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Beaumont Is Preparing For Baptist Convention Gathering

All Beaumont is now making preparations for a large gathering of the Baptist hosts of this wonderful state in their annual convention this month. Our people are enthusiastic that the Baptists are to be with us for a week. There is an optimistic atmosphere in all religious groups in anticipation of the coming of such a religious body to this good city. All feel that this convention is to be the most far-reaching in the history of the denomination in the Southwest, not only in Texas. The whole city will join in to make it such.

The homes and the large number of fine hotels of the city will be open for entertainment of our guests, and nothing will be left undone to make the stay pleasant. Make your reservations as early as possible and avoid the rush at the last moment. If you wish reservation in a private home, write Baptist Headquarters, Beaumont, and your request will have prompt attention by the assignment committee. In fact, if there is an inquiry about any matter concerning arrangements or reservation for the convention, just write Baptist Headquarters, Beaumont, Texas, and your communication will be handled promptly by the proper committee.

If you desire hotel reservations, you may write direct to one of the hotels, giving date of arrival, and your needs will be handled with dispatch. Following is a list of a few of our good hotels, with their rates:

Edson Hotel (Headquarters Hotel)

350 Rooms—350 Baths.

Rooms with one double bed to accommodate two people the rate will be $5.00 per day or $2.50 each person. The large front rooms rate will be $2.50 for each person. These rooms will accommodate four people comfortably. The rate on such rooms is $7.00 per day for one or two persons. None of the delegates will be charged to exceed $2.50 per day each where two or more people occupy the same room. If some few prefer single rooms the rate will be $3.00 per day.

La Salle Hotel

250 Rooms—250 Baths.

The rates are $2.00 and $2.50 single, and $3.00 and $3.50 for two people in a room with a double bed. $4.00 and $5.00 for two people in a room with twin beds; $5.00 for three people in a room with a double and a single bed.

Hotel Beaumont

250 Rooms With Bath.

Single rooms with shower bath $2 and $2.50; with shower bath double, twin beds, $4.00. Rooms with tub bath $2.50, $3.50 and $4.50 single; $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.50 double.

There are large numbers of twin bed rooms of the better class which can be assigned at $4.50 and $5.00 double.

Crosby Hotel

146 Rooms With Bath.

Rooms with private bath, one double bed, one person, $2.00 and $2.50; one double bed two persons $3.50 and $4.00; single rooms without bath, one double bed, one person, $1.00 and $1.50; one double bed, two persons, $2.00 and $2.50; single room without bath, twin beds, two persons $3.00.

The new Edson Hotel has been designated as Headquarters Hotel, but the registration offices will be in the First Baptist Church, as will be the Assignment Committee. The W. M. U. meetings will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, while the Pastor's and Layman's Conference will meet in the First Methodist Church, just one block away. All sessions of the convention will be held in the magnificent new City Hall Auditorium, right in the heart of the city.

The request comes from the committee on Banquets that all groups desiring arrangements for banquets write at once for reservations of time and place. This committee is desirous of serving to the very best advantage to all groups and it will be an aid to them and to those desiring such arrangements if there needs can be known at an early date.

WORK IS PROGRESSING IN PECOS VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Churches in this part of the state are moving along very smoothly. The Pecos Valley Workers Council met Tuesday, October 29, with the Ft. Stockton church and their good pastor, Brother L. E. Frazier. A splendid program was rendered on the "Great Commission." We will meet next time, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday, November 26, with the Odessa church; Brother S. F. Marsh is their pastor.

This country is developing in church life rapidly. People are coming into the churches each Sunday. There have been seventeen additions to the church at Wink the last three Sundays. Twelve of them came last Sunday. One fine young woman came Sunday morning upon profession of faith in Jesus also presented herself for baptism. Other churches are experiencing similar results.

Our greatest hindrance in this oil empire is that the oil is in the hands of major companies and the churches have but little assistance from it, if any at all. They, the oil companies, do not fail to use most of our men seven days each week, and many of them twenty-four hours each day. One can readily see what we are up against out here. Nevertheless we are gaining ground.

PASTOR POWELL AND WIFE HONORED BY CONGREGATION

UNIVERSITY CHURCH MEMBERS VISIT PASTOR ON ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the twentieth wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Powell, a large number of members from the University Baptist church called at the pastor's home between 7 and 9 o'clock Thursday evening.

A China dinner set, a gift from the church, was presented to the honorees by Mrs. J. E. Greer, who was introduced by J. Lee Tarpley.

Misses Mary Lee Roach and Mary Matthews were in charge of the guest book, while Mrs. C. D. Owen and Mrs. E. M. Francis poured tea and coffee as Misses Edna McMinn, Lois Rosser, Jewell York and Ruby Catching served refreshments.

Orchestra Plays

Music was furnished during the evening by the church orchestra, under the direction of Miss Roberta Turner. After many expressions of good will and wishes for continued happiness, the guests were bidden aideu by Judge and Mrs. Lee R. York. The affair was arranged and supervised by a committee from the church composed of Mmes. Geer, L. P. Cook, Ben H. Manly, H. R. Arrant and D. W. Arnette.

The receiving line was composed of Mr. Tarpley, H. R. Arrant, Mrs. Powell, the Rev. Mr. Powell, Mrs. Laura Ingram, mother of the Rev. Mr. Powell, Mrs. Arrant, Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Mrs. Tarpley, Mrs. C. E. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Briley, Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Webb and Judge E. S. Cunningham. Ushers to the registry were Misses Virginia Powell and Mildred Roach. Mrs. R. M. White and Mrs. Arnette presided at the dining room door.

Married Near Vernon.

Twenty years ago, on November 7, the Rev. Charles A. Powell was married to Miss Nannie Price in Wilbarger county, near Vernon. He was pastor of the Margaret Baptist church at the time. Married at 2 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, the couple left the next day for Dallas where they spent their honeymoon attending a Texas Baptist Convention. After resigning his pastorate at Margaret, the Rev. Mr. Powell moved to Vernon, taking two half-time churches, Fargo and Okla-Union, where he remained until he went to Fort Worth to study at the seminary there.

His first full-time work was at Munday, where Kathryn, their first child, was born. Knox City was the next pastorate held, then at Rule, where he remained until June 1, 1923, when he was called to the University Baptist church of Abilene. Virginia was born at Knox City, Charles Jr., in Rule and Billie Jo in Abilene. The pastor's mother, Mrs. Ingram, resides with the family here.

The Rev. Mr. Powell was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the First Baptist church at Vernon, December 22, 1908. He was known in that section of the state as "Vernon's Preacher Boy."

LAMESA ASSOCIATION HOLDS FINE MEETING

The worker's conference of the Lamesa association met with the Spanberg church and Pastor Wells, November 7. The attendance was good considering the busy time of the year. We had three visitors present, Brother D. D. Johnson from the Brownfield association, Brother S. K. McCulloch from Abilene, Brother Haley, evangelistic singer from Wichita Falls.

Our missionary, Brother W. F. Markham, brought in a good report, and then resigned as missionary to the regret of everyone. He is going back to Seminole as pastor. Brother S. K. McCulloch from Abilene was elected missionary and accepted.

Brother J. O. Heath has been called as pastor of the churches at Ackerly and Wilson in Dawson county and Gail in Borden county and I hear he will accept. Brother Heath will be an asset to our work.

The Fairview church, Dawson county, a good half time church, is pastorless but will call soon.

Brother W. I. Taylor has been called and has accepted the church at Midway for half time.

Pastor Cole is putting the work over in a great way at Lamesa. Plans are going forward for the erection of a much needed building. Brother Cole is at present in a meeting at Ft. Worth. Haven't heard the results.

The next workers conference will meet the first Thursday in December, with the Klondyke church and the writer.

The W. M. U. of the association decided to meet quarterly in an all-day meeting. I think a great step for our good women as they can't do their best work in the afternoon of the workers conference with so many things crowding in for attention. The first meeting of the association W. M. U. will be held the second Wednesday in December, with the Five Mile church.

