Scarborough, who were held to engagements at the First Church.

The eighth annual convention of the Texas Baptist Student's Union will be held in the First Baptist Church in Houston, February 18-20. Dr. William Russell Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Macon, Georgia and Dr. John L. Hill, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board will be the principal speakers.

Dr. Owen will deliver three addresses, one on Saturday night on "Soul Symphonies" and two on Sunday. The Convention will close with his last address, "The Still Small Voice," Sunday evening, February 19.

Pastor Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, is in a revival meeting with the First Church of Coleman.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

Jno. W. Newsom

The Missionary was with Brother J. C. McKenzie at Tuscola the second Sunday and also with him at Capps last Sunday. There is a training school in progress at the Capps Church this week in which the Junior B. Y. P. U. manual and the Sunday School Manual is being taught.

Rev. G. W. Lawrie of Abilene has been called to the Live Oak church and has accepted the work.

Rev. W. I. Taylor has been called to the pastorate of the Salt Branch Church and has accepted. Brother Taylor was born in that community and is loved by all.

There have been one hundred and thirteen additions to the Walnut Street Church, Abilene in the last two months.

The Archie Bryant Memorial Church will begin a meeting the second Sunday in February with the writer leading in the services.

The mission has sold and given away 200 books and Bibles since the first of October. He has preached in sixteen churches and helped six pastorless churches get pastors since the middle of October.

Rev. J. A. Newsom will spend five weeks in this association during February and March. He will be used by five or six of the churches while here. He is a pioneer preacher of Oklahoma and a brother of the missionary.

The Walnut Street Church Abilene has given her pastor for the last month of the campaign to be used anywhere the brethren may want to use him.

Rev. Chas. T. Whaley of the First Church, Sweetwater, Texas is with Pastor Henry Littleton at Hamlin, for a two weeks meeting.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Sweetwater Association B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention meets with the Salt Branch Church the fifth Sunday.

PICTURES ARE WINDOWS

Pictures are windows to many lands, But a book is a door that ready stands

To him who will open and go outside.

Where the rivers and plains are free and wide.

Pictures are windows through which we look.

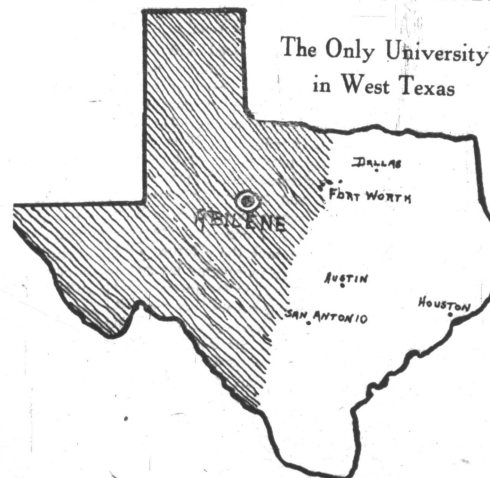
But the door of the world is just a book!

—Annette Wynne.

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FIRST CHURCH, ABILENE COMMENDS EVANGELIST REV. W. C. ASHFORD

Abilene, Texas, Jan. 12. The First Baptist Church takes this occasion to express its confidence in, and love, and admiration for brother W. C. Ashford who has so successfully and delightfully occupied our pulpit on different occasions in the pastor's absence, and especially during his recent extended absence.

Brother Ashford is an able preacher, a winsome personality, and combines those rare gifts of a faithful pastor and a zealous evangelist, which along graduation training in with the Simmons University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, equip him for a life of great usefulness.

We wish to assure him of the high regard in which we hold him, and to commend him in the highest terms to our denominational leaders and to our sister churches everywhere. To pastors needing a helper in revival meetings, and to churches in need of an educated, trained, consecrated and faithful pastor we must heartily commend this our beloved brother who has won his way into our hearts.

Millard A. Jenkins, Moderator,
Walter Jackson, Church Clerk.

CONCERNING EVANGELIST JOHN G. WINSETT

By Hugh L. Hiatt

Four years ago this January it was my privilege to go to Big Spring, Texas, and be with Evangelist John G. Winsett in the first meeting he ever held as a Baptist Evangelist. I have worked with him, watched him and studied him through these eventful years of his ministry among us, and have rejoiced in my heart at the great success with which the Lord has blessed his labors. It has been my joy to be with him in numbers of his campaigns though not regularly, during this time and assist him as song director in his work for the Lord. We have been in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas in meetings together, and God has graciously blessed our efforts.

Winsett came to our ranks practically unknown, but steadily and surely he has wended his way into the hearts of Texas Baptists with his "John The Baptist" style of message of the old gospel until he is now known and loved the whole State over. He has gone to hard and difficult fields and won with the Baptist message. He preaches fearlessly, yet in love. His messages sting and bite and cut to the core of sin like a two edged sword under the power of God's Holy Spirit. He has stood on the right side of every issue in our denominational life. His crusading messages live long in a community after he has gone.

