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A WORLD CONQUERING SPIRIT, SUBJECT OF CONVENTION SERMON

Romans 8:37. "Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Following is the Convention sermon preached at Mineral Wells on Wednesday evening, December 2, by Dr. E. B. Atwood, of the Bible department of Simmons University. We regret that we could not find room for the entire sermon in this issue, but the rest of the message will appear in next issue. File this issue of the West Texas Baptist in order that the entire sermon may be preserved.

These words give expression to that victorious spirit that has made Christianity a world conquering force. The apostle to the Gentiles unfurled a banner on which was inscribed in living letters the word "victory." He must have known the Master's assurance. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against you," for he could march into the very jaws of death with a song and shout of victory. Such is the spirit in which he brings to a conclusion this, the greatest chapter of the Bible. It is this spirit which has enabled Christianity to march from the manger in Bethlehem to the imperial throne in Rome where it has since dominated Western civilization and has gone on repeating its victories in many lands to the present day. It would mean much for the progress of the Kingdom if Christians would learn to live in the eighth chapter instead of the seventh chapter of Romans.

"We are more than conquerors." It is the genius of Christianity not only to triumph over its foes, but to overcome its own.

Opposing Forces. These are not the words of a novice devoid of experience or of an unthinking enthusiast who disregarded the facts of life. Paul often felt the full weight of bitter opposition. As an example of his experiences he wrote "In labors more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft." He was fully aware of the spiritual and material forces arrayed against him and his cause but he met them face to face and triumphed over them.

"In all these things." What things Paul? Well, here is the list. From a vivid consciousness, heated to the boiling point by strong emotions, he pours out the names of his enemies. There is no effort at classification or orderly arrangement. He simply gives a group or mass of specific evils that opposed his ideals and tended to thwart the program of his life; and from these by a process of generalization he rises to the unseen forces behind them in life and death, time and space. In heaven and hell. It is as though the Christian life must run between two lines of foes somewhat as the white captive was compelled to "run the gauntlet" among the American Indians. In this poetic summary of the enemies of Christ and His cause we find some of the age-old foes of God and righteousness.

For one thing, he proclaims a triumph over sin. Paul knew sin as a terrible fact. It formed a dark and gloomy background of all his thoughts. His theology was a light breaking into the dark cavern of sin and chasing away shadows. Among the human life, so loathsome in its effects that it was a shame even to speak of it. Of his own people he was forced to admit the truth of ancient scripture, "There is none that doeth good, no not one." He had a keen sense of sin; had struggled sadly against it in his own life until forced to the despairing cry, "wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me out of this body of death?" But now with his foot upon the neck of sin, he proclaims complete triumph over its broken power. In modern times, with changed ideas of God and punishment, men have largely lost the sense of sin. Some even try to explain it away by saying it is an inheritance from brute ancestors, or a necessary stage in human progress; but the frightful fact of sin remains. It writes its ruin in vice and crime, in murder and war, in selfishness and cruelty, in tears and sorrow, in broken

PRESIDENT SANDEFER MAKES APPEAL FOR SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

I am making a brief statement to the pastors in territory contiguous to Simmons and to our friends who are vitally interested in our great work here. It is known to all of you that none of our schools have received any monies for more than two years, due to the obligations upon our State Board. This means that if we get any help whatever for our Ministerial and Missionary students it must come to us from individual churches and friends over and above their offerings to the General Work of our Convention Program. Many of you do not know that we educate at Simmons annually around a hundred ministers and missionaries and some times a larger number than this and that we do not charge them tuition. The contributions of Simmons University to the Denomination in the field of Ministerial Education runs annually between fifteen thousand and twenty thousand dollars. If individual churches are given opportunity through their pastors to make a specific offering and send it directly to us, to help us take care of this deficit occasioned by this contribution to the General Cause, it would save us from having an annual deficit and certainly our Institutions should in some way be beneficiaries of churches and individual friends served by this contribution.

I am simply asking that pastors and churches, and individuals who will make a special contribution to help us in the way set out above, and in addition thereto assist me and the Board in helping us take care of some financial obligations made to the end that our great work for the Kingdom be carried on, and as they so know in advance that a grateful Board and President will be placed under renewed obligation to any church and any one thus aiding us.

I am personally grateful beyond adequate words of expression for the prayers and the hundreds of expressions of confidence reposed in Simmons University. I wish I was able to look to you to bear the institution and its management upon your prayers, but I must say to you frankly that I love that everyone of you who ought to do it, will send us at least a small check and a larger one if you should, and thus enable us to continue to grow and not perish as a Higher Institution of Learning, to seek to continue leading in Higher Education, such as we contend for here, in the Great and Potential West.

Will not many of you reading this write me a letter assuring me of your concrete interest in this request and encouraging me as I seek to lead in carrying on the great work here entrusted to us by you?

Gratefully,
J. D. Sandefur.

BAPTIST CHURCHES AMONG KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS RECEIVE 18,000 RECRUITS

One of the outstanding bits of state mission achievements recently noted among Southern Baptists is that of the Mountain Ministers' Association of eastern Kentucky, where in sixteen months through a special evangelistic campaign more than 18,000 new members were brought into the Baptist churches of that section. The association put \$18,000 into this special enlistment campaign and the Baptist State Mission Board of Kentucky helped to the extent of \$100 per month.

ABANDONED WHISKEY VAT IS USED FOR BAPTISTRY

A whiskey vat in one of the abandoned distilleries in Robertson County, Tennessee, was converted into a baptistry for the immersion of the converts who united with the Bethel Baptist Church as a result of a recent revival held there by Dr. C. M. Crossway of Senatobia, Miss. The pastor of the church is Rev. H. L. Bates.

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.—James

TEXAS BAPTISTS AT MINERAL WELLS HOLD GREAT MEETING

STATE BOARD IN MEETING MAKES NEW ALLOCATION

Approval of \$1,250,000 as a possible financial objective for the Baptist General Convention of Texas was reached Monday night at the First Presbyterian Church by members of the executive board of the convention assembled at Mineral Wells. Nearly all the members of the board were present in addition to several hundred laymen from all sections of the state. An open discussion of the needs of the denomination was conducted and approximately 50 persons took part in the discussion.

The allocation of the receipts of the convention was determined upon a basis of appropriating \$50,000 for the administration of the state work and the remaining \$1,200,000 set as the objective will be divided on a basis of 55 per cent for state work and 45 per cent for the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Percentages allocated to the various state causes from the allocations to state objects were as follows: State Missions 30 per cent; Baylor University, 4-12; Southwestern Theological Seminary, 2-12; Baylor Medical College, 2-12; Baylor College, 1-12; Simmons, 2-18; Howard Payne, 2-18; Decatur, 1; Burleson, 1; Marshall College, 1; Rusk College, 1; Wayland College, 1; San Marcos Academy, 1; Southwestern Training School, 1; Baptist Standard, 1; Baylor Hospital, 1-12; Houston Hospital, 1-12; Waco Hospital, 1; Fort Worth Hospital, 3-4; Abilene Hospital, 3-4; San Antonio Hospital, 1-4 Loyalty Bonds, 20; Debt Retirement, 10; Interest Account, 4 per cent.

The proportions approved will provide for the liquidation of the debt of approximately \$700,000 on the state board in five years.

BURKBURNETT PASTOR RAPS MODERN EVILS

Wichita Falls Record News: Card playing and dancing among church members and Sunday School teachers were vigorously attacked by Rev. L. E. Finney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burkburnett, and chairman of the Wichita County Baptist Workers' Conference, in the meeting held at the First Baptist Church here yesterday.

"Let the people live for God seven days and nights of the week," he declared.

One of the stirring speeches of the conference was that by Mrs. E. M. Francis of Electra, who talked on the subject, "Taking Care of Our Young People." She urged the parents and teachers of young people to live so that their examples might be fit ones for their children to live by.

Rev. A. J. Holt, pastor of the Lamar Avenue Baptist Church, talked on "Measuring Strength of the Church." It is not by the numbers, it is not by wealth and it is not by position that a church is measured, but it is by the purity of the lives of its members," he said.

