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THIRTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY BEING HELD; OVER 115 GRADUATES

The thirty-fourth annual commencement exercises of Simmons University began last Sunday morning at which time Rev. John S. Bates, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, delivered the commencement sermon at the First Baptist Church, Abilene. The graduating class this year is composed of ninety candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree and twenty-five candidates for degrees in the fine arts.

The final commencement services are being held today at the university auditorium. The commencement speaker for this occasion is Hon. O. S. Lattimore, president of the Texas Baptist Convention and member of Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas.

The session just closed is one of the most successful in the history of Simmons. The attendance for the year is over 1,300 which is a record for attendance.

The summer session begins on Thursday, June 10, and a large attendance is expected.

The graduates for the session just closing are as follows:

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts

Elmer Atwood
Leland Atwood
Clara Ballew
Elizabeth Bazer
Nina Rabb Beckett
Gussie Burnett
Raymond T. Bynum
Edwin Douglas Craver
Otis D. Carter
Joe Cloud
Clara Lee Cornelius
Evelyn Hill Dean
Bonnie Carey Duke
Gladys D. Edmonds
Irma Edmonds
Laura Louise English
George Foster
Thelma Jewell Graham
Mary Frances Hankins
Katy Hart
Lota Clyde Head
Annie Stinnett Henderson
Clarence Roscoe Holt
Eunice Strawn Holt
Oma Lorena Hood
James Elbert Hopper
Alva Truett Hull
John Cooper Jenkins
A. John
Annie Margaret Johnston
Early Eugene Joiner
Arthus Lee Jordan
Frank Kimbrough
Merrell G. Lacy
Sherdnan J. Lareau
Bernice Mask
Raymond L. Mitchell
Zora Mae Mitchell
Samuel Nathaniel Morris
A. B. Oliver
Claudine Juliette Olsen
Edna Owens
Clarence G. Parsons
Lucy Virginia Peurifoy
Atha Marie Potter
Mary Parilee Porter
David G. Reid
William T. Reid
Eunice Ethylene Robinson
Era Rudd
Arthur Lance Sears
Jewel Melbourne Sibley
Ruth Sims
Aubry Erneste Smith
Verna Florence Smith
Jimti Stinson
Alma Letha Strawn
Lee Anderson Stulce
Missouri Elsie Thomas
Alma Ray Totten
Willie Clayton Watts
Evelyn Whitman
Durward Payne Whitmire
Winnie Mae Whitmire
Ada Belle Williams
Carroll Eason Wood

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Mary Louise Barrett
Glynn Bresenham
Mattie Cook
Aubrey Leroy Fox
Lottie Frances Gibson
Morris Gottesfeld
Margaret Louise Griffith
Isadore Grimes
Ruby Leola Hatton
Wretha B. Hill
Lua James
Della A. Landers
Sulla Lucille Lollar
Nannie Sue McCuistion
Grace Miller
Dow Patterson
David G. Ramsey
Ethel Louise Shaw
Imogene Sitton
Lucille Smith
Laura Jane Stinson
James Horton Timmons
William Morris Vernon

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NEILL BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATES NEW BUILDING AT CONFERENCE MONDAY

The Neil Baptist Church, ten miles south of Abilene, was dedicated at the regular monthly workers meeting of the Sweetwater Association which met with that church Monday.

This little church, with a resident membership of only twenty-five, has made a record for faithfulness that is perhaps not excelled in Texas. This church has just completed one of the largest church buildings in the association. The building is forty by sixty feet and is nicely furnished on the inside. There is a Sunday School enrollment of 70 and an average attendance of nearly this number. A live B. Y. P. U has recently been organized and is doing a splendid work. The Sunday School is making an effort to reach the A standard, and now lacks only two points of reaching it. Brother A. R. Tyson is acting as supply pastor of the church.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Pastor C. A. Powell of the College Heights Church, Abilene. It was a wonderful old time gospel sermon on "The Mission of the Church." At the close of the sermon the brethren dedicated their lives anew to the preaching of the old time gospel, and everybody got on shouting grounds.

Brother Powell selected his text from John 20:21—"As the Father has sent me, even so send I you." In his introductory remarks he declared that Christ's mission was identical with that of his disciples, although their work differed somewhat. The mission of these first disciples is our mission today.

"Christ explained his mission," the speaker declared, "When he said, the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost. The preaching of the gospel is to save the world.

"In discussing this subject there are two things to be considered. (1) **There is something to be saved from;** and (2) **There is something to be saved with.**

"Jesus came to save man from his lost estate. Every one out of Jesus is LOST. In the parables Jesus had uttered the coin, the sheep and the son were LOST. We as Christians will not do what God expects us to do until we realize that all men in their natural estate are LOST. Lost men will not be saved until they realize that they are LOST. Men are either wholly saved or they are wholly LOST. All the suffering of Christ is vain, all churches are useless, all money spent on missions is wasted unless men without Christ are lost. A lost world is the explanation of Jesus.

