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## LOCAL WORKERS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

### FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

By W. C. Martin, Rotan, Texas

This body met at Rotan, September 4th and 5th. The old moderator, the writer, was not able to preside, and he asked that a new moderator be elected. On account of his long connection with the associational work the folks would not have it that way. They re-elected him moderator, and then elected Pastor D. G. Reid of Roby vice-moderator and asked him to preside during the session. It makes an old-timer feel good to treat him this way. J. C. Hyr of Roby was re-elected clerk.

The representation was fine considering the year. The entertainment was good. A number of visitors from Abilene helped out the proceedings. Bro. Pierson, missionary of the Mexican Baptist state convention, was with us and spoke on Thursday night. He has been in the country some time helping our Mexican missionary work. We had reports on all the usual subjects and discussed them all freely. We put in two days of busy work.

The association seemed well pleased with the operation of our emergency mission plan. This was begun in March. It was decided to continue the plan for another year. Bro. Reid was elected mission chairman, to act without salary. We cannot pay a missionary. We will pay his expenses.

Every pastor present and a number of laymen pledged Bro. Reid that they would go to any church or community needing them, at any time when it would not interfere with their own work. He is to keep posted about the condition of the churches and their needs and is to keep in touch with the pastors and idle preachers and bring them and the churches together when conditions demand. We hope in this way to keep the work going another year.

Bro. Reid is a 'busy pastor,' with full time work at Roby. He is not expected to spend much time away from home. He will do a great part of his work by telephone and correspondence. He will point others to the needy places and will not neglect his work at home. The brethren of the association will keep him informed about the needs in the different parts of the county. The plan has worked well so far and we feel sure it will succeed this year. We start off without any debt.

### MEETING AT WILSON

On the fourth Tuesday night in August the First Baptist Church at Wilson closed what is reported to be one of the most successful revivals held in this church in years. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Partin, did the preaching and Brother Ozell Murdock of Abilene, led the singing. There were 24 conversions, 21 additions to the church, with 15 for baptism.

Brother Partin is a wonderful young preacher and is a great power in our community although he just came on our field the first of August, from Abilene where he recently completed his university work with Simmons.

Brother Murdock is a very gifted singer and rendered a great service in song and personal work with our young people.—B. W. Baker.

Christian schools ought to be character-building institutions. If they are not that, then they miss the mark and purpose for which they exist. I would rather have my boy grow up uneducated, as far as schools are concerned, but with integrity, than to be educated without character.—Ex.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convening with First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, Texas, October 9th and 10th, 1930.

#### Thursday Morning

- 10:00 Meeting Called to Order by Moderator..... Dr. George Green
- 10:15 Election of Officers
- 10:30 Cooperative Program ..... Rev. J. L. King
- 11:30 Home Missions ..... Rev. W. R. Derr
- 11:30 Associational Sermon ..... Rev. R. D. Dodd
- 12:30 Noon—Lunch

#### Thursday Afternoon

- 2:00 Song and Praise ..... To be Supplied
- 2:15 Report on W. M. U. .... Mrs. R. M. White
- 2:45 Report on Hospital ..... Mrs. E. M. Collier
- 3:15 Relief and Annuity ..... Rev. E. M. Frances
- 3:35 Foreign Missions ..... Dr. W. T. Walton

#### Thursday Night

- 7:30 Song and Praise ..... To be Supplied
- 8:00 State Missions ..... Mrs. C. M. Caldwell
- 8:30 Christian Education ..... Dr. O. H. Cooper
- 9:00 Report of Simmons University..... Dr. J. D. Sandefer

#### Friday Morning

- 9:00 Song and Praise ..... To be Supplied
- 9:15 Associational Missions—  
Report ..... Mr. J. Lee Tarpley  
Missionaries' Report ..... Rev. C. D. Owens  
Treasurers' Report ..... Mr. W. F. Joiner  
Digest of Letters ..... Mr. Walter Jackson  
Miscellaneous Business
- 11:30 Missionary Sermon ..... Rev. C. G. Sewell
- 12:30 Noon—Lunch

#### Friday Afternoon

- 2:00 Song and Praise ..... To be Supplied
  - 2:15 Orphanage ..... Rev. C. A. Powell
  - 2:35 Sunday School ..... Dr. M. A. Jenkins
  - 2:55 B. Y. P. U. .... Rev. David Phillips
  - 3:15 Periodicals and Religious Literature..... Rev. Sam Malone
  - 3:35 Obituaries ..... Dr. J. C. Burkett
- Committee on order of business: Henry Weldon, chairman; C. R. Simmons, C. G. Sewell.

### WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Throckmorton-Young Association, Elsasville, Texas, Oct. 7, 1930

#### MORNING

- 10:00—Devotional—Rev. W. H. Townsend, Olney.
- 10:20—Our State Evangelistic Staff and Its Work—Rev. Dale Thorn, Graham.
- 10:45—How Shall We Best Discharge Our Obligations to the Foreigners in Our Midst.—Rev. T. J. Furniss, Throckmorton.
- 11:15—Special music by Woodson Church.
- 11:20—World Conditions in Europe as a Challenge to Our Mission Work.—Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Simmons University.

#### NOON

Lunch at Church.

#### AFTERNOON

- 1:15—Board Meeting.
  - 1:45—Devotional—Rev. I. W. Lawrence, Newcastle.
  - 2:00—Our Hospitals As Assets to Our State Mission Work.—E. M. Collier, Supt. West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene.
- W. M. U. PROGRAM
- 2:30—Devotional—Mrs. Duren, Graham.
  - 2:45—Foreign Missions and Why.—Mrs. W. H. Townsend, Olney.
  - 3:00—Some Progress on Our Mission Fields.—Mrs. T. J. Furniss, Throckmorton.

### A WORD TO PASTORLESS CHURCHES

A few weeks ago I made an appeal through the WEST TEXAS BAPTIST to churches without pastors inviting their pulpit committees, or others in authority, to put us at Simmons University in touch with their churches to the end that we might be of service in trying to bring, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, God's man for each vacancy that might obtain in territory contiguous to Simmons.

I am repeating the request here, and urging churches not to remain pastorless in these times that call for the sanest and most effective Spirit-led leadership. All we have in mind, I repeat, is to render a service through these worth while young ministers struggling to obtain an education here, and at the same time help to serve the field.

Feel free to write me or any one in authority at the University, where a possibility for service of this kind obtains, and we shall be glad to render any service of which we are capable of at this end of the line.

J. D. SANDEFER.

### RESIGNS AT KERRVILLE

On tomorrow, I will resign the pastorate of the Baptist church of Kerrville, effective October 31.

Most fruitful has our ministry been at this place. All departments of the church have been built up and strengthened. An educational building has been erected, and more than seven hundred souls added to the membership. Besides, I have worked regularly in the American Legion Hospital here, with most blessed results among the sick men.

We are ready—my dear wife and I—for further work, as the Lord may direct. Eight years of my ministry was given to the West Texas field. Would be glad if I should have an open door there again.

### COMANCHE COUNTY BAPTISTS SHOW GAIN

The 56th annual session of the Comanche Baptist Association was held August 28-29, with Gustine Baptist Church, fully 1000 people attended the two day session. All the old officers were re-elected, these are: T. N. Carter, moderator, Comanche; W. D. Sturkie, clerk, Proctor; Wm. Reese, treasurer, Comanche; Montie A. Davis, corresponding secretary, DeLeon. Thirty three churches were represented, with a total membership of 3570. Last year we had 31 churches with a membership of 3026. This leaves a net gain of 556 members for the year. We had 288 baptisms against 175 for the year before. We now have three Standard Sunday Schools; a year ago we had one.