"Whta do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?"—George Elliot.

ABILENE CHURCH HOLDS JUBILEE SUNDAY FOR PASTOR M. A. JENKENS

CELEBRATES 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR'S ARRIVAL; DEVELOPMENT SHOWN

The First Baptist church, Abilene, celebrated Sunday the fourteenth anniversary of the call given its pastor, Dr. Milard A. Jenkens. Fourteen years ago Dr. Jenkens came from Athens, Georgia, to take charge of the First Baptist church of this city.

During these years there have been received into the church 4,609 members, and over $800,000 has been expended for various enterprises and causes, church leaders report.

The church has grown to where it is said to be the largest in membership of any church between Fort Worth and Los Angeles, with a Sunday school that ranks among the first in the South, and a Sunday school teachers and workers weekly meeting that boasts of being the largest in the world.

There have been added many improvements to the church plant, chief of which is a modern educational building now in process of construction, and which will be completed and ready for use in the near future. The pastor's fourteenth anniversary is being celebrated by the completion of a $60,000 subscription with which to finish this building.

When Dr. Jenkens came to the First Baptist church there were no paid helpers. As the work grew and the responsibilities increased, there were added from time to time workers, till now there are three members of the working staff for all their time, and one for half time, composed of Walter Jackson, educational director; Miss Rhae King, financial secretary; Miss Ima Petty, office secretary; and Miss Geraldine Hill, assistant office secretary.

In addition to Dr. Jenkens' pastoral work, he has done a great deal of evangelistic work in different parts of the country, and has devoted time to Simmons University, of which he is a trustee, and to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, of which he was a promoter.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OF ARIZONA HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

S. E. STEVENSON, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Chandler, Ariz.

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona met in its second annual session October 24-25, with the First Baptist Church of Chandler. Probably it would be more correct to say that this was the first annual session of our convention, since the meeting a year ago was an organization gathering. One year ago the 21st of September our state convention was organized. Prior to the creation of a State Convention our churches functioned through the Gambrell Memorial Association and was affiliated with the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. January 1, 1929, our relationship with New Mexico ceased and since that time we have been a separate body.

In May the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Memphis, Tenn., unanimously granted direct representation to us. So now Arizona is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. This recent accession of territory to the Southern Convention presents to the Baptists of the South a great missionary opportunity. Our field for service has been greatly augmented.

The recent convention of our churches in Arizona was epochal. Southern work in this state has steadily grown. Manifold efforts have been put forth to retard and even to stop it, but God has blessed us. We are now on the verge of an unprecedented expansion. Our convention adopted a worthy missionary program. The outlook is bright. Our churches are united and spiritual. They are unwaveringly committed to New Testament teachings. In the midst of modernism and heresy they are sound.

We appeal to our brethren of the South to pray for us. This country is so spiritually destitute. Our hearts are breaking because of the spiritual devastation that surrounds us. Our opportuities are boundless. Dr. Beauchamp, of the Sunday School Board recently visited us at the request of Dr. Van Ness. He was surprised to find such opportunities. People generally think of this far Southwest country as a desert. It is no longer a desert. Irrigation projects have made it to blossom as the rose. Arizona has become of age. In the future it will be one of the leading states of the nation. People are rapidly moving here. We need to evangelize and enlist these people as they come West. Then the thousands of foreigners need to be reached with the message of truth.

In a recent communication from Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke concerning conditions in Russia, we read: "Professed concessions leave unaffected the basal fact set out in the clear and frank statement of Lunarcharsky, the Minister of Education, that 'the Soviet Government's mighty hand will support the Society of the Godless.' That religion is the enemy and must be rooted out is the fundamental idea underlying the government's policy. Till that attitude is abandoned, intellectual and religious freedom cannot become realities in Russia; and it cannot be regarded as a genuinely modern or progressive state."

OPENING SERVICE HELD NOVEMBER 3 IN NEW BUILDING

Two pretentious services, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, November 3, and 7:30 o'clock p. m., opened formally the new First Baptist church house of worship at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, Big Spring. Construction was begun last March 4 and not a day has been lost in the work of building what is said to be one of the most beautiful church houses in Texas. Huge crowds attended both services and every preparation had been made to take care of the throngs attending.

Dr. T. V. Neal, pastor of the First Baptist church of El Paso preached the opening sermon at 11 a. m. He returned to El Paso by airplane, making it possible for him to be in his own church for the evening service. Rev. Dow H. Heard, the pastor of the congregation that built the new church, preached at 7:30 p. m.

One of the features of the night service was the administration of the ordinance of baptism to about fifteen converts. One of the most attractive features in the auditorium is the elevated baptistry. A beautiful painting of the River Jordan at the traditional spot where Christ was baptized is hung directly behind the baptismal basin and affords the appearance of the minister standing in the river as he baptizes the candidates. In the distance one can see the famous Mount Hermon with its three snow-capped peaks. The picture has been viewed by many people since it was hung three days ago and is pronounced perfect.

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BROWNFIELD WORKERS HOLD MEETING

Our monthly workers meeting for the Brownfield Association yesterday was fine. We were glad to have with us and to speak for us, Dr. Horn from the Tech, Dr. Duncan, superintendent of Public Schools of Lubbock; also our beloved Dr. White, pastor of First Baptist church of Lubbock. Dr. White is going to stay at Lubbock. Brother B. N. Hhepherd has been called to Clarendon, he has not yet given his decision. We hope he remains at Tahoka. Our program throughout the day was on Christian citizenship.—D. D. Johnson.

Lots of men who make the most noise in the world are really in the blank cartridge class.

NEXT ISSUE LATE

On account of the Baptist State Convention which meets at Beaumont, Texas, November 20-24, the next issue of the West Texas Baptist will not appear until about December 1. This issue will carry a full account of the convention.

LEADS CAMPAIGN FOR NEW CHURCH



REV. DOW H. HEARD.

Dow Hubbard Heard was born Nov. 7, 1896, in Uvalde county, Texas, and spent his boyhood on his father's ranch in the hill country of Southwest where he learned to ride and rope and shoot a rifle like all Texas cowboys. Even now Rev. Heard is an enthusiastic hunter and goes on one or more hunting and camping trips each year.

Pastor Heard is a graduate of Uvalde high school, the College of Marshall and Baylor University. While in Baylor he served as a student instructor in the English department and made a high record in interscholastic debating tours that carried him into many states. He holds the distinction of having won more debates for his school at the time of his graduation than any man that ever finished Baylor University.

He is now serving his sixth year as pastor of the local First Baptist church and is active in the councils of his denomination. He is now serving as the first vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is a member of the State Baptist Executive Board.

In the last few days Rev. Heard has been the happy recipient of many messages of congratulations on the splendid achievement of his congregation on the completion of the magnificent house of worship.

GOOD WORD FROM PASTOR REYNOLDS AT GOLIAD

I sure am glad when West Texas Baptist arrives. I enjoy reading its every page. It is like getting a letter from old friends, for I read from my former fellow servants in that great territory. Maybe some one would like to read a word from me. Well here it is. We just held our Association (Blanco) which met at Taft. It was a very fine gathering, and a fine spirit shown all through its sessions. All debts were paid, for first time in some 12 years. The church here at Goliad sent up the best report for years, if not the best in all her history. There was contributed over $25.00 per member, in spite of the fact that we have the shortest crop that we have had for years. Then we increased in membership. And there is beautiful fellowship. To God be all praise. We look to the future with great hope. God has wonderfully blessed my labors for him this year in winning the lost. In fact, it has been the best year I have had since the World War. With love to all my West Texas friends, I am with fond remembrances, J. M. Reynolds, Goliad, Texas.

DINNER IS GIVEN AT SANITARIUM FOR DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Fifty members of the board of directors and of the medical staff of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium attended an informal dinner in the hospital dining room last week.