He is primarily a crusader against sin and the modern evils of our time. He has no apology for or compromise with the present day shackles that seek to bind and destroy our homes and our churches. A community must at once get on one side or the other when he begins to wield the old gospel axe at the roots of sin in the human heart. With all his powers of soul and body he puts himself into his messages. Many of his closest friends say of him: "If you want to see Jack take a vigorous physical culture exercise, just give him a text from the old book." He works at his job.

It has been my joy to see God's people revived and sinners saved in large numbers and hear old fashioned shouting in many of the meetings through which I have labored with him. He has no objectionable methods to foster on a community where he labors in a meeting, but depends on God's Holy Spirit to lead in all the work. Of course Winsett makes mistakes just like all the balance of us do, but I have never seen a man more humble and ready to rectify any matter quicker than he will. His spirit has especially become more tender since the going of his good mother. His love for lost souls waxed warm as he wields the great truth of God.

More than 3000 people have joined Baptist churches under his ministry while many have joined other faiths and numbers have made re-consecration vows and are now a working asset to our churches. Surely a man whose ministry has been so signally blessed of God should receive a hearty commendation from us all, and I am sure he does. He is among us. He is one of us. He is a real Baptist, and knows how to let you know why. Many of other faiths have been convinced of the Baptist position under the power of his logic and sound reasoning.

He begins his year's work with great hope and faith in God that it will be the greatest of his whole life. My prayer is that God shall bless him abundantly and open new doors of service to him continually. Will not all his close friends join me in this.

Winsett is robust and physically fit more so than any man of his vigorous health I know. He weighs 197 pounds and puts it all in every sermon.

BAPTIST SANITARIUM NOTES

We are now in the Debt paying campaign. All of us must go into this whole heartedly and do our dead level best. This writer believes this strong consent of his Board to give one month of service to any of the West Texas associations that have no missionaries to serve as missionary to help put it over for them the Hospital making my services at its expense their contribution to the success of this mighty undertaking.

While all this is true let all members that seven days in the week we have some one in the hospital who cannot pay their way and must be cared for. We must continue this charity work. There has just gone out of our institution the mother of one of West Texas preachers without a bill being made out against this widow. It should be so. Read James 1st chapter, verse 27. Every one we should have a part. If we are to go on, we must not forget the sick.

I see a fine thing sent out in the Dallas News of the 20th concerning the collection of First Church Waco, which follows.

WACO, Texas, Jan. 19 (Sp).—Reports made at the noon luncheon Tuesday of the terms engaged in making the canvass to secure \$120,000 in Waco toward the endowment fund of \$1,500,000 for Baylor University showed that \$41,030 had been pledged as a result of the first day's work. The faculty of Baylor has subscribed \$7,500 toward the campaign and \$15,000 of the sum pledged to the conquest campaign in the First Baptist Church here last Sunday will be applied to the Baylor fund.

It will be a sad day for all our institutions when they lose their appeal locally. Surely their best friends ought to be those who know them best. When we have every church in Texas on the budget and every Baptist on also—these institutions will have to have large gifts for endowment and buildings if they are to do their best. If Baptists want to designate their gifts let them do so, but let no Baptist do the designation even by suggestion the gift of some one else.

I am enclosing another clipping from the same issue of the Dallas News concerning a hospital fire at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 19.—Forty patients at the Post Hospital at Jefferson Barracks, an army reservation near here, were rescued late Wednesday by attendants when fire threatened the roof and top of the structure.

An appeal was sent to the St. Louis fire department for aid.

In order to say to all you incur no such risks when you come a bring your loved ones to our sanitarium. I thank God for those who founded our hospital eliminated this danger. The only one west or north of Fort Worth.

—F. S. Baucum

The Clyde Church has called Rev. C. A. Baskin of Abilene as pastor. We have not learned his decision in the matter. The Clyde church has been pastorless since November, at which time Rev. J. N. Hunt resigned to become pastor at Cross Plains.

Here was John Wesley's motto concerning money, and it is a good one for Baptists: "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

DE LEON CHURCH APPLIES FOR STANDARD SCHOOL

De Leon Baptist Sunday School is applying for recognition as a "standard school." A successful clash in the "Sunday School Manual" has just been conducted, the first division being taught by Pastor H. H. Stephens of Winters and the second division taught by Pastor J. N. Campbell himself. Superintendent R. R. Harvey also announces that all ten of the requirements of the Sunday School Baird are fully met. This will be the second time in his superintendency of over twenty years that the De Leon Sunday School has reached the A-1 standard.