We have never seen a finer spirit of Christian fellowship than that manifested at this meeting. Gustine pastor and people entertained in a royal way. Every need of the visitors were taken care of. In addition to serving a sumptuous dinner, at the close of the afternoon session, a truck load of watermelons was served to the large crowd.

The various reports were well read and ably discussed. A cash offering was taken for Buckner Orphans Home.

Brother T. N. Carter was elected as Associational Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. The association will meet next year with Duster Baptist Church. Brother W. M. Scott will preach the introductory sermon. The sermon this year was preached by the secretary, the theme was, "The Pre-eminence of Christ."—Montie A. Davis.

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### A WORD TO PASTORLESS CHURCHES

This is, perhaps, one of the most trying times for our churches and pastors that West Texas has ever known. Three years of unfavorable crop conditions, together with the present world-wide financial depression, makes it extremely difficult for the churches, many of them, to carry on. However, we believe it is possible for practically all of these churches to go right on with their work. God is surely testing His people and we believe it will be a tragedy of tragedies for our churches to just take out and quit just because times are hard and money scarce.

We have in Simmons University this term a large number of fine preachers, some of them having had years of experience and they are capable of holding down any pastorate in West Texas. These preachers love the Lord and the souls of lost men. They want to preach. President Sandefer has asked the editor to act in the capacity of trying to get these student preachers in touch with pastorless churches. We are urging these churches to get in touch with us and let these preachers have an opportunity to come to your churches and preach. The churches can at least pay their expenses. If the churches have no money they can at least divide their living with these preachers. In helping us out in this way the churches will be blessed of the Lord in making an effort to carry on and in helping make it possible for these young preachers to stay in school. Brethren, let us stay with the Lord in this crisis. We are going to have a glorious hard time for a while, but God will abundantly bless every sacrificial effort His people make.

### A WORD TO OUR READERS

We hope our readers like the paper in its present form. The paper will not be quite so large in its present form, but the reduction in size will help make it possible for us to weather the present financial crisis. For the next few months the editor is absolutely donating his services to the cause in editing the paper. We are going to do our very best in making the paper better than it has ever been. We will try to issue the paper promptly on the first and fifteenth of each month. We want you to help us make the paper what it ought to be. Won't you send us the news from your section. Get the articles to us at least six days before publication day. We are especially anxious to get associational news items from each of our associations at least once each month.

We are not going to go to the expense this fall of mailing out notices to our subscribers. Look at the label on your paper and see when your subscription expires, and then send in your renewal. Remember, for the balance of the year we are offering the West Texas Baptist for fifty cents per year, and the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard one year for two dollars. About the first of November we will work our mailing list over and drop all past due subscriptions. We are hoping that most of our subscribers will stay with us and help the paper to survive the present crisis.

### COMMENDS EDITORIAL

Writing from the American Baptist Mission Hospital at Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa, under date of August 17, 1930, Dr. B. L. Lockett, medical missionary, has the following to say in regard to an

### THINK ON THESE THINGS

Selected by Bro. Andrews  
THE TRAGEDY OF LACKING THE  
CHRISTIAN BUDGET

"But he that LACKETH these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Whorefore the rather, brethren, given DILIGENCE to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail:

Therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of wicked, fall from your own STEADFASTNESS."

editorial in the July issue of the West Texas Baptist:

"Your editorial about "Love Offerings," in your July 1st issue, is very correct. The Budget is good. But it is necessary to leave the pastor free to present and press the great mission cause, at times, if our churches are to be really spiritual.

"Likewise, the insistence, on the part of some of our leaders, that there be no designations, is hurting many causes. Our schemes must be elastic till God builds all men into one mould.

"While riding in the car of a friend, Mrs. Lockett received a very bad fracture of the left arm, which has given us much trouble. We now believe she will have a useful arm.

"Our work grows with such speed that we cannot keep up."

### COMMENDS MOVIE FIGHT

J. H. O'Neal, county attorney of Swisher county, in a letter renewing his subscription, has the following to say about the Abilene movie fight:

God's blessings be upon you and your paper and may you continue to stand for the right.

I am rejoiced to see the fight against the Sunday movies in Abilene. I am not supported by even the church people here in trying to put them out.

That is to say they will take no part and I am most alone in my efforts.

There is no one evil so dangerous as Sunday desecration since that leads to ALL other evils.

All that is worthwhile and every blessing that we enjoy is result of religious influence, and the Sabbath having been desecrated by our Father that we might think of Him and His blessings, is the one safeguard against our drifting.

Once we forget God and His day it is easy for other sins to get possession of our minds and hearts and we are so easily led off with the wicked.

O, that God would awaken His people to the dangers that are NOW AT OUR VERY DOORS. If it were not for the encouragement of church members, there would be little trouble in law enforcement.

### ABILENE'S SHOW TROUBLES

The following editorial, which appeared in last week's issue of the Robert Lee Observer, is, we presume, from the pen of A. W. Puett, editor and publisher of that paper. We are reproducing the editorial just as it appeared in the Observer:

"Abilene is having quite a bit of trouble over Sunday picture shows. It seems that her political preachers, and all round hell raisers that's driving souls to hell every day, instead of leading them to Christ, and thinks they're doing a Christian act, wants no show at all on Sunday. The theaters want to run on Sundays as well as other days, and claims they have as much right to remain open on Sunday as a Drug Store, Filling Station, Miniature Golf or anybody else, which they have. Hot headed religious fanatics say they ain't. Time will tell whether they have or not. We say, without trying to soften the words one iota, THEY HAVE. If the authorities listen to political preachers and shut everything down on Sundays, that will mark the beginning of Abilene's troubles, another election will see a new bunch of officials and a detest for churches, which will be a bad thing for Abilene, or any other community, this happens to.

Abilene is a fine West Texas city and a place we always like to go to, because of her lovable hospi-

talities, some of the finest and best people we ever met live in Abilene, and we shudder to think that a bunch of political preachers, backed up by good people, with good intentions, but badly misled, would kill Abilene just to carry out what they think is a righteous work.

The theatre should be permitted to run from 1 to 7 p. m. on Sundays, but should not be permitted to run during the religious worshipping hours and shouldn't want to. Likewise the churches shouldn't want to close them when they don't interfere with regular church services.

If its necessary to close up everything in town to get people to go to church, its a pretty good sign there is something wrong with the church, and they themselves admit it by trying such a plan. The American people are not quite ready to be drove to church yet, and political preachers are going to find that out in Abilene. Who would want to drive through Abilene on Sunday if he couldn't stop and buy a cold drink and fill up his gas tank?—Robert Lee Observer.

We are reproducing the above editorial for two reasons: In the first place it will give our preachers a little encouragement to know that they have the "preacher cussin'" crowd good and mad all over West Texas. There is a saying that "Whom the God's would destroy they first make mad." Since the days of Isaiah, Jeremiah and the other prophets of old the real, courageous prophets of God have been encouraged to greater efforts in their fights against sin by the vituperations of the "preacher cussers." Christ warned his followers that the world would hate them, and so it has ever been.

In the second place we are printing the above editorial to show the wide spread interest being shown in Abilene's moving picture fight. Towns all over West Texas have been watching with keenest interest the fight that has been made here. In this issue we are printing a letter from the county attorney of Swisher County in regard to the fight.

For the benefit of the Robert Lee editor and other outsiders we will state that Abilene does not now have Sunday Picture shows. The picture shows very wisely saw the handwriting on the wall and agreed to quit the Sunday show business in Abilene. Public sentiment in Abilene was against them, and public sentiment is some powerful force when it gets to going.