COUNTRY CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS DEVELOPING MEMBERS

One of the most progressive steps undertaken by any rural church among Southern Baptists is that of the Reedy Creek Church near Marion, South Carolina, in the organization of a Workers' Training School that meets weekly. The school, organized under the leadership of Pastor G. C. Hedgepeth, has a superintendent and four instructors. Courses are offered in B. Y. P. U., Sunday school, W. M. U. and Laymen's work and diplomas will be issued to those who complete any two of the full courses offered by any of these departments.

The training school has for its objective the training of new converts and other prospective as well as active church, Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. workers.

Although the Baptist Church at Lyons, Miss., has only 72 members it is reported that the congregation recently gave a special offering of \$1,954 to the Baptist Cooperative Program for 1925.

PASTORS AND LAYMEN HAVE FINE PROGRAM

The pastors and laymen's conference met at the convention hall, Mineral Wells, on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock following the meeting of the State Board on Monday evening. Dr. W. C. McCung, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Denton, was elected president of the conference. Pastor John R. Hicks of Dalt was elected vice president. Pastor W. T. Rouse of Waco was elected secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the retiring president, Dr. Edgar Godbold of Howard Payne College. The singing was led by Prof. I. E. Reynolds of the Fort Worth Seminary, with Robert Jolly of Houston as pianist.

After the devotional led by Pastor J. M. Garner of Del Rio and prayer led by A. D. Fraser of Marshall, Evangelist W. A. Ford of the State evangelist staff, brought a fine message on evangelism. Dr. Pond in his message took a rap at the increasing interest in athletics, increase in gambling, dancing, mixed bathing, immodesty and social sins in general. Among the conditions which demand a revival of evangelism mentioned by the speaker were: Lack of family altar; widespread prevalence of sin and crime; lack of vision; too much satisfaction of conditions as they are, and fear of the pastors in expressing themselves before their congregation.

Dr. I. E. Gates, pastor of the First Church, San Antonio, in his characteristic way, brought a helpful message on "The Province of the Preacher in the Denominational Life."

"I believe in the denomination," I do not believe in an amalgamation. The denomination is an expression of the local work. The success of our denomination is due to the denominational activity. The life of a church depends on its connection with the denomination," Dr. Gates said.

"What is the preacher's place in the great program of Jesus? We ought to be the right kind—a dead man can't lead a church. Inspirational leadership is what we need today. A man must not be too sensitive to criticism. When a man thinks he is above criticism he disqualifies himself; when you stifle criticism, you create suspicion. We must have a challenging task."

"There must be sympathetic comradeship. Striving together for the faith of the gospel. Comradeship without suspicion and strife; Working together for the faith of the gospel will keep up the morale."

"You must have volunteers for service. Pray up the preacher, the church and the program. It doesn't take numbers to win; it takes consecration. A church is a great church in proportion to its consecration. If you are going to have morale, you must have a worthy slogan."

"There must be undying devotion to the cause; you must have faith in the unlimited resources of God."

At the Tuesday afternoon meeting Pastor C. F. Andrews of Huntsville brought a message on "The Liberty and Limitations of Denominational Leaders." Following this address President Sandefur of Simmons University brought a great message on "The Scope of Scientific Teachings of Our Denominational Schools."

In this address President Sandefur warned the audience against the inroads of modernistic teachings in our schools. The response of the audience to his clear-cut declarations on the fundamentals of the Bible showed that the audience was with him in the fight against evolution and modernism.

At the Tuesday evening session Cary Snyder, publicity director of the state board, delivered a fine address on "The Value of Publicity to the Local Church."

Mr. Snyder urged that churches to take advantage of the offer of free publicity by the newspapers and to use paid advertising extensively. He suggested that the preachers get personally acquainted with their local editors so that they could learn to sympathize rather than criticize.

"Jazz advertising is a type of publicity that may attract but it does not win. It represents an ignorance of all mental laws, of the psychology of persuasion, and pleads guilty to the

77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SESSION

The seventy-seventh annual convention of the General Baptist Convention of Texas was organized on Wednesday evening. Judge O. S. Lathmore of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Austin was re-elected for the third time. Dr. J. M. Carroll, president of Carroll College, McAllen, Rev. J. M. Garner, of Del Rio, and Judge T. T. Boudin, of Mineral Wells were elected vice presidents. Rev. L. J. Trust, of Whitehouse and J. L. White, of San Marcos were re-elected clerks of the convention.

After the machinery of the convention was set in motion, the annual sermon was preached by Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of Simmons University. At the close of the sermon a motion was passed requesting that the sermon in full be published in the Baptist Standard.

By late Wednesday afternoon the reception committee at the Baptist headquarters located at the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce stated that over four thousand visitors had been given assignment of homes. The large numbers of visitors and messengers coming in Wednesday morning swelled the attendance up to above five thousand, which perhaps breaks the record for attendance for a Baptist State Convention in Texas.

The entire city of Mineral Wells cooperated with the great First Church of that city in caring for the crowds in a fine way. The most gracious hospitality was extended and the accommodation was all that could have been desired. Rev. Harlan J. Matthews, pastor of the First Church was a very busy man during the entire convention but he was happy in the work.

The Norris Issue

Forecasting an attempt of the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth to seat its messengers to the convention, steps were taken at the Wednesday evening session making it necessary for application of messengers desiring to be seated in the convention to file application with the clerk of the convention. Early in the Thursday morning session Dr. J. Frank Norris gained the floor and started to make application to have his messengers seated, but was informed of the action of the previous evening. The application was filed with the clerk.

As the petition was presented by the clerk to the convention, Dr. F. C. McConnell of Bonham objected to the considering of the matter by the Convention, and called the president's attention to Division I, Section 1, page 40 of Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law. This law was explained to the messengers by the president who stated that if the objection of Dr. McConnell was sustained it would preclude a further consideration of the petition of the messengers of the First Church, Ft. Worth. The objection was not debatable nor subject to amendment. When the vote was placed the objection was sustained by a decisive majority.

Baptist Standard and Book Store

Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Standard read a fine report before the convention. The report shows that the Standard has a circulation of 22,400, with an indebtedness of about \$10,000. The deficit for the past year has been about \$1,500.

The report of the book store, which was recently taken over by the Sunday School Board of Nashville, was discussed by Dr. I. J. Van Ness of the Sunday School Board.

Other Reports Followed

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was read by Dr. S. B. Culpepper of Stephenville and discussed by Dr. William Lunsford, secretary of the Board. The report showed that in eleven months \$18,000 was contributed to the Board and \$16,000 was paid the beneficiaries of the Board. A total of 1,080 people were benefitted by the board during the year.

The report on Christian Education was read by Dr. J. B. Oliver, president of College of Marshall and Dr. J. W. Cammack, secretary of the education board of the Southern Baptist Convention discussed the report. The reports of the various educational institutions fostered by the board were read by the presidents of the institutions.

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED FOR CONVENTION YEAR

At the opening session of the Convention on Wednesday evening an amendment to the constitution of the organization was offered by Rev. R. F. Stokes which would prohibit any beneficiary of the State Board from serving as a member of the State Board. This matter was presented to the convention for final action on Thursday afternoon, and after a warm debate was unanimously passed. This amendment bars all heads and teachers in our schools and the secretary or other employees of the State Board from serving on the Board.

New Board Elected

An executive board of 68 members was elected Saturday by the Convention. The nominating committee's report was read by Dr. J. H. Pace of Beaumont. The board members were selected in three classes as follows: Class A, to serve one year; class B, to serve two years, and class C, to serve three years.

The board members are:

Class A—M. T. Andrews, Texarkana; L. E. Finney, Burkburnett; M. L. Fuller, Athens; Earl B. Smith, Austin; John A. Held, Mexia; E. P. West, Houston; E. P. Kennon, Corsicana; E. F. Lyon, Vernon; Harold Major, Dallas; J. P. McNew, Tyler; A. B. Mayhew, Nacogdoches; O. C. Boyd, Comanche; Alvin Swindell, Ballinger; S. C. Tucker, Brownsville; W. W. Melton, Waco; W. A. Knight, Lockhart; M. E. Weaver, Corpus Christi; J. Pat Horton, Plainview; T. V. Neal, El Paso; B. A. Clifton, Livingston; M. C. Bishop, Colorado.