Dr. H. Beauchamp of Dallas has been invited to attend a Sunday School banquet in De Leon celebrating the event and setting the goal next at the "Advanced Standard." The commodious and completely furnished new building meets every requirement in an architectural way of the "Advanced Standard." The average attendance of the Sunday School in December was 254. The new church baptistry has just been used for the first time in baptizing four Sunday School pupils. Pastor J. N. Campbell has conducted seven study classes for Sunday School workers in the past ten months.

Pastor Campbell says that the new De Leon building is constructed of the best building materials of the several kinds that the market provides. Its capacity is six hundred. And the unique feature of the whole thing is that it was built for spot cash.

PASTOR WRITES OF GREAT MEETING AT SYLVESTER

I am writing to give you an account of a revival meeting we had with the Sylvester Baptist Church last week. We had planned to have Dr. Pender with us the second Sunday but on account of illness he could not come. So Evangelist Ashford accompanied me to Sylvester Saturday morning and remained for our Fisher County Workers Meeting on the following Monday and preached for us at both hours Sunday. At the close of the eleven o'clock service Sunday Morning he made an appeal to those who would dedicate their lives to their Master's service, in response to which a large number came forward. He was then peculiarly to call for any who felt God was calling them to preach and to the surprise of all present a lad of ten years of age came forward and said, "Brother Ashford, God has called me to preach and I now surrender to that work." It was clearly shown the church that the Lord had sent Brother Ashford our way for a revival meeting, so we invited him to remain with us for the coming week. As a result of the meeting we had a number of additions to the church for baptism and by letter. Also the spiritual life of the church was greatly deepened. A fine young man surrendered to preach at the close of the morning service Sunday morning. He said he had resisted the call for some years. In spite of the bad weather we did not miss a service during the week. Evangelist Ashford said: "The Lord laughs at difficulties when God's children keep praying." The greater the hindrances the harder he worked and prayed.

I heartily commend Brother Ashford to the Brotherhood. He is willing to go to the smaller churches as well as the larger ones. By directing the music in his meetings, with the help of the local talent, it enables him to give the smaller churches the services of a well trained Evangelist. He has no expensive Evangelistic Party. He does a great deal of personal soul-winning himself and leads the church to do the same. The church unanimously invited him back for another meeting in the Summer.

We will have the baptizing in the Roby church next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Brother D. G. Reed is pastor of that good church. The ten year old boy, Fred Turner, brought a good message Sunday night. The young man who surrendered to preach, Mertz Moffett, will bring his first message Sunday morning. Little Fred did some effective personal work during the meeting.

Let us pray that God will send to Texas Baptists a great revival and help us mightily onward in the Debt Paying Campaign.

Fraternally,
Chas. F. Bryant.

MITCHELL-SCURRY BAPTIST S. S.
AND B. Y. P. U.

Associational Meeting will convene with the Champion Church, South from Roscoe, January 30, 1927. Local Sunday School, Regular Session 30 minutes, Prof. A. R. McHaney, presiding. Program as follows:

10:30 a. m. Congregational Singing—W. R. Miles, Directing.

10:35 a. m. Devotional—Rev. I. D. Hull, Colorado.

10:45 a. m. Installation of all officers for the new year. (Any officer elect, absent will spoil this number.)—Field Secretary George E. Alexander in charge.

11:00 a. m. Special Music—Roscoe Sunday School.

11:05 a. m. Snappy one minute reports from Sunday Schools.

11:15 a. m. Address—Rev. D. W. Morgan, Colorado pastor.

12:00 noon Dinner and Social hour (Slogan for Social hour chats—"Booster for a better Association.")

B. Y. P. U. Session

1:00 p. m. The New President, Mr. Royce Lewis, Roscoe, in charge. Song Service—Mr. Melvin Newton, Snyder directing.

1:10 p. m. Devotional, Rev. N. E. McGuire, Abilene.

1:20 p. m. Address—"Our New Year's B. Y. P. U. Program," "Out Where the West Begins"—Mr. Taylor McCaslin, Sweetwater.

1:45 p. m. Special Music—Payns Chapel.

1:50 p. m. A. B. Y. P. U. Question Box—Everybody place a question in the box written and at this time the President will open and read.

2:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Pep Contest—By Juniors, Sancio, Roscoe, Champion and Lorraine leaders.

2:15 p. m. Snappy one minute reports from officers.

Roll Call of new officers and presentation of written copies of their duties, By president Lewis.

2:30 p. m. Playlet—Sancio B. Y. P. U's.

3:00 p. m. Announcement of Committees, time and place of next meeting. Resolutions, Adjournment.

DR. BARTON ASSUMES GENERAL DIRECTORSHIP

New Leader of Baptist Co-operative Program Has Seen Long and Distinguished Service

Prepared by an experience of many years in the pastorate and general service, for his new post of general directorship of the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists, Dr. Arthur J. Barton entered upon his active duties in this new connection during the past month.