The Observer complains that the preachers are driving souls to hell and that they, (the preachers) cannot drive folks to church. Certainly, the preachers are not trying to force any one to go to church. This is a free country. A man can go to church if he wants to or he can stay at home. Salvation is free but God never tries to force a man to go to heaven. God has done everything to make it possible for a man to be delivered from the damning power of sin, but man is perfectly free to go to hell if he wants to.

It is silly to argue that the picture shows have as much right to operate on Sunday as the drug store or filling stations. We have ordinances in our home against allowing mice and rattlesnakes coming into the house. The mice are getting by with it some, because they are not especially harmful; but let a rattlesnake try it and business will pick up right away.

The Observer is right in saying that Abilene has some of the finest and best people to be found anywhere. Abilene is what she is today primarily because of her three great major Christian institutions and other educational institutions. The fact that Abilene is known as a city of great schools and fine churches has attracted the very best of citizenship to our midst. Parents from all over the nation are sending their boys and girls here for mental, moral and religious training, and Abilene citizens propose to make and keep the environment ideal for such training. The business men of Abilene as a whole were supporting the preachers and good women of Abilene in this fight because of the fact that they realize and appreciate just what these institutions mean to the city.

The good citizenship of Abilene have won the fight so far. It is possible an effort will be made in the next election to oust the city officials of Abilene who had the courage to do their duty; but

good juicy one on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" ought to rate along with General Motors bonds. Values would probably be based on the amount of poetry and personal adventure quoted in the outlines. Illustrations wrought into the first person singular, even though borrowed from Spurgeon and Moody, ought to be worth something—such ingenuity is inspiring.

Now I am not seeking any of the offices, however well qualified I might be to fill any of them. But when the time comes I shall probably rise on the floor of the first convention of the association and make a nomination for publicity director. It may be that a life insurance actuary will have to be employed to fill the place of loan agent. The habitat of the organization will no doubt be a central location where hotel accommodations are cheap and telegraph competition insures reasonable charges for night letters.

The mails are already bringing applications for membership. There are no fees or dues, but you will have to arrange terms with the publicity director and loan agent.

## OKLAHOMA ITEMS

Baptists of Oklahoma are prospering far above what they deserve. Most churches report good meetings with great numbers saved and added to the churches.

We have the pastorless churches and churchless pastor problem to deal with, same as other states. Some charge it to the general state of unrest prevailing everywhere, but my conviction is, it is largely brought about by Worldliness and love of pleasure among professed Christians. "We spend our dollars upon self, and give the Lord our nickles and pennies, or nothing. Too many Jonah's among us. Instead of going to our Ninevah with God, we say "Good by God, and head for Tarshish. The City of "Do as you please." "Have your own way" "Take it easy." A city which has no Gethsemane, no cross, no calvary, no songs, but in the end, "Sobs and tears of regret." Great God arouse thy people to a sense of their duty and obligations with an awakened conscience that will lead to sacrificial service.

God's people need to do some dying to sin and self, Jesus said "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Paul said "I die daily," and in so doing, he brought forth fruit unto God.

When preachers and pastors get down to preaching the Bible teachings on finance and giving, their financial troubles will end. God's people are a willing people, when they understand what God demands of them. Don't fear the calamity howlers, and tight wads groans. Just double the dose and go ahead. It may be a bitter pill to them now, but in the end it will have the desired results, and God's cause will prosper, and the lost be brought to Christ.

For four and a half years the writer has had the pleasure of pastoring Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Chickasha. But because of a few who seem dissatisfied, we decided maybe we had been with them long enough, so in August we tendered our resignation to take effect Sept. 10th. But when the church met in conference, they unanimously refused to accept the resignation, and asked us to continue on with them, which after due consideration, we decided to do. Our church led the entire association in baptisms this last year. With over a hundred additions to the church. All financial obligations have been met, and we have a nice balance in the treasury, and for four and a half years the pastor has received his salary check each week, without a single exception. And also two raises in salary. Can you blame us for continuing on with such a church, all things being considered?

We have the biggest little state secretary in all the southern Baptist convention, a Baptist, and sound to the core, Dawsonism would last about as long in Oklahoma, as the proverbial snow ball in that hot place we read about, and modernism says does not exist.

## BRAND NEW ORGANIZATION

By E. E. Dawson

Baptists have a penchant for organization and almost everything is now organized from cradle to senility. All sorts of results have accrued from our organizing instincts. So we have an organization for everything except asthmatics and there is talk among them of union of some character. Another exception ought to be noted, and this item is to suggest the possibility of organizing that rather numerous group, to wit, unemployed ministers.

Certainly they are numerous enough to constitute an organization, and they have lots of things in common, and about many things they might readily agree. They need the benefits that come from organization, for I know of nobody more needy than they.

So I am herewith proposing the organization of the Unemployed Ministers Protective and Benefit Association, Inc., without fixed territorial limits, age boundaries, educational requirements, social attainments, constitution or by-laws, decrees, etc., or anything binding or obligating. All unemployed ministers of Baptist faith, however strong or weak the faith, may become charter or subsequent members.

Any organization must be officered, so I suggest four, and only four officers: president, secretary, publicity director, and loan agent. There will be no need for a treasurer, for ministers out of employment have no funds, so what's the use. The president can be almost any brother who is fairly good at staying out of work, and the secretary need have no certain domicile. The two most important officers would be the publicity director and the loan agent, whose duties are explained by their titles. One thing the minister out of employment needs is publicity. It is not so easy for him to furnish it first-hand about himself, for a degree of modesty would probably hinder. If there were a man authorized and obligated to furnish publicity to the denominational papers it would be a great boon. Of course he would have to depend on the members for his publicity data, but each man could furnish it about himself to the director and he could easily do the rest. Naturally it would not do to have the members furnish it about each other—it might be scant.

For example, a member of the association could furnish the director some such data as this: Jonathan Jeremias Jonquill, born of poor parents, self-made, well married, father of three remarkable children; has held eighteen pastorates, many of them among the best in the denomination, with marked success at each place; a natural builder, mighty preacher of the Word, good mixer, interested in everything in the community, unusually successful money-getter, marked evangelistic gifts; holds several degrees, etc., etc. Then the director could work up quite an animated account of the member and get it in the papers in the vicinity of the field where the member wishes to located.

Another function of the publicity director might be to furnish testimonials for the members; choice bits of praise from secretaries of chambers of commerce, lecture bureaus, clippings from newspapers, photos, and regular stock forms; recommendations from prominent preachers of the land. Such service would be of interest to a member's descendants when his effects were being distributed after his demise.

The other officer of special benefit to the association would be the Loan Agent. Possibly that title can be improved on—this is just a rough draft of the proposed organization. But the duty of this important figure would be to furnish loans to the members in process of changing fields, or during the period of unemployment. The average minister has a lot of valuable assets on which he ought readily arrange loans, and could—if business men understand the value of such things. On second-hand cars, typewriters, mimeographs, duplicators, commentaries, encyclopaedias and sermon volumes he ought to be able to float a loan of some size. Then there are his sermon outlines. A loan agent, if he were a properly astute brother and could appreciate another man's work, could easily work out a scale of values for loan purposes. For example, a good sermon outline on "How To Be Married and Happy Too" ought to have a pretty high valuation, while a

if the fight develops the "preacher cussin" crowd will find that the Abilene citizenship still proposes to try and make the environment in Abilene the very best possible for the thousands of young people who come here each year for training.

## THE WAY OUT OF A DROUTH

Preachers are always glad when the text of their sermon will form its own outline. In these days when the drouth is sweeping over the land, when there is much suffering on the part of man and beast, I am suggesting an outline of 2 Chronicles 7:14. Just let the thoughts contained therein break themselves up into their own outline.