George S. Anderson, board chairman, presided as master of ceremonies and Dr. M. A. Jenkens, pastor of the First Baptist church and board member, regaled the assembly with a collection of his choicest jokes and stories.

The meeting was the first of its kind held since E. M. Collier came to the hospital as superintendent, October 20, and assurance given him by staff members and directors of their cooperation in every phase of the hospital work was an impressive part of the banquet program. Speakers were Dr. T. Wade Hedrick, staff president, James P. Stinson, and Dr. J. D. Sandefer. Mr. Collier responded, assuring his co-workers that the hospital personnel is doing its utmost to serve the community.

Twenty-nine board members and 21 medical staff members attended the dinner.

WRITES ENCOURAGINGLY OF WORK IN THE WACO ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. C. McKenzie, who left West Texas a few months ago to accept the work as pastor of Turner Street church, Waco, in renewing his subscription writes the following encouraging words from that section:

"I moved here the last of July. I am at the Turner Street Baptist church. This is the church that Dr. Truett was pastor of in Waco. They have had many others since him. It is located in East Waco. We have a good hard work. A great evangelistic opportunity. We have a good house of some forty rooms. Of course we have a debt. We would not feel like we were orthodox if we did not have a debt. We are having additions and baptisms right along.

"The Waco Baptist Association has had its annual meeting. The association is made up of some forty-five churches. Many of them full time ones. Most of the others half time, and a few fourth time ones. Possibly ever one of them has a pastor. The spirit of the meeting was as fine as I have ever seen. Mr. Fisher, who is educational man of the First Baptist church, this city, was elected Moderator, and I was elected Correspondent Secretary. Rev. R. A. Scranton was re-elected as the Missionary to work with the white folks and Rev. A. N. Porter was elected to work among the Mexicans. They both had good reports of the work done the past year. Our Associational Mission Budget is about six thousand dollars. That would seem rather large for one county in West Texas. But McClennan county is perhaps the thickets Baptist settlement in Texas. At least that is true in proportion to population.

"Baylor is larger than ever before; and is building at this time two of the greatest buildings of any school in Texas. They will both be ready for use in another year. They are a chapel building or Waco Hall, and a girl's dormitory. The citizens of Waco are building the first named, and the Baptist Women of Texas are building the other. All Texas will be proud of them when they are finished."

Never make the mistake of thinking that you have to use dollar signs in order to spell.

BIG SPRING CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1886 WITH EIGHT MEMBERS

CONGREGATION'S HISTORY FULL OF SACRIFICES AS RESULT OF DISASTERS

Mrs. B. Beagan.

On Saturday, November 13, 1886, the First Baptist church was organized with eight charter members, under the leadership of Rev. S. B. Galloway who was the missionary of the Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. C. W. Willis is the only charter member remaining.

Rev. Galloway, who served the church as pastor one year, was followed by Rev. L. R. Millican in November 1887, who remained until September 1890. During his pastorate the first house of worship was erected at the corner of West Fifth and Gregg streets.

During the year 1891 Rev. J. W. Staton served as pastor; during 1892, Rev. W. C. Friley. In February 1894 Rev. J. B. Perminter became pastor and remained until June 1896 when Rev. G. W. Smith was called.

Cyclone

On July 17, 1897 the church building was blown down in a cyclone and was rebuilt the same year.

During the early part of 1898 Rev. Chas. T. Alexander served the church as pastor, followed by Rev. J. M. Woolam who served until July 1899.

In January 1900 the church called Rev. G. H. M. Wilson, who had been appointed as a missionary of the Baptist Convention to do missionary work along the T. & P. railroad from Big Spring west, to be its missionary pastor for one Sunday in the month, paying such salary as could be raised.

Brother Wilson served for four years and laid so good a foundation for constructive work that at the end of that time the church went from half time to full time services with help from the State Mission Board.

At this time Rev. S. W. Smith was called as pastor. He remained with the church from December 1903 until December 1907. By that time the church was strong enough, financially, to maintain full time services without assistance. It also built a pastor's home at the corner of West Eighth and Gregg streets.

Rev. Sherman

Rev. Geo. W. Sherman of Jefferson, Tenessee, came as pastor in March, 1908, and soon after his arrival the church built a tabernacle on the rear of the church property in which a revival was held that proved a great spiritual blessing to the entire town. More than 80 were received into the church fellowship.

On September 16, 1908, both church and tabernacle were destroyed by fire. Pastor Sherman preached the following Sunday from the text, "Neither be ye sorry for the joy of the Lord is your strength," (Neh. 8:10), encouraging the people to go forward to better things. Plans for building a larger, more convenient church plant, to cost not less than $15,000 were at once undertaken. Property was secured at Main and Sixth streets, the site of the present building.

During this period of homelessness the congregation worshipped in the opera house and the court house. With the courteous aid of the Methodist and Christian churches it was able to carry out its plans for entertaining the Sweetwater Association two weeks after the fire. The sessions of the Association and the Woman's Auxiliary were held in these churches. At this time the Big Spring Association was organized.

Second Building

In March 1909, Rev. Wilson C. Rogers came to serve as pastor leaving in July 1910. During his pastorate dirt was broken for the new build-

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ABOUT KEEPING BUSY

The last issue of the Baptist Standard published the editorial from the last issue of the West Texas Baptist on "Encouraging the Editor," with the following comment from Editor McConnell:

"It does look as if our friend, Sam Malone, has an insatiable appetite for work. The brethren and sisters all over the west ought to say 'nice, encouraging words' to him and subscribe for the West Texas Baptist. He is a prodigy of resourcefulness and industry.

"The West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard have a clubbing rate of $2.25 for both papers. Baptist homes in the great west ought to have both papers. You cannot have too much Baptist literature in your home."

We appreciate these good words from the Standard editor. At the recent annual meeting of the Cisco Association in speaking of regional papers Editor McConnell made the statement that the institution that tried to get along in this day without a regional paper to help create interest in the school, was doomed to failure.

Of course every well informed person knows that a regional paper such as the West Texas Baptist is not a competitor to our denominational paper. On the other hand it is really an asset. Certainly, the Baptist Standard should be in every Baptist home in Texas, and both the Standard and West Texas Baptist should be in every West Texas Baptist home, especially when both papers can be secured for only twenty-five cents above the regular price of the Standard.

We appreciate the cordial spirit Brother McConnell shows and we assure him every time we make a talk for religious literature we stress the importance of every Baptist reading the Baptist Standard.

THE "FUNNIES"

(Editorial in the Kiwanis Magazine, October Issue.)

The Sunday newspapers of the United States are supplied with a colored comic (?) section to which every child looks forward with eagerness. The greater number of pages of "funnies" the greater the happiness of the younger generation in our homes.

It is worth while for any Kiwanian to look at these pictures with a thought of the influence they may have in the lives and view-points of his children. He might ask himself just what influence these seemingly innocent "funnies" have on the conduct of his children.

It is well that they should think it funny for one character to tie a companion to a tree and explode a stick of dynamite on his head? Is it likely to raise your children's ideals to see two kids of their own age scuttle a ship and sink it in mid-ocean, or pour a bucket of tar into the open mouth of a sleeping uncle?

Is it well to have them laugh when a mule kicks some unfortunate through a plate glass window? Would you care to have them steal a steam roller and flatten out a teacher with it? Is it likely to make their married life happier to make a joke of bouncing a rolling pin off a wife's head, or pushing a husband on a red-hot stove and have him run with a flaming coat tails to dive into a creek?

Are murder, arson, cruelty, divorce, disrespect for age, and the hundred and one other things of like ilk to be seen in any copy of the newspaper comics the standards by which you want your children to judge humor and fun?

This rather sweeping indictment does not include all the funny features nor does it apply to all newspapers, otherwise it would be useless to call it to attention. There are features and newspapers which avoid objectionable things; they should be encouraged by every thinking father and mother, just as the others should be avoided and discouraged in every possible way.