Dr. Barton came to his new position at Nashville from the general superintendency of Baptist work in Missouri, where he has served for the past three years, though he had previously served as state mission secretary for Arkansas, editor of the Baptist Advance—official Baptist paper in Arkansas—associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and field secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, secretary of the Texas Baptist Education Board. For a number of years he has served in the non-salaried position as chairman of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. His pastoral experience has been in such cities as Nashville, Texarkana, Waco, and Alexandria, La.

Promoted Temperance Cause

For many years Dr. Barton has served the cause of temperance effectively, chiefly through the agency of the Anti-Saloon League. For three and one-half years he was superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas and editor of its official organ, Home and State, during which incumbency he saw Texas write prohibition into its constitution in advance of the coming of national prohibition. For sixteen years he has served on the executive and legislative committees of the Anti-Saloon League of America, holding at present the chairmanship of the executive committee. In this capacity he has helped to represent the temperance forces of the nation in shaping such important legislation as the Webb-Kenyon bill forbidding interstate shipments of liquor into dry territory, and the resolution submitting the Eighteenth Amendment to a vote of the states, while he was named an official representative of the American government to the World Congress Against Alcoholism at Milan, Italy, in 1913, and at Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1921, by President Wilson and Harding, respectively.

Here was John Wesley's motto secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board of Mississippi, and more recently president of Oklahoma Baptist University, and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shawnee, Okla., succeeds Dr. Barton in Missouri, effective December 1.

PROGRAM

Fifth Sunday Meeting of Runnels County Baptist Association to be held with

PUMPHREY CHURCH
January 28-30, 1927

FRIDAY

7 p. m. Sermon, H. H. Stephens.

SATURDAY

10 a. m. Devotional, W. S. Yancey.

10:20 Reports from the Brownwood meeting of Jan 25, led by W. L. Rogers.

10:40 Baptist Investments.

a—Education, R. D. DeWeese.

b—Benevolence, M. A. Quindlen.

c—Missions, A. L. Johnston.

11:40 How to Conserve Baptist Investments, H. H. Stephens.

Lunch.

1:30 Board Meeting.

2:00 Duty to Conquest Campaign, L. S. Tierce.

2:30 Woman's Meeting, Program arranged by Mrs. E. Shepperd.

7:00 p. m. Sermon, W. L. Rogers.

SUNDAY

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 Address, Dr. J. D. Sandefer.

1:30 p. m. Song and Praise Service E. E. Smith.

2:00 Layman's Duty to the Denomination, G. E. Nicholson.

2:30 Address, Hon. Frank C. Dickey.

7:00 Sermon, J. R. McCorkle.

It is very important that each church in our association have a representative at the Brownwood Meeting Jan. 25. Dr. Geo. W. Truett and others will bring messages that we should hear.

Dr. I. R. Dean of Los Angeles, Cal., who visited a sister in Abilene last week, delivered a series of lectures to the students of Simmons University. Dr. Dean is one of the greatest Bible scholars we have had the pleasure to listen to and his lectures were a great blessing to the university. Some of the subjects discussed were: "The Bible and Science;" "The Necessity of the Virgin Birth;" "The Gospel of Matthew and Seventy Weeks of Daniel;" "Are We in the Time of the End?" "The Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of the Grace of God."

REV. J. W. KING WRITES OF CALIFORNIA BEAUTY

Dear People of Texas:

Leaving Abilene on the day after Christmas I joined my daughter Anna (Mrs. F. W. Johnson) at Dallas on the 27th, and returned with her to her home here in San Francisco.

California is a wonderful country for natural beauty and grandeur and artificial, with the great Pacific Ocean on the west beaming its mighty freight to the centers of commerce of the world, its forts and harbors. The Golden Gate Park running out some five miles from the Beach is said to be one of the most wonderful parks, in the world, with one of the greatest museums in the world with exhibits and specimens of nearly everything I ever heard of and more. The massive zoo in this park of most all sorts of animals from the nations of the earth, with a most extensive aquarium with all sorts, colors and shapes and sizes of fish and fowls from the ends of the earth, a whale measuring when captured just a few years ago 86 feet in length and 36 feet around his huge body. I could easily crawl down his massive throat and yet some folks will presume to deny the Jonah Story in the Bible.

Religion in general here seems to be at a rather low ebb. The Baptist churches in particular apparently holding their own in this respect with the many other evangelical denominations represented here with the Catholic's largely predominating in number and wealth and politics. The Hamilton Square Baptist church in the heart of the city, where my children have their membership with Louis J. Sawyer, D. D. as pastor seems to be thoroughly orthodox in preaching and practice and fairly represent our type of Texas Baptists and in social practice very much excel us, remaining in the auditorium after the benediction until everybody has met and chatted with everybody else. It reminds me of an old time Georgia Country church in that respect. Also Cap-Rock church now near Post, Texas, and I like it.

