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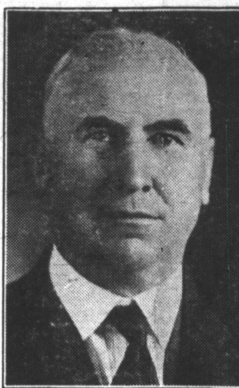
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DR. GEORGE GREEN

Dr. George Green, who comes to pastor the First Baptist church of Sweetwater, came to Texas from Tennessee a number of years ago. Since his coming to Texas he has been pastor of some of the leading churches of Texas. For a number of years he was pastor of the First Baptist church of Brownwood. On leaving Brownwood he became head of all of the chaplains of the Southern Baptist convention during the World War. He had previously commanded a company of riflemen in the Spanish-American war. After the World War he became pastor of the First Baptist church of Austin where he has been there the last eight years in faithful service to his church and to his city in civic affairs. During these years many honors have been heaped upon him. He is one of the directors of Texas Baptist affairs, and is one of the outstanding pastors and leaders of Texas. Sweetwater First Church has been well in being able to secure such a leader. We feel that the Lord through his undershepherds is going to lead the church on to greater and nobler things for Christ and the Kingdom.

LAMAR STREET CHURCH SWEETWATER, HAS RAPID GROWTH SINCE 1913

R. C. CRANE. In 1913 there appeared to be another Baptist church in Sweetwater.

Rev. H. C. Compton was pastor of the First church at the time—a whole souled, cheery and thoroughly missionary man of God. He encouraged the movement and in March, 1913 the little band (Brother Compton being present) met at the home of Uncle Ass Johnson (who passed to the other side about two years since) and organized this second church.

Brother Compton acted as pastor, preaching in the afternoon of every Sunday. Maephette, whose wife was a member, gave the lot on which the church was erected.

As usual there was a church debt to be cared for, and the writer recalls that for sometime it was the practice of the congregation at each service, for every member to make a special contribution toward lifting the debt, and every person present was given the opportunity of helping.

But by the time the church debt was paid off it had become evident that a more central location was needed to give the church its best opportunity to meet its call and consequently Rev. W. C. Park, being pastor at the time, Brother Compton having resigned and moved away, the church was moved to its present location at 500 Lamar St., and its name changed from the original name "The Second Baptist Church of Sweetwater, Texas," to the Lamar Street Baptist Church.

Brother John R. Lewis, one of the outstanding Baptists of his period in West Texas, was largely instrumental in locating the church at its new name, arranging for site and place for pastor's home.

It was the new home of the church with a steady growth, and now has a total membership of about 350. About two years ago it put on a building program under its pastor, Rev. E. K. Dougherty, and it has a commodious pastor's home and is worshipping in the brick basement of what will eventually be a well appointed two-story church edifice.

Of the 13 charter members, five are still members: Sister J. E. Cole (who has been a mother to several of the flock), Sister Lois Maephette, Brother and Sister A. Hector, Brother and Sister J. O. Fry.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND LOTTERY CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

For a number of years one of the best loved forms of service undertaken by Southern Baptists is the Christmas offering for China. The results during a long period made no small contribution to the work of our board. The programs have always been good and worthy of study and fraught with blessing to the societies observing them.

In the present acute crisis of our Foreign Board the women have had a wider vision of the possibilities of this offering. When it was suggested year before last that the Southern Baptists undertake to return forty cents to their fields, paying expenses and salaries for the first year, some of our wisest leaders demurred on the ground that the women would be assuming too much authority to dictate to the Board where the money should go. The plan, however, worked gloriously and the money was joyfully sent to needy fields. Taking courage, the goal set for this year's offering are even more definite and challenging. The total of \$225,000 sought is to be used thus:

- (1) The first \$32,000 is to go for the salaries of the forty returned last year.
- (2) Sixty more missionaries are to be sent back to their fields at a cost of \$72,000 for expenses and first year's salary.
- (3) The still staggering debt on the work is to receive the next \$100,000.
- (4) All above this total will be used toward the support of native workers.

Never has it seemed as now that we have a really great share in the task of foreign missions. If we send back and support through this Christmas offering 100 of our foreign missionaries we shall be maintaining one-fifth of our foreign mission force. Is not this a prospect to elicit all our efforts and all our consecration? Christmas thinking and giving and receiving rise above the trivial and the selfish when there is an opportunity to have a share in a great enterprise for the kingdom of our Christ.

The literature prepared for the programs is particularly good this year. The little book, "Speed the Message," should be read entirely by everyone who can possibly do so. Its chapters form a large part of the programs and set forth in effective manner the various methods employed to "speed the message" to all the world.

Careful plans should be made to secure an offering from every member and stress should be laid upon the need for generous offerings for large proportions. Each society should strive to make the best offering it has ever made. It should be clearly understood that this work is over and above the cooperative program and it is expected that extra offerings be made.

The future offers comparatively few problems when we are truly faithful in the work of today. God reckons our service not by our ability but by our willingness.



REV. HENRY WELDON

Brother Weldon has been on the field as pastor of Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, for about one month. He comes from Seminary Hill, Texas, where he has just finished his Th. M. degree. He is a graduate of Simmons University, and during the time he was in school here, he was pastor of some of our best churches. Brother Weldon has a challenging situation on that fast-growing field and he is getting his work well in hand.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SWEETWATER, KEEPS PACE WITH GROWTH OF WEST

A History of the Church It was in the year of 1881, while Sweetwater was still one of the few western outposts of Texass civilization, that a small group of Baptists gathered in the Law and Land office of Cowan Posey for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. These hardy Baptist pioneers were: G. H. Connell and wife, Rev. M. C. Clark and wife, Harvey Clark and wife, R. W. C. Crane and wife, Peter Turner and one whose name is not known. They organized themselves into the First Baptist church with Rev. Peter Turner as first pastor.

Sweetwater's first revival was held with Rev. M. A. Whittle doing his preaching. At the close of this revival Bro. Turner resigned and Rev. Bennett Hatcher, a graduate of Baylor college while it was located at Independence and while Dr. W. C. Crane, father of our Bro. R. C. Crane, was its president, was elected his successor. For a time this little flock met in Nolan county's first school house located on what is now the site of our present edifice. It was in this little wooden school house that the first Sunday school of Sweetwater was organized.

In the spring of 1882 Dr. O. C. Pope proposed to the congregation that he would see to it that they were able to borrow \$400 if they were able to raise a like amount. Dr. O. C. Pope was at that time secretary of the Texas State Convention. After much discussion that amount was raised with Bro. G. H. Connell making the largest donation. It was at Christmas tide in the year of 1882 that this little group of faithful followers came together to celebrate the completion of their new building and to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ with a Christmas tree in their new building. In 1883, in order to procure the conditional gift of \$250 from the Home Mission Board to finish paying for their building, the church was incorporated with W. B. Simpson, J. B. Scarborough, G. H. Connell, A. Callaway and J. H. Beauchamp as its first trustees. The lot for the building was donated to the church by the Texas & Pacific railroad. It was after the completion of the new building that the First Baptist Sunday school was organized.

It was in the year of 1885 that the Sweetwater Baptist Association was organized in Sweetwater. It was in the year 1890, at the meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association in session when the First Baptist church of Sweetwater, that the pioneer initiative was taken, on motion from Judge H. C. Hurd, toward the founding and organization of Abilene Baptist College. This college was later to become Simmons College because of a large donation from Dr. J. B. Simmons of New York.

Prior to 1888, Bro. J. A. Moore, father of our Mrs. Lucian Faber, had been called to succeed Bro. Pinkney Harris as pastor and had served for some time. In September of 1889 Rev. Wm. Crawford was called to succeed Bro. E. A. Lee as pastor of the church. In 1900 Rev. E. Ward was elected to succeed Bro. Crawford. It was in 1901 that under the ministry of Rev. Ward that the First Baptist Parsonage was built. In 1902 Rev. R. T. Hanks was called to full time pastorate later to become full time pastor on a yearly donation of \$800 from Tom Trammel who was not a member of the church. Some time between December 1903 and July 1912 Rev. Chas. T. Ball, a teacher in Simmons, Rev. Wm. A. Moffitt, Rev. M. E. Hudson now pastor of the First Baptist church, McKinney, Texas, and Rev. L. D. Bass were pastors of this church. Bro. H. C. Connell was called to the pastorate in 1912 and served until 1922 when Rev. T. Y. Adams came with the church. It was under his ministry that the seen had been sown in the minds of the people for a new edi-

Eighty-first Session One of Best in Past Decade; Next Meeting Goes to Amarillo

CONVENTION SESSION STRESSES MISSIONS

Baptists are prone to "grow together" over large areas in foreign lands and "stimulate" too much work at our doors, it seems, can we and we are unassured, Dr. John A. Foreman of Waco told the Baptist General Convention in the official session for the meeting.

"Here in Texas we have something like 50,000 Jews; something like 1,000,000 of the Slav races; something like 400,000 of the Nordic races, and more than 1,000,000 of the Latin races, yet we do little for them and seem not at all disturbed," Dr. Field said.

He declared that the "pulpit today, in many instances, yields too readily to the frivolous demands of the pew and the galleries."

He said that "the teaching element in the preacher's life work is the most important part, both for the sake of the message which should be rightly interpreted, and for the sake of those who are to receive it."

He told the convention that "one of the great points of weakness in the churches was the lack of clear and intelligent conviction with regard to fundamental Christian beliefs."

"To say that Christianity has failed because its adherents have not measured up to its ennobling standards, is not a criticism of Christianity, but of those whose will was not distinctly Christian," he said.

Teachers Needed There have been few great preacher-teachers, and only a few, but there never has been a time when we needed so much such teachers as today. It was the consciousness of the lack of teachers that led the great apostle who shall be able to teach others also.

"Recently there were two pastors," continued Dr. Field, "who made a boast in leading churches that they had never been to a college or seminary, nor did they care. They were both applauded by their respective congregations. Now, of course, it is recognized among us that a man may preach without an education, God sometimes uses such men. They sometimes do great work, but the tragic case about this is that they should boast about it. The world is dying for the message of life. Shall we not pass the message of God unsullied and pure to educated outstretched hands that it may be passed on to others also?"

"This day there comes a call in our text for the prophets who have been with Jesus and have learned of him the message of the world," the speaker concluded.

It was under his ministry that the land on which the church and parsonage now stand were bought. In April 1922 Rev. L. G. Morony was called to pastor the church. Plans were immediately formulated for our present edifice. It was in November of 1922 that a meeting was held for the purpose of raising \$25,000 to be applied on the erection and furnishing of a new edifice although much more was needed.

Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, was named president of the 1929 Baptist General Convention of Texas at its opening session Wednesday evening, November 20, in the city auditorium, Beaumont. The crowd filled the auditorium. Other nominees for the office were Dr. Julian H. Pace, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Beaumont; Dr. M. T. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, and A. D. Foreman of Houston.

These men were unanimously elected vice-presidents of the convention. Officers unanimously re-elected were J. L. Truett of Whitewright and D. B. South of San Antonio, secretaries of the convention. Robert H. Coleman of Dallas was named secretary of the corporation to succeed Dr. J. H. Pace, who had been given the office of vice-president of the convention.