Class B—A. W. Morris, Conroe; S. D. Dollohitte, Marlin; Wallace Bassett, Dallas; R. E. Burt, Dallas; J. W. Cook, Yoakum; J. B. Dawson, Waco; Rev. C. V. Edwards, Fort Worth; L. E. Gates, San Antonio; M. E. Hudson, McKinney; Charles E. Wauford, Cleburne; M. A. Jenkins, Abilene; T. C. Jester, Taylor; John Kimmel, Clarksville; A. D. Foreman, Houston; W. W. Lee, San Antonio; H. R. Long, Denison; W. C. McClung, Denton; Harlan J. Matthews, Mineral Wells; W. A. Regan, Groveton; O. L. Smith, Hillboro; C. W. Culp, Fort Arthur; Joe Parks, Dallas; John Bates, Fort Worth.

Class C—Rupert Manney, Clarksville; Pat M. Neff, Waco; R. E. Bell, Decatur; A. A. Duncan, Greenville; J. D. Fuller, Mount Pleasant; T. L. Holcomb, Sherman; Judd B. Holt, McAllen; Jeff Davis, Snyder; H. L. Koerner, San Antonio; R. Q. Lee, Cisco; R. W. Leazer, Temple; W. M. McKenzie, Waxahachie; F. M. McConnell, Bonham; O. L. Powers, Wichita Falls; J. L. Smith, Amarillo; Rev. Forrest Smith, Fort Worth; Rev. George W. Trust, Dallas; M. W. Wolf, Houston; W. M. Wright, Paris; W. R. Wilkes, Brownwood; G. L. Yates, Amarillo; and Cullen F. Thomas, Dallas.

BETTER OUTLOOK IS SEEN BY BAPTISTS

Reports from the various Baptist State Conventions, received at Baptist Headquarters at Nashville, are to the effect that many of the sessions proved the best that have been held in years. There was a spiritual atmosphere prevailing the meetings, which, combined with an expressed determination on the part of the messengers to give themselves with renewed energy to promoting the general work of the denomination during the new year, appears to augur a new day for the organized work of Southern Baptists and of the various state conventions.

Such a situation is very favorable to the prosecution of the Every-Member Canvass for the Cooperative Program that will be put on in the churches of Missouri the last week in November, in South Carolina the first week in January, but in the other states of the Convention in December. The majority of the church will employ the recommended week of December 6-13, though some churches may have to modify the date to conform to local situations.

It is confidently anticipated that many more churches will put on the canvass this year than did so a year ago.

ENTIRE S. B. C. WILL UNITE IN MISSION DRIVE

The week from December 20th to 27th has been set aside all over the Southern Baptist Convention as the time in which our people are to make one mighty, glorious, united effort to relieve the Foreign Mission Board of its pressing debt of \$1,813,000. The women in their annual meeting at Mineral Wells made plans whereby every one of the eighteen districts in their organization will be visited by speakers who will present the cause of the Foreign Mission Board. These good women are proposing to make liberal love gifts to the cause of missions during the holidays, and thus do their part in the matter.

The Convention in its meeting recommended to the churches in Texas that they set aside Sunday, December 20 as the day to take a great free will offering for foreign missions. It is requested that this money be sent through the Dallas office, but the definite promise has been made that every dollar of it will be sent directly to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond.

We are trusting that every church in Texas will join in this movement to relieve the Foreign Mission Board. Unless this is done it will become necessary to call in some of the missionaries on the foreign field. This disgraceful step becomes necessary it will be enough to make every Baptist in the entire southland hang his head in shame. Brethren, it must not be. We are able to raise this debt and hardly miss the money that it will take. For the sake of the hundreds of millions of dying souls in the benighted lands of the earth, for the sake of our Master who died for the sin of the whole world, let us meet this challenge in a Christ-like way.

ABILENE MISSIONARY MAKES APPEAL FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

(Blanche Rose Walker). Our Brothers and Sisters in the Homeland:

"The Lord hath laid on Him (on Jesus) the iniquity of us all," and this is the very highest and deepest and dearest reason on earth or in heaven for giving the Gospel to the heathen. Every sin of every body that ever lived or ever will live, was put on Jesus and that is why we are going to give Him a love offering on Dec. 20th.

When the Father called me to Interior China, 20 years ago, He did not cause me to see first, the need of China, breath taking as it is; but He just took those few wondrous words, "The Lord hath laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all, and with one overpowering stroke, He compelled me to see Jesus first, then He called me to China."

He gave me a blessed Bible woman "down there" in the Interior and as He led us from home to home and out to the prison and on out to the outstations, He taught her to put Jesus first.

Turning back home at one time, there was a serious accident; the people rushed to us and the very first words of the Bible woman were, "Don't let the people know that there has been a serious accident because Jesus will lose face." She meant that Jesus would lose influence and power with those people if they knew that He had allowed one of His servants to get hurt. Right in the midst of that difficult time, her first concern was for the good name of Jesus. She put Him first and how He must have loved her that hour!

The question keeps singing in my soul, "Have we put Jesus first in our Foreign Mission Work?" Do we deliberately and consciously and tenderly pray and give and go to the heathen, because the "iniquity of us all was laid on Jesus?" If so, then why has the Father allowed us to come to grief and disaster in our Foreign Mission work?

We at your outposts have seen the need of the heathen and we have written and cried and called Dr. Love and Dr. Ray for help, until we have brought them to sleeplessness and white hair in a short time and it chokes our hearts when we see them.

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THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The West Texas Baptist is devoting most of this issue to the reports of the Baptist Convention at Mineral Wells. With the reports of the meeting is given the Convention sermon preached by Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of Simmons University. This is truly a great sermon and should be read by every one of our readers.

The convention as a whole was constructive and we feel our general situation is improved and will continue to improve as a result of the convention. The Board meeting on Monday night was a regular free for all discussion of our problems. The Board submitted the plans for the next year's work and they were discussed from every angle. The plan is a great improvement over last year's plan in that there will be no preferred nor fixed item. Each cause represented in the budget will receive its prorata part as it is received monthly. The committee appointed by the Board to present the budget stated that it was the best plan they knew and invited any brother to present a better one.

The plan as finally adopted by the convention will care for items included in a way, but no definite plan has been worked out to care for the debts made by the educational institutions. Perhaps it is the best that could have been worked out at this time. Some of the brethren insisted that the schools and hospitals be left out of the budget this year and let the management of the institutions care for them by appealing to the constituency in the near by territory.

The editor of the West Texas Baptist hereby pledges himself to join with the great hosts of Zion in the West and go forward for Jesus Christ during the next year. Southern Baptists are facing a mighty challenge. There has been considerable confusion during the past few months, but we believe we are in a better position than ever before. "Let us go up and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS.

The Convention was a characteristic Baptist gathering. Numbers of the brethren got by with some real severe criticism, but after they had relieved that "pent up" feeling got right back in harness and went to pulling. We believe the meeting as a whole was real constructive and Texas Baptists are of a mind to go forward.

One of the fine things about the meeting was the way the committee on order of business used the returned missionaries. The devotional services were conducted by these missionaries and their messages were brought both information and inspiration to the great crowds. We are sure our people are better informed on the great mission work of the convention.

Mineral Wells knows how to care for a great convention. The entire town united in a great effort to render service to their visitors and they succeeded in a fine way. We are ready to vote to go back to this little city real soon to do the thing over.

The students and ex-students of Simmons University held a rally on Thursday afternoon. A large crowd was present and a real love feast followed. A movement was set on foot to have an annual Simmons banquet at each of these meetings of the convention. A banquet is also planned for the Southern Baptist Convention meet in Houston next May.

There was a large attendance at the banquet given by the students and ex-students of the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth. The alumni of the Southern Seminary of Louisville, Ky., also had a meeting at the convention.

Judge O. S. Lattimore of the court of civil appeals presided for the third time at the convention. He made a wonderful presiding officer. At times the air was heavily charged with "static," but he always brought the brethren out of the difficulties in the right way. Like Paul he could say "none of these things move me."

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Hearts and lost souls. It is the awful tragedy of the universe. Only those make a mock of sin. Hell cannot be dug out of the universe or its fires put out. God cannot tolerate sin and be a respectable God. The eternal law of life is that the wages of sin is death. Every thinking man asks seriously "What can I do with my sin?"

Another force lying in the path of Christianity, and threatening to retard its progress is suffering. The problem of evil is one of the dark and unsolved problems of human existence. Every step of progress is through groans and tears. "If so be that we suffer with him." He sees not only the Christian but the whole world groaning and traveling in pain until now; but he looks beyond the fog and mists to the light that shines as the glory to be revealed in us. Our victory over pain is assured in that we are companions of his and all things work together for our good.