When our fathers, the 49ers first came to California it seems that their exclusive motive was to get gold and the preponderant sentiment was passed on down through the generations so that even in this day it is difficult for religion to make head way here. On Sunday's the beautiful highways and pleasure resorts are congested almost beyond police control, with a mere corporal's guard in the churches S. S. etc. This city reminds me more of my minds picture of ancient Sodom than any place I've ever been in yet there are lots of notable exceptions individually—a number of Texas Baptists have membership in Hamilton Square Baptist church reflecting the Texas spirit in their church life.

Greetings to Texas,
J. W. King.

COMMEND SIMMONS STUDENT TO PASTORLESS CHURCH

Will you permit a word in the West Texas Baptist concerning Brother E. H. Dickerson who entered Simmons Jan. 4?

Brother Dickerson is one of our finest young preachers. He has had three or four years experience preaching, pastoring in Stonewall and Haskell association and has done splendid work. He is a consecrated, loyal and faithful pastor of the finest spirit, and is a preacher of exceptional promise.

He now has only one fourth time work in Haskell Association. We most heartily commend him to our churches and trust that some may feel need of the Lord to call him and that this splendid young man may be used of God, according to the will of God who has assuredly called him to that great work.

We give this without request, or even his knowledge.

Sincerely,
A. C. Turner, Pastor Aspermont,
W. J. Briscoe, Missionary Stonewall Association.

W. T. North, Pastor Peacock and Swenson.

STORIES FOR THE CHILDREN

The Baby Moses.

Down by the river bank in the far away country of Egypt grew many long, strong reeds, and one day, many, many years ago, a woman gathered a big bundle of them. When she brought them to her house she began weaving them into a basket, and as she worked I am quite sure that her little son Aaron watched her fingers as she pulled the reeds in and out and back and forth.

Little Sister Miriam was a bit older than Aaron, and I suppose that she took care of the baby while her mother was busy.

"Keep him quiet, Miriam, dear," mother said, and Miriam would cuddle him very close in her arms and try to keep him from crying.

"Isn't he a pretty baby, mother?" Miriam would say over and over again as she looked into his face; and mother would answer, "Yes, my dear; he grows prettier every day."

Then Miriam would remember the command of the cruel king, "All the little boy babies of the Hebrew people must be killed."

She would shudder as she whispered, "The king must not find our baby!"

Father had to spend all his time working for the king, and he was very tired when he came home. Sometimes, too, he had a sad story to tell of how the overseer had struck him when he could not work fast enough. The king's overseers were very cruel to all the Hebrew people who were building his great buildings for him. They often forced the brick makers to gather their own straw to mix with the mortar, but they demanded that just as many bricks be done at the end of the day.

Father would sigh! "How long! How long," and then mother tried to comfort him.

By and by the little cradle was finished, and it was just big enough to hold baby brother.

Mother made it quite water-tight by covering it on the outside with pitch. Then she placed baby inside, and carried the both baby and cradle down to the river; quietly and gently she hid it among the tall grasses that grew at the edge of the water.

"Watch him carefully, Miriam," she said. "Do not go too near the place, because some one might see you. I will go home. But if harm comes to baby brother, be sure to come and call me."

How the little "sister" watched that tiny basket. She did not mind tired back and aching feet. As she stood just where her mother told her to stand, she thought of mother's words, "God is good. God is strong. He loves little children." Then she would whisper to herself, "Surely He will take care of little baby; surely He will save him from the king."

Presently the faithful little sister heard a sound. Some one was coming! She strained her ears to listen; then her heart seemed almost to stop beating! The princess was coming to the river! What should Miriam do?

The royal lady and her attendants came close up to the river bank. Then the princess spied the tiny basket. "What is this?" she cried.

One of the maidens lifted the basket for her mistress to see.

"Open it!" she commanded.

The maiden opened it, and there lay the helpless baby.

"It is one of the Hebrew children!" she said.

Then God did a wonderful thing. He put it into her heart to be kind to the little slave child.

"What a beautiful little ba!!" she exclaimed.

The baby looked about; mother was not there. He could not see Sister Miriam. He cried.

"Poor little baby!" exclaimed the princess.

Miriam came nearer. Then she heard the princess say, "I shall keep this beautiful baby for my own. Carry him to the palace."

What a marvelous thing for the princess of Egypt to say! Could Mir-

iam believe her own ears? But she had heard aright.

It was a hard thing for a little slave girl to speak to the royal lady, but brave little Miriam spoke. "Would you like a good nurse for the pretty baby?" she asked timidly. "I know some one who would take care of the baby so well!"

The great lady looked down into the sweet face of the little girl. "You may go bring her," she said.