Of the 1110 votes cast by messengers, Doctor Scarborough lacked only 42 of receiving a majority in the first ballot. In order to facilitate business, a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous vote of the convention for this nominee was passed. There were 1238 accredited messengers listed.

Doctor Scarborough's election came as a surprise to the convention, which had heard frequent discussions of the other candidates. In presenting the seminary head's name for consideration, Robert H. Coleman of Dallas admitted that he had not conferred with anyone and that he had only a short time before his act decided that that Doctor Scarborough was the logical man for the place.

Immediately after Doctor Scarborough's nomination, Mr. Foreman rose and asked that his own name be withdrawn, but his supporters declined to do so.

"I've always run with preachers," Mr. Foreman explained. "My father was a preacher and my son is a preacher. I can't find it in my heart to run against preachers tonight."

Mr. Foreman's name was placed in nomination by M. M. Wolf of Houston. John L. Whorton of Longview nominated Doctor Pace and I. E. Gates of San Antonio nominated Doctor Andrews.

A motion that nominations be closed as four splendid men, worthy of holding the office, had been named was made by Rev. A. C. Maxwell, pastor of the Caivary Baptist church, and unanimously carried.

The convention session which was to have been given Wednesday night by Dr. John A. Held of Waco, a member of the executive board for 25 years, was postponed until 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The great amount of business coming before the messengers made it impossible to include the sermon without running the session far into the night.

Former Gov. Pat M. Neff opened the meeting for the third consecutive year, the maximum term permitted a president under the provisions of the constitution.

Appreciates Honor "In calling you to order for the last time," Mr. Neff told his audience "I took the occasion to thank the brotherhood for the honor and distinction that has been mine as president. As the sea shell holds forever the songs of the sea, so shall I retain within the innermost chambers of my heart a song of joy which is mine because of the comradeship which I have enjoyed with you."

He called upon his hearers to believe that they were progressing in the onward and upward march of Christianity; we could civilize, Christianize and evangelize the world. "A civilization built on anything but the Christian religion is artificial," Mr. Neff asserted. "Pericles tried to build civilization on common culture but he failed. Caesar tried to build on the culture of Greece, the law of Rome and the religion of Judea and his teachings have swept the world."

Gavel Presentation A gavel presentation to the convention by Charles D. Smith, Beaumont attorney, in behalf of Ben S. Woodhead and the American Lumbermen's association, was given by Mr. Neff to Doctor Scarborough as a symbol of the authority which was passing to the latter. The gavel was carved from a trunk of long leaf yellow pine which had been used as support for the White House roof 129 years but was recently removed when repairs on the building were made.

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At the morning session Dr. Dawson was announced by the chairman of the convention, and before the formality of the announcement was over, Mr. Maxwell was on his feet.

"Mr. Chairman, I ask that by the rule of free speech I be given just 10 minutes on this floor."

From every corner of the auditorium motions that the program proceed as it had been announced were heard.

Rev. Maxwell took his armload of manuscripts, with which he was evidently going to strive to prove the speaker had no right before the convention and made his way to the pulpit.

Dr. George Green of Austin then arose and made a motion that Rev. Maxwell not be heard, and declared that he had no desire to hear the local minister. This motion was seconded by the hundreds of pastors and laymen present.

Rev. Maxwell, over the voices of the crowd, again demanded that by right of free speech and the New Testament he be given 10 minutes on the floor in which time he would show the Baptists gathered here that they had no right to listen to the man who was scheduled to make the opening address.

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"Stand By Bible"
Rev. Maxwell then left the pulpit, calling back to the convention body that he and his church had been instructed that he should have the right of free speech; and that in spite of the Baptist convention his church would stand by the Bible.

Rev. Maxwell was not in the congregation for the opening numbers of the program. Before the session got under way Dr. Dawson, secretary of the program committee, and who admits he was directly responsible for Dr. Dawson being given the opening address on the program, arose and with an obvious attempt to forestall any further trouble, made a motion that the program committee be adopted as the program of today's activities and be carried through without change.

The motion was unanimously carried by the conference body. Rev. Maxwell entered the side door of the auditorium about five minutes to 10 o'clock, and just a few minutes before Dawson's address was announced by the speaker.

Dr. Dawson's Address
Dr. Dawson's address was on "The Inspiration of the Holy Scripture."

Complimenting the program committee for "centering the thought" of the conference on Christian doctrine, he said, "The primary end of our religion is to create Christian character and service," and that "aside from Jesus Christ himself the greatest means to that end is Christian truth."

"What one is or what one does is largely determined by what one thinks and believes," he said. "In Paul's pastoral epistles, which constituted the earliest of church manuals, the apostle stressed the importance of sound doctrine, requiring that the preacher shall hold fast the faithful word as he has been taught in order that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince; that in his ministries he shall at all times speak the things which become sound doctrine; and that whenever the people depart from sound doctrine, he shall expect that grievous practices will inevitably spring from it."

The Holy Scripture has been abundantly confirmed by all human inquiry and by every cycle of Christian history."

He said that "we must never exchange the means for the end, because that would be to exalt abstract doctrine above scriptural life."

"Particularly should not our individual interpretation of doctrine be set forth as of more importance than Christian character and service," Dr. Dawson said. "Ours is supremely the religion of a life-giving person rather than the religion of a lifeless creed. With all of the apostle Paul's high estimates of doctrine, he did not base his assurance upon what he intellectually apprehended but rather upon the person on whom he leaned."

Declaring that even "Satan himself can quote scripture glibly and apply it smartly," Dr. Dawson said he was of the opinion that "the expert men to interpret scriptures to suit their own desires and vices."

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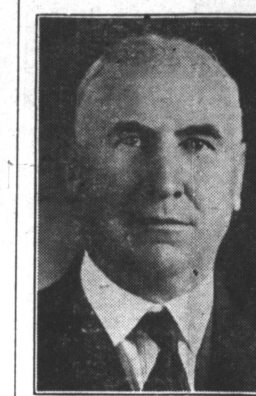
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DR. GEORGE GREEN
Pastor First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
Dr. George Green, who comes to pastor the First Baptist church of Sweetwater, came to Texas from Tennessee a number of years ago. Since his coming to Texas he has been pastor of some of the leading churches of Texas. For a number of years he was pastor of the First Baptist church of Brownwood. On leaving Brownwood he became head of all of the chaplains of the Southern Baptist convention during the World War. He had previously commanded a company of riflemen in the Spanish-American war. After the World War he became pastor of the First Baptist church of Austin where he has been there the last eight years in faithful service to his church and to his city in civic affairs. During these years many honors have been heaped upon him. He is one of the directors of Texas Baptist affairs, and is one of the outstanding pastors and leaders of Texas. Sweetwater First Church has one well being able to secure such a leader. We feel that the Lord through his undershepherds is going to lead the church on to greater and nobler things for Christ and the kingdom.



REV. HENRY WELDON
Brother Weldon has been on the field as pastor of Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, for about one month. He comes from Seminary Hill, Texas, where he has just finished his Th. M. degree. He is a graduate of Simmons University, and during the time he was in school here, he was pastor of some of our best churches. Brother Weldon has a challenging situation on that fast-growing field and he is getting his work well in hand.

LAMAR STREET CHURCH SWEETWATER HAS RAPID GROWTH SINCE 1913

In 1913 there appeared to be a need of another Baptist church in Sweetwater.

Rev. H. C. Compton was pastor of the First church at the time—a whole souled, cheery and thoroughly missionary man of God. He encouraged the movement and in March, 1913 the little band (Brother Compton being present) met at the home of Uncle Asa Johnson (who passed to the other side about two years since) and organized this second church.

There were 13 charter members, and the church began the movement of erecting its own house of worship. It was a loyal little band and the church building was soon erected on the lot conveyed to J. E. Greer, a deacon, and J. D. Fry as trustees.

Brother Compton acted as pastor, preaching in the afternoon of every Sunday.

Henry Maephette, whose wife was a member, gave the lot on which the church was erected.

As usual there was a church debt to be cared for, and the writer recalls that for sometime it was the practice of the congregation at each service, for every member to make a special contribution toward lifting the debt, and every person present was given the opportunity of helping.

But by the time the church debt was paid off it had become evident that a more central location was needed to give the church its best opportunity to meet its call and consequently Rev. C. W. Clark, being pastor at the time, Brother Compton having resigned and moved away, the church was moved to its present location at 500 Lamar St., and its name changed from the original name "The Second Baptist Church of Sweetwater, Texas," to the Lamar Street Baptist Church.

Brother John R. Lewis, one of the outstanding Baptists of his period in West Texas, was largely instrumental in locating the church at its new name, arranging for site and place for pastor's home.

It was the new home of the church with a steady growth, and now has a total membership of about 350. About two years ago it put on a building program under the pastor, Rev. E. K. Dougherty, and it has a commodious brick basement of what will eventually be a well appointed two-story church edifice.

Of the 13 charter members, five are still members: Sister J. E. Cole (who has been a mother to several of the flock), Sister Lois Maephette, Brother and Sister A. Hector, Brother and Sister J. O. Fry.

The following having been pastors: H. C. Compton, J. H. McLeod, Jackson, G. C. Farris, Phil Little, R. A. Thornton, E. K. Dougherty and Henry M. Weldon, who has been on the field only a few weeks, succeeding Brother Dougherty, who resigned to take work at Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

What is known in Sweetwater as the Southside and which this church largely appeals to spiritually has been (and is) growing very rapidly of recent years, and this church, under the leadership of Brother Dougherty and his loyal co-workers have worked persistently and loyally to meet the needs of its selection.

A news item a few days ago stated that Dr. R. T. Hanks, for many years pastor of churches in West Texas, including the First Baptist Church, Abilene, had lost his home by fire. Dr. and Mrs. Hanks barely escaped with their lives and Dr. Hanks was severely burned. Dr. Hanks is loved by a great host of people in the west who will sympathize with him in this trouble. Dr. Hanks' for the past few years has resided at Palacios.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND LUTHER LEON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

For a number of years one of the best loved forms of service undertaken by Southern Baptist women has been the Christmas offering for foreign missions. During the long period made no small contribution to the work of our board.

The programs have always been good and worthy of study and fraught with blessing to the societies observing them.

In the present acute crisis of our Foreign Board the women have had a wider vision of the possibilities of this offering. When it was suggested year before last that the Southern W. M. U. undertake to return forty missionaries to their fields, paying the expenses and journey back to needy year, some of our wisest leaders decried on the ground that the women would be assuming too much authority to this dictate to the Board where the money should go. The plan, however, worked gloriously and the forty went joyfully back to needy fields.

Taking courage, the goals set for this year's offering are even more definite and challenging. The total of \$225,000 sought is to be used thus:

(1) The first \$32,000 is to go for the salaries of the forty returned last year.

(2) Sixty more missionaries are to be sent back to their fields at a cost of \$72,000 for expenses and first year's salary.

(3) The still staggering debt on the work is to receive the next \$100,000.

(4) All above this total will be used toward the support of native workers.