The last great enemy to be met and overcome is death. Every man must meet this dread monster. But see how trivial and impotent a thing is death to triumph faith and love. "He hath abolished death." Death cannot separate us from the love of Christ. Death is the "separator who clasps our hands from the closest and nearest grasp, and divides asunder body, withdraws us from all our associations and occupations and hails us away into a lonely land." But there is one bond which he cannot sever. He cannot separate from the love of Christ—His sting is gone; his power is destroyed. "O Death, where is thy sting?"

Glancing forward the apostle anticipates every possible foe, and to these he issues a challenge. Neither angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come—height nor depth nor any other creature shall ever be able to touch our love and faith and hope in Christ.

Today the old enemies meet us in new forms. In selfishness, greed—grat, love of the world and especially in naturalism in science and philosophy we have revealed "that man of sin, who sitteth in the temple of God, and setteth himself up as God." It is not my purpose to discuss the crime wave or modernism. Yet every pastor knows that we are fighting for our lives today against the forces of worldliness.

The vices and crimes which corrupt modern life and destroy the power of Christianity in the hearts of men are rising up like a fountain in the very center of our civilization; and sometimes they seem like Ezekiel's river to issue forth the very sanctuary itself. Outside of our own country Christianity is being challenged by race hatred, by Mohammedanism and by Bolshevism which would not only overthrow Christianity but even civilization itself. At home we have a recrudescence of heathenism springing out of our philosophy of naturalism. According to this theory nothing can happen outside of the laws of nature. Natural law is God's way of working, if there be a God. Miracles cannot happen. Many of the text books used in our schools are written from this viewpoint.

The prevailing philosophy is either agnostic or some form of idealism or pantheism which destroys the distinction between God and man. The world and man are manifestations of God. One of the greatest preachers in America recently said: "I never expect to be any nearer God than I am right now." If God and man are one, then human responsibility ends—God is the author of sin, and morality and religion disappear. We do not oppose the study of philosophy or the effort to discover a sound metaphysics but Dr. Mullins has shown that the various and contradictory theories all rest on an equally sound metaphysics. It all depends on where one begins. Paul said "Beware lest anyone beguile you through his philosophy and vain deceit after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ."

Strictly speaking, science and religion occupy different spheres and should have nothing but mutual good will and respect. In practice, however, they are often arrayed against each other. Science, flushed with victory in her examination of physical facts, is now entering the field of religion proposing to make everything here square to the laws governing physical phenomena. Science has rewritten our history; has given us a new edition of the Ten Commandments, and is revising our creeds. Here is a sample of the new orthodoxy:

"I believe in evolution."

"I believe in scientific method."

"Religion is the product of evolution. God is a symbol of that which faith finds beyond where science ends. Science itself finds no God."

"There is no supernatural."

"The soul is not immortal; only nature in its material elements is immortal."

"Man is a higher animal of the

order of primates, closely related to the chimpanzee."

"Individual salvation is false—the preservation of the race is the ideal."

"Miracles, the inspiration of the Bible and related teachings are false."

"True religion deals with this world and not the next."

"An evolutionary hypothesis strictly applied leads to this result. Let us not deny that some Christian men have accepted this theory as a method the Creator has adopted in creation."

Such, however, have ventured on thin ice. A. C. McGiffert, a liberal, says, "The conservatives who feared and opposed in early days were far more clearheaded than most of the liberals who thought that it meant simply a shifting of position. The chasm is deep. What is before us no one knows."

A fair idea of what lies before us may be gained from this quotation from the late Dr. George B. Foster of the University of Chicago: "The sum of what I have just been urging amounts to the profoundest change of thought known to history. One may say that not supernatural regeneration, but natural growth; not divine sanctification but human education; not supernatural grace but natural morality; not the divine 'expiration of the cross,' but the human heroism—or accident?—of the cross—Christ the Lord, but the man Jesus who was a child of His time; not God and His providence, but evolution and its process without an absolute goal—that all this and such as this, is the new turn in the affairs of religion at the tick of the clock."

Between this and New Testament Christianity there is indeed a deep chasm. The bridge that spans this chasm is naturalistic evolution—

"the non-miraculous origin and the progress of the universe." We must fight the battle at the bridge. If we allow the enemy to establish communications over this bridge we are in danger of losing that which is dearer than life itself.

"The fight is on, O Christian soldier. Be strong and in His might hold fast."

If God be for us, His banner o'er us We'll sing the victor's song at last."

The Conquering Principle.

Can we look our enemies in the face today as the same calm confidence as did the writer of the letter to the Romans? He did not ignore the forces against his cause, but he also knew the forces that were for him. He opposed fact with fact. We must do the same. We must meet the foe intelligently and turn the weapons of attack into instruments of defense. We must not oppose the progress of learning and science—Obscurantism or opposition to the progress of human knowledge is doomed. If Baptists close their schools their cause is lost. We cannot go back to medieval times, and we dare not base our appeal on ignorance and superstition. Paul's assurance was based on solid facts—facts of history and facts of experience. "Through Him that loved us."

He had met Jesus Christ face to face. He knew Him and was possessed by Him—"He loved me and gave Himself up for me. He died for me—I died with Him—He lives in me—the love of Christ constrains me." Paul carried within himself a sample of the miracle working power of Christ. Christianity is not going to stand or fall with the proof of miracles that happened 2,000 years ago. Its greatest proof is redeemed men. When Paul said we are more than conquerors he spoke a conviction born of experience that under him and over him was a sustaining, guiding, conquering principle that could never lose. Victory is through him that loved us. Christ in the heart no enemy can touch. The conscious alliance of the soul with God through love. God's love for us and our love for Him born of the Holy Spirit within, this is the conquering principle of Christianity. Sin and sorrow and death and worldliness and rationalism can never destroy this principle for they have no weapons with which to reach it. They can do some things to be sure, but they can never change the eternal fact of divine love. The soul's conscious possession of God in Christ, the knowledge that Christ is God and that Christ is in us and we are in God because we dwell in love—this is the principle that makes us more than conquerors. Christ staked all on love, saying, "If ye love me I will manifest myself to you." Is that not the meaning of His saying "on this rock I will build my church?" His last question to Peter was "Do you love me?" If you do all is well. Feed my sheep and I will give you strength to live and die for me. It is not the creeds—not even covenants signed in blood—but in love that Christianity stands.

(NOTE—This sermon will be included in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist.—Editor.)

Wm. A. Davis, prominent Baptist layman of Anniston, and president of the Alabama State Convention, has attended every session of the convention for more than forty years and for the same length of time has read every issue of his state denominational paper, The Alabama Baptist.

News Notes

Rev. A. W. Reeves, formerly of Hamlin writes these good words concerning his work at Atlanta, Ga. "Our meeting was a mighty victory. The powers of heaven came down. There were ninety additions and others yet to come as a result of the meeting. This makes a total of 195 additions to the church since coming here July 1st. Mr. and Mrs. A. Virgil Reynolds who had charge of the music were at their best. Permit me to again compliment your great paper. You are doing a mighty telling work as editor of the West Texas Baptist."

The editor visited the Fifth Sunday meeting at the Runnels County Association which met at Blanton. A fine program was rendered on Saturday and the church was dedicated on Sunday, Dr. W. F. Fry of Abilene preaching the sermon.

Our readers will regret to learn that Mrs. Geo. V. Brown, wife of the pastor of the First Church, Midland, sustained a fracture of one of her lower limbs as a result of a fall. The accident occurred on the streets of Mineral Wells during the convention.

Prof. B. B. McKinney and Mr. Moore, both of the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, are with the First Church, Abilene, this week in a musical institute. They will render a sacred cantata at the church next Sunday evening.

The September issue of "O Baptist" (The Baptist), published at Curitiba in South America, carries an account of the marriage of Bro. A. Ben Oliver and Miss Edith Deter, together with a picture of the couple. The bride is a daughter of Rev. A. B. Deter, one of the missionaries in that section, and at the time of her marriage was a student in Baylor University. Brother Oliver, who is a Senior in Simmons University this year, has also been a student in Baylor for several years.

The First Church, Stamford, has about completed its budget of \$11,000 for another year. About \$5,000 of the required amount was subscribed as a result of the first day's drive. We rejoice in the forward movement of this good church.