### I. Providence

1. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain,

or

2. If I command the locust to devour the land

or

3. If I send pestilence among my people;

### II. Proviso

If my people, who are called by my name

(a) shall humble themselves,

(b) and pray

(d) and turn from their wicked ways,

(c) and seek my face,

### III. Promise

Then I

(a) will hear from heaven,

(b) and will forgive their sins,

(c) and will heal the land.

Geo. R. Jewell.

## YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD HIM—TRUETT

By L. R. Scarborough

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention—secretaries of the Southwide Boards, presidents of the seminaries and other institutions, and the state secretaries—had a significant and far-reaching meeting at Nashville, September 10 and 11. It was probably the most united, unifying, constructive, missionary-impassioned meeting held in many a day by this group of denominational workers. The principles of co-operation and basis of united appeal to our churches for all our Redeem's causes, and the method of approach to the hearts of our people were agreed on. Plans for a fall, Southwide, united attack for the solution of our problems were set forth and will be submitted to our Baptist people.

It was good to be in such a meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Truett, on their return from an evangelistic tour of South America, were there. Dr. Truett spoke on this group of workers. God was on him! He spoke as Paul must have spoken on his return from his missionary tours. His soul was aglow! His heart beat out burning words! What a stirring message of missionary and soul-winning triumph in the lands of the far South! How our hearts burned within us as we heard him recount the victories of the Cross under the missionary leadership! We revalued our schools and seminaries, thanked God for our missionaries and our people, for making possible all the plantings of Gospel seed in the lands afar.

Dr. T. E. Ray assured us that what was going on in South America is going on in all of our other mission fields. Dr. Truett is back full of health and a wealth of wonderful experiences. You must hear him in his great address closing the Texas convention at Amarillo, November 14. It will be worth all the time and money it will take to go to the convention. Then, there will be many other good things. Meet us Baptists, five thousand strong, at Amarillo, November 12-14. Pray that God will honor us with His presence and power.

The First Baptist Church of Jonesboro has called Rev. D. A. Heard of Big Spring, Texas, and he has accepted. He reached Jonesboro Wednesday of last week. Brother Heard is well known to Drs. Mallory and Truitt of Jonesboro College. The Advance welcomes Brother Heard to Arkansas and the great First Church of Jonesboro. —Baptist Advance, (Ark.)

# Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, District No. 17

WATCHWORD—"BE YE STEADFAST." 1 COR. 15:58.

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## HASKELL W. M. U. MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Haskell Associational W. M. U. met with the Rule church Tuesday, Sept. 9. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by the president, Mrs. L. M. Kay. Mrs. Homer Chambers, local president of Rule spoke words of welcome, to which Mrs. J. E. Mansell of Rochester responded. Mrs. Duff of Weibert brought the devotional, using Ps. 40—stressing the need of a renewal of prayer life. After which Mrs. Bailey of Haskell sang "Garden of Prayer."

With the exception of some special features, the day was given over to reports from all associational officers and chairmen. The main address was brought at 11:30 by our district president, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene. A most appetizing and beautiful lunch was served in the basement by the Rule ladies. Mrs. P. A. Mansell led the afternoon devotional using the Bible as her subject. Mrs. Cole of Rule sang "My Mother's Bible."

One beautiful feature of the program was "In Memory of Our Dead," by Mrs. Whitaker of Haskell. In this association there are ten societies, with an active membership of 216, fostering nine young people's societies with a membership of 105. Bible study and prayer have been the principal themes of study the past year. Conditions have been such that our offerings have not been as we would have them, but that to hospital charity fund, Buckners Orphans Home and Lottie Moon Christmas offering deserve special mention. Our association has contributed missions and benevolence, \$1968.83. The total gifts to all purposes, \$4338.19.

One hundred fifty-five have taken mission study courses. Officers and chairmen who will serve next year are:

President, Mrs. L. M. Kay, Rochester; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. J. Bragg, Rochester; recording secretary, Mrs. A. F. McMinn, Rule; young people's leader, Mrs. C. A. Davis, Rule; historian, Mrs. E. H. Stodgill, Munday; benevolence, Mrs. J. E. Mansell, Rochester; publicity, Mrs. J. O. Bowden, Munday; stewardship, Mrs. Jno. Ellis, Haskell; periodical, Mrs. M. U. Rodgers, Rule; missions, Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell; mission study, Mrs. Geo. Hardberger, Knox City; personal service, Mrs. H. A. Oliver, Munday; education, Mrs. E. Hal Smith, Rochester.

## LETTER FROM THE LOCKETS

July 17th, 1930.

I have long planned to answer letters but have not found time. Now, time is forced on me. Monday afternoon, at the close of the annual Mis-

## A WORD TO THE W.M.U.

The editor is glad to give this space to the women of West Texas in their work. This department is ably edited by Mrs. O. H. Cooper of 1642 Parramore, Abilene, Texas. We are urging the different societies to send to Mrs. Cooper items they wish to appear in the department. We want you to help her make this department a real asset in carrying on the Kingdom work in the West.—EDITOR.

sion Meeting, in Abeokuta, Mrs. Patterson was taking Elkin in their car across town to the Girls School, at Idi-Aba. As she started down the steep hill from their Boys School Home, along a narrow road, she got too near the edge. The wheels went slowly to the left. As the car settled to her side, Elkin put up her left hand, which unfortunately went out through the car window, just as the top of the car came to rest against a rough, gravelly adobe wall.

Elkin's arm was pinned against the wall. Mrs. Patterson could not get out her door, but had to crawl through Elkin's window. Hysterically she called for help. Natives first ran away. In a few minutes her own boys appeared and two or three helped her lift the car enough for Elkin to release her arm.

Elkin kept her head well. Mrs. Patterson had a terrible time getting across town to us. A half hour after it had happened, I drove up in my car with Dr. Green and Miss Robertson, finding Elkin sitting in great pain, holding her arm as the blood dripped. I soon gave her a hypo. A temporary splint was applied.

As we were near Lagos and its X-ray, and as we had not unpacked our X-ray, I drove her to Lagos, arriving at 9 o'clock at night, after which we gave her a general anaesthetic and set the fracture. As there was a bad wound at the seat of the fracture, Dr. Green thought it was a compound fracture, the bone having protruded. But as I drove to Lagos, I recalled the twisted condition of her watch buckle, and the fact that the cotton-wound applicator with tincture of iodine did not go inside much, and later suggested to the doctor here my ideas, which he confirmed.

It has been X-rayed once and will be X-rayed again in two more days. It now appears to be a simple break of both bones two and one-half inches above the wrist, with every prospect of getting a good arm, with no serious trouble after a few months. I hope to take her back to Ogbomoso in about ten days, after all danger of infection is over, the X-ray has satisfied us, and she is comfortable enough to travel without pain.

During the awful night that we

drove 70 miles to the hospital, we were often grateful for our fine comfortable car. It was a GREAT blessing. Friends have been good.

July 28th.

Twice again the arm has been X-rayed. The first X-ray proved false. There is a bad fracture of both bones, with fragment of each. While we still believe she will have a useful arm, we do not know when and how. We are not yet sure of good union of one bone. We expect to be down here at least one more week. Elkin is still very uncomfortable, and fears one fragment is working towards the surface. However, she has enjoyed driving out to the beach for two evenings, has company and enjoys it.