Never has it seemed as now that we have a really great share in the task of foreign missions. If we send back and support through this Christmas offering 100 of our foreign missionaries we shall be maintaining one-fifth of our foreign mission force. Is not this a prospect to elicit all our efforts and all our consecration? Christmas thinking and giving and receiving rise above the trivial and the selfish when there is an opportunity to have a share in a great enterprise for the kingdom of our Christ.

The literature prepared for the programs is particularly good this year. The little book, "Speed the Message," should be read entirely by everyone who can possibly do so. Its chapters form a large part of the programs and set forth in effective manner the various methods employed to "speed the message" to all the world.

Careful plans should be made to secure an offering from every member and stress should be laid upon the need for generous offerings for large proportions. Each society should strive to make the best offering it has ever made. It should be clearly understood that this work is over and above the cooperative program and it is expected that extra offerings be made.

The future offers comparatively few problems when we are truly faithful in the work of today.

God reckons our service not by our ability but by our willings.

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CONVENTION SEMINAR STRESSED MISSIONS

Baptists are prone to "grow round" over foreigners in foreign lands and cannot do too much to those "there," with those who live at our doors, it seems, can we do more? Dr. John A. Foreman of Waco told the Baptist General Convention in the official session for the meeting.

"I took his text from second Timothy, 2:22: 'And the things which thou hast heard of among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.'"

"There in Texas we have something like 50,000 Jews; something like 100,000 of the Slavic races; something like 400,000 of the Nordic races. And more than 1,000,000 of the Latin races, yet we do little for them and seem not at all interested," Dr. Held said.

He declared that the "pulpit today, in many instances, yields too readily to the frivolous demands of the pew and the galleries."

He said that "the teaching element in the preacher's art work is the most important part, both for the sake of the message which should be rightly interpreted, and for the sake of those who are to receive it."

He told the convention that "one of the great points of weakness" in the churches was the lack of clear and intelligent conviction with regard to fundamental Christian beliefs.

"To say that Christianity has failed because its adherents have not measured up to its ennobling standards, is not a criticism of Christianity but of those whose will was not distinctly Christian," he said.

Teachers Needed
"There have been few great preachers, and only a few, but there never has been a time when we needed so much such teachers as today. It was the consciousness of the lack of teachers that led the great apostle who shall be able to teach others also."

"Recently there were two pastors," continued Dr. Held, "who made a boast in leading churches that they had never been to a college or seminary, nor did they care. They were both applauded by their respective congregations. Now, of course, it is recognized among us that a man may preach without an education, God sometimes uses such men. They sometimes do great work, but the tragic case about this is that they should boast about it. The world is dying for the message of life. Shall we not pass the message of God undiluted and pure to educated outstretched hands, that it may be passed on to others also?"

"This day there comes a call in our text for the prophets who have been with Jesus and have learned of him the message of the world," the speaker concluded.

It was under his ministry that the land on which the church and parsonage now stand were bought.

In April 1922 Rev. L. G. Morony was called to pastor the church. Plans were immediately formulated for our present edifices. It was in November of 1922 that a meeting was held for the purpose of raising \$25,000 to be applied on the erection and furnishing of a new edifice although much more was needed.

On October 21, 1923, the corner stone of the present building was laid, with Bro. G. H. Connell a charter member laying the stone, Bro. W. H. Jobe leveling the stone and Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons University, delivering the address of the occasion.

In December of 1925 Rev. Chas. T. Whaley came to pastor the church, finding a great and pressing financial burden on the church. It was soon after his coming that an educational director was employed for full time. Under the leadership of Bro. Whaley the church went forward in a wonderful way both spiritually and financially. Something like six months ago the church added another paid worker to its forces in the personage of R. M. Crabb, musical director. Brother Whaley resigned after having served the church for something like four years. On Oct. 15, 1929, Dr. George Green of the First Baptist church of Austin was called to pastor the church. He has accepted and moved on the field December 1. The church now has a membership of about 1100.

Arrangements have been completed with KFYO, Abilene radio broadcasting station, whereby the Sunday morning and evening services of the South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, will be broadcast over this station. Last Sunday's sermon by Pastor J. C. Burkett went on the air, and the responses from all over the country show that this is to be a popular feature each Sunday for the people of West Texas.

Goodness is a spring that pours forth its waters. It is not a stagnant pool. No one can be good without showing that goodness in daily words and deeds of kindness and mercy and love. Jesus "went about doing good."

Gavel Presentation
A gavel presented to the convention by Charles D. Smith, Beaumont attorney, in behalf of Ben S. Woodruff of the American Lumbermen's association, was given by Mr. Neff to Doctor Scarborough as a symbol of the authority which was passing to the latter. The gavel was carved from a piece of long leaf yellow pine which had been used as a support for the White House roof 129 years but was recently removed when repairs on the building were made.

"In the three years that I have been president, I have not used a gavel," Mr. Neff declared. "For in this splendid assembly one word is

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Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, was named president of the 1929 Baptist General Convention of Texas at the opening session Wednesday evening, November 20, in the city auditorium, Beaumont. The crowd filled the auditorium. Other nominees for the office were Dr. Julian H. Pace, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Beaumont; Dr. M. T. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, and A. D. Foreman of Houston.

These men were unanimously elected vice-presidents of the convention. Officers unanimously re-elected were J. L. Truett of Whitefront and D. D. South of San Antonio, secretaries of the convention. Robert H. Coleman of Dallas was named secretary of the corporation to succeed Dr. J. H. Pace, who had been given the office of vice-president of the convention.

Of the 1110 votes cast by messengers, Doctor Scarborough lacked only 42 of receiving a majority in the first ballot. In order to facilitate business, a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous vote of the convention for this nominee was passed. There were 1238 accredited messengers listed.

Doctor Scarborough's election came as a surprise to the convention. He had heard frequent discussions of the other candidates. In presenting the seminary head's name for consideration, Robert H. Coleman of Dallas admitted that he had not conferred with anyone and that he had only a short time before his act decided that Doctor Scarborough was the logical man for the place.

Immediately after Doctor Scarborough's nomination, Mr. Foreman rose and asked that his own name be withdrawn, but his supporters declined to act.

"I've always run with preachers," Mr. Foreman explained. "My father was a preacher and my son is a preacher. I can't find it in my heart to run against preachers tonight. I feel I'd stay particularly sympathetic to them."

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Mr. Foreman's name was placed in nomination by M. M. Wolf of Houston. John L. Whorton of Longview nominated Doctor Pace and I. E. Gates of San Antonio nominated Doctor Andrews.

A motion that nominations be closed as four splendid men, worthy of holding the office, had been named was made by Rev. A. C. Maxwell, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, and unanimously carried.

The convention sermon, which was to have been given Wednesday night by Dr. John A. Held, was postponed until 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The great amount of business coming before the messengers made it impossible to include the sermon without running the session far into the night.

Former Gov. Pat M. Neff opened the meeting for the third consecutive year, the maximum term permitted a president under the provisions of the constitution.

"In calling you to order for the last time," Mr. Neff told his audience, "I take the occasion to thank the brotherhood for the honor and distinction that has been mine as president. As the sea shell holds forever the songs of the sea, so shall I hold within the innermost chambers of my heart a song of joy which is mine because of the comradeship which I have enjoyed with you."

He called upon his hearers to believe that they were progressing in the onward and upward path and asked that no one sound a dirge of beat a dirge for the Christian host who was advancing.

"Christianity has never been given a fair chance," he admitted. "It has never been given a prominent place in the program of the world yet it is growing rapidly and has already spread around the earth."

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"A civilization built on anything but the Christian religion is artificial," Mr. Neff asserted. "Pericles tried to build civilization on common culture but he failed. Caesar tried to build on common law but he failed. Christ built on the culture of Greece, the law of Rome and the religion of Judea and his teachings have swept the world."

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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For the past two months the West Texas Baptist has been making an effort to enlarge our subscription list. Some of our pastors and missionaries have entered heartily into this campaign and have sent in nice subscription lists for both the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard. Last week in one mailing we sent the Standard about forty-five subscriptions. In the same mail we sent out 150 copies of Judge Moffett's book on the second coming of Christ. We have decided to extend the liberal offer we have been making on up to January 1st. The proposition is this: For \$1.00 we will send the West Texas Baptist fifteen months to any address, and will also give each subscriber for this amount a copy of Judge Moffett's book. Or for \$2.25 we will send the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard one year and will give with each subscription a copy of the book. As a Christmas offer we are going to make this offer to our old subscribers who have not renewed their subscription: For \$1.00 we will move your subscription up to January 1, 1931, and will send the paper one year to a new subscriber. Think of it, a renewal of your subscription and a new subscription one year for \$1.00. The West Texas Baptist will make an ideal Christmas gift for a friend or loved one.

January 1, our subscription list will be worked over and all subscriptions not paid will be dropped from the list. Surely there is not a home in the West that can afford to not have a religious journal in it during next year. We are expecting a large number of our readers to take advantage of one of the above offers between this time and January 1.

HAIL CHIEF BILLIE WHITE

After an insistent demand from Texas Baptists to become secretary of the Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dr. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, has yielded his personal desires to remain with his great church as pastor, and he is moving to Dallas to assume his duties there. Baptists of West Texas rejoice with the brethren from all over the state that this mental giant and spiritual dynamo is to lead our forces for the next year, and yet it is with regret that we lose him from this challenging field. "Billie" White, as he is affectionately called by his friends, has the confidence of the entire brotherhood. He will make a great secretary and we are sure he will carry on in a glorious fashion the work so ably begun by his predecessor, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

Dr. White, in accepting the secretaryship of our work in Texas, is doing so at a great personal sacrifice. He is a great pastor; his soul is on fire with evangelism, and in the months that he has been on the field at Lubbock, the entire Plains section where he labored was greatly blessed with his ministry. If our pastors and other workers over the state will match his spirit of sacrifice our great army of nearly 500,000 Texas Baptists will soon be marching on to a glorious victory.

Brother Billie, we are for you. The West Texas Baptist joins the sector of the army in the far-flung battle line in West Texas in pledging our undivided support in the battle we are now facing, with the prayer in our hearts that Christ, our leader, will carry us on to victory.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Practically this entire West Texas Baptist Convention devoted to the proceedings of the recent convention that met at Galveston. That it was one of the greatest conventions of recent years is the unanimous verdict of every one present. We believe there is a silver lining in the cloud for the causes fostered by Texas Baptists. We believe our people have a mind to go on in a great co-operative program of missions and evangelism, and at the same time our people over the state will awaken and rally to the distressing needs of the institutions around them. It is a challenging task we are facing—a task that calls for the very best within us; but we are able to carry on to victory in Christ's name.

THE EAST TEXAS SENTINEL

Vol. One, Number One, of "The East Texas Sentinel" has reached our desk. The new paper will foster the interests of Marshall College and the Baptist work in East Texas. Mrs. M. R. Gaddis, whose husband is evangelist and field man for Marshall College, is editor. Contributing editors are Rev. Frank Weeden, Dr. M. T. Andrews, Rev. Bonnie Grimes, Rev. J. R. Nutt, Dr. J. H. Pace and Rev. Calvin Nelson. The board of directors is composed of Dr. F. S. Groner, chairman; Rev. Jeff Davis, Rev. Jno. L. Wharton, Rev. Porter Bailes, Judge Geo. W. Johnson.