Children interested in this section of the newspapers are at their most impressionable age; too much care cannot be used to see that their standards are high, and their influences good.

"WHAT MY CHURCH MEANS TO ME"

By M. E. Dodd.

My church is first of all a place of divine fellowship. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." When I come together with God's people for public worship, I have the claim of consciousness of Christ's presence in a way that I cannot possibly have anywhere else.

My church means a place of Christian fellowship with the best and most devout people in the world. My heart hungers for human friendship and fellowship. The finest friendships and the most real fellowship are found among those of like mind and heart. There is something genuine and sincere in Christian fellowship which cannot possibly exist in the more unreal and artificial fellowships of the world. My church furnishes me an opportunity to form such friendships and to enjoy such fellowship.

My church provides Biblical instruction and spiritual inspiration. I stand very much in need of both of these.

My church furnishes me an opportunity for the outflow of that spirit of service which Christ has created in my heart. I find that my church renders every sort of service to every kind of human need that I can ever wish to do at any time. It supports chanceless children in the orphans' homes, it supports the sick in the hospitals, it supports youth in our schools and colleges, it supports old age in our old ministers and missionaries relief funds. It does educational work through the state, throughout the Southland, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Nothing can be taken away from this program and leave it with a complete appeal to all that I want to do. Nothing can be added to it because it does everything that anybody needs at any time of life.

For these reasons I love my church with a deep and deathless devotion and hereby pledge to my church more of my time, talents, power of personality and possessions than ever before.

WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS TO ME

By M. E. Dodd, Pastor First Church, Shreveport.

The Bible, is, to me, the Word of God, and the law of life.

The Bible reveals my sin, unveils my Saviour, and shows me the way of salvation.

When I am troubled, I read it for somfort, when weak I read it for strength, when perplexed I read it for council, when tempted I read it for help, when ignorant I read it for wisdom and instruction.

The Bible strengthens my faith, brightens my hope, and enlarges my love.

The Bible is food for my hungry soul, drink for my thirsty spirit, and light for my longing eyes.

A daily portion of the Bible is as necessary to my spiritual health and happiness as food and drink and clothing are to my body.

"HE IS HERE . . ."

The other day at the Atlanta Association, after a morning's session of uplifting addresses and testimonies touching our state, home and foreign mission task, Mr. Frank S. Etheridge arose and said:

> "Brethren, I feel like the Holy Spirit is here. I want you to go back to your churches and tell your brethren just what I am going to tell my brethren of the Second, that He is here in this meeting with us today. I feel His blessed presence in my heart. O how I do wish I was a preacher so I could preach what I feel so deeply in my heart!"

Yes, Brother Frank is right. "He is here." He is always here, only we do not always feel His presence. We shut Him out. We refuse Him admittance. We counsel apart from Him. We stumble blindly into dark alleys of man-made schemes. And then, blessed thought, and then, we look up, and beg for pardon, and He comes in. Always He was near us, but we don't recognize Him, wouldn't fellowship Him.

EVOLUTION IS SMART

R. T. Hanks.

In evoluting worlds Evolution evoluted a pasture in this one, and placed some evoluted cows and sheep and geese in that pasture, and an evoluted branch ran through that pasture and a deep gathering of air covered it.

The cows, the sheep and the geese breathed some of that air, ate some of the grass and drank some of the water. Evolution had so arranged the internal machinery of those cows and those sheep and those geese that the air, the grass and the water produced hair all over the cows, wool all over the sheep and feathers all over the geese.

No inventing genius of mankind has ever produced a machine that can do that! I tell you evolution is smart.

More than that: Evolution has covered a large part of this earth with trees and all the trees produce leaves and they tell me that no two leaves in all the forests are alike. Evolution has evoluted a marvelous variety! I tell you evolution is smart.

More than that: Evolution has taken a skull, one mouth and one chin and evoluted millions of faces and no two of them exactly alike. I asked Mr. Valentine, the South's greatest sculptor, who had twenty-two statues of little negroes placed about in his work shop, why he did not make another little negro and the gifted man replied: "I have exhausted my capacity for a variety."

Twenty-two faces was all that he could make out of those features but evolution has made millions and millions of them, and no two alike. I tell you evolution is smart.

But, hold on! The worshippers of evolution claim that evolution has no sense at all. It simply has an "urge," and it has taken a little cell, maybe two, and through its "urge" in that cell has brought all these things to pass, and much more! It has no sense and doesn't care; it simply urges on, not knowing and not caring what it will produce, and has produced every form of life, and all the results, hair for the cows, wool for the sheep and feathers for the geese and all!

There be those who think this is unreasonable and unscientific.

A long time ago a man named Moses started out to tell us about the origin of things and he never mentioned evolution, but began his account with: "In the beginning God." And thousands of years after him a man named John wrote it down:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Now, to some, that seems reasonable, and there can be nothing in science to controvert the statement. And there are infallible evidences that Moses and John were correct. Let those who adore evolution, senseless worker, think again.

A learned scientist said: "Life is not spontaneous! I would give ten thousand worlds if it were otherwise."

Those who pin their hopes on a senseless force, better "look a little out."

ANNUAL B. S. U. CONVENTION MEETS AT BAPTIST SEMINARY

On November 1-3 the State B. S. U. held its annual convention meeting with the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. About 400 students from the colleges and universities of Texas were present. A high tide of inspiration prevailed during the entire program. This was the tenth convention of the State B. S. U. A history of the organization was given to the students by Drs. Aulick, Boone and Leavell. The convention motto was "Conquering the Campus With Christ."

Miss Grace Allen of Baylor College, Belton, was elected president for the coming year.

There will not be a state convention held in 1930, but instead a southwide convention will meet in Atlanta, Ga., on October 28-November 1, 1930.

Twenty-eight students from Simmons University attended the convention. The Simmons delegation was one of the largest in attendance.

J. A. Lovell of Simmons University was appointed to serve on the executive committee along with five others from the different places.

NEWS OF INTEREST

According to a statement published in The Baptist, in the past four years' corrupt government has cost the people of Chicago and Cook county a billion dollars. Sin is expensive.

In one mission in India the missionaries and native pastors, helpers and teachers are giving a month's salary towards a fund for the education of Christian boys and girls, and even the Hindu and Mohammedan teachers are contributing to this fund.

Cigaret advertisers continue to cultivate ill-will toward their business by their attempts to foster the use of tobacco among children and women. Advertising their products as harmless to health, the manufacturers send cigarets through the mails to college students and minors, bribe athletes to obtain endorsements, and make use of the radio to disseminate propaganda. Senator Smoot is urging congress to require that the tobacco manufacturers comply with the pure food laws and cease misrepresentation.—The Baptist.

Mississippi College is located at Clinton, Miss., and Sunday, October 6, was designated "Church Relation Day." On that day there were 74 additions to the church at Clinton, two for baptism. A revival meeting was beginning, led by Dr. Tribble of the seminary at Louisville.

In one mission field in Africa a blind woman walked 20 miles over rough native roads to be baptized and received into church membership. If we fail to do our best to get the gospel to such people, how can we face them on the day of judgment?

In native Africa not less than 400 out of every 1,000 of all babies born die before they are 12 months old, and in some sections the rate is as high as 700. When they are evangelized that condition is rapidly changed. We ought to see that they are evangelized.

By means of a dam across the Jordan river 15 miles below the Sea of Galilee, a power plant has been constructed to furnish light and power to all Palestine. Haifa, near Mt. Carmel, and Tel Aviv, near Joppa, are lighted by electricity and Tel Aviv has 100 factories because of electric light and power.

Christ spent a great part of his public ministry simply doing kind things and helping obscure people. If the greatest and most important life in the world's history had time for kindness, why should we say we are too busy to be kind?—Ex.

In a magazine article a prohibition administrator of New York said: "In cases of still seizures aggregating 1,500 in 17 months, all were manned by aliens or persons of alien origin." Senator Grant of San Francisco said: "California's vice problem is mainly one of immigration restriction. The old-time American stock is practically never found as defendant in criminal cases involving vice exploiters."