I have long wanted to write some newsy paragraphs, but have not found time for anything. All our special equipment arrived long ago. Some of the laundry machines had broken castings, which I have had electrically welded at the dry docks here in Lagos. We need a new laundry building. We also need an X-ray room. It took me weeks to get the electric generators running. Now they use much gasoline. However, I hope to write the three mission residences belonging to the hospital, and later to sell current to the College, with its two residences and its study hall for the nights. This will materially reduce our rate.

I have been specially blessed with the acquisition of a school boy who is a genius as a mechanic. I have employed him for full time at the hospital, where he has a shop in the power house. He keeps the electric generators running, will do other wiring, will run the big high-pressure sterilizer till we get a well trained boy nurse whom we can trust with it, will keep the motors and laundry machines oiled and repaired, will sharpen and repair surgical instruments, will solder hospital utensils, will use an electrically driven spray gun for putting "Duco" on operating room furniture and other furniture, both wood and iron etc., etc., all under my guidance and supervision. I did not expect to find a native capable. Babatunde is his name. He is only a young man about 19. He has proven to me his gift and ability. He will be a great boon. He was a failure in our day school. I am so glad we are finding other jobs for boys and girls who were not made to be teachers or preachers.

On my return, I found two of the eight lepers outside Ogbomoso had died and a small boy, with few fingers and toes, had joined them, while they were living in shabby grass huts, on wet floors, through the rainy season. I have appealed to the government, which promises relief.

Ask our leaders to pray for guid-

ance in opening up a great new work that may develop. More about this matter.

While I am with Elkin in Lagos, I am learning more. I am now working in the Rockefeller Foundation laboratory near here. I drive over to the mainland every morning for work there. This morning I saw more malaria plasmodia than all others I have seen in all my life, and learned the latest technique from one of the foremost laboratory men of the world, Dr. Barber. I am spending the week with him. It is a great privilege. He will be here only a short time, doing special investigations.

There are many interesting things I might write if I had time, but must get to other work.

Our love and best wishes to all our church and other friends throughout Texas.

Yours very sincerely,

B. L. Lockett.

DEAR SISTERS OF ABILENE  
W. M. U.

May—It is joy abounding, trying to be a Salvation Army worker. Last night my Bible woman and I stood on the street giving out tracts and trying to persuade people to turn into the chapel. It was raining slowly, so that only two men were willing to come in. The policeman scolded us; "the soldiers are bad these days, looting and kidnapping right near you and still you do not close that chapel door." "All right, we will close the door if you think we should." And we went in and sat down.

Immediately, the Lord seemed to say: "There are only two men here besides the Christians, but look to me for I want to do a great thing tonight." We could not see what He did in the hearts of those two men, only that they sat until very late, but we deeply realized that Jesus moved mightily on other hearts that hour.

My "family physician" called yesterday; he seems to be a worthy man and knows quite well what to do when people are ill. Had his training under good German doctors and speaks quite good German and English.

We were talking about Jesus.

"I would like to understand the Bible." "Why?" I asked.

But his reply revealed that he felt in need of salvation.

"You talk much of freedom and liberty," I said, "but when you came into this world, did you decide your coming? And when you leave this world, may you decide when you will go?" Only the Heavenly Father decides these two great matters, then why not seek to get in touch with the One Who has such control over you? Jesus alone can lead you to know the Heavenly Father; but you have absolute liberty as to whether or not, you

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will let Jesus reveal Him to you; He never will force you to seek Him. Admit to Him that you are helpless and full of sin and let Jesus make you presentable to the Father. "If, therefore, the SON shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

The Lord opened his heart and he returned home, woke up his fine Christian mother and inquired more fully of Jesus.

Later Dr. Chen has now joined my Bible class and attends church regularly. We believe that Jesus will win him in time.

The Chinese about us here, stand amazed at my joy in life. They know I am happy. The evil one tried to choke my heart by making me believe that I could not, on account of difficult hearing, be used in teaching the Bible; then, very unexpectedly, the Lord gave me six Bible classes of grown men and women, that go on blessedly, winter and summer! Thank Him deeply for this! He gave me too, a dear Chinese friend, who attends every class and tells me every question that I do not hear.

Twenty six years ago this May 1st, the Father called me to China. I was all undone over it. Really drew back in horror, at going so far from home to people I so lightly esteemed. It was utterly impossible then, to look forward with any joy, for the Lord's Spirit had not yet given me His love for the heathen. I could not then, even imagine, that 26 years from that day, I would set out from Kaifeng, in Miss Cox's car, for a five hours drive over a very good highway, to help Miss Cox in the outstations. But that's what I've done this May first!

During these days of terrific heat, drouth and war the Father has sent into our lives, the sweetest, most special blessings of all. He first called an evangelist from our own Drum Tower church family to help Him in the street chapel.

For a long time he has held this position in a drug shop and his employer was very unwilling to give him up, but Mr. Hsu has turned from it all for the Lord and for a smaller salary. He is now a very happy man.

Then God gave us a very worthy young man from the Provincial court, for our S. S. superintendent. He was baptized this year. Comes regularly from special instruction in S. S. work and gives promise of becoming a useful worker.

He gave us too, a real revival, led by Dr. Hudson Taylor's grandson, who demonstrated beyond question, that if one will preach from the Bible, God's people will be revived and the lost saved.

We had four good services per day, including early morning prayer meeting, for 14 days and still felt like going on! not minding the intense heat. There were 20 baptisms from among a large class of inquirers that we've been trying to win for a long time.

Our cup of joy then ran over when the Father called Mr. Fan, our senior evangelist to be pastor of Drum Tower church. He has long been a member and worker in this church but ever declared that he did not feel called to be pastor of any church. One day, as he fasted and prayed about other matters, the Lord plainly told him that he was wanted for Drum Tower pastor. He surrendered immediately and was set apart last week in the presence of many who love him.

## HOW TO HELP WORTHY STUDENTS IN SIMMONS

I am asking individual friends, individual churches, or individual groups in churches to ponder this possibility for service during this stressful year.

We have here numbers of young men and women who have entered and who can stay in school if our Loan Fund was large enough to enable us to allow them enough money to pay their tuition, which amounts to \$60.00 per quarter, including fees. Will many of you who read this not be responsible individually, or through a group, for at least one such scholarship for a year? We are not asking you to make a donation to an individual. We are asking you to send the money to the University, and we will lend it to an individual worth while student at 5 per cent interest, said student to pay the money back into the revolving loan fund at the earliest date possible after he goes out from the institution.

By this means, the contribution becomes a part of the revolving loan fund and will perpetuate itself as a part of the fund. During "lean" years like this one, a student may be saved to his or her college work, and through the "fatter" years we hope may follow, it can be made even more fruit-bearing by being divided into smaller loans for the above purposes.

Any individual or group of individuals interested in rendering this service will have until the close of the quarter to provide the amount, but please write me at once and indicate to me that I can depend upon it by the close of the quarter. Thus I can take care of some who have already entered and encourage others who are seeking to enter to do so, with the assurance that this money will be available for them at the close of this quarter.

I am asking that fathers and mothers who have sons and daughters not yet in college for this quarter to continue to make every effort to enter them, and thus enable them to get the benefit of a full year's work, which has just begun at Simmons. Any noble impulse provoked by this appeal and responded to will be duly and generously appreciated by those of us here who are called upon to deal with many, worthwhile and concrete causes that deserve a service of this kind from those who are in a position to render it.

J. D. Sandefur.

As these dear things have come to pass, my heart has kept saying "these are answers to the prayers of God's dear children in the homeland. Thank Him! Thank Him! that He lets us be "Workers together with God," all around the earth.

These war times we have a strict censorship on all letters, so I cannot tell you war news except that Kaifeng is quiet at present. Two weeks ago, Kaifeng Christians began praying for rain and today, God is giving it abundantly.