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all that is needed to assure quiet. Yet I am glad to accept this symbol of authority in behalf of the president." A vote of thanks to Mr. Woodhead, who was out of town and unable to attend the meeting, and to the lumbermen's association, was unanimously passed.

Speech of Acceptance
In a brief speech of acceptance of his new office Doctor Scarborough told his hearers that he had prayed for an orderly and prayerful convention which would be filled with faith. He called upon all messengers and visitors to remember the importance of their mission.

Welcome addresses were given by P. D. Renfro, who represented the mayor, and Dr. J. H. Pace. Mr. Renfro spoke only a few minutes when he urged visitors to "make yourself at home and come again."

Welcome Address
In behalf of the Baptist church Dr. Julian H. Pace delivered his message of welcome at which time he assured delegates that everything in the power of members of the local Baptist churches would be done to make their visit to the city a pleasantly memorable one.

Thursday Morning
During the morning a report was given by representatives of the Baptist schools and colleges of the state. The reports in part follow:

Marshall College
A report on the College of Marshall at Marshall, Texas, was given by Dr. F. S. Groner, president of the institution. Dr. Groner pointed out that the College of Marshall was one of the youngest colleges owned by the Baptists, and is the only Baptist school in east Texas proper.

The present session is considered the most successful in the 13 years history of the school, and because of the school's recent growth and

expansion it has attracted statewide attention among all denominations.

Baylor, Belton
In the report of Baylor, Belton, girl's college, Dr. J. H. Hardy spoke of the damage effects on the school of the fire which broke out in Luther Hall, the largest dormitory on the campus, last January. The shock of the fire will be felt in Baylor life for several years, Dr. Hardy said.

There were between 700 and 800 enrolled in the school last summer. The college and every interest of the college is in great jeopardy with nearly \$200,000 worth of floating indebtedness, the president said. This is in addition to the bonded indebtedness. Dr. Hardy suggested as a remedy for this condition that a financial campaign be launched immediately following the convention of 1930.

Dr. W. R. White of Lubbock, chairman of the state committee on education, read a paper concerning the need of Christian education, stressing the fact that ideals are necessary for success and ideals are bred by Christian thought as an outgrowth of religious training.

Many serious minded laymen feel that there is no justification for Christian schools in the face of the great state systems but Dr. White declared that the Christian schools are foster mothers of the state system. State schools meet the genius of democracy, Christian schools meet the genius of religion, without which there can be no democracy.

In closing, Dr. White advised the churches to so support their schools that there need be no embarrassment about providing adequate facilities for those entrusted to their care.

\$400,000 auditorium hearing completion and representing the gift of the university to the city of Waco; the women's memorial dormitory, the gift of the members of the W. M. U. of Texas, and when completed will represent an investment of approximately \$500,000.

Forty-five per cent of the men trained in medicine in this state go to Baylor Medical College at Dallas, according to a report made by Dr. J. F. Kimball, vice-president of Baylor University, who has charge of the professional schools. The nurses sent out from this institution are of the highest type, and most capable, Dr. Kimball said. Forty-two doctors were graduated during the year, and five were prepared for service in the foreign mission field, Dr. Kimball pointed out.

Bob Jolly, superintendent of the Baptist Sanitarium at Houston, read the report of that institution in the absence of T. M. Kennerly, president of the board of directors. Eight thousand, three hundred and sixty patients were cared for during the past year, according to the annual report, and of this number 925 were charity cases which service cost the Baptist denomination \$36,886.87.

A report from J. C. Boyd of Fort Worth, superintendent of the Baptist hospital of that city showed that the institution had recently been nationally recognized as a standard rating college. The report also showed that within the year the number of patients treated had increased almost 40 per cent. The institution is not, Boyd pointed out, under the Baptist convention board but is self sustaining.

Dr. H. F. Vermillion in a report from the Baptist Tubercular sanitarium at El Paso said that a greater number of patients from all over the United States were now coming to this institution to undergo treatment than had ever come before. There (Continued on page 3)

cording to most recent reports. Mexican population The Mexican population of this state as a mission field was stressed by the speaker, who asserted that there are approximately 500,000 of these people in the state "with a hunger for Christ which Rome has never satisfied."

Recommendations to the executive board made by the committee on evangelism were that the usual missionary work be done in rural and weak churches, co-operation with home missions board in obtaining two Mexican missionaries to work in south and southwest, and a German evangelist to work among people of his nationality and that the convention sponsor a state-wide campaign in 1930.

A short talk on evangelism was also made by Rev. C. E. Matthews, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Fort Worth, who stressed the importance of the report of Matthews also gave the report of the committee on home missions and was followed by Mr. Lawrence, who emphasized the benefits of missionary work.

Missionary Staff
Rev. Mr. Matthews pointed out that there are 10 missionaries in Cuba and Panama, 31 Cuban evangelists and 180 mountain school teachers working under the supervision of the home missions board of the Southern Baptist Convention. An ovation was given Rev. Paul C. Bell of the Mexican Baptist institute, Bastrop.

Recommendations of Rev. O. L. Smith of Brownsville, chairman of the committee on foreign missions, follows: Use by pastors of reports of board as texts for classes in churches; other mission study classes with appropriate textbooks; approval of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist convention in setting aside one-half of the 1930 budget for south-wide causes for foreign missions; continued support of the unified budget; use of all missionaries at home in every possible way for information and inspiration.

Thursday Afternoon
A fiery plea from J. B. Lawrence, secretary of the home missions board of the Southern Baptist Convention, that his hearers develop denominational consciousness and remember that they are not only Christians but also Baptists, received the heartiest response accorded any address at Thursday afternoon's quiet session.

"We are face to face with the menace of those who say, 'Let us forget creed, for one church is as good as another,'" he declared. "So far as I am concerned, one church is not as good as another, and the man who believes that has no loyalty to any denomination. Conviction founded and grounded in faith, religious enthusiasm, this is our need."

Chorus of "Amens"
A chorus of loud "amens" greeted Mr. Lawrence's remarks.

In spite of unpleasant weather, the main floor of the city auditorium was nearly filled throughout the afternoon, which was devoted to reports of committees and speakers on these reports.

Foreign Missionaries
Foreign missionaries presented by Dr. T. B. Ray, secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, were Dr. L. B. Lockett, Africa; E. H. Crouch, Brazil; J. R. Saunders, Miss Hattie Stallings and C. L. Culpepper, China. Each spoke briefly outlining the needs of people in the section of the world in which he worked.

A convention of Latin-American Baptists to be held next summer in Rio de Janeiro was announced by Doctor Ray. Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is invited to be the guest of the convention.

Thursday Evening
Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., opened the evening session with a devotional service, after which a report of the Buckner Orphan's Home was read by Rev. Hal Buckner, manager, and Dudley Buckner, associate manager of the institution. In the report, Rev. Buckner said that 727 orphan children had been cared for during the past year and that more than 500 were enrolled in the institution and attending school at the present time. He reported that the school was well housed, and that the equipment was in good shape. The need of the institution now is, according to Buckner, more room that the scores of orphan children who apply for entrance need not be turned away. According to Buckner's report this is the only institution supported by the Baptists solely for orphan children.

An appeal for the Baptist Bible Institute, located at New Orleans, the gateway to the world, was made by Rev. John Christian Smith, French missionary. Rev. Smith spoke of his work with the French people in the creole district of New Orleans, and of the mission which had been established close to the waterways. They place the missions there, according to Rev. Smith, that the sailors, seamen and trappers may come and worship. Hundreds of this type of people worship in the little missions annually, Rev. Smith says.

This report was followed by an urgent request made by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, that members of the convention attempt to pay off a small part of the vast indebted-

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MRS. W. R. UNDERWOOD.
 In Psalms 48:12, 13 we read: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following."

In ancient days cities were usually built where there were as many natural fortifications as possible. But in addition to these, walls were built around the city limits which not only afforded protection from bandits and military attack, but strengthened the civic pride and urban consciousness of the people.
 Such a city was Jerusalem. Let us go with the Psalmist and his company as he walks around Zion. We can imagine as they view her massive walls some thirty feet in height and her towers, mark her bulwarks and consider her palaces. As we look upon them we rejoice that our predecessors have wrought so much, and built so wisely and so well, and may we catch a vision of all that these towers may mean to us; may we be inspired to build so effectively on the foundations already laid that they shall be a monument to the future generation.
 Bible study is a tower that is pre-eminent in woman's organization. One of the chief aims of the W. M. U. each year is to promote regular Bible study among its members. It is assumed that in a regular missionary society the Bible study will be a search after missionary truths of the Bible.
 Each month in Royal Service a Bible study is given on a subject kindred to the monthly missionary topic.
 Not only do we study the Bible to find the truths that establish the missionary tower, but truths that lay a foundation for all the towers of the W. M. U. The tower of prayer is built right alongside that of Bible study. For we cannot study the Bible without realizing our need of prayer. Christ definitely commanded his followers to pray and set the example of prayer. He tells us: "Ye have not, because ye ask not and because ye ask amiss." We therefore put special emphasis upon the prayer life of the individual Christian, united prayer of groups, maintenance of family altars, observance of the Calendar of Prayer in Royal Service each morning at 9:00 o'clock, prayer for victory in the year's program for prayer for more laborers to be put forth into the harvest field.
 Also we stress HOW TO PRAY. We find the Bible teaches us must have faith in Christ, pray according to His will, be unselfish in our praying, pray intelligently, definitely, and persistently.
 Success in the Lord's work is always in proportion to the prayers offered. One has said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The story is told of a young man, who having left his home, was one night on the street with companions who were entering a place of questionable amusement just as the clock struck 9:00. The young man stopped, hesitated a moment, then said, "Fellows, I cannot go on— you may if you wish, but I cannot." Upon being urged, he replied, "This is the hour of prayer at home. I know my father and mother are praying for their boy now—I cannot go." If it were necessary for Christ to pray all night, how much more for us to spend entire weeks in prayer.
 It is encouraging to know that all over our Southland three times a year, groups of women observe the week of prayer for Missions. Abraham prayed and God promised to spare Sodom if ten righteous people could be found. Who knows if Abraham had continued praying, God might have spared Sodom for Lot's sake. Elijah prayed that it might not rain for three years and it rained not; then he prayed for it to rain and the rain came. Truly, "prayer changes things." Helen Barrett Montgomery says: "I imagine that when we get to heaven the sin that will smite us most, as we look back over our earthly pilgrimage, will be our prayerlessness; that we have counted it a weariness, and we have found no time for our prayers, and we have not believed very much in prayer, and we have prayed little Lilliputian prayers when we might have prayed great world-shaking prayers." If any pray great prayers it should be this missionary organization.

The tower of missions came through Bible study. Certainly the Bible is our first and greatest missionary book. In it we find the incentive, command and power for missions. When Baptist women are convinced the Bible teaches missions and their hearts are filled with love and devotion to Christ they seek an avenue of expression. Since we wish to do missionary work in the wisest and best way, it is needful we know something about our mission fields, the needs, natives, our workers, their opportunities, difficulties, sacrifices, and victories. This need is met by the numerous mission study books, filled with rich information and inspiration.

also the Home and Foreign Field, for although we know it is God's plan to give the gospel to every creature through his believing children, yet it is only natural that we should be most interested in that we know most about. It is a joy to our hearts that so many ladies are helping to build this tower of mission study.