Then Miriam ran as fast as she could right back to her mother. "O, mother, mother!" she panted. "The princess has found the baby! She loves him! She is going to keep him! She wants a nurse to take care of him! Come!"

Mother ran to the riverside. The princess put the little baby into her arms. "I want a nurse for this dear little baby. I shall call his name Moses. You shall take care of him."

This was God's wonderful way of taking care of a little baby who was in great danger.

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SWEETWATER S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. ASSOCIATION

SALT BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, January 30th, 1927

11:00 a. m. The value of Sunday School to the Young Life

1:45 P. M. Congregational Singing—Led by Wendell Foreman

2:00 Defining a Standard Sunday School—College Heights

2:15 Building an Efficient Faculty of Teachers First Church Abilene

2:25 Special Music—Ovalo

2:30 How to Obtain Home Co-operation—Trent Baptist Church

3:10 The Importance of the Adult B. Y. P. U.—Lamar St. Church Sweetwater.

3:12 Conquest Campaign of Texas Baptists. C. A. Powell, Abilene

Each church responsible for its part on the program.

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CONQUEST CAMPAIGN OF TEXAS BAPTISTS

By T. C. Gardner

The Baptists of Texas have set out on a great Adventure for Christ and His program. No program or cause in time of peace or war could possibly challenge a group of people to more heroic endeavor, sacrificial giving, and noble achievement. The plan is to raise two millions of dollars in cash and pledges by March 15th. It will take heroic work, earnest prayers and sacrificial giving by all our people to raise this large sum.

There are BYPU members in Texas who can give a thousand dollars and more to this great cause and we sincerely hope they will. There isn't anything that means more to a young person than to be definitely identified with a great and challenging cause or institution. The way to immortalize a life is to put it into causes and institutions that God and good men will not let die. The most calamitous thing that can come to a young person is to link his life with a little institution, a little program, and a little cause. There is not anything dynamic or challenging in a little program. Our need now is the tonic of a Titanic Task. Surely we will find this in the program being promoted by Texas Baptists. To us, this program is the essence of the program outlined and followed by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are happy that the BYPU's of Texas are linked up in a mighty and definite way with this great program. They are making an effort to raise a half-million dollars in cash and pledges by March 15th or one-fourth the amount to be raised by Texas Baptists. It is my most earnest prayer that we will find BYPU members in Texas who will give the following amounts:

50 BYPU members who will give \$1,000.00 each.
50 BYPU members who will give \$500.00 each.
100 BYPU members who will give \$250.00 each.
200 BYPU members who will give \$200.00 each.
2,500 BYPU members who will give \$100.00 each.
10,000 BYPU members who will give \$50.00 each.
10,000 BYPU members who will give \$25.00 each.
10,000 BYPU members who will give \$10.00 each.
10,000 BYPU members who will give \$5.00 each.

May we suggest to each BYPU officer that you have this great campaign presented to your BYPU every Sunday in a four-minute speech until the campaign closes; that you form prayer groups at pray daily for the success of the Campaign; that you resolve in your deepest heart to get every member to make a real sacrificial offering; that you study your membership closely and learn how many are financially able to give a thousand dollars or five hundred or less; that you get 100% of your members to make a sacrificial cash offering on or before March 15th; that you get the same members to sign a pledge for another amount to be paid on or before September 1st, 1927.

The BYPU's of Texas responded nobly to the call of the Love Offering on Christ's Birthday in 1925. They gave in cash \$37,750.00 to that cause. We believe they are going to respond in a marvelous way to the claim of this larger appeal, which appeal includes all things in the program of Jesus. For one time in our lives, let's work as if everything depends upon us and pray as if everything depends upon God. Victory will come if we will do these two things.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND BYPU MEMBERS IN TRAINING
By T. C. Gardner
March 20th to the 27th, 1927 is the week agreed upon for intensive BYPU training in Texas. We sincerely hope that every church in the state will plan to have one or more BYPU books taught during this time. The study courses goal for Texas in 1927 is 25,000 diplomas and seals issued. We should have that many people to complete one or more of the books during the week of March 20-27.

The purpose of this BYPU Study Course Week is to deepen the spiritual life of all of our Baptist young people, to increase their knowledge of the Bible, and to intensify Christian service. Higher standards of giving and higher standards of living should be emphasized throughout the week.

We should remember as BYPU members that we are saved to serve and that God expects us to render the most efficient service possible. Good stewards will "study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There are other reasons why our BYPU members should complete one of the study course books. Some of these reasons are as follows:

I.—Your BYPU cannot otherwise measure up to the Standard of Excellence. The requirement in the Standard of Excellence is 50% of the active members shall complete a study course each year.

II. Without the training acquired by studying the BYPU study courses no young person will develop into that effective, efficient Christian worker that he should.