Love and joy to all you dear ones.  
Blanche Rose Walker.

The 39th annual session of Simmons University began September 16. The first two days were devoted to registration. The formal opening exercises were held in the university auditorium on Thursday, September 19, with a large audience of students, friends and patrons in attendance. The workers' conference of the Sweetwater Association held its regular monthly meeting on that date with Emanuel Baptist Church, Abilene and the morning program was merged with the Simmons program.

The attendance at the university so far has reached above the 750 mark and students are still coming. This is quite a number short of the average fall enrollment, but university officials, in view of present conditions, are gratified over the showing.

The Baptist Student's Union held its first meeting of the year on Thursday of last week. Some of the members in Simmons are planning to attend the second quadrennial all-Southern Baptist Student's Conference which is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., October 30-November 1.

The Cowboy Band for the present session has been set in motion with over fifty members. The band made its first appearance for the year at the John Tarlton-Simmons football game last Friday evening. The band will play at the T. C. U.-Simmons football game at Breckenridge next Saturday. From there sixteen of the players will go to Little Rock, Ark., where they will fill a week's engagement at the Arkansas State Fair. They will also play a week's engagement at the Fair at Pittsburg, Texas. Leslie W. Clark, world famous cornetist, has written a march, "The Cowboy Band March," which he has presented to the Band as a recognition of its accomplishments. Mr. Clark's home is in California.

Prof. Josef Evans, newly elected instructor in the Piano department, will add greatly to the strength of the Simmons Conservatory of music of which Prof. Irl Allison is the head. Mr. Evans taught in Baylor University from 1906 to 1916. For several years he had a private studio in El Paso and last year he studied in Europe at Leipzig at the Royal Conservatory.

The First Baptist Church, Abilene, was host to the University student body and faculty on Monday evening of last week. The occasion was a formal opening of the new educational building of the First Church. Many hundreds of members of the church and friends joined the students in an inspection of this wonderful plant.

The University Ministerial Council held its first meeting of the year on Friday evening, September 20. Informal talks were made by several new members of the council. Dr. Walton, of the Bible department, gave a few words of welcome to the new students. The second meeting of the

year was held last Friday evening. Rev. C. D. Owen, missionary of the Sweetwater Association delivered the main address at the meeting, Ralph Grant, a senior in the university, is president of the council. A number of new preachers are in Simmons this term, and some of them are strong preachers of several years experience.

The Cowboy football eleven won its first victory of the season last Friday evening on Parramore field, their opponents being the John Tarlton Plowboys of Stephenville. The score was 32 to 0. The Cowboys made a splendid showing in the initial game. Coach Less Cranfill, football fans are predicting, will produce a conference winning team this year. The second game of the season will be played next Saturday at Breckenridge against the T. C. U. Horned Frogs. The Freshman team was defeated in a game last week with Wayland College.

Noll Sewell, editor of the Simmons Brand, student publication, announced in last week's issue of the publication, that the staff to assist in the work will be announced this week.

A half holiday will be given by the university Wednesday, the occasion being "Loyalty Day," at the West Texas Fair at Abilene. The students will join in a parade in the down town section preceding the afternoon session at the Fair.

Dr. O. H. Cooper, chairman of the Simmons Faculty and head of the department of education, is back in Simmons after a year's leave of absence, during which time he has been writing a book on "The Growth of Education in Texas." The book was prepared under the auspices of the University of Texas. Dr. Cooper has been connected with Simmons almost continuously since 1902, and for six years was president of the institution.

Credit relations between the Royal Academy of Music of London, England, and the Conservatory of Music of Simmons has been established as a result of a visit made to the school by Prof. Irl Allison of the Simmons school. According to Mr. Allison, graduates of Simmons may take three examinations at the Royal Academy and receive the Bachelor of Music degree from that school.

Last Friday night's football game was the first night game ever played in this section of West Texas. The lights, costing \$3,000 installed, were a gift from the Simmons Athletic committee.

John Masfield, poet laureate of England, who used to be a New York bar tender, and whose poetry frequently sings the praises of wine, is a teetotaler.

Christianity now ranks third among the religions of India, there being 5,000,000 Christians in the country.

## News Notes

Rev. J. A. Corder, who for the past several years has been pastor of the Baptist Church at Robert Lee, has resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church at Stockdale in South Texas. Brother Corder is one of our best preachers and it is with regret that we are losing him from this section.

Rev. Chas. R. Smith has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church at Clyde after three years of fruitful ministry. He has moved his family to Abilene where a daughter has entered Simmons University. He has accepted the call of the Dowell church in Fisher County for half time and he is available for other half time work. It was with reluctance that the Clyde Church accepted the resignation of Brother Smith.

Rev. E. E. Dawson declined the call of the First Baptist Church, Big Spring, which was extended to him recently. Brother Dawson, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Del Rio, is temporarily located at Coleman. He was at one time editor of The Western Evangel published at Abilene, and served the churches at Merkel, Tulia and Coleman in recent years.

Taylor McCasland, who the past year was educational director of the East 4th Street Church, Big Spring, has become educational director of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Brother Mac served the Sweetwater church in that capacity a few years ago, and in this instance it was almost a case of "conscription." He and his gifted wife make valuable assets to any church.

Rev. George Thomas has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church at Anson after two years of service. We have not learned his plans for the future. Before coming to Anson he was pastor of one of the churches in Houston for several years. He is one of our most able preachers, a graduate of Simmons, and we are hoping some good church will keep him in this section of the state.

The Emanuel Baptist Church of Abilene has called Rev. David M. Phillips as pastor and he has accepted the work. For the past year he has been assistant pastor of the South Side Church, Abilene, where he did a fine work. He expects to finish his work in Simmons University during the coming year.

Rev. L. B. Smith, who was called recently as pastor of the Baptist Church at Kress, near Plainview, has accepted the work and is now on the field. Brother Smith resigned as pastor of the churches at Silvester and O'Brien to go to the new field.

Rev. R. E. Harrison, who recently moved on the field at Des Moines, N. M., writes that his work is getting started in a fine way. He is delighted with that great section of Northeastern New Mexico.

Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald, who completed his Master of Arts degree at Simmons last spring, has entered the seminary at Louisville, where he will pursue his work toward a Th. M. degree. During his last year in Simmons he was student assistant in the Bible and English departments and was also pastor of the churches at McCaulley and Tye.

Pastor Littleton, Hamlin, was with Pastor B. M. Shepherd and the church at Clarendon in a fine meeting recently. There were 26 additions to the church, 12 of the number being by baptism. C. B. Stevenson and wife of Houston had charge of the music.

Rev. Roland King, for the past few years a student in Simmons, has accepted the call of the church at Elida, N. M., and has moved to that field. He was pastor of the church at Ovalo before going to New Mexico.

Secretary W. R. White was in a revival recently with the church at Frankston, in which there were 25 professions of faith. Besides a special offering for state missions, \$700 was raised on a church debt.

Missionary C. D. Owen of the Sweetwater Association was with the Brownfield church in a training school recently. At the same time the entire association was cooperating in a Sunday school revival.

Missionary J. C. Parks of the Haskell Association writes: "Our year's work is over, the meeting of our Association has just closed. We had a great meeting, well attended, and the program well carried out. The Rule people know just how to entertain an association. We will meet with the Smith's Chapel church next year. Rev. J. Perry King, of Rule will preach the sermon. Rev. C. B. Stovall of Knox City, was elected moderator, Rev. Joe Burton Clark and M. H. Reeves, treasurer."