In our text book, the Bible, we learn the chief aim of all Christian endeavor is the winning of the lost to Christ. Therefore, the soul winning tower. It has been said that God's chief purpose in leaving his children here is that we might WIN OTHERS. God gives to each disciple a part in saving the world. Jesus went by the world and no disciple has the right to keep back part of that great price. So our W. M. U. is seeking to lift up Christ, not only in words but in kingly living and service, which brings us to the tower of organized personal service. I say organized, for if it is organized, it is done more effectively. The stranger, the sick, the shut-in, the poor, the prisoner, the unsaved, the unenlightened, are all visited and helped. But if it is not directed or organized, some may receive all the attention while others are neglected. For example, just recently a young bride went with her husband to her new home. She was very young, not yet out of her teens, and every one was a stranger. She attended the Baptist church with her husband, met a few ladies, but the weeks went by and not one of them called on the little lonesome bride. Incidentally, she met ladies of another church. They called on her, insisted on her coming to their Sunday school class—result, she with her husband are in another church.
 I wonder if this could have happened in my town or yours? Just an instance where personal service was neglected.
 But I must hasten on and mention the tower of Enrollment and Training for Service. So many are out there waiting for the touch of some earnest Christian woman to be enlisted and trained for service. And, oh, how they are needed! Hear the master saying, "Lift up your eyes and look, the fields are white." The W. M. U. affords many opportunities for service.

How plastic are the walls of this palace! Such a wonderful time to impress upon them the eternal truths of God's word. Oh woman, here is a field for service that has not as yet been properly nurtured by the W. M. U. No greater opportunity exists than the sowing of precious seed in the heart of a little child, that may determine the future life, and mold character for eternity.
 Leaving the Sunbeam palace we pass on to the palaces of G. A.'s and R. A.'s. Our Sunbeams have grown into big boys and girls that sometimes try our patience, but are they not worth all the effort, all the prayers, all the love and all the time we put into the building of these palaces?
 Now is the time to win them for Christ and train them in service. Sad to say, too often have we neglected the palace of our boys. No other palace affords such a field for service. In it lives our future leaders. What shall Zion do without man-power?
 Some one has made this criticism of our churches today. "They are too feminine—the men are conspicuous by their absence." You may judge as to the truth of this statement.
 The last palace we will notice is our Y. W. A.'s—our young women; the last chance we shall have at them before they take the responsibility of wifehood and the making of a home. Have we fitted them for the palace of the W. M. S. so they shall move right in and feel at home?
 O Sisters, as we have walked about Zion, viewed her palaces and bulwarks and towers, have we not rejoiced that God has given us a part in this great work and at the same time have not our hearts throbbled in union with the Savior's as He stood one day pressed by the multitude calling for his services, while the disciples seemed unconcerned about the many needs? He tenderly rebuked them saying, "Say not four months and then cometh the harvest."
 When the Master comes at the close of the day and asks, "My child, why have you not been busy in my vineyard today?" certain no woman here can say, "No man hath hired me," for the W. M. U. comes to each one from the early dawn of life unto the end, calling for your service.

What are our bulwarks? Are they not the purity, consecration, and devotion of Christian womanhood? The zeal and love for Zion that urges us on in the face of difficulties, discouragements, and heartbreaking situations? How often has some church come to the place where she felt she could not go on? Where is the pastor who has not often found a situation where the home fires were kept burning solely by the W. M. S. who like Calvary and Joshua said, "We are well able to take the land," and with their steadfastness and determination held on through prayer and faith until fresh recruits arrived, and a new day was ushered in and the cause saved for a large harvest.
 What a foundation is to a building, Christian womanhood, quietly goes about Zion or what the roots are to a tree so is the W. M. U. to Southern Baptists. Like the roots which are hidden away, yet furnish sustenance to the tree, so the W. M. U. seeks not prominence, to be seen of men, but in the home community, quietly goes about the Master's business, rendering service often not accounted for, for the pastor and church, training the Sunbeams, the G. A.'s, and R. A.'s, and through these branches of Zion luscious fruit is borne and sent out to the uttermost part of the world. A Sallee in China, a Lockett in Africa, a Bagby in South America, a Dozier in Japan, and a Truett in our own beloved land.
 If a tree is to continue to bear and be fruitful, we must guard well its roots and source of sustenance. Even so must we guard well the consecration of Christian womanhood. The safety of Zion lies in her bulwarks.
 To this end the W. M. U. seeks to preserve the purity of the faith once delivered to the Saints, and ever strives to keep alive the fires of Evangelism in all the churches. The most beautiful part of a city is its palaces, the joy and pride of our hearts.
 Here is the Sunbeam palace—how brightly it shines, and listen, it is filled with the happy songs and merry laughter of little children, one of God's greatest gifts to earth.
 As we listen we hear them telling the story of some Bible boy or girl, or they are talking of the Christ-less children of other lands, or perhaps they are rejoicing over the happiness they brought to some dear shut-in.

MISS BLANCH WALKER WRITES ABOUT CHINA
 My Beloved W. M. U. Abilene:
 A messenger came this morning from the prison, earnestly asking a lot of Bibles. Wanted to distribute them among the miserable students held at the prison as "Red Boys." A fine old official with Jesus in his heart, has been trying their cases and has persuaded them to accept and read the Bible. He preaches to them regularly and is trying to secure their release. It is appalling, the number of fine young men that were undone by the recent sweep of "Red" poison throughout China.
 At the big church gate on yesterday, two soldiers appeared. They seemed so very glad to see my Bible woman and me. "You are the two who told us about Jesus at the soldiers' hospital last summer; I lost my arm but found Jesus! We got in the morning to Kailfeng and set out this morning to find a 'Jesus Church.'"
 Last week finished my third class in Revelation. Heretofore, have understood very little of it, but God put into my hands this year, a very blessed commentary, which I put into simple Chinese and passed on to my classes. READ REVELATION, dear ones! Study it, live on it. No other book in the Bible gets us acquainted with Jesus as fully, beautifully, blessedly as does Revelation.
 Aren't these book bargains blessed—at Baptist Book Store and Seminary Hill? Sent for the following and imagine my feast when they arrived: Dr. Ray's "Life of Dr. Carroll"; Dr. McDaniel's "Life of No Room in the Inn"; Dr. Carver's "Self Interpretation of Jesus"; "A Miracle in Stone"; Dr. Truett's "God's Call to America"; "The Bible Under Fire"; and "The Proof of God."
 Wasn't it lovely of our W. M. U. of Texas to send choice magazines to all Texas missionaries?
 To those of you who prayed for our Drum Tower Church evangelist, the one stricken with blood, I love to say that the Father heard you! He has entirely recovered, is joyously at his work again and it fell to me to train him this summer for our S. S. superintendent. This was a new line of service for him. Bless you for your prayers!
 When Dr. R. A. Scranton told me (last furlough time) all about the "budget" plan for the churches, I thought I wouldn't like to be a "budgeter" but Lol! there's MUCH joy in it. Have "budgeted" our four Kailfeng churches this summer. (I mean Jesus did it, for He gave the plan at the Quiet Hour then smoothed out all the way.) Our Drum Tower (Church of 32 tithers, hat gave \$310 last year, has given \$33.80 per month, without fail, this summer, under the budget, not including their generous love-offerings to a country evangelist.
 Word from the homeland this week says that the Board cannot send dear Floy Hawkins to the Chinese and me.

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Seems as though I have had a death in my family but an claiming the joy of Jesus and going on. Have found a plan that helps me individually; the faces of those I love and for whom I pray, are grouped in my study. A large S. S. picture of Jesus "Praying in the Garden" is there too. For the with Him and you, take Mr. Coleman's hymn book, sing as loud as ever I can and your faces look down at me as though you were singing too. The precious things He says to me from the dear Book, I ask him to say to your dear hearts. Then we pray, Jesus, up where the Father is here, in America, and I, "down here." Nothing seems hard after that.
 Blanche Rose Walker.
 Kailfeng, Ho, China,
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 A word to our friends: Christmas will soon be here. One of our best friends has sent us a check for five hundred dollars as a Christmas gift to care for the poor: eternity alone will reveal what this good man and his wife's gifts have meant, not simply to the hospital but to the poor we have been able to care for. Why not give us a helping hand for Christmas gift to the poor? Make some unfortunate one happy. All that will count in the beyond is what good we have done while on the way. A happy Christmas to all is my wish for you.
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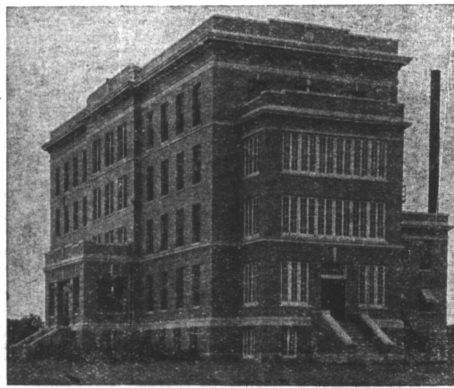
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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For the past two months the West Texas Baptist has been making an effort to enlarge our subscription list. Some of our pastors and missionaries have entered heartily into this campaign and have sent in nice subscription lists for both the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard.

HAIL CHIEF BILLIE WHITE

After an insistent demand from Texas Baptists to become secretary of the Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dr. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, has yielded his personal desires to remain with his great church as pastor, and he is moving to Dallas to assume his duties there.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Practically this entire issue of the West Texas Baptist is devoted to the proceedings of the recent convention that met at Galveston. That it was one of the greatest conventions of recent years is the unanimous verdict of every one present.

THE EAST TEXAS SENTINEL

Vol. One, Number One, of "The East Texas Sentinel" has reached our desk. The new paper will foster the interests of Marshall College and the Baptist work in East Texas.

Eighty-First Session One Of Best In Past Decade; Next Meeting Goes To Amarillo

(Continued from page 1) all that is needed to assure quiet. Yet I am glad to accept this symbol of authority in behalf of the president. A vote of thanks to Mr. Woodhead, who was out of town and unable to attend the messengers and to the lumbermen's association, was unanimously passed.

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Recommendations to the executive board made by the committee on evangelism were that the staff of evangelists be enlarged, more missionary work be done in rural and weak churches, co-operation with two Mexican missionaries to work in south and southwest, and a German evangelist to work among people of his nationality and that the convention sponsor a state-wide campaign in 1930.

A short talk on evangelism was also made by Rev. C. E. Matthews, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Fort Worth, who stressed the importance of the work. Mr. Matthews also gave the report of the committee on home missions, which was followed by Mr. Lawrence, who emphasized the benefits of missionary work.

Missionary Staff Rev. Mr. Matthews pointed out that there are 10 missionaries in Cuba and Panama, 31 Cuban evangelists and 180 mountain school teachers working under the supervision of the home missions board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are 325 students registered at the college. The financial report of the college for the past year shows a very satisfactory profit in the liberal arts and tree and applied arts department. The Greenville campaign netted the college \$18,000. Not only did the Greenville campaign net a financial profit but gained many friends for the college which is considered to be more valuable than the worldly gain.