Brother W. A. Foster has accepted the call of this church at Ovalo and will begin his work with that field this month. He is resigning his work at Wilmett, Runnels County.

Rev. J. L. Mitchell and family have moved to Abilene from Cardin, Okla., where their daughter will be a student in Simmons University. Brother Mitchell is open for work wherever the Lord may lead him. Rev. C. Stubberville, formerly of Cisco, but now of Miami, Okla., recommends Brother Mitchell (very highly). He says: "I am well acquainted with Brother Mitchell and I know him to be honest, faithful and true. He and his wife are splendid leaders and organizers and will be a blessing to any church."

The brethren are responding heartily to the offer being made to send a copy of Judge Moffitt's book, "The Second Coming of Christ," and a year's subscription to the West Texas Baptist, both for \$1.00. Better get your order in now while there are plenty of the books on hand. This offer will remain good as long as the supply of books hold out.

Our readers will be glad to learn that Sister R. C. Pender, wife of our beloved Dr. Pender, field representative for Buckner Orphans' Home, is rapidly recovering from an operation performed last week at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.

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ALABAMA WOMAN LEAVES OVER HALF OF FORTUNE TO BAPTIST ENTERPRISES

Through the will of Miss Hattie K. Haley, for many years a friend of the Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton, Alabama, and who died in August, 1925, numerous Baptist interests in Alabama will profit materially. The Baby Building of the Baptist Orphanage at Troy received \$25,000 which will pay off all indebtedness on it and endow it. The Baptist Church at Newton receives \$20,000 to be employed in constructing a modern Sunday School building. In addition, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention receive \$5,000 each for annuity bonds, and the Relief and Annuity Board, which had previously received \$5,000, gets an additional \$1,000.

Of the total estate of approximately \$100,000, more than one-half of it was bequeathed to Baptist enterprises.

THE STORY OF THE "GLORY SONG."

By Homer Rodeheaver
It has been said that no gospel song in history ever attained the international popularity of "The Glory Song" in so short a time. It was written in 1909, and in less than five years it was sung around the world. The wonder of this, however, is not due to the song alone, but to circumstances and conditions that took control of it.

Many interesting incidents connected with it have been sent me from many countries, besides scores that have appeared in print, but to me the most remarkable fact concerning the song is that it stands today note for note and word for word as Charles H. Gabriel sent it to the printer twenty-five years ago.

It has been translated into more than twenty different languages and dialects, and over twenty millions of copies have been printed. I have heard it played by brass bands, German bands, hand organs, street pianos, and phonographs; I have heard it numerous times sung by over ten thousand people, and again by the usual congregation; but the most impressive rendering I ever heard given was by a certain congregation of over one thousand men; these men were all dressed in steel gray suits, and sat with folded arms; the man who played the organ and the man who held the baton and led the song were dressed exactly the same way. Down the right side, across the rear and up the left side of the audience room, on high stools, sat a row of men in blue uniforms, holding heavy canes across their knees; these men seemed never for an instant to take their eyes from certain spots in front of them. Not a man whispered during the service—for it was a state's prison. Among that congregation of 1,077 men; 256 were there for life—there to live and die, and on each of their cell doors, where they would read it every time they left and re-entered, was that startling word "life." How strangely their voices impressed me—these men without a home, without a name, deprived of every privilege accorded to all men by the Almighty, and known only by number. As I sat before them, the prison pallor of their faces against the background of gray within that frame of blue, made a picture never to be forgotten. With exceptions every man sang; here sat one with downcast eyes—there another with mute lips, while yonder near the center a large, strong fellow was weeping like a little child—but silently. They told me he had been there but a short time, and I wondered

ed if he had heard the song before, under different circumstances—and where, for he had a kindly face. Softly they sang that last stanza: "Friends will be there I have loved long ago; Joys like a river around me will flow; Yet just a smile from my Saviour, I know. Will through the ages be glory to me."

The song ended, the chaplain said a brief prayer, and that great crowd of men, at signals from the guards in blue, marched out squad by squad, keeping step to the music of the organ played by the man in gray.

Rev. F. C. Dick who for several years was located at Raton, New Mexico, has accepted the call of the church at Van Alstyne and is now on that field.

Raymond Shelton, young business man, and secretary of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., enjoys the record of having not missed a Sunday from his school in sixteen years.

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W. M. U. Holds 39th Annual Session

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas began on Monday afternoon, Nov. 30 with a general conference and round table discussion conducted by Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer. The outstanding feature of this meeting was the deep concern expressed by many for the debt of the Foreign Mission Board and the proposed plan for an intensive campaign during the month of December for funds to apply on this crushing debt. A meeting is to be held in each district, Dr. W. E. Sallee and Mrs. George W. Truett being selected to address the meetings in the western part of the state and Mrs. W. E. Sallee and Mrs. J. E. Leigh to visit the eastern districts. The meeting in the Abilene district is to be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13 at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, Abilene.

The first evening of the convention, devoted to our missionaries, stands out as one of the most spiritual and impressive sessions of the convention. Mrs. B. W. Vining, State Chairman of Missions, who presided called to the platform and introduced the following missionaries: Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Sallee, Mrs. R. L. Lockett, Miss Blanche Rose Walker, Miss Nannie David and Miss Laura Coupland, all of the Foreign Board and Miss Emma Leachman of the Home Board.

A devotional service was led by Miss Coupland. Dr. J. F. Love, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, in a brief word expressed his sorrow that men and women who have given their lives to the work can not go to the foreign field; he rejoiced in the movement on the part of our women to come to the help of the Board at this time.

Address by Miss Leachman. After special music and prayer by Mrs. J. W. Byars for the presence of the Holy Spirit and the spirit of sacrifice in our people, we listened to an address of great power by Miss Emma Leachman. The speaker, who has spent a number of years in the Louisville Training School, receives many letters from friends on the foreign field asking the same question: "What is the matter with Southern Baptists? Have they lost faith in the missionaries or have they lost faith in Christ?" The entire address, thoughtful, impassioned, the result of years of experience, was one to arouse alarm for the future of our country. Our religion lacks vitality at home and has nothing to recommend it abroad. There are two million unenlightened Baptists in the South. Of 28,000 churches only 8,000 are at work for missions. Of 37,000,000 population 13,710,000 make no profession. Conditions among the youth of the land are most alarming. America is regarded as the most criminal nation and 92 per cent of the criminal class are under nineteen years of age. Of 52,000,000 boys and girls 27,000,000 are untouched by religious teaching. An authority in New York reported that 100,000 boys and girls under his observation had never seen a Bible.

What kind of message are we giving the foreigners among us and to other nations? An Italian mother who had lived in one foundry town for eleven years had never received a kindly word or show of interest from an American woman.

Miss Nannie David Speaks. Another forceful address delivered on Monday evening was by Miss Nannie David of Africa. She reported the work in numbers and in the missionary spirit. The churches of Lagos support many churches and missionaries in the interior and have their own organizations. Their gifts were \$3.32 per capita as compared with \$10.51 in the South.

Last October the Foreign Mission Board lessened appropriations to the missionaries \$48,000. Dec. 27 has been set aside for love-offerings toward cancelling the debt of the board. Every state convention is asked to do its best toward this and Jan. 1 the board will come together again. The first item to be reduced was church buildings and half-finished church buildings were stopped because Baptists had failed to pay their pledges. The bad effect upon the natives can be imagined when Mohammedans deny Christ and laugh at Christianity for such actions.

Re-enforcements became impossible and the board lost thirty-two missionaries last year while it sent out twenty-five. The speaker took occasion to thank deeply the friends who were making possible the return of Dr. and Mrs. Lockett to Africa. But there are today one hundred other young men and women ready to be sent out. Years ago the prayer was for open doors and opportunity. The next prayer was for volunteers. Both prayers have been answered. The prayer now is for the wherewithal to send missionaries to the fields. The women were urged to help by giving out the information which brings reformation.

Miss David presented a most enlightening chart of foreign missionary figures and facts. We have on the field 544 missionaries. To recall these would be more expensive than to support them there and would pay only one-third of the debt. We have 846 schools with 32,000 students and if these schools were closed it would save only \$350,000. Our medical work in eighteen countries receives an appropriation of \$15,000 per year. Repairs, taxes, etc., receive \$100,000 and Christian literature, Bibles, S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work receive the same amount. In the last two years to every twenty dollars given for the thirty millions in our Southland we have sent one dollar to the billion of heathen in other lands.