The Caps Baptist church had a book shower on August 26, at which time a number of good books were secured for the church library. This good rural church, led by Rev. W. R. Durr, is making a strong effort to reach the advanced standard in S. S. work. Persons having good books suitable for a church library may have a fine opportunity of placing them in a worthy place by writing to Superintendent of the Sunday school, W. F. Joiner, Tye, Texas.

The editor attended the meeting of the Throckmorton-Young Association at its annual meeting at Throckmorton the first week in September. A fine spirit prevailed all through the meeting. L. B. Connell, pastor at Elbert was elected moderator and Brother Oatman, a fine layman from Loving was again elected clerk. This association has a fine group of pastors. T. J. Furniss at Throckmorton, W. H. Townsend at Olney, I. W. Lawrence at Newcastle, Dale Thorn at Graham, and then M. F. Richardson, Brother Streetman of the Southwestern Seminary, and brethren Roark and Peden caring for the rural churches, make a combination hard to beat. The associational workers' con-

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# The Mark of a Disciple

By J. O. Heath

A disciple is defined as "a follower who has learned to believe in the doctrine of his teacher." Considering it in its religious sense then, a disciple is one who believes and practices the teachings of Jesus. Accepting Jesus as his teacher, he finds that he presented in his doctrines both the inward and the outward evidence of being a disciple. In other words, he learns that all true disciples possess certain peculiar marks or traits of character. It is these characteristics that distinguish them and cause others to take note that they are real disciples of Jesus.

From the teaching of Jesus we ascertain that love is an evidence of genuine discipleship. It is a mark that our Lord emphasized for he knew that he would be greatly honored or seriously injured at this point. In fact, he was solicitous about it, for if love dominated the hearts of his professed disciples his cause would be rapidly advanced; but if mistrust, variance, jealousy, strife, envy, backbiting and contention dwelt in the souls of his followers, then the progress of his kingdom would be shamefully retarded. So Jesus said to his first disciples, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." It would be convincing proof of their newness of life and as the unsaved contemplated the unfeigned and fervent love that they manifested, he would be brought to sober reflection. It was this love that made the disciples different from all other people. It saved them from malice, from self-seeking, and from evil thinking and speaking. Under the uplifting and purifying influence of the new commandment which Jesus gave, they did love one another and in honor prefer one another. Love definitely marked them as disciples of Jesus and enabled them to make a good impression on a crooked, perverse and blasé generation. We are far removed from the days of the disciples, yet love without hypocrisy continues to be a differentiating mark of a true disciple. If we do not have this mark, it is certainly time that we were earnestly seeking to be thus "branded for the Lord Jesus."

As we follow the teaching of Jesus we learn that fruit bearing is a mark of a disciple. Our Saviour laid down some rigorous tests ourselves. For example, he said, and by them we are to measure "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." That we may be fruitful disciples, everything that vitiates our lives is to be mortified and those ennobling virtues that Peter mentions are to reign in us. The heartening promise is that if those virtues abound in us we shall not be "unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Having been chosen and ordained that we should go and bring forth fruit; there is every reason for believing that if we lived in that pure and lofty region which the apostle Peter brings clearly into view, we would be

fruitful disciples of our Lord. Anyway there is no evading the fact that fruit bearing is the mark of a disciple; and if through neglect or coldness or indifference or torpidity of spirit we have allowed that worthy mark to become obscured, we should seek through repentance and prayer to restore it, for God purposed it to be a visible and lustrous sign of discipleship.

Another mark of a disciple is cross bearing. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." To be a faithful disciple self-denial must be rigidly enforced in our lives. The humiliation of the cross is to be taken up and it is hardness endured. The disciple is to bear its reproaches, suffer its afflictions, and comply with its exactions. Beneath this cross carnal desires are to be restrained, luxurious indulgence renounced, and the enmity of the world incurred. As the Bible states it, the old nature is to be put off with all its corrupt affectations and deceitful lusts. Jesus demanded cross bearing in fact, and made it the test of a true disciple. Paul showed the marks of his cross bearing and furnished the evidence of his self-denials. And, in these soft, pleasure loving and seductive times, Jesus still requires that his disciples shall be crucified unto the world and the world unto them. For without any apology or hesitation Paul puts it plainly, that "they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts thereof."

At the risk of being lengthy I am mentioning that Jesus made a continuance in his truth the mark of a disciple. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." He evidently meant all his truth and "indeed" is a significant word, and unto it we should give serious heed when the whole earth is being agitated by the winds of "divers and strange doctrines." The faithful are pictured, in Third John, as walking in the truth; not just the part that suits their convenience or delights their vagrant fancies, but all the truth. They walk in those scriptures that cast down their imaginations and that bring into captivity their thoughts to the obedience of Christ. In very truth, a loyal disciple is a doer of the word, as well as a hearer of it. He does not leave his duty undone, in order that he may meditate on those blissful scenes over which eternal felicity in those scriptures which require him to be a good and diligent steward, as well as in those scriptures which disclose the pleasant paths which lead to the city of God. The true disciple continues in the word of the Lord, even though false teachers are bringing in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them. He adheres to the truth and steadfastly refuses to follow the pernicious ways of those covetous preachers who, with feigned words, would make merchandise of him. Read second chapter II. Peter.

Mrs. Henry Ford, Detroit, Mich., member of the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement, said:

"I am heartily in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment without modification. It is a law of the United States and should be observed by all of us. In my opinion, it has been of untold benefit to the women as well as the men of our country in improved living conditions and a more prosperous nation."

## NEWS NOTES

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ference will meet Tuesday, October 7, with the Eliasville church, of which the editor is pastor.

partments, Dr. W. R. White, of Dallas, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, of the W. M. U. department, Dr. I. J. Van Ness and P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

## IF HE SHOULD COME

BY EDWIN MARKMAN  
If Jesus should tramp the streets tonight,  
Storm-beaten and hungry for bread,  
Seeking a room and a candle light  
And clean though humble bed,  
Who would welcome the Workman in,  
Though He came with panting breath,  
His hands all bruised and His garments thin—  
This Workman from Nazareth?  
Would rich folk hurry to bind His bruise  
And shelter His stricken form?  
Would they take God in with His muddy shoes  
Out of the pitiless storm?  
Are they not too busy heaving their flowers  
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# The Mark of a Disciple

By J. O. Heath

A disciple is defined as "a follower who has learned to believe in the doctrine of his teacher." Considering it in its religious sense then, a disciple is one who believes and practices the teachings of Jesus. Accepting Jesus as his teacher, he finds that he presented in his doctrines both the inward and the outward evidence of being a disciple. In other words, he learns that all true disciples possess certain peculiar marks or traits of character. It is these characteristics that distinguish them and cause others to take note that they are real disciples of Jesus.

From the teaching of Jesus we ascertain that love is an evidence of genuine discipleship. It is a mark that our Lord emphasized for he knew that he would be greatly honored or seriously injured at this point. In fact, he was solicitous about it, for if love dominated the hearts of his professed disciples his cause would be rapidly advanced; but if mistrust, variance, jealousy, strife, envy, backbiting and contention dwelt in the souls of his followers, then the progress of his kingdom would be shamefully retarded. So Jesus said to his first disciples, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." It would be convincing proof of their newness of life and as the unsaved contemplated the unfeigned and fervent love that they manifested, he would be brought to sober reflection. It was this love that made the disciples different from all other people. It saved them from malice, from self-seeking, and from evil thinking and speaking. Under the uplifting and purifying influence of the new commandment which Jesus gave, they did love one another and in honor prefer one another. Love definitely marked them as disciples of Jesus and enabled them to make a good impression on a crooked, perverse and blasphemous generation. We are far removed from the days of the disciples, yet love without hypocrisy continues to be a differentiating mark of a true disciple. If we do not have this mark, it is certainly time that we were earnestly seeking to be thus "branded for the Lord Jesus."