III. Your BYPU must come into contrast with other organizations and societies. Your training will inevitably be compared with the training offered through and by other organizations. High standards are set up and equipped leaders are required for all other educational institutions. Our churches must not suffer in comparison and they will not if the BYPU will carry out its program in training and developing its members.

IV. BYPU training is the order of the day. If your BYPU is to keep up with the procession your members must receive the training offered in the BYPU study course.

V. If your BYPU training school is what it should be all your BYPU organizations will be enlarged, the interest of your members intensified, their spiritual lives deepened, and their vision broadened.

It appears to us that these are good and sufficient reasons for every BYPU to have one or more of the books taught during this week.

Who Should Teach the Books
The pastor or any other trained and consecrated workers may teach any one of the BYPU books. It should be remembered that ten hours is required in class to complete any one of the books; that written examinations with book closed is required; that 75 is a passing grade.

Books Recommended
We recommend all the books in the BYPU study courses. They are as follows:

1. Senior and Adult Study Course Books: (Leadership Diploma and seals granted.)
1. Advanced BYPU Methods (Gardner)—Leadership Diploma.
2. Programs and Methods for Primary Unions (Mrs. T. C. Gardner)—Seal.
3. Junior and Intermediate Leaders' Manual (Mrs. Lambdin)—Seal.
4. Senior and Adult Methods (Gardner) from State BYPU Department—Price, 15 cents.—Seal.
5. Talks on Soul Winning (Mullins)—Seal.

6. Stewardship Vitalized (Johnson)—Seal.
7. Practical Church Music (Reynolds)—Seal.
8. Financing the Church Through the Sunday School (Cooper, Jackson, and Stephens)—Seal.
9. Senior and Adult Study Course Books: Senior BYPU diploma and seals granted.)
1. The Senior BYPU Manual (Leavell)—diploma.
2. Training in Church Membership (Van Ness)—Seal.
3. Pilgrim's Progress for the BYPU (Leavell)—Seal. Helps for Teachers of Pilgrim's Progress—(Leavell).

4. Training in Baptist Spirit (Van Ness)—Seal.
5. Baptists Working Together at Home and Abroad (Aldredge)—Seal.
6. The People Called Baptists (McDaniel)—Seal.
7. The Plan of Salvation (Austin Crouch)—Seal.
8. The Books of the Bible (Hight C. Moore)—Seal.
9. Division I of the Sunday School Manual (Spillman, Leavell, Burroughs).

10. Intermediate BYPU Study Course Books: (Intermediate BYPU diploma and seals granted.)
1. The Intermediate BYPU Manual (Lee)—Intermediate diploma.
2. Training in Stewardship (Frank Leavell)—Seal.
3. Training in Bible Study (Cooper)—Seal.
4. Training in Christian Service (Leavell)—Seal.

11. Junior BYPU Study Course Books: (Junior BYPU diploma and seals granted.)
1. The Junior BYPU Manual (Sprecker)—Junior diploma.
2. Studying for Service (Black)—Seal.
3. Bible Heroes (Ethel Hudson)—Seal.

The above books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Slaughter Building, Dallas.
All BYPU diplomas and seals are issued from the State BYPU department, Slaughter Building, Dallas.
For other information write me at 727 Slaughter Building, Dallas, Texas.
Rev. W. H. Albertson of the First Church, Haskell, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Harrison, Ark., and has moved on the new field.

THE RIGHT KIND OF SEASONING FOR HUMAN SOCIETY

Matt. 5:13.

"Ye are the salt of the earth"

These are, indeed, strange words, and were they simply from human lips they would be without meaning; but when we consider their source we realize their importance at once. Of course they were then, and are to some now, without meaning, but to those who know the Lord Jesus, and accept Him as being divine, and know the worth of the Christian life, they are a source of great joy, because of the truth they convey to their hearts. In the midst of a time and people, when hate ruled in the place of love; when might ruled in the place of right, and when men clamored for the highest places religiously, socially, politically and financially, this lone Galilean came and uttered these strange words, which gave a new coloring to human relationships.

Notwithstanding the fact of the chaotic conditions, and that these words were spoken, so far as numbers were concerned, to a minority, Jesus believed and knew that through such as those to whom He spoke His purposes would be accomplished. Such a mark of confidence on the part of our Saviour should prompt us to weed out of our ranks everything that would hinder, in the least, the effectiveness of Christianity in human society. Notwithstanding the fact of human inconsistencies; the powers of sin and darkness, and every other device known to the devil, this statement has been verified in the lives of those who love Him. Some may mock His claims to being divine; others may laugh at religion, but the loftiest impulses, the greatest enlightenment, and the highest standard of morals have been realized through those who were possessed of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Couched in these words is the judgment of our Lord in regard to the actual state of human society. He knew all about man, and needed not that any should teach Him. He knew that running through every strata of human society there was normal corruption, which was caused by moral and spiritual depravity. And not only this, but He knew that society in its essential nature was inclined to the worse corruption; therefore, however refined or cultured society may, or may not be, it is morally dead without Christ. Take a look at our modern society—a thing which touches the life of everyone in some way, take off its glittering cloak behind which it lives, and look into its inner life, and you will find a carcass, dead and rotten.