The table of results shows a proportion that proves the superior quality of our foreign mission work. We have 208 ordained missionaries in foreign lands who reported 12,234 baptisms, an average of fifty-eight each. Our Southern Baptist pastors report an average varying from four in Florida to twelve in Alabama. Do foreign missions pay?

Tuesday Morning Session. Tuesday morning's session was opened by song service led by Mrs. I. E. Reynolds of Fort Worth and devotional by Mrs. John Tom Bowman, Mineral Wells; she used the W. M. U. motto, "Laborers together with God," and suggested the idea that not all can be planters but it is the privilege of all to be care-takers of the tender plants, that God may give the increase.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the morning's program was the address of the president, Mrs. F. S. Davis, Dallas. She said in brief: We are living in a period of change; perpetual motion almost seems to be the law not the exception. The world needs a hitching-post which does not exist. We must go onward and upward since progress is the law of life and rest is akin to death. History is being made with amazing swiftness and we often fail to catch the meaning of events. An observer says that at the bottom of it all is religion of the purest and highest sort. Only religion can broaden vision and deepen understanding of life. A safe foundation is this against which no might nor power can prevail.

The year has been one of progress in our work but a woeful minus is charged against us. Our report is almost phenomenal in all respects except one, our co-operative program, which diminishes the glory of the almost matchless achievement. The lapse calls for the most rigid introspection. The question arises, was not the denominational need sufficient to call forth our best efforts? Schools, hospitals, orphanages, ministerial relief, Macedonian calls from every shore should challenge our best. Our superb organization is one to be proud of but it does not fulfill its mission if it does not reach every man, woman and child in Texas. Lack of enlistment is our weakness. New plans must reach out to the last little church. The situation of the hour calls us to renewed consecration and allegiance to our Lord. Only molten gold can be minted, soft wax molded and only broken hearts can receive the impress of Heaven.

Our denominational future depends on the character and training of the youth. The Christian school is the outstanding agency for the development of the youth. We can not expect a harvest unless we cultivate growing things. It is far better to default with our adult organizations than the young people's and children's organizations. Children first should be the slogan. Our Baptist women of Texas do not appreciate their opportunities to develop our young people. Using what we have the best we can is the glory of women in God's service.

Corresponding Secretary's Report. Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer reported as follows:

1747 societies, 1077 reporting; 206 reported on Standard of Excellence, 49 reaching Class A-1; Mission study awards included 1222 small gold seals, 18,300 small silver seals, 192 first large seals, 29 second large seals, 4 large garnet seals, 3 first honor certificates and 7 second honor certificates. Contributions were reported as follows: 75 Million Campaign \$151,670.78; 1925 Program \$153,848.98; other gifts brought the total to \$342,000 toward the apportionment of \$600,000 for the year; grand total of all cash gifts of all organizations amounted to \$1,220,305.46.

Mrs. Leigh announced that associational reports will be left out of the Annual because figures were incomplete.

The Young People's secretary, Miss Kate Mayers, made her report at this time, reviewing briefly and feelingly her two years of work with the W. M. U. and at the close announced that it was her plan to concentrate her efforts henceforth upon one victim. She invited the body to be present at the wedding in Hillsboro on Tuesday the eighth. Miss Mayers presented two ideas that are well worth repeating as the secret of successful young people's societies: A continuous class of training for leaders and complete district and associational organizations.

Personal Service Report. Mrs. M. N. Cresman presented a beautiful report on Personal Service, with the theme, "Living Lives." Out of touch with God one simply exists, does not live. One lives who assimilates, then gives out life. Mankind has always searched for God. Personal Service is to help humanity to link with God through personal contact.

The president presented to the body a beautiful string of beads, a fan and a piece of embroidery bearing these words: "Will the W. M. U. of Texas accept my gold, frankincense and myrrh and convert it into a love-offering to the One altogether lovely, from a missionary in Interior China." During the singing of "Jesus Shall Reign" an offering was taken for the "love-offering" amounting to \$100 and the beautiful curios were presented to the donor, who as you have guessed, was our own Miss Blanche Rose Walker.

Tuesday Afternoon Session. The devotional service Tuesday afternoon was led by Mrs. J. W. Byars, who read some verses from 1 Kings 20, emphasizing verse 40, "While thy servant was busy here and there he was gone." She urged us to discriminate and select the most worthwhile things as the objects of our attention, remembering that our first duty is to home and children.

Mrs. T. V. Herndon, Dallas, spoke very effectively on the Co-operative Program. "The Co-operative Program is the W. M. U. watchword in action. The Master's call was not to the crowds but to individuals. He calls through orphan children, veteran soldiers of the cross, young men and women in Christian schools, the sick in mind and body, the needs of our own State for churches and missionaries. Calls from our Southland and the uttermost parts of the earth. Can we turn a deaf ear to the Master as he calls through these?"

Mrs. W. B. McGarity presented a resolution which was unanimously passed to the effect that as gifts to the Foreign Board were not commensurate with the needs of the program the annual Christmas offering be the occasion of a campaign for special gifts to this cause.

An interesting program was presented by the Fort Worth Training School students at this time. Dr. Scarborough spoke briefly and Mrs. McGarity presented her report as Principal.

Young People's Work. A large assembly on Tuesday evening betokened the interest in Young People's Work. Miss Myers was in charge of the program, and after reports of district Young People's Leaders, she made an impassioned plea for a realization of our responsibility to train our young people in the knowledge of the needs of the world and to send them out with burning hearts.

Students of the Training School presented a beautiful and impressive pageant entitled, "Christ in America." Columbia, bearing a flaming torch, seats herself on a throne and there passed in review before her representatives of many foreign countries who have come to America. She addressed to each the same question, "Have you found Christ in America?" Maids from China, Japan, Hungary, Poland, Italy, the Indian, Jewish, Armenian, Hindoo and Roumanian maidens all made the same reply that they had learned much in America but no one had told them of our Christ. Groups of other aliens entered with the plea: "Give us Christ in America that we may carry Him back to Persia, Mexico, Spain, the American Highlands." The choruses and costumes were beautiful and great interest was added by the fact that some of the speakers were really natives of the countries they represented.

Orphans' Home Report.

The report of Buskner Orphans' Home, read by Mrs. Hal Buckner on Wednesday morning provoked much interested discussion. Mrs. Buckner suggested that articles specially desirable for the Christmas homes were hose, socks, handkerchiefs, toilet articles for older boys and girls and good books. Mrs. A. F. Beddoe made a plea for the \$25,000 needed for enlarging the water supply. Pledges of pecans were made for the Louisville and Fort Worth Training Schools and for the Orphans' Home. These are to be sent to Mrs. Leigh at once.

The report on Baylor Dormitory was read by Mrs. Truett, and showed a total of \$114,000 pledged and \$20,000 collected. The building is to start when the entire amount of \$350,000 is pledged and one-half collected, Sept. 1, 1926 if possible. After an address by Mrs. J. M. Dawson on Stewardship the report was adopted.

In the closing session reports of various committees were heard and two resolutions were adopted. The first provided that the names of all missionaries be divided among the sixteen districts and letters be written to all assuring them of our sympathy and prayers. The second resolution, adopted by rising vote, called for an apportionment of \$600,000 as the W. M. U. share of the 1926 Program for Texas Baptists.