Other Schools Report Reports were read from Simmons University by President J. D. Sandefer, and by representatives of Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Wayland College, Plainview; and Decatur College.

Thursday Afternoon A fiery plea from J. B. Lawrence, secretary of the home missions board of the Southern Baptist Convention, that his hearers develop denominational consciousness and remember that they are not only Christians but also Baptists, received the heartiest response accorded any address at Thursday afternoon's quiet session.

"We are face to face with the menace of those who say, 'Let us forget creed, for one church is as good as another,'" he declared. "So far as I am concerned, one church is not as good as another, and the man who believes that has no loyalty to any denomination. Conviction founded and grounded in faith, religious enthusiasm, this is our need."

Chorus of "Amen's" greeted Mr. Lawrence's remarks. A chorus of loud "amen's" greeted Mr. Lawrence's remarks. In spite of unpleasant weather, the main floor of the city auditorium was nearly filled throughout the afternoon, which was devoted to reports of committees and speakers on these reports.

The first report was made by Thomas J. Watts, Dallas, chairman of the committee on ministerial relief and annuities. That 158 beneficiaries of this fund are Texans was pointed out by Mr. Watts who set this state's share in the annual contribution at between \$15,000 and \$18,000, yet during the past year Texas gave only \$3,483 to the cause.

Average Salary \$1200 The average annual salary of a minister in the south is less than \$1200, according to John Smith, while the rural minister's salary averages under \$800.

That 30,000 new Christians, the goal set for 1929, had been reached was the belief expressed by Rev. J. Kidd of Pecos, chairman of the committee on the sabbath, who pointed out that all figures had not yet been compiled, so no definite announcement could be made.

He stated that 83 revivals had been held, 3207 professions of faith heard, 2176 baptized, 1426 letters received, 253 lives dedicated to special service, 125 subscriptions to the Baptist Standard received and cash contributions of \$16,787 acknowledged, according to most recent reports.

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A report from J. C. Boyd of Fort Worth, superintendent of the Baptist hospital of that city showed that the institution had recently been nationally recognized as a standard rating college. The report also showed that within the year the number of patients treated had increased almost 40 per cent. The institution is not, Bob pointed out, under the Baptist convention board but is self sustaining.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CISCO ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S MISSIONARY U.

MRS. W. R. UNDERWOOD
 In Psalms 48:12, 13 we read: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwark, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following."
 In ancient days cities were usually built where there were as many natural fortifications as possible. But in addition to these, walls were built around the city limits which not only afforded protection from bandits and military attack, but strengthened the civic pride and urban consciousness of the people.
 Such a city was Jerusalem. Let us go with the Psalmist and his company as he walks around Zion. We can imagine as they view her massive walls some thirty feet in height and from 14 feet to 17 feet in thickness, her huge bulwarks, mighty towers and lovely palaces, their hearts swell with pride and how happy they are to tell it to the younger generation.
 This morning, I invite you to walk with me about Zion and view her towers, mark her bulwarks and consider her palaces. As we look upon them rejoice that our predecessors have wrought so much, and built so wisely and so well, and may we catch a vision of all that these towers may mean to us; may we be inspired to build so effectively on the foundations already laid that they shall be a monument to the future generation.
 Bible study is a tower that is pre-eminent in woman's organization. One of the chief aims of the W. M. U. study among its members. It is assumed that in a regular missionary society the Bible study will be a search after missionary truths of the Bible.
 Each month in Royal Service a Bible study is given on a subject kindred to the monthly missionary topic.
 Not only as we study the Bible do we find the truths that establish the missionary tower, but truths that lay a foundation for all the towers of the W. M. U. The tower of prayer is built right alongside that of Bible study. For we cannot study the Bible without realizing our need of prayer. Christ definitely commanded his followers to pray and set the example of prayer. He tells us: "Ye have not, because ye ask not and because ye ask amiss." We therefore put special emphasis upon the prayer life of the individual Christian, united prayer of groups, maintenance of family altars, observance of the Calendar of Prayer in Royal Service each morning at 9:00 o'clock, prayer for victory in the year's program for prayer for more laborers to be put forth into the harvest field.

Also we stress HOW TO PRAY. We find the Bible teaches we must have faith in Christ, pray according to His will, be unselfish in our praying, pray intelligently, definitely, and persistently.
 Success in the Lord's work is always in proportion to the prayers offered. One has said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The story is told of a young man, who having left his home, was one night on the street with companions who were entering a place of questionable amusement just as the clock struck 9:00. The young man stopped, hesitated a moment, then said, "Fellows, I cannot go on—you may if you wish, but I cannot." Upon being urged, he replied, "This is the hour of prayer at home. I know my father and mother are praying for their boy now—I cannot go."
 If it were necessary for Christ to pray all night, how much more for us to spend entire weeks in prayer.
 It is encouraging to know that all over our Southland three times a year, groups of women observe the week of prayer for Missions. Abraham prayed and God promised to spare Sodom if ten righteous people could be found. Who knows if Abraham had continued praying, God might have spared Sodom for Lot's sake. Elijah prayed that it might not rain for three years and it rained not; then he prayed for it to rain and the rain came. Truly, "prayer changes things." Helen Barrett Montgomery says: "I imagine that when we get to heaven the sin that will smite us most, as we look back over our earthly pilgrimage, will be our prayerlessness; that we have counted it a weariness, and we have found no time for our prayers, and we have not believed very much in prayer, and we have prayed little Lilliputian prayers when we might have prayed great world-shaking prayers." If any pray great prayers it should be this missionary organization.
 The tower of missions came through Bible study. Certainly the Bible is our first and greatest missionary book. In it we find the incentive, command and power for missions. When Baptist women are convinced the Bible teaches missions and their hearts are filled with love and devotion to Christ they seek an avenue of expression. Since we wish to do missionary work in the wisest and best way, it is needful we know something about our mission fields, the needs, natives, our workers, their opportunities, difficulties, and victories. This need is met by the numerous mission study books, filled with rich information and inspiration,

before. True, giving is only a part of stewardship, but when Baptists have learned to bring the Lord's money into the Lord's house on Lord's day and put it into the Lord's treasury, the problem of men and missions and equipment shall be largely solved. Dr. Holcomb tells us that out of the 800 churches that are budgeting this year, he has been enabled to meet current expenses and decrease our debt at the rate of \$20,000.00 per month. What could be done if the other 2,000 churches in the state were doing likewise? Oh, may God hasten the day when we shall learn that giving systematically and proportionately is just as much worship as praying!
 But what would towers be worth without bulwarks, a source of strength, fortification and power? Would not the enemy break in and destroy the towers?
 What are our bulwarks? Are they not the purity, consecration, and devotion of Christian womanhood? The zeal and love for Zion that urges us on in the face of difficulties, discouragements and heart-breaking situations? How often has some church come to the place where she felt she could not go on? Where is the pastor who has not often found a situation where the home fires were kept burning solely by the W. M. U. who like Caleb and Joshua said, "We are well able to take the land," and with their steadfastness and determination held on through prayer and faith until fresh recruits arrived, and a new day was ushered in and the cause saved by the W. M. U.?
 What a foundation is to a building, Christian womanhood is to Southern Zion or what the roots are to a tree so is the W. M. U. to Southern Baptists. Like the roots which are hidden away, yet furnish sustenance to the tree, we are the W. M. U. in our prominence, to be seen of men, but in the home community, quietly goes about the Master's business, rendering service often not accounted for, for the pastor and church, training the Sunbeams, the G. A.'s, and R. A.'s, and through the branches of Zion luscious fruit is borne and sent out to the uttermost part of the world—a Sallee in China, a Lockett in Africa, a Bagby in South America, a Dozier in Japan, and a Truett in our own beloved land.
 If a tree is to continue to bear and be fruitful, we must guard the roots and source of sustenance. Even so must we guard well the consecration of Christian womanhood. The safety of Zion lies in her bulwarks.
 To this end the W. M. U. seeks to preserve the purity of the faith once delivered to the Saints, and ever strives to keep alive the fires of Evangelism in all the churches. The most beautiful part of a city is its palaces, the joy and pride of our hearts.
 Here is the Sunbeam palace—how brightly it shines, and listen, it is filled with the happy songs and merry laughter of little children, one of God's greatest gifts to earth.
 As we listen we hear them telling the story of some Bible boy or girl, or they are talking of the Christless children of other lands, or perhaps they are relating on the happiness they brought to some dear shut-in.
 How plastic are the walls of this palace! Such a wonderful time to impress upon them the eternal truths of God's word. Oh woman, here is a field for service that has not as yet been properly nurtured by the W. M. U. No greater opportunity exists than the sowing of precious seeds in the heart of a little child, that may determine the future life, and mold character for eternity.
 Leaving the Sunbeam palace we pass on to the palaces of G. A.'s and R. A.'s. Our Sunbeams have grown into big boys and girls that sometimes try our patience, but are they not worth all the effort, all the prayers, all the love and all the time

we put into the building of these palaces?
 Now is the time to win them for Christ and train them in service. Sad to say too often have we neglected the palace of our boys. No other palace affords such a field for service. In it lives our future leaders. What shall Zion do without man-power?
 Some one has made this criticism of our churches today. "They are too feminine—the men are conspicuous by their absence." You may judge as to the truth of this statement.
 The last palace we will notice is our Y. W. A.'s—our young women; the last chance we shall have at them before they take the responsibility of wifehood and the making of a home. Have we fitted them for the palace of the W. M. U. so they shall move right in and feel at home?
 O Sisters, as we have walked about Zion, viewed her palaces and bulwarks and towers, have we not rejoiced that God has given us a part in this great work and at the same time have not our hearts throbbled in union with the Savior's as He stood one day pressed by the multitude calling for his services, while the disciples seemed unconcerned about the many needs? He tenderly rebuked them saying, "Say not four months and then cometh the harvest." When the Master comes at the close of the day and asks, "My child, why have you not been busy in my vineyard today?" certain no woman here can say, "No man hath hired me" for the early dawn of life unto the end, calling for your service.

**MISS BLANCH WALKER
 WRITES ABOUT CHINA**
 My Beloved W. M. U., Abilene:
 A messenger came this morning from the prison, earnestly asking a lot of Bibles. Wanted to distribute them among the miserable students held at the prison as "Red Boys." A fine old official with Jesus in his heart, has been trying their cases and has persuaded them to accept and read the Bible. He preaches to them regularly and is trying to secure their release. It is appalling, the number of fine young men that were undone by the recent sweep of "Red" poison throughout China.