In all of the 120 provinces of Palestine there are Jews who read the New Testament

In a recent period of nine months 3,000,000 copies of the Bible were sold in China. This is the largest number ever sold in China in that length of time

The number of Mormons doubled in the past 25 years; they gained 25,000 in 1928, and they now claim 670,000—and practically every new convert to Mormonism comes from some Christian church. The menace of Mormons is a deadly menace, but we would do well to imitate their missionary zeal.

The Baptists of Colorado report for the last Northern Baptist Convention year the largest per capita contributions in ten years, the largest number of additions of any non-Catholic group in the state and a 100 per cent increase in membership in ten years, whereas the population increased only 17 per cent in the same time.

This same Potter who is organizing a society in New York to teach "No God, no prayer," etc., is the same sucker that last year was fighting prohibition. A few years ago he was a Unitarian preacher and attended the Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn., and sought to advertise himself by ridiculing Mr. Bryan.—Baptist Record.

It does not necessarily take a great man to do great things. God often takes an humble soul, yielded utterly to his services, and uses it to achieve what seems at first totally beyond its power.—Ex.

When a man starts to help along the right, he will find some little job or other to do in that line every day. —Exchange.



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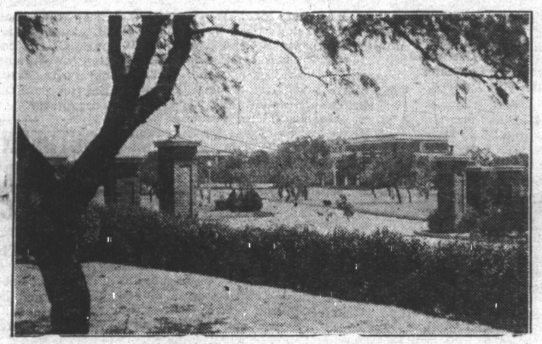
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Letters Urging Alumni and Ex-Students to Return to Alma Mater For Visit Will Be Sent Out During This Week.

Plans for the annual homecoming of Simmons University alumni and ex-students will be initiated this week when thousands of letters will be sent to exes inviting them to return for a day to their alma mater on Thanksgiving day. Several thousand are expected here on the occasion when the Cowboys will meet the Texas Tech Matadors in the annual football battle between the two West Texas schools.

A barbecue will be held just preceding the ball game. Beeves and mutton are already being arranged for and plent of cowmen will be on hand to build the right kind of fires the night before for a real barbecue.

Unique features of the homecoming will be the reunion of the Cowboy Band members and members of the Simmons Cowgirls. Invitations have already been sent to the three hundred ex-members of the band to attend the game and sit with the band. All those who can, have been asked to bring their instruments and play. The band management is expecting a three hundred piece band.

Invitations will be sent to the Cowgirls this week, according to Miss Glenna Fay Grant, director. A unique stunt is planned for that day which is being kept a secret by the Cowgirl leader.

In the absence of Sam Morris, former president who has resigned the alumni post on account of work which called him away from this section, Mrs. Len Faucett of Abilene, first vice-president, now acting as president, will have charge of plans for the reunion.

News Notes

Rev. C. E. Ball, who for the past two and one-half years has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rule, has accepted the call of the Frist Baptist Church, Portales, N. M., and has moved to the new field. Under Brother Ball's leadership the Rule church has had 240 additions, has paid a $5,000 debt on the church and has built a nice brick veneer pastor's home. For some time the church has had a Sunday school attendance of over 250. C. E. Ball is one of our very best preachers and pastors. Before going to Rule he was for about five years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brownfield, where he did an outstanding work. He is a pastor who has been true to the entire denominational program and at the same time has been a consistent booster for every denominational enterprise in the West. His going to New Mexico will be a distinct loss to West Texas. We congratulate the Portales brethren in securing his services.

We understand that Rev. Joe English who has been pastor at Knox City for several years has accepted the call of a church in Arkansas and has moved to the new field. The West will regret to lose the services of this good pastor, but our loss will be Arkansas' gain.

The First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, has called Rev. Graves Darby of Roscoe as pastor, and we understand he has accepted the call.

The Worker's Conference of the Sweetwater Association met Monday of last week with the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The program for the morning was on the subject of "Fellowship." The sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Weldon, who recently went to the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, as pastor. In the afternoon the associational board held its monthly meeting, and at the same time the associational W. M. U. meeting was held.

The Worker's Conference of the Cisco association met on Tuesday of this week with the Lone Cedar Church, near Ranger. The morning program called for devotional by Rev. L. A. Thompson; report on associational budgeting committee by Rev. Neal Greer; discussion of associational Sunday school convention by Rev. H. H. Stephens; sermon by E. N. Strowther. The board meeting and W. M. U. meeting were held in the afternoon.

J. L. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Whitewright, has been a reader of the Baptist Standard for 35 years, the Baptist and Reflector for 53 years and the Watchman Examiner for 15 years. We wonder if there is a Texas preacher who can beat this record.

The Worker's Conference of the Runnels Association met on Tuesday of last week with Pastor R. G. Brannen and the Bradshaw church. The attendance was good and an interesting program was rendered. The subject for the morning session was on Sunday school work. The sermon was preached by Pastor J. H. McClain of Ballinger. After a devotional led by Rev. R. C. King, the afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of associational work by the board. It was decided to continue the Mexican mission work for another year and the present missionary, was re-elected. The Runnels Association is planning an associational wide Sunday school training school to be held in March.

At a meeting of the Callahan Worker's Conference at Baird on Monday of last week, plans were outlined for an associational rally and training school to be held during the winter. Seven pastors of the association meet on Thursday at the home of the editor to further discuss these plans. The program calls for a series of rallies to be held with each church for one week at which the different phases of the church life will be discussed. This will be followed by a week's training school.

The initial organ recital of the First Baptist Church, Ballinger, was held on Friday evening, November 1st, with Mr. John Josey as organist. A large crowd of friends from out of town met with the Ballinger brethren to celebrate the installation of the new organ for this progressive church. This church has one of the best church plants in the west and Pastor J. H. McClain and his people are happy in the work.

At a recent meeting of the Pastors Conference of the Runnels association, plans were made for an all-day picnic for the pastors of the association and their families, to be held on Oak Creek, near Wilmeth on Armistice Day. The program called for a lunch to be prepared and served by the pastors with their wives as guests, followed by a program given by the women.

A series of budget conferences were held in the Wichita-Archer Association, November 4-8. A meeting was held at Archer City, November 4, Electra, November 5, Burkburnett on the seventh, and First Church, Wichita Falls, on the eighth. Speakers for the conferences were W. H. Jackson, E. M. Gee, L. L. Cooper, R. L. Fletcher, S. F. Martin, Ross A. Smith, J. L. Walters, Miles B. Hayes, O. L. Powers, A. C. Mowrey, W. W. Rivers, J. Frank Murrell, Roy D. Clarke, Glen N. Neafus, W. R. White.

A letter received last week from Rev. Sam Morris, who is attending Brown University at Providence, R. I., states that he is getting acclimated in that New England section, but from the letter we would judge that he is already yearning for the "flesh pots of West Texas."

Rev. S. E. Stephenson, a former West Texas pastor who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chandler, Arizona, has been elected as secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. Brother Stephenson has been acting corresponding secretary of the convention since its organization a few months ago. Rev. L. B. Wilkerson, formerly pastor at Buffalo Gap, Texas, is on the evangelistic staff of the Arizona convention.

Pastor B. M. Jackson of Albuquerque, N. M., recently closed a fine meeting with his church in which there were 47 additions, 35 for baptism. During the meeting there was held a reconsecration service at which 500 of the membership came forward pledging themselves anew to the cause. Pastor Jackson has been on the field only a short while but the work is growing rapidly. The Sunday school now has an attendance of more than 550. The church is in a building program, and it is planned to erect a $90,000 building.