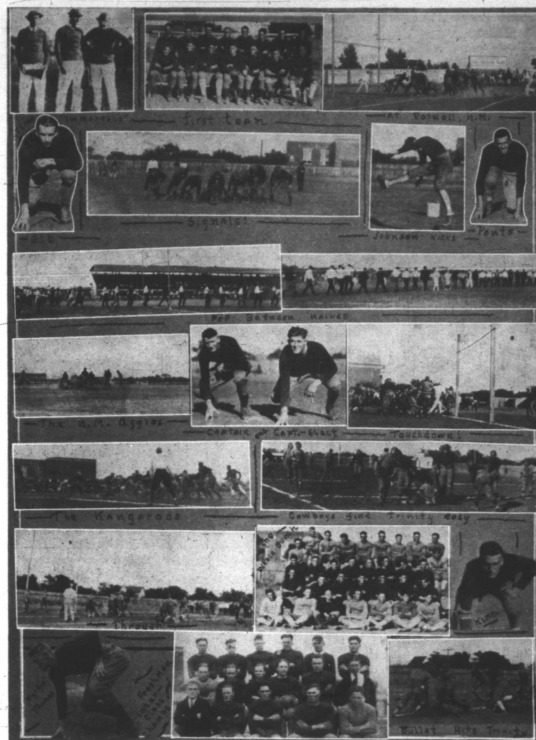
Mrs. Lockett Speaks. The inspirational address of Mrs. B. L. Lockett during the closing hour of the convention impressed many of us as the most effective address delivered. Abilene women rejoice beyond measure in the privilege of having a part in the return of Dr. and Mrs. Lockett to Africa, coupled as it is in our minds with a memorial to our beloved Mrs. Booth. Not only in the initial work of sending them out may we share but to uphold them with our prayers and continual interest is our privilege. How better could we inspire our women to White Cross work than to send regularly to Dr. Lockett supplies that he may need in his work in Africa?

The nominating committee proposed no change in officers with the exception of Personal Service chairman. As Mrs. Cresman could not serve longer the vacancy is to be filled. It was voted that a successor to Miss Mayers be not elected at present but that Mrs. Leigh be charged with this work, and that she devote three-fourths of her time to field work. Mrs. Olivia Davis was elected office secretary and treasurer. The total enrollment of the convention was 853, 627 messengers and 256 visitors.

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Long before American Christendom was awake to the effort to substitute for redemption faith the religious ethics of the eviscerated Bible, the great Spurgeon saw the danger looming large in England and faithfully witnessed against it. He said: "It is Bible or no Bible, Atonement or no Atonement, which we have now to settle. Stripped of becoming terms and phrases, this lies at the bottom of the discussion, and every lover of the Lord Jesus should feel himself called upon to take his part in an earnest contention for the faith once delivered to the saints. We must draw the line distinctly, and then stand to it firmly. Do not alter your course because of winds and currents. Do not try to make things pleasant all round. We who believe Holy Scripture to be the inspired truth of God cannot have fellowship with those who deny the authority from which we derive all our teachings."—Western Recorder.

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charge of weariness of spirit and the absence of power and efficiency. This type of advertising is electrical without being dynamic. It stimulates by bombarding the senses without appealing to reason, intelligence, the fundamental emotions of the deeper human instincts."

"The Creation Story of Genesis" was also discussed at the evening session. The speaker was Dr. J. B. Tidwell of the Bible department of Baylor University. The speaker presented his subject in a masterful way and left no room for doubt as to his attitude on the question of evolution. He flayed the evolutionist and contended for the Bible in all its purity.

Wednesday Morning Session.
The first speaker at the Wednesday morning session was Dr. C. V. Edwards, of Fort Worth, who conducted the devotional exercises. This was followed by an address by J. W. Cook, of Yoakum, on "Kindling the Fires of Missions in Our Churches." He urged a study of the Bible that we may know it and teach it.

Dr. J. H. Pace, of Beaumont, spoke on "The Basis for Denominational Cooperation in Our Associations and Conventions." The speaker made a strong defense of Dr. G. C. Edwards, who appealed to the members of the convention to follow his leadership and stand by him in the fight that is being made on him.

After the devotional led by Dr. Geo. W. McCall, of San Angelo, Pastor R. E. Bell, of Decatur, spoke at the afternoon session. His subject was: "Are Inter-Denominational Organizations Necessary for Baptists to Declare Their Loyalty to the Fundamental Teachings of the Bible; and the World Program of Christ." He declared that Baptists cannot go into inter-denominational organizations and be true to the Bible.

Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, closed the afternoon session, and the final meeting of the conference with a great address, his subject being "The Foundation of Brotherhood, and How to Maintain It."

"The unity of Baptist spirit is one of the most wonderful of all the things we come across in these times," Dr. Truett said. How blessed has been the fellowship of Texas Baptists and how blessed has been the fellowship of these people at this very hour.

"There are no classes among us, no divisions between city and country Baptists. If you talk about men from the forks of the creek you are talking about me, for that is where I came from. My heart is in the city and town and village and country places."

"Those Baptist notes were like brothers in the brave days of old and the brave days that are."

"No more epic chapters have been written than those written by our forebears. Read how they cooperated and sacrificed to build as we are now, and I am pleased when I think of the possibilities of the bright days ahead of us. The foundation for our brotherhood is in Christ. Our brotherhood is a spiritual brotherhood."

"Ye are of one family in Christ," said Paul. We many take all our days talking about what the world needs but the one thing needed to save it is Jesus Christ. Spiritual brotherhood of all true believers is and always will be a glorious brotherhood between God and man, but he is also the mediator between man and man."

"Anything that would mar the true brotherhood of men of Christ is one of the ghastliest sins men can commit. I have no way of understanding how a Christian man can shield a lurking grudge. How can he fall asleep any night with a grudge and animosity."

"We may maintain our brotherhood by our fealty to a common thing. We may maintain it by our Master, Jesus. We have a common faith and a common task. Spirit of brotherhood is maintained by fealty to a common task and by doing the task. We will never have this brotherhood in a realm of idleness. The biggest sociological problem in America is the problem of idleness, not so much the idle poor as the idle rich. Satan does find occupation for the idle."

"You let us be relieved of our burdens and have no troubles to toil under and we will turn and eat on one another like tomscats."

"What Baptist democracy needs all the time is a tonic of a big task. Fealty to a common spirit, the right spirit is a vital need of the denomination. It is easy to abuse our freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The great vital word for our Baptist people is not liberty, but love. Certainly we can't make a great religious democracy unless the people are taught. Let us have a discussion, but let it be a worthy discussion."

Dr. Thos. J. Watts, of Columbia, South Carolina, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. secretary of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention for many years, has entered upon his new duties as associate secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, it is announced by Dr. Wm. Lunsford, of Dallas, corresponding secretary.

77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SESSION

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tions. The reports showed a healthy growth in all the schools. However, crowded conditions and heavy debts show these institutions to be in serious conditions at this time.

The report of Home Missions was read by Dr. Judd B. Holt of McAllen and discussed by Dr. Pierce of Alexandria, La.

The report on Christian education showed that there were 8,000 students in the Baptist schools in Texas. Eleven hundred are preparing for special work. Of every one hundred college students in Texas, forty-two are in denominational schools, and one in every five are in Baptist schools.

The report on encampments showed that there were thirty encampments held in the state during the past year, with a total attendance of thirty thousand.

The report on B. Y. P. U. organizations revealed the fact that there are 3,550 of these organizations operating in Texas with a total membership of 110,000.

The report on Student Work revealed the great work being done among the young people in the schools of the state.

Mrs. A. L. Beddoe read the report of the W. M. U. of the State. The objective for this organization for the year is \$600,000. There are 2,800 auxiliaries in the state.

Rev. C. W. Culp, of Port Arthur, read the report of William P. Phillips, retiring secretary of the Sunday School work in the state. The report shows that Texas leads the South in the number of awards during 1925; which is 1,880. There are 2,800 Sunday Schools in the state.

Dr. W. Y. Pond, head of the evangelistic staff of the state, in his report showed that this organization since its work started a few months ago had held 13 revivals, 375 sermons and addresses delivered, 496 professions, 399 baptisms, 325 received by letter, 111 surrenders for special service and \$5,221.97 received for 1925 program.

The Buckner Orphans' Home report shows an endowment of that institution of \$73,219. There are at present 686 children in the home. The report was read by Rev. Hal F. Buckner, who with his brother Joe D. Buckner, is managing the home.

Hospital Reports.
The reports of the hospitals of the state were read at the Friday afternoon session of the Convention. The hospitals are yielding a mighty force in the religious unbuilding of the State. Trustees for the hospitals for the coming year were read at the evening session. The trustees for the West Texas Baptist Hospital at Abilene are as follows:

George S. Anderson, D. D. Parramore, H. V. Campbell, J. W. Behrens, J. C. Burkett, T. C. Campbell, C. M. Caldwell, T. N. Carswell, C. W. Clark, E. T. Comper, U. Collins, L. M. Crowley, M. B. Hanks, Henry Hart, I. G. Higginbotham, J. F. Holliday, M. A. Jenkins, George L. Paxton, C. A. Powell, J. M. Radford, J. D. Sanderfer, J. P. Stinson, all of Abilene.