At the big church gate on yesterday, two soldiers appeared. They seemed so very glad to see my Bible woman and me. "You are the two who told us about Jesus at the soldiers' hospital last summer; I lost my arm but found Jesus! We got sent back to Kaifeng and set out this morning to find a 'Jesus Church.'"
 Last week finished my third class in Revelation. Heretofore, have understood very little of it, but God put into my hands this year, a very blessed commentary, which I put into simple Chinese and passed on to my classes. READ REVELATION, dear ones! Study it, live on it. No other book in the Bible gets us acquainted with Jesus as fully, beautifully, blessedly as does Revelation.
 Aren't these book bargains blessed—at Baptist Book Store and Seminary Hill? Sent for the following arrived: Dr. Carver's "Life of Dr. Carver"; Dr. McDaniel's Life, "No Roll in the Inn," Dr. Carver's "Self Interpretation of Jesus," "A Miracle in Stone," Dr. Truett's "God's Call to America," "The Bible Under Fire," and "The Proof of God."
 Wasn't it lovely of our W. M. U. of Texas to send choice magazines to all Texas missionaries?
 To those of you who prayed for our Drum Tower Church evangelist, the one stricken with blood poison, I love to say that the Father heard you! He has entirely recovered, is joyously at his work again and it fell to me to train him this summer for our S. S. superintendent. This was a new line of service for him. Bless you for your prayers!
 When Dr. R. A. Scranton told me (last furlough time) all about the "budget" plan for the churches, I thought I wouldn't like to be a "budgeter" but Lo! there's MUCH joy in it. Have "budgeted" our four Kaifeng churches this summer. (I mean Jesus did it, for He gave the plan at the Quiet Hour then smoothed out all the way.) Our Drum Tower Church of 32 members, had given \$310 last year, has given \$33.80 per month, without fail, this summer, under the budget, not including their generous love-offerings to a country evangelist.
 Word from the homeland this week says that the Board cannot send dear Floy Hawkins to the Chinese and me.

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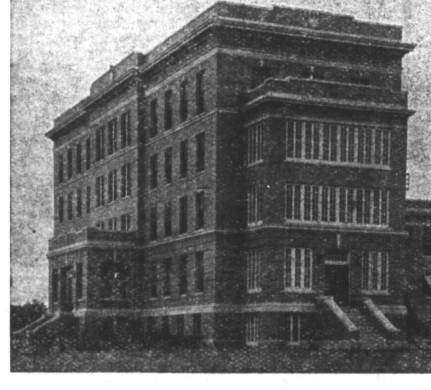
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(Continued from page 1) encyclopaedia of all knowledge," adding:

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Afternoon Session Four splendid addresses marked the afternoon session at which the Rev. B. B. Hancock of Mart presided, assisted by Rev. Robert Coleman of Dallas directing the singing.

After a song by the men, who numbered over 700, the Rev. John J. Bell of Jasper led the devotional, choosing his scripture reading from the First John, treating on the last week of Christ's life. The Rev. Bell stressed the necessity of death for Christ in order that his life might be further glorified. Dwelling on three promises for the Master, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," "If any man serve me, let him follow me," and "Where I am there ye may be also," the speaker stressed suffering and sacrifice as necessary to real Christian service.

After a prayer by Rev. M. T. Andrews of Texarkana, Dr. J. B. Tidwell of the Bible department at Baylor University spoke in the absence of Dr. John A. Ellis, who was scheduled to speak on "Soul Winning in the Development of the Individual Christian Life." Dr. Tidwell placed the value of the human soul as unestimable with capacity for understanding, love and suffering past human knowledge. He stated in conclusion, "Soul winning develops humbleness of heart, humility, courage, love of others, zealousness for men, and appreciation of human kind and pays in temporal and eternal thanksgiving from the saved."

The third address, "Soul Winning in the Development of the Church Life," was made by the Rev. John L. Whorton of Longview who read a message from his church inviting all laymen and pastors to the B. Y. P. U. convention in Longview last week. The Rev. Mr. Whorton deplored that things which are merely decent and orderly are called formal and stiff. As to the mission of the church, he stated that it was, "first to win its way into the community, sell itself to the business men, then to the rank and file and last of all to keep smiling while fighting with the devil."

President Sandefur Speaks Due to a slight delay in the arrival of Dr. J. D. Sandefur, president of Simmons University at Abilene, several announcements were made at this time. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, state secretary, announced that there would be a special group meeting for discussion each morning of the convention in First Baptist church beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Doctor Sandefur arrived after speaking to the ladies at the First church meeting, his afternoon topic being "Soul Winning in the Development of the Church Life." Little opportunity for young men and women gaining knowledge of the fundamentals of Christianity is afforded them, meaning that over 3,000,000 of these young folks are gaining either a nonreligious or irreligious attitude, some even an attitude of scorn and ridicule for their religions or that of their forbears," he said. Of immediate change in present-day trend, Dr. Sandefur advised, "if you daddies want your boys to quit sucking cigarettes, you quit sucking cigars."

Evening Session "What we need in this day of machinery, many organizations, pleasure-loving and speed of thought and action is evangelism—laborers together with God in the accomplishment of that eternal purpose that we shall give ourselves wholly and unreservedly to him for his sake," stated Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, principal speaker on the program at the Tuesday evening meeting.

Dr. Hamilton made a stirring talk on the topic, "Evangelism and the Denominational Life," giving as a definition of evangelism, "it is so telling the story as to demand a decision of the listener." Stating that the presence of this in a life saves the folly of making a schedule with God, who does not run on schedule, the speaker stressed the logic of "not attempting to make God's tide but waiting to sail with it."

Godliness Not in Vain Giving many incidents and instances of the saving of lives to the cause of Christianity, Dr. Hamilton named the danger of professionalizing in the ministry as the chief concern of any preacher of the gospel. "Modern miracles of grace should convince us that the gospel of Godliness has not lost its power," he said, urging the power of prayer to enter each listener's life. "Saying prayers and praying are as different as reading a bill of fare and eating food," the speaker said.

Dr. Porter Bailes of Tyler led the opening devotional service, speaking briefly on the shortness of life and emphasizing the necessity of making things right with God before the end of life comes. "Youth labors under the disillusion that it has a long time to go before the end and it is our business to make the most of the folly of that attitude," Dr. Bailes declared.

Two beautiful duets were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blankenship of Dallas, gospel singers who were singing at conventions and revivals their selections being "An Old Account Was Settled Long Ago," and "Your Best Friend Is Always Near." At the conclusion of the service, Johnnie Cohen of Palestine, song leader for the convention, gave a solo, "The Ninety and Nine," responding to applause with an encore, "The Pearly White City."

Wednesday Morning. Possibly the high light in the morning session of pastor and laymen's convention was an address on "Missions" given by Dr. H. H. Muirhead, president of the Baptist mission and college in Pernambuco, Brazil. Dr. Muirhead spoke of 25 years' service in the foreign mission field,

and told of the struggles a missionary was subject to in making headway with natives of a heathen land. "When Mrs. Muirhead and I went into Brazil 20 years ago," Dr. Muirhead said, "there were no other Christian missionaries in the interior. We were first sent to school for a year to learn the language and the customs of the people and we were then sent on into the interior. "There were three thousand Baptists in the whole of Brazil when we started our work," Dr. Muirhead said, "and not one self-sustaining church. Today there are 40,000 Baptists over the continent and scores of churches, and all of them over half self-sustaining."

Not "Charity" "I become out of patience with you people back home who refer to our missions as charity, and put the workers in the mission field on the 'benevolence' side of the budget. You stay at home, build fine churches, have your friends, comfortable homes and your amusements, and contribute the funds for the work of your mission work is conducted, the other half is supplied by the natives of the land."

Referring to an accusation that some of the missionaries sent to foreign fields were modernists and were teaching that doctrine to the people, Dr. Muirhead said: "If there is a missionary sent out by our Baptist board who is tainted with modernism I do not know him, and surely if there be any he or she is not in Brazil. "And we haven't reached the top of our mission achievements," Dr. Muirhead concluded, "but we're climbing and we're optimistic. We'd rather be optimists going down hill than pessimists going uphill. We're staying with our churches down there, too, guiding them in the paths they should tread, because if we don't there's going to be a lot of hard-shielded Baptists down there just like there is 'back in the states' and we certainly don't want them."

Officers Elected Rev. E. W. Masshall, pastor of Prospect Hill Baptist church, San Antonio, was unanimously elected president of the conference; Rev. Roy Hollieman of Bryan, was made vice-president and V. M. Cloyd of Hereford, recording secretary. G. L. Yates of Amarillo was re-elected secretary of the program committee. It was decided after some discussion, that the program committee should be composed of the president, vice-president and host pastor at the city of the convention of 1930.

The closing day of the conference was marked by excellent speeches, the morning program including a discussion of missions by Rev. R. A. Clinton, Dr. W. H. Knight, Dr. H. H. Muirhead and Dr. T. B. Kay, who spoke upon special request of Dr. T. L. Holcomb. Doctor Kay is secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and is a resident of Richmond, Va. "Collapsing civilization itself, as well as that of modern Christianity and human well-being, is inevitable unless we become true to our duties of stewardship," Dr. G. L. Yates of Amarillo principal speaker of the afternoon, said.

God and Mammon He brought out the impossibility of serving God and Mammon, showing that God is a synonym for love, holiness, self-sacrifice and dominated by spiritual things, while Mammon represents selfishness, sin and the pre-eminence of the material in life. "A man, a so-called Christian, who is not right on the money question is really not right on anything in life due to the importance of money in modern civilization," Doctor Yates declared.

The necessity of tithing was stressed by the speaker, who gave interesting and amusing stories of the manner in which some congregations and individuals attempt to sidestep this duty, "a duty not of law, but of love."

Afternoon Session Beginning the afternoon devotional, Rev. C. S. McKinney of San Benito spoke briefly on the promise of Christ to return to earth following his death upon the cross. McKinney quoted a number of promises by Christ before he left his disciples and stated, "Although the presence of God is not felt by the world in general, its sense within the individual who is saved is a great solace and comfort and lifts to the heights when valleys threaten."

The beauty of eternal life was pictured by the speaker, who declared that Christ had left the earth wearing a crown of thorns but would return wearing a crown of glory. A prayer led by Rev. George Green of Sweetwater was followed by Dr. R. E. Bell, who spoke on "Stewardship as a Bible Doctrine." Doctor Bell opening with the scripture reading, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the land and that dwell therein; for he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods."

Money Grabbing The crying need for less money-grabbing by supposed Christian people was urged by the speaker, who credited money with most of the strife and misunderstanding in the world. The question of what God would have his people to do with their money, he said, was easily answerable. "He wants nothing and desires only that money and effort be expended to the end which will make the realization of his holy kingdom nearer to every individual."

Bargaining with the Lord, Doctor Bell stated, is not only wrong but impossible, for "It is all his."

Eighty-First Session One of MEETING IN PAST DECADE; NEXT MEETING GOES TO AMARILLO (Continued from Page 2.)

is a great need for a new medical building on the institution grounds, and there is also an ever increasing need of a children's building where children tuberculars may be treated, Dr. Vermillion concluded.

Amarillo Secures Meeting Amarillo will be host to the 1930 Baptist General Convention of Texas, it was voted Thursday evening by the convention. The decision was unanimous,

following the committee's recommendation which was presented by Dr. George Green of Austin. The 1930 meeting will open at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 12. Marshall Craig of Dallas was selected preacher and I. C. Jester of Houston an alternate. Robert Jolly of Houston was chosen to be in charge of the music.