The Emanuel Baptist Church, San Angelo, has called Rev. N. E. McGuire as pastor. He has accepted and is on the field. For several years Brother McGuire was pastor at Lorraine.

Dr. R. T. Hanks of Palacios was in Abilene recently visiting his sons, M. B. and Manly Hanks. Brother Hanks was many years ago pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, and he was greeted here by many old time friends who were glad to see him improved in health and with his characteristic happy outlook on life.

TARRANT COUNTY BAPTISTS WIN A GREAT VICTORY

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH.

Seven years ago our Association bought a hospital on credit. In these years we have treated 14,000 sick, have done $75,000 worth of charity, and have had all the troubles and difficulties that such institutions have in their struggle to serve sick humanity.

A few months ago we found that we had to have $100,000 with which to liquidate indebtedness. Mr. L. L. Cooper was employed to organize and prepare a campaign in September. He did it well.

The preachers of our Baptist churches, a group of laymen, and some heroic women, with the Seminary force threw ourselves into the breach. Three weeks the battle raged, and just coming to a close. The $100,000 is raised in pledges, cash, and securities—a great triumph of faith, prayer, and heroic service.

We had great odds against us; such as, poor cotton [illegible] a great slump in cattle prices, a heavy fall in oil market, a distressing break in the stock market, large unemployment in our city, everybody tied up in pledges to the Methodist Hospital, our largest and richest church tied up in pledges with a $400,000 church building program, all of our other churches with debts on buildings or programs to build, and then the fact that we had the hospital and not as a new project to start one, but to pay the debts of one we already had in our city. Another difficulty was a vicious campaign of hate, misrepresentation and intimidation from an old source. These and other things made our task difficult.

A group of dauntless men and women constructively cooperating went to God in prayer; prayed it through, and with souls fixed like flint, fought it through. Mr. Fred Martin, a princely Baptist layman, headed the campaign. Practically all the Baptist preachers threw themselves full length into it. A Baptist layman whose membership is in another city, with a big heart, a broad vision, a generous soul, and with large financial ability started us with $10,000 cash and agreed to match the contribution of anybody else. As the campaign waged hot and hard he came with an additional $15,000 and put us over. Our gratitude for his optimism, his wonderful generosity, his beautiful cooperation, is boundless. We wish his modesty would not forbid our giving his name. God answered prayer and gave us a marvelous victory against odds.

We are praising God that he led us to save this health bringing, Christ honoring, Kingdom building institution, and save the Baptist honor, and gave triumph to the Baptist spirit in our beautiful city and county. This, coming after our greatest Associational meeting and one of our best years in constructive cooperation with our denominational work through the State, the South, and the World, and with one of our best years of soul winning, Tarrant county Baptists are happy and we are sure that the Brotherhood everywhere will rejoice with us in this great triumph for Christ's glory.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Negro National Baptist Convention reports that it now has 61 missionaries in Africa, and it is undertaking to raise $250,000 to enable it to enlarge the work and increase the missionary force. This is altogether commendable and we rejoice in it.—Baptist Advance.

You may give until you are rich and keep until you are poor.

Plans For Raising Simmons Pledge Are Made At All-Day Meeting Of Sweetwater Auxiliary Executives

Discussion of ways and means of raising $20,000 pledged to Simmons University by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, was an important feature of a business hour of the executive board of the auxiliary, in all-day session Thursday in the home of Mrs. R. M. White on Ambler avenue, Abilene. The amount is to be raised during the next five years.

Plans were also made for a mission study institute to be held in Abilene next spring and following a talk by S. F. Baucom, field secretary of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, members voted to ask their societies to contribute face towels to the hospital.

Mrs. White presided for the business hour when reports were given on missions by Mrs. W. W. Gibson of Sweetwater; on mission study by Mrs. J. E. Burnam; stewardship by Mrs. J. L. Anthony; on methods of finance by Mrs. O. H. Cooper; benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Caps. Mrs. E. B. Atwood led a discussion of the Margaret fund. Mrs. A. T. Douglas gave a devotional in opening the meeting, and Mrs. S. T. J. Williams led in singing.

At the noon hour Mrs. White was assisted by Mmes. Burnam, D. W. Arnette, J. L. Anthony, Atwood and Ed Reeves in serving a luncheon of salads, pressed chicken, sandwiches, pie and hot chocolate.

Those present were Mrs. Roy Quattlebaum and Mrs. W. F. Garner of Caps; Mrs. Z. C. Steakley, Mrs. N. E. Wade and Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson of Sweetwater; Mrs. T. E. Collins and Mrs. A. R. Booth of Merkel; Mmes. A. C. Turner, John W. Newsom, and Harold F. Gage, Walnut Street church, Abilene; Mmes. C. R. Lindsay, R. N. McGinnis, Gus Q. King, C. F. Williamson, South Side church, Abilene; Mmes. White, Atwood, C. D. Owens, C. M. Francis, Arnette, Anthony, University church, Abilene; Mmes. Burnam, Douglass, Cooper, J. F. Clark, H. J. Bradshaw, Ruby Kincaid, Geo. L. Paxton, Williams, First church, Abilene.

BOOK REVIEWS

HONORING THE DEACONSHIP, by P. E. Burroughs, D. D., of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., is a bag of gold. This book, if carefully read, and taken seriously by the deacons of our Baptist churches, would transform the deaconship and usher in a new day in our churches. Brother deacon, by all means get this book, and prayerfully read it. Better still, take the whole course in Church Administration of which this book is a part. Order from the Baptist Book Store, 1019 Main, Dallas, Texas.—Millard A. Jenkens.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC, by I. E. Reynolds, director of the School of Sacred Music in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The author has in a most complete way, set forth the whole subject of music as related to religious worship, and the growth and development of religious life. It is a book that should be in the hands of every choir director, choir member, pastor, music committee, and every one who has to do with the music of the church. Order from the Baptist Book Store, 1019 Main, Dallas, Texas.—Millard A. Jenkens.

VOLUNTEER BAND OF SIMMONS RENDER CHURCH PROGRAM

By AUBREY W. SMITH, Reporter.

In Simmons University this year, there are about eighteen volunteers to the home of foreign fields. These students are organized into the Volunteer Mission Band. The purpose of the band is twofold, first to establish an intimate relationship between the volunteers, and second to do extension missionary work in the churches within the range of Simmons.

Last year, several churches were served by the Volunteers, and many souls were won to Christ through their efforts. Aside from this, the programs rendered by the band tend to increase the interest of the church members in missions, and have often been instrumental in having young people to give in to the call to a mission field.

Mr. Fred McPherson, a senior in the university, is president, and is very capable of the position. Other officers of the organization have pledged their co-operation, and the work is being carried on in a great way through their unified efforts.

"We strive," says Mr. McPherson, "to bring to the churches that invite us, an interesting program as well as one that will increase their spiritual interest in life and increase their consecration."

From the president, as well as the other members of the group there is an invitation to the churches, active or inactive, to call on them for any service that may be rendered. Mission points, or communities without a church are requested to call for the service of the band.

The programs are either evangelistic, or devotional in nature, according to the situation. "We would appreciate," says the president, "if you would give us an idea of the condition of your church, when you send your request." The programs usually last about an hour, and consist of a special musical number.

The president asks that you feel free to call upon the band, if you feel the need of them, or if you think they can be of any service to the community. "We are glad," he stated, "to serve all we can, in any way that we can."

Requests should be mailed to Mr. Foy King, extension secretary, 1241 Ambler Avenue, Abilene, Texas.

WHERE SHALL I WORK TODAY?

We must work the works of him that sent me (John 9:4).

"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
And said, "Tend that for Me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there;
Why, no one could ever see,
No matter how well my work was done;
Not that little place for me!"

And the word He spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or Me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."

—Eleanor Scott Sharples.