As we follow the teaching of Jesus we learn that fruit bearing is a mark of a disciple. Our Saviour laid down some rigorous tests ourselves. For example, he said, and by them we are to measure "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." That we may be fruitful disciples, everything that vitiates our lives is to be mortified and those ennobling virtues that Peter mentions are to reign in us. The heartening promise is that if those virtues abound in us we shall not be "unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Having been chosen and ordained that we should go and bring forth fruit; there is every reason for believing that if we lived in that pure and lofty region which the apostle Peter brings clearly into view, we would be

fruitful disciples of our Lord. Anyway there is no evading the fact that fruit bearing is the mark of a disciple; and if through neglect or coldness or indifference or torpidity of spirit we have allowed that worthy mark to become obscured, we should seek through repentance and prayer to restore it, for God purposed it to be a visible and lustrous sign of discipleship.

Another mark of a disciple is cross bearing. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." To be a faithful disciple self-denial must be rigidly enforced in our lives. The humiliation of the cross is to be taken up and it is hardness endured. The disciple is to bear its reproaches, suffer its afflictions, and comply with its exactions. Beneath this cross, carnal desires are to be restrained, luxurious indulgence renounced, and the enmity of the world incurred. As the Bible states it, the old nature is to be put off with all its corrupt affectations and deceitful lusts. Jesus demanded cross bearing in fact, and made it the test of a true disciple. Paul showed the marks of his cross bearing and furnished the evidence of his self-denials. And, in these soft, pleasure loving and seductive times, Jesus still requires that his disciples shall be crucified unto the world and the world unto them. For without any apology or hesitation Paul puts it plainly, that "they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts thereof."

At the risk of being lengthy I am mentioning that Jesus made a continuance in his truth the mark of a disciple. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." He evidently meant all his truth and "indeed" is a significant word, and unto it we should give serious heed when the whole earth is being agitated by the winds of "divers and strange doctrines." The faithful are pictured, in Third John, as walking in the truth; not just the part that suits their convenience or delights their vagrant fancies, but all the truth. They walk in those scriptures that cast down their imaginations and that bring into captivity their thoughts to the obedience of Christ. In very truth, a loyal disciple is a doer of the word, as well as a hearer of it. He does not leave his duty undone, in order that he may meditate on those blissful scenes over which eternal felicity in those scriptures which require him to be a good and diligent steward, as well as in those scriptures which disclose the pleasant paths which lead to the city of God. The true disciple continues in the word of the Lord, even though false teachers are bringing in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them. He adheres to the truth and steadfastly refuses to follow the pernicious ways of those covetous preachers who, with feigned words, would make merchandise of him. Read second chapter II, Peter.

Mrs. Henry Ford, Detroit, Mich., member of the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement, said:

"I am heartily in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment without modification. It is a law of the United States and should be observed by all of us. In my opinion, it has been of untold benefit to the women as well as the men of our country in improved living conditions and a more prosperous nation."

## NEWS NOTES

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ference will meet Tuesday, October 7, with the Eliasville church, of which the editor is pastor.

The church at Portales, N. M., of which Rev. C. E. Ball is pastor, recently held a fine revival with the pastor doing the preaching. At the close of the meeting a splendid love offering was made for the pastor Friends in West Texas of this fine pastor and his family will be glad to learn that Mrs. Ball is slowly recovering from a long siege of illness in a sanitarium at Lubbock.

The First Baptist Church, Abilene, enjoyed a feast of great spiritual things every night last week, the occasion being the formal opening of the new educational building. On Sunday a special services was held for college students, and on Monday evening the church held open house for students and friends of the church. Visitors were carried through this magnificent plant of four stories with its two and one-half acres of floor space, 172 rooms, twenty-one auditoriums and assembly halls, six offices and one of the most spacious roof gardens in all the West. The speakers for the services of the week were, Secretaries Phillips and Gardner of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. De-

partments, Dr. W. R. White, of Dallas, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, of the W. M. U. department, Dr. I. J. Van Ness and P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

## IF HE SHOULD COME

BY EDWIN MARKMAN  
If Jesus should tramp the streets tonight,  
Storm-beaten and hungry for bread,  
Seeking a room and a candle light  
And clean though humble bed,  
Who would welcome the Workman in,  
Though He came with panting breath,  
His hands all bruised and His garments thin—  
This Workman from Nazareth?  
Would rich folk hurry to bind His bruise  
And shelter His stricken form?  
Would they take God in with His muddy shoes  
Out of the pitiless storm?  
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**"THE CHURCH—A SPIRITUAL DEMOCRACY"**

(L. A. Myers)

Southwestern Baptist Seminary opens September 22. During the first week of its opening, Dr. W. T. Conner will deliver the opening address which embodies points at issue and facts of interest to Southern Baptists.

Discussing the subject, "The Church—A Spiritual Democracy," Dr. Conner presents: "First, what is meant by a spiritual democracy; second, proof that the church is a spiritual democracy; and third, applications to the present day situation among Baptists.

It is a provision of the seminary faculty that one of its own members shall deliver annually the address on the occasion of the formal opening. Rendered from manuscript, the addresses are gems in the life of the Institution. Speaking on "What is Meant by Spiritual Democracy," Dr. Conner plans to show: first, that the church is a local organization; and second; that it is self-governing with inherent rights in each of its members. This means that every member has a right to as much influence as he can rightly exercise. It means that leadership is a matter of moral influence based on service and not a matter of right based on authority. It means also that no church has authority over any other.

**An Unanswerable Proof**

While the address is exhaustive in its research and presentation, and too lengthy for the state denominational press, yet it is felt that Southern Baptists would be interested in a resume of it.

In the proof of a spiritual democracy, Dr. Conner's position is first, the churches of the New Testament were democratic bodies; second, democracy is inferred from the Lordship of Christ; third, the church is a democracy because salvation is by grace. All of this means that the church of the New Testament was the court of final appeal without a superior body to change or reverse its decisions. It means that Christ is King and that democracy is a corollary of the leadership of Jesus. It means that there is no distinction among men on the point that all are sinners. Sin and grace are the most leveling things in the world. Artificial distinctions melt away in the light of these truths. It means that the Holy Spirit dwells in all believers to make known to them the will of Christ and not simply in an official class.

**Application to Present-Day Baptists**

Two observations are made in the address: first, a democratic organization will not succeed except it be spiritual and intelligent. This means that the membership must be converted and must be trained. It is Dr. Conner's position that Baptists are now suffering from a partial failure in both points. "We aren't talking enough about regeneration," he says.

The second observation he makes is that Baptists need to strive for unity rather than uniformity. To shape a denominational program so that a man must either do nothing or do everything like everybody else will result, with most Baptists, in their doing nothing. To ask another to act other than on his own knowledge and interest is to violate the principles of democracy and moral responsibility. A spiritual democracy cannot run ahead of its intelligence and spiritual interest. Unity of spirit and co-operation so far as our interests are the same, is the rule for Baptists.

**ALBANY BAPTIST REVIVAL**

Dr. W. W. Chancellor, pastor First Baptist church Mineral Wells, has been in a great two weeks meeting with the Albany Baptist Church. There were forty-five additions to the church, thirty-three of these coming by baptism. A glorious revival of the old time religion was experienced among the membership. Many encouraging and faith-strengthening experiences took place. The Albany Church is bringing to a close the greatest year's work of its forty-eight year's history. Every phase of its work has been enlarged, and plans are being made to enter on still a greater program of enlargement for the coming year.

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