Waco has also invited the 1930 convention to that city, and a standing invitation from Dallas is said to have been placed before the committee. Dr. Smith Heads Board Re-election of Dr. Forest Smith of Fort Worth as president of the executive board, and naming of Dr. W. K. White of Lubbock, secretary, were announced to the convention Thursday night. Because of Doctor White's refusal to accept the office when he was chosen several weeks ago to succeed Dr. T. L. Holcomb, who resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., the convention was asked to cast a unanimous vote that Doctor White reconsider his decision.

Friday Morning Possibly the climax in the final morning session was reached when Dr. J. L. Holcomb, retiring secretary of the state executive board of the Baptist organization, read his last report to the convention body, and assured the Baptists that they were "on their way out of the woods." The past year was the first that the denomination has gone through without borrowing money, we've "been paying out" this year, said the retiring secretary, who stated that he concluded his report. The retiring secretary has served the board during the past year and resigned some time ago to accept the call of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. Dr. White Speaks Dr. W. K. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock, made his address of acceptance of the position left vacant through the resignation of Dr. Holcomb, and assured throughout his term of office that would emphasize the phases of evangelism, and that the center of the state's activities under his guidance would be an attempt to bring back to normal the mission field of the Baptists. Dr. White, who is 35 years of age, is the youngest Baptist secretary since the late Dr. W. H. H. Robinson, widely known Baptist layman which occurred in Okmukee, Okla., Thursday night.

Dr. John Caylor in his report during the morning session of student Baptist students in colleges in the state and of that number 8000 only, were in denominational colleges. He recommended that a student secretary be appointed to assist with religious extension work in state colleges and universities, as well as in Baptist colleges. In connection with this report Dr. W. R. White made a plea that something be done about the religious development of Baptist students because he said, "if there is not some religious contact with Baptist students of today there is going to be a loss in Baptist leadership of tomorrow."

In his report of the Baptist Sunday school work over the state Dr. A. L. Aulick, of Austin, said that during the past year 221 Sunday schools in the state had reached the Sunday school standard set for Baptists. This, he said, showed a gain of 49 over the number reaching the standard last year. According to this report there were 24,729 special awards given during the year for Sunday school work.

Dr. Austin Crouch, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist association at Nashville spoke on a cooperative program suggested for the Baptist churches in the southern states, as well as the churches represented in the southern Baptist convention.

Four hundred and twenty-five churches in the state have primary unions in B. Y. P. U. work and 410 have adult unions in which to care for the people of the Sunday school who are between seven and 25 years of age was shown in a report given by Dr. R. C. Campbell of Waco, which report also shows that there are 121,083 members of the B. Y. P. U. in the state.

Dr. W. H. McKenzie of Waxahachie read a report on the Baptist debt which had been decreased \$221,998.93 during the past year. Nine hundred and sixteen churches have a budget plan of finance and 1500 budgeted churches have been set as the goal for the year 1930.

Dr. Holcomb's Report In the final report of the state mission board read by Dr. J. L. Holcomb, retiring secretary, it was learned that the debt of the mission board of the Baptist had been reduced \$220,998.90 during the past year. "It was the year of beginnings," Dr. Holcomb said, "and not of finishings."

At the conclusion of the report Dr. Holcomb was presented with a handsome platinum bag, as a token of appreciation for the work he has done. The presentation was made by Rev. H. E. Hogan in the name of the Associational Missionaries of the Baptist general convention of Texas.

The afternoon session progressed smoothly and rapidly through routine reports and talks on the reports which had been previously assigned and prepared, until late in the program when a motion, made by Dr. M. T. Andrews of Texarkana, that the executive board be given authority to set the 1930 convention one week earlier than the date previously agreed upon, November 12, if it was thought advisable, aroused citizens of West Texas, who believed that their weather was being attacked.

Leading in the heated response was J. E. Nunn, a layman of Amarillo, who informed the convention that "Amarillo is in Texas and not at the North Pole," and that pleasant weather is as probable there as anywhere else in the state.

Doctor Andrews offered to withdraw his motion if it was objectionable to Baptists from Amarillo, but was assured that one date was as agreeable to them as another. The motion was unanimously passed. Election of two new members of the executive board was announced. E. L. Townsend, dean of Baylor college, Belton, A. L. Aulick of Austin will replace A. D. Foreman of Houston, whose office of vice-president of the convention makes him an ex-officio member of the board. Dr. George Sweetwater was named to succeed Dr. W. R. White of Lubbock, who had accepted the secretaryship of the board.

Civic Righteousness The report of the committee of civic righteousness, read by J. A. Hill, president of the West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon, was another highlight in the day's program. A defense of the church membership's participation in politics was made by Mr. Hill.

His recommendations were that textbooks on physiology give one chapter to the evil effects of alcohol, that jokes at the expense of prohibition be banned, and that every Baptist pledge himself to observe and uphold prohibition to the utmost.

An announcement that \$9,695.50 had been subscribed to the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, was made by President W. W. Hamilton, who spoke briefly after the report on seminars, prepared by Dr. W. T. Rouse, had been read by A. D. Foreman of Dallas. He also announced the western Baptist Theological Seminary who were introduced at this time were L. A. Myers, teacher of journalism in the seminary and editor of the Southwestern Evangelist; W. W. Barnes, W. H. Knight and Albert Venting, members of the faculty.

Women's Work A report on women's work, written by Harlan J. Matthews and read by E. J. Truett, secretary, was followed by a report from the Women's Missionary Union, read by Mrs. J. H. Gambrell of Dallas.

A Christmas offering of \$45,000 to be part of the \$225,000 Lottie Moon Christmas offering asked by the Southern Baptist convention, is being sought by the W. M. U., Mrs. Gambrell stated. She reported a total in this state of 3775 Women's Missionary unions, 1585 Women's Guild associations, 453 Young Women's associations, 546 Girls organizations, 329 Royal Ambassador organizations, 862 Sunbeams' groups.

Mrs. Alivia Davis, treasurer, and Mrs. J. E. Leigh, secretary, of the state W. M. U., spoke on activities of the organization.

Other Reports Other reports were made by Dr. P. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas, and John F. Peachey of San Antonio, who spoke on the subject, "Religious Literature," stressing the influence of good literature on human life and the importance of the Baptist Standard as a unifying factor among Baptists of the state.

The furthering of world peace, plan of religion in business and the establishment of a custom of bequeathing one-tenth of one's estate to the church were aims of the laymen's movement, reported by Robert H. Coleman of Dallas. For church leaders who have died since the last convention was read by J. R. Nutt of Lufkin.

Committees Named Committees on finance to be made up of C. V. Edwards of Fort Worth, Earl B. Smythe and Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas, A. D. Foreman of Houston, and O. L. Powers of Wichita Falls, and on budget to be composed of H. L. Kokernot of San Antonio, Forrest Smith of Fort Worth, Carr Collins and T. M. McKenry of Dallas, and V. Neal of El Paso, were announced. The latter is to organize a further survey of indebtedness and establish a foundation for handling funds bequeathed to Texas Baptists for organized denominational work.

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Minding our own business" was given as a further reason for the law-abiding quality of Hooper citizens by William G. J. Dau, chairman of the board of trustees. "The folks of Hooper," said Mr. Dau, "are just like one big family. We pride ourselves on minding our own business. Nearly everybody seems to attend to his own business, but if we see anything wrong or if we have any complaints filed, we investigate, and if anybody is at fault, we, the town council, go and talk to him. Nearly always the matter is straightened out to everybody's satisfaction."

Time to Blow Safes In an interview granted to the Conn Music Center of Elkhart, Indiana, Mr. Paul C. Peterson, director of the Hooper, Nebraska, bands, attributed much of the reason for Hooper's standing as the first law-abiding city of the country to the fact that Hooper boys spend so much time studying music and practicing on their instruments that they have no time for crime. "Perhaps," said Mr. Peterson, "the reason that our band organizations have been so efficacious in making good law-abiding citizens out of our boys, is that the band takes up so much of their time. The boys of Hooper are so busy blowing horns that they haven't got time to blow safes."

Police Are Jobless So crimeless is Hooper that it has been found necessary to provide additional duties for the local minions of the law in order to keep them out of mischief. The town marshal is also the water commissioner of the town of Hooper, and the justice of the peace does duty as a member of the county board in the year or two intervals when he isn't holding court.

Under the able direction of Mr. Peterson, the Hooper Concert Band has had a creditable record as a musical organization as well as a crime eradicator. In this connection Mr. Peterson says of the concert band, "I came to Hooper as principal of the high school in the fall of 1927, and at the same time I took charge of the band. At that time there were twenty members. Since then it has gradually increased and at the present time the organization numbers thirty-four. Last summer we played a Decoration Day program and gave a week-end engagement at the Dodge County Fair."

The junior band was organized last fall, in the Hooper schools. Twenty-five beginners chose instruments and started playing them. Now the young folks are able to give a good account of themselves and they furnish the concert band with a lot of competition. The director says that the young musicians will be admitted to the concert band just as soon as they are capable. In this way the Hooper band has a constant source of supply for its musicians.

Fight Crime the New Way Although the crimeless record of the little town of Hooper is, of course, yet to have any effect in the way of abating the national crime situation, nevertheless, it may point the way to methods of education which in a generation or two will achieve victory over the forces of crime and the criminal impulses which seem common to humanity. Each year the instruction of instrumental music is finding a place in the regular curriculums of more and more schools of this country. There can be little doubt that this instruction will go a long way toward making better men and women of the boys and girls who have the benefit of it.

The First Baptist Church at Rule has called Rev. Perry King of Abilene as pastor, and we understand he is accepting the work and will move on the field January 1st. This is another instance where a good pastor is going to a good church. Brother King was moderator of the Sweetwater and he will be greatly missed in this association where he has labored for nearly twenty years.

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Hooper, Nebraska, has just stepped forward to claim the law-abiding championship of the United States on a record of no arrests in more than fifteen months. The townfolk, according to Conn Music Center, Elkhart, Indiana, give most of the credit to the local band organizations.

Here is proof that recent expressions of eminent educators to the effect that "instrumental music instruction in the public schools will go a long way toward eliminating future crime waves" are not simply pedagogical theory.

Hooper, located forty miles northwest of Omaha, has a population of 1,014, and from that number it has recruited two bands. The larger of the two is a 34-piece concert organization, and the smaller is a junior school band composed of twenty-five enthusiastic young musicians who are fast becoming proficient bandmen.

Appreciate Finer Things In speaking of his bands in connection with Hooper's remarkable crimeless record, Paul C. Peterson, director of both the local organizations, said, "The people of this community feel that our musical organizations are worthy because our members are taught to appreciate music, but also because through music they are taught an appreciation of the finer things of life and through their appreciation they have come to a greater respect for law and order and a greater zest for those things which

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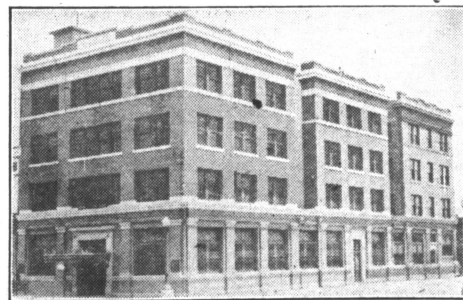
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