Knowing this as He did, Jesus called a mere handful of His followers, and revealed to them the startling fact, that they were to be the salt which would sweeten, and keep society from falling to pieces. The Words, "Ye are the salt of the earth" far surpass that of any human philosophy, for they are as the thunders of Sinai, and bring Gods people face to face with their tremendous task which has been given them in the world. This work is to be carried on by the power of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of men and women who love God and lost humanity. Society is burdened down with almost every conceivable thing in the world, but the one thing it needs, and that is the impact of a Christlike influence. Just as salt must come in contact with the object which is to be preserved, so must our lives come in touch with men in the right way, if we are to make society what it should be.

The confidence and assurance with which the Master uttered these words, should inspire our hearts to a greater zeal, a stronger determination, and a deeper sense of our part in bringing to pass, in its concrete form, the truth of these wonderful words. May this poem be our experience.

My life is not my own to give;
But all to Him I owe and more,
Who gave His life that I might live,
And all His blessings held in store.
With thoughts anew before me now,
I look on Him, this once again,
And see His hands, feet and brow
As on the cross He bore my shame.

And now I hear His voice so still,
Which calls me from my wretched self
To do His holy, blessed will—
Whose name forever shall be blest.
To the dear Lord I give my life;
My place of service too, would find,
For well I know that sin and strife
Have left their strain on all mankind.

So give me grace for every day,
That I may lead some one to know
The straight and only narrow way,
While through this world of sin they go.

May I dear Lord as Thou hast done
Give all I have to give,
For many yet must be won—
Help them to look and live.

—A Student Pastor.

TRIBUTE TO REV. W. A. FOSTER PASTOR AT OVALO

Although we had no part in the Beautiful Service given at the church on Monday morning, we were there in numbers to pay our last rights of respect and tribute of love to our departed beloved Brother Foster.

Even though no word of mention was given as to his pastorate with us, no one group of people was seen in a deeper or more sorrowful attitude of mourning. No open expression was made, yet in the heart of each individual from his much loved church, there was a feeling of depression, the feeling of a perfect loss, and of a weight almost too heavy to carry. Neither can we carry this burden alone, we must turn to our Savior and Lord who doeth all things well.

No one feels the loss more keenly than we. We are as a sheep without a shepherd. But surely, God will direct us in our ways. Never has a pastor served us more faithfully than did Brother Foster. He was directing our church work in a wonderful way. It was a pleasure holy and serene to be under his leadership. We had become intimately and devotedly attached to him. His memory is beautiful to us still, and his influence among us will be everlasting. Such a life cannot die. It is destined to live on through time immemorial. And we shall have been made better and stronger Christian men and women for his having lived among us.

We loved and trusted him for his personality of character, his lofty ideals of the Christian life, and for the noble cause he advocated.

No greater tribute can be paid him, than to say we believed in the Christlike life he lived among us. We trusted him implicitly to be the strong Christian character that he influenced others to be.

We realize that Brother Foster is no longer with us, and yet we "sorrow not as those which have no hope." To-day, he is resting, peacefully resting in the arms of Jesus, where there is no cause for sorrow. And we too, shall in time to come, take the wings of the morning and swiftly soar to those heights of glory, where we shall all be as one in Christian love. Then we shall see him face to face, and all that now we do not understand, will be revealed to us.

To the bereaved family we leave this word of encouragement. We commend you to the Saviour who died on the cross, that all might live. Let him be your refuge and strength in the time of this great trial, the trouble that has torn your hearts asunder. We too, mourn with you. May God bless you as our earnest prayer—Ovalo Baptist Church.

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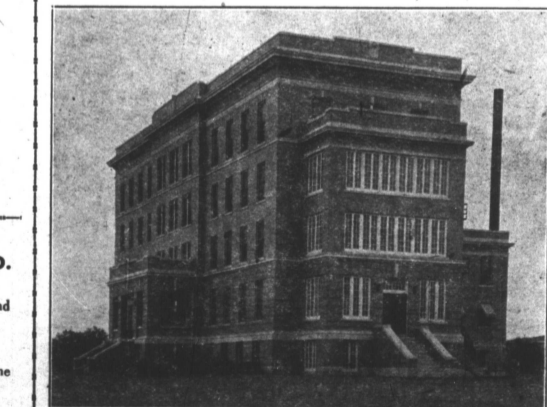
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