ELIASVILLE CHURCH MAKES GOOD REPORT

The Eliasville Baptist Church is going forward in a splendid way with L. B. Gilbert as pastor. He was called March 19th for half time and on April 29th the church voted to go to full time and adopted the budget system of financing it through the Sunday school.

In the past seven months the church has held two training schools. One of the greatest assets to the church is our B. Y. P. U.'s with the following as leaders: Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, seniors; Mrs. J. B. Salmon, intermediates; Mrs. Oscar Allen, juniors; Miss Forbs, primary, and Mrs. D. E. Bryant, adults. The Young People are taking a great interest in this work, there being an average attendance of 70 each Sunday evening. There has been 38 additions to the church since April making our membership total 189.

Brother D. E. Bryant is superintendent of our Sunday school and we thank God for men of this type, who depend wholly upon divine guidance for leadership. Our Sunday school attendance during the year has averaged 120.—Wayman Sharp, assistant director B. Y. P. U.

SED BY THE SHEPHERD

The sheep are led by many a way, sometimes through sweet meadows sometimes limning along sharp-flinted, dusty highways, sometimes high up over rough, rocky mountain-passes, sometimes down through deep gorges, with no sunshine in their gloom; but they are ever being led to one place, and when the hot day is over they are gathered into one fold, and the sinking sun sees them safe, where no wolf can come, nor any robber climb up any more, but all shall rest forever under the Shepherd's eye.—Alexander Maclaren.

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Expense Fund

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$248.12
July 13—Haskell Association	1.55
August 12—Sweetwater Association	1.25
September 16—Sweetwater Association	1.00
September 16—Refunded from Misc. Fund on Foreign Mission Relief	23.20
September 30—Refunded from Bible Scholarship on Foreign Mission Relief	48.11
Total	$323.23
DISBURSEMENTS:	
August 29—Abilene Printing Co.	$ 6.50
September 9—Grissoms—gown and card for Ruby Atwood	5.05
September 23—Corresponding Secretary, expense to Asso'n. Meeting	6.79
Total	$ 18.34
October 1—Balance on hand	$304.89

Breedlove Loan Fund

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 0.00
July 7—Sweetwater Association	5.00
July 15—Sweetwater Association	14.46
August 28—Sweetwater Association	21.16
September 16—Sweetwater Association	12.04
September 30—Sweetwater Association	15.50
Total	$ 67.16
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July 15—First Baptist Church for Simmons University	$ 14.46
July 17—Simmons University	5.00
August 29—First Baptist Church for Simmons University	21.16
September 16—First Baptist Church for Simmons University	12.04
Total	$ 51.56
October 1—Balance on hand	15.50

West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 6.50
July 7—Sweetwater Association—Linen	2.50
July 7—Sweetwater Association—Charity	2.00
July 13—Haskell Association—Linens	2.00
July 25—Haskell Association—Linens	1.50
August 12—Haskell Association—Linens	1.50
Total	$ 16.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July 13—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	$ 2.00
July 13—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	4.50
July 17—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	3.85
August 13—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	1.50
August 13—Transfer to Bible Scholarship Fund	2.50
August 22—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	1.50
Total	$ 15.85
October 1—Balance on hand	$ .15

Baylor College Endowment

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 5.85
July 7—Sweetwater Association	2.00
July 15—Sweetwater Association	10.00
July 30—Sweetwater Association	1.50
Total	$ 19.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	
August 13—Transferred to Bible Scholarship Fund	$ .85
October 1—Balance on hand	$ 18.50

Bible Scholarship Fund

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 83.00
July 2—Ruby Atwood	100.00
July 7—Sweetwater Association	32.50
July 15—Sweetwater Association	75.00
July 29—Mitchell-Scurry Association	1.00
August 12—Sweetwater Association	6.00
August 12—Mitchell-Scurry	4.50
August 13—Stonewall Asso. Trans. from W. T. B. San. & B. College Fund	3.35
August 22—Mitchell-Scurry	1.00
August 29—Big Spring Association	10.00
September 16—Mitchell-Scurry	3.00
September 30—Sweetwater Association	1.00
Total	$320.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July 18—Southwestern Seminary	$272.24
September 30—Refunded to Expense Fund	48.11
Total	$320.35
October 1—Balance on hand	None

First Baptist Church Loan Fund

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 0.00
July 15—Sweetwater Association	57.82
August 28—Sweetwater Association	78.65
September 16—Sweetwater Association	48.16
Total	$184.63
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July, August September—First Baptist Church for Simmons University	$184.63
October 1—Balance on hand	None

Miscellaneous Fund

RECEIPTS:	
July 1—Balance on hand	$ 36.60
July 7—Sweetwater Association—Y. W. A. Hut	5.00
July 13—Haskell Association—Y. W. A. Hut	7.00
July 13—Haskell Association—Baylor College Maintenance	3.50
July 13—Haskell Association—Foreign Mission Relief	6.00
July 13—Cisco Association—Y. W. A. Hut	10.50
July 22—Callahan Association—Y. W. A. Hut	9.00
July 23—Fisher Association—Y. W. A. Hut	10.00
July 23—Cisco Association—Y. W. A. Hut	4.50
July 25—Haskell Association for Miss Floy Hawkins	306.20
July 25—Haskell Association for Y. W. A. Hut	5.00
July 25—Haskell Association Foreign Mission Relief	7.25
August 12—Haskell Association—Y. W. A. Hut	3.00
August 12—Sweetwater Association—Baylor College Maintenance	3.00
August 12—Haskell Association—Miss Floy Hawkins	38.40
August 19—Haskell Association—Miss Floy Hawkins	15.40
August 22—Mitchell-Scurry Association—Baylor College Maintenance	5.00
August 26—Stonewall Association—Baylor College Maintenance	6.70
August 28—Sweetwater Y. W. A. Hut	5.00
September 4—Cisco Association—Baylor College Maintenance	10.50
September 9—Callahan Association—Foreign Mission Relief	10.00
September 10—Jones Association—Y. W. A. Hut $1.25; F. M. Relief $1	2.25
September 11—Cisco Association—Baylor Maintenance	27.50
September 16—Sweetwater Association—Baylor Maintenance	10.00
September 16—Sweetwater Association—Hose Fund for Student Nurses W. T. B. S.	8.50
September 24—Cisco Association—Baylor College Maintenance	11.00
September 25—Sweetwater Association—Baylor College Maintenance	2.00
September 25—Sweetwater Association—Y. W. A. Hut	1.00
September 25—Sweetwater Association—State Missions	48.00
September 25—Sweetwater Association—State Missions	9.00
September 30—Sweetwater Association—Baylor College Maintenance	2.00
September 30—Sweetwater Association—Y. W. A. Hut	1.50
Total	$629.30
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July 7—Miss Penick	$ 51.00
July 26—Rev. A. C. Powell	306.20
August 12—Rev. A. C. Powell	38.40
August 12—Miss Penick	3.00
August 20—Rev. A. C. Powell	15.40
August 29—Miss Penick	5.00
September 12—Miss Penick	1.25
September 16—State Treasurer	81.20
September 16—Refund to Expense Fund	23.20
September 16—Mrs. L. A. Sanders—Hose Fund	8.50
September 24—State Treasurer—Baylor College Maintenance	13.00
September 25—State Treasurer—State Missions	48.00
September 25—Miss Penick	1.00
Total	$595.15
October 1—Balance on hand	$ 34.15

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ROBERT J. JONES, Treasurer.

REPORT OF DISTRICT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1929

Callahan Association—Home Mission Thank Offering, $15.75; B. O. H. cash, $15.00; boxes, $5.00; missionary in China, $16.00; associational missions, $2.75; city missions, $5.50; miscellaneous, $4.00; district and associational expense fune, $3.00; Baylor College sustaining fund, $25.00; local church, $386.99.

Mrs. John Cook, President.
Mrs. J. E. Green, Cor.-Sec'y.