The Dale S. Crowley Issue.
At the Thursday night session of the convention an effort was made by Rev. Dale S. Crowley, who was expelled from Baylor University over a year ago as a result of charges made by him regarding teaching of evolution in Baylor, to bring his case again before the body. After statements of the matter from Dr. Geo. W. Truett and Hon. Pat M. Neff, members of the Baylor Board who sustained the action of the faculty in expelling Crowley, the president ruled that the convention had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Foreign Missions Friday Evening.
The greatest hour of the entire convention was reached on Friday evening, the time set apart for Foreign Missions. Talks were made by a number of returned missionaries, followed by a great message by Dr. Love of the Foreign Mission Board. The crowd did not break up until almost midnight. Over \$500 dollars was raised in cash to defray the expenses of a Jewish lad who is being educated in San Marcos Academy. After a musical program rendered by twenty-five negroes of the city a hat collection was taken for the negro work and over \$85 was raised. The entire service was a great demonstration of the fact that Texas Baptists have not lost their interest in Foreign Missions. December 20 has been set aside for the time to make love gifts to the Foreign Mission Board in an effort to relieve the board of the \$1,813,000 debt under which it is laboring.

THE BRUTE.
He struck her, but she uttered no sound. He struck her again but no word escaped her lips. Once more he hit her on the head with a brick that she wuz, she did not even whimper. Then enraged beyond all reason at her unbecoming of his askings, the brute uttered a lo oth and began faining bloo on her prettie little hedd, even scratching her in his madnuss. Even thru this she had remained silent. But finally, not being able to stand it any longer, she heved a reluctant sputer and burst into flame.

For yu sea she wuz only a match. —Clipped.

Special emphasis on the fundamental doctrines espoused by Baptists is being given at Memphis just now in the form of an agreement among the pastors of the 23 Baptist churches of the city to preach upon the same theme Sunday mornings from October 18 to December 20.

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ABILENE MISSIONARY MAKES APPEAL FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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They in turn, have laid the need on your hearts and we have seen, our beloved white Christians in Texas, we have seen how you have toiled night and day to give and to inform and inspire the people to give and yet and yet, Jesus has only a huge debt now to save the heathen with. Can it be that we have just hurried on and not put Him first in this, so great a matter?

I cannot but tell you that I got to understand "down there" in China last year, that it never can pay to hurry without Jesus. Never! So many homes were open to us, that I felt there was no time to stop and get on my knees and pray. I would just pray as I hurried on, but a servant should first stand at attention and get his orders. All of one morning He seemed to keep urging on my heart that I must stop and pray, but I hurried on, until I reached the close of that day. I had compelled Him to shut me in a room to stay for 5 months, and seeing that not enough He put me in a plaster paris case! Thank Him, that ever He did it! Thank Him that He taught me then and there that Jesus must come first.

He knows that the evil one, "that old serpent," as the Scripture calls him, is coiled yonder on our Foreign Mission debt, lifting his head continually to strike the poison of discouragement to our Baptist heart. Jesus knows, and already He has prayed for us—"that fail not"—don't you know He has, and in answer to His precious prayer, we are actually going to pour a love-offering at His feet this Christmas time!

If the Doctor would allow, I would go among the churches and cry unto the Christians to put Jesus first in the giving of gifts this year; but I pledge Him and I pledge you to stay on my knees yonder in Abilene until we do bring Him a true love-offering to save His heathen with, because the unquity of all was laid on Jesus!

MANY BAPTISTS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

With many of the Baptist State Conventions of the South having approved the proposition of a special Christmas love offering for foreign missions this year, and the probability that many others will approve the proposition as they meet Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is encouraged to be- lieve that a generous response will be made by Southern Baptists during the holiday season to the special fund for the liquidation of the debt of the board that has accumulated during the past few years through the failure of the churches to provide funds sufficient to keep the work going on the scale to which it was expanded during the early and more prosperous years of the 75 Million Campaign.

Dr. Love presented the cause of foreign missions at the Walnut Street Church, Louisville, recently and one business man gave \$1,000 to the cause, an organized class taught by the pastor's wife, gave another thousand, while smaller sums were given by many individuals and organizations.

BAPTIST STUDENTS OF SOUTH TO MEET

Following the holding of successful state conferences for Baptist college students throughout the various states of the Southern Baptist Convention this fall, plans are announced by the Inter-Board Commission on Student Religious Activity for a mammoth Southwide conference that will be held at Birmingham, October 29-31, 1926. This Southwide conference will take the place of all state conferences next year and the promoters have assurance that they will be able to command for its program the best talent of the nation. It is expected that at least 1,500 representative Baptist college students from throughout the Convention territory will attend this conference.

Other features of the student work for the current scholastic year include a Student Evangelistic Week in the various colleges February 15 to 21, and a Vocational Emphasis Week, April 19 to 25.

During the Evangelistic Week the Baptist students will undertake to win to Christ all the unsaved students on their respective campuses, while during the Vocational Emphasis Week leading representatives of the various professions will deliver addresses in the college chapels, setting forth the inducements which these professions have to offer to young men and women.

SIMULTANEOUS SERMONS PREACHED ON DOCTRINES BY MEMPHIS PASTORS

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NEW MEXICO CONVENTION HAD CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING

From Baptist New Mexican:

The Convention met according to schedule at ten o'clock last Wednesday morning at Alamogordo. The sessions were held in the Armory, which was furnished by the city. The call to order was preceded by one hour of song and devotional service, and when the hour came for the Convention everything was ready for business. The enrollment committee made a preliminary report, which showed 101 messengers registered. These constituted the Convention. Election of officers resulted in the following: President, Rev. J. F. Nix, Clovis, re-elected; First Vice President, Rev. J. Jay Cook, Roswell, re-elected; Second Vice President, Rev. W. C. Grant, Estancia; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Green, re-elected. C. W. Stumph was later on in the Convention re-elected as Corresponding Secretary. Several short addresses of welcome were delivered, which were responded to by Pastor Cook of Roswell. After fitting Memorial Services were held in honor of our boys who fell in the late war, and in thanksgiving for those who returned, the Convention Sermon was preached by Dr. N. A. Moore of Montezuma.

The afternoon was given to the report of the State Board, and was in charge of the Corresponding Secretary. Instead of having the usual reading of the report, and a lengthy address by the Secretary, the plan was changed and about a dozen ten minute talks were made by representatives of the various departments of state work. This proved to be a very interesting way for the Board to make its report, and the people enjoyed the talks made. The Board had one of the best reports ever made to the Convention, and all who had a part in the success attained were proud to be identified with the work.

We will not attempt to give a detailed day by day record of the proceedings, but will only mention a few of what might be called more important items. The usual reports were made on the various lines of missions, education, benevolences, etc. All were important, but all cannot be discussed here.

President Cook made a good report for Montezuma College, giving the history and growth of the school, also presenting interesting figures regarding attendance, etc.

Inspiring addresses were delivered by special representatives, viz., Dr. Hight C. Moore of the Sunday School Board; Dr. H. F. Vermillion, who represented the Home Mission Board, and especially represented the Tubercular Sanatorium operated by this board at El Paso; Miss Kathleen Malory, who spoke of the W. M. U. work in this country and in foreign countries; Dr. Leslie Carlson of the Fort Worth Seminary, who spoke especially on Foreign Missions, and Dr. J. E. Davis of El Paso, who gave a report of the work being done by the Spanish Publishing House in which he said that the El Paso plant furnished the

Baptist Mexican and Spanish literature for the entire Spanish speaking world. Twenty-eight foreign countries are on their list for orders. We appreciate the visits of these friends, and hope they can come to see us again.

The Convention instructed that definite plans be worked out immediately for the launching of a cash campaign for Montezuma. Also that the special Orphans' Home campaign receive proper attention. Another resolution was read which recommended that Sunday, December 27th, be set apart for thank offerings or love gifts to help relieve the Foreign Mission debt, and to try if possible to prevent the recalling of the missionaries in our European fields.

The State Board in a report which was not in any way connected with its annual report, made recommendation for the 1926 Program. This recommendation will be published under the head "1926 Program."

The various boards will be listed under the head "Boards of the Convention."

After completing all matters of business, and after one of the most harmonious and constructive meetings ever held, the Convention adjourned at one P. M. Friday.

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