Cisco Association — Co-operative program, $926.72; Home Mission Thank Offering $37.30; Lottie Moon offering, $30.60; Sunbeams, 50c; Sunbeams, $2.96; B. O. H. cash, $15.00; boxes, $424.00; G. A., $5.00; associational missions, $62.33; G. A., $6.60; W. T. B. sanitarium, $32.00; miscellaneous, $457.10; district and associational expense fund, $16.00; scholarships, $15.00; Baylor sustaining fund, $55.50; local church, $3371.49.

Mrs. W. R. Underwood, Pres.
Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Cor.-Secy.

Fisher County Association—Home Mission Thank Offering, $7.40; B. O. H. cash, $5.00; B. O. H. boxes, $12.00; Mexican work, $30.00; charity, $70.00; miscellaneous, $208.00; district and associational expense fund or Baylor Endowment, $25.00; local church, $609.58; total, $966.98.

Mrs. Fred Clark, President.
Mrs. J. A. Brown, Cor.-Secy.

Haskell Association—Cooperative program, W. M. S., $41.85; Y. W. A., $4.75; G. A., $1.30; Sunbeams, $1.45; Lottie Moon offering, $11.50; Home Missions Thank Offering, $15.35; B. O. H. cash, $33.25; B. O. H. boxes, $12.50; missionary box Y. W. A., $6.50; old ministers, cash, $15.00; box $3.25; associational missions, $10.00; miscellaneous, W. M. S., $34.61; Y. W. A., $7.50; G. A., $3.25; Sunbeams, $1.00; local church, $394.62; Y. W. A., $5.80; G. A., $15.32; Sunbeams, $8.70; to Floy Hawkins, $289.50; W. T. B. hospital cash $1.50, boxes $12.50; Y. W. A. Hut, $3.00; state missions, $30.95; foreign missions, $13.00; total $592.88.

Mrs. L. M. Kay, President.
Mrs. J. E. Mansell, Cor.-Secy.

Jones County Association—Cooperative program, W. M. S. $102.88, G. A. $5.00, Sunbeams $2.00; associational missions $15.00; milcellaneous, $20; local church, W. M. S. $586.03, G. A. $25.00, Sunbeams, $6.00.

Mrs. J. H. Doheny, President.
Mrs. J. M. Martin(Cor.-Secy.

Stonewall Association—Cooperative program $9.75; Home Missions Thank Offering, $5.70; B. O. H. cash $3.50; associational missions, $30.00; charity $15.50; miscellaneou- $63.00; memorial dormitory, Baylor University, $6.70; local church, $96.00.

Mrs. John Guest, President.
Mrs. Ellis Scogin(Cor.-Secy.

Sweetwater Association—Cooperative program, W. M. S. $1000.10, Y. W. A. $66.93, G. A. $20.48, R. A. $6.50, Sunbeams $4.00; Lottie Moon offering $5.00; Home Mission Thank Offering $5.00; state offering, G. A. $1.03, Sunbeams $1.00, B. O. H. cash $60.81, B. O. H. box $6.00; Y. W. A. Hut, Leuders, $11.35; old ministers, box $3.00; associational missions $59.66; city missions $9.80; charity $246.40; Y. W. A. $3.01; G. A. 19c; miscellaneous $111.79; Y. W. A. $1.15; district and associational expense fund $3.00; scholarship debt, W. M. S., $123.00, Y. W. A. $2.00; Baylor College Endowment, $22.60; Baylor maintenance fund, $27.00; local church W. M. S., $4146.90 Y. W. A. $387.39, G. A. $149.91, R. A. $72.20, Sunbeams $99.39; Breedlove Loan Fund, W. M. S. $61.16 Y. W. A. $1.50; First Church Abilene Loan Fund $184.63; W. T. B. sanitarium $13.10, linens $60.00; Simmons University $3.60; Love gifts $368.84; Love gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Deter $294.56; vacation school for negroes $10.00; totals for missions $1163.44; for education $421.30 for benevolence $142.91; for local and miscellaneous $5216.14; grand total $6942.88.

Mrs. R. M. White, President.
Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Cor.-Sec'y.

Several associations reported "only a partial report." Some societies evidently are not reporting to their associations. A few interesting items reported other than financial work were 302 tithers, 448 subscribers to Baptist Standard, and 102 mission study classes held. Please let every association report those items.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS JESSIE K. HUNTER,
District Cor.-Secretary.

BIG SPRING CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1886

(Continued from page 1)

ing, June 21, 1908 and the corner stone laid, October 11, 1909.

It became necessary to sell the pastor's home on Gregg street in order to have sufficient funds to complete the building of the church. This was done in July 1910. The church did not purchase a second pastor's home until 1924 when it bought the present property at Fifteenth and Scurry.

The first services in the new building were held on October 30, 1919. Rev. C. C. Coleman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, preached from the text, "What Mean Ye By These Stones?"

In November 1919 Rev. J. W. Bates came to serve as first pastor in the church and remained until July 1911.

Following him were Rev. W. T. Sherrod, who served from November 1911 until January 1913; Rev. A. C. Miller, July 1913 until October 1914; Rev. W. H. Sims, March 1915 until August 1916; and Rev. W. A. Bowen, September 1916 until July 1918.

In July 1910 Pastor Bowen left to enter the World War as chaplain. He was recalled when the armistice was declared and served for another year.

In October 1919 Rev. W. C. Garrett became the pastor and enabled the church to wipe out the indebtedness against the building.

The dedication services were held on July 18, 1920. Dr. W. F. Fry, of Simmons University, Abilene, preaching the dedication sermon.

Following Pastor Garrett were Rev. S. W. Kendricks, who served from January 1921 until September 1921; Rev. C. P. Bass, November 1921 until August 1922; Rev. E. N. Strother, October 1922 until May 1924.

Rev. Heard

In August 1924 Rev. Dow H. Heard became pastor and has led the church continuously forward.

On October 24, 1928 word again went out over town that the First Baptist church was ruined by fire; again the congregation was homeless, but again the kindly public opened its doors for the membership to find a place of worship, first in the theatre, then in the high school building.

On Sunday following the fire, the pastor, Dow H. Heard, stirred the hearts of the congregation to noble endeavor by bringing a message of strength and encouragement from the text, "Moses, My servant, is dead; now therefore arise and go over this Jordan." (Joshua 1:2), showing how others had gone forward under calamity.

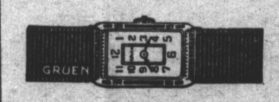
Under his leadership the church has erected this splendid building for worship and service and as the church begins a new period of history the prayer of its members is that they may indeed prove of ever-increasing service in Christ's cause.

MOTHER PRAYER

By Marie Barton.

I'd rather write a single white-flamed line
Upon the heart of one wee tot of mine
Within the little kingdom of my home
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Adult Department of Merkel, Texas, that has been Standard all this year and for three-quarters of last year, sent in reports for the classes of the department, at one time. The Alathean Class composed of 13 adult women was 100 percent in attendance from April to October 1st. Only one was absent at the business meetings during that time and the preaching attendance was almost as good! The two men's classes each have 20 members. During the fourth-quarter, one of these classes had perfect attendance upon the department and perfect attendance at the preaching service! The other classes in the department also ranked high. That's a great record!

The First Church, Electra, is having a fine training school this week, the largest that the church has ever put on. They have twenty one classes. Missionary C. L. Culpepper, returned missionary from China, is with them each night teaching a book and speaking at the inspirational hour.

We rejoice with the First Church, Cisco, in having associated with them as educational director, Mr. L. E. Waite, who served in this capacity at the First Church, Beaumont, for many years. He is one of our most capable, dependable and constructive Sunday school workers in the state and as he works with Brother A. C. Miller, pastor of the First Church, Cisco, we wish for him much success.

Rev. J. H. Hankins, pastor of the First Church, Childress, reports the Sunday school work is going fine. The attendance for last Sunday was 518 and they expect to go above the 600 mark in a short time. They had 88 present in the Men's Bible Class that has just been organized about two months with the pastor as teacher.

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