"Men are to be saved from Sin. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. In Adam all die. Davis said, I was shapened in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. It is necessary that children as well as grown people be saved from sin. It is just as destructive to say that a child can be saved without the new birth as it is to say that man evolved from the monkey.

The last thought developed by the speaker was **that we have something to save with.**

"A man without Christ, "He declared, "is in a pitiable plight, but thank God there is salvation in Jesus. Sin is lawlessness, sin is vileness, sin leaves a crimson stain, but the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Sin is the work of the Devil, but for this was Christ manifest to destroy the work of the Devil. The Work of Satan is deeply rooted, but the time is coming, thank God, when the Devil will be destroyed and the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall triumph. He is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

Rev. R. A. Ccranton attended the conference at the morning session and brought a stirring message on the denominational work in Texas.

The West Orange Baptist church was packed beyond its limits Monday night for the revival service his sermon,when Rev. A. C. Maxwell, Calvary Baptist Church of Beaumont preached, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and All These Things Shall be Added Unto You," was the subject of his sermon.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD MAKES GOOD REPORT FOR PAST YEAR ON MISSIONS

In spite of revolutions and strikes in China, war in Syria, an unsettled state of affairs in Mexico, and the most vigorous persecution in many years in Italy and Roumania, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has had during the past year the largest number of baptisms on its fields in all its history, according to the annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention, by J. F. Love, corresponding secretary. The number of baptisms totaled 13,269, a gain of nearly 1000 over the record for the previous year.

With the gains of the past year Southern Baptists now have on the foreign fields a total of 1215 churches with a combined membership of 140,488, and 3247 out-stations where preaching and other missionary efforts are conducted at regular periods. The churches report 1818 Sunday Schools with 76,991 pupils, 568 women's societies and 574 young people's societies, while the contributions of the native churches for the year amounted to $444,258, likewise a considerable advance over previous years.

In the employ of the Foreign Mission Board today are 528 American missionaries and 2644 native Christian workers, this force being employed in seventeen fields on every side of the globe.

Schools Are Evangelistic Assets

Maintained by the Board on its fields are a total of 929 mission schools with a total enrollment of 36,983 pupils. From these institutions of learning come 50 per cent of all the baptisms administered by the missionaries.

A total of 214,910 treatments were given by the medical workers of the board, 148 in number, including the native physicians and nurses. A total of seventeen male American physicians and five female American physicians are employed by the Board, along with 11 American nurses, 16 native physicians and 99 native nurses. The number of hospital buildings on foreign fields is reported at 24.

In the publication and distribution of Christian literature on the foreign fields, the following achievements were noted: Distribution of 1,437,442 tracts, 74,151 books, 25,440 Bible portions, 134,450 Sunday School quarterlies, 716,000 Sunday School leaflets, and 929,175 copies of denominational papers. In the production of this material in the native languages there were engaged 20 American missionaries, 35 native writers and 145 other employees. Forty colporters were engaged in the distribution of this literature.

Total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the year, exclusive of borrowed money, amounted to $2,278,225.95. This money came in as follows: From the regular returns of the Co-operative Program, $1,071,834.16; special Christmas love offering, $811,344.11; designated receipts $240,615.05; legacies, $130,871.52; and miscellaneous receipts $45,899.40. The debt of the board at the banks has been reduced to $787,136.43.

Native Workers Are Efficient

The excellent showing in baptisms, in spite of the disturbances in China and other fields, was made possible, the board reports, by the increased efficiency of the native workers who could carry on after some of the Americans had been compelled to withdraw from their stations temporarily. Great effectiveness is exhibited by the native Christians in Africa, Brazil and other fields, where there have been no disturbances. In Africa many of the converts have never seen the face of a foreign missionary, having been won to Christ and baptized by the native workers, many of whom give their services without charge.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS BAPTIST CHURCHES ADD 732 MEMBERS

Addition of 732 members to the Baptist churches of the Southeast Texas association, composed of Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Chambers, Liberty and a part of Hardin counties, during the first four months of this year were reported by 29 of the 40 churches in the association. Rev. H. E. Hogan, missionary in this section, said recently.

The new members were added through baptism and letters, 373 of the 732 coming by baptism and 359 by letter, Rev. Hogan said. All of the churches except 11 have filed their reports with the missionary.

Contributions of the churches in the association during the first four months of the year total $11,221.29 for the 1926 program, and $1,249.69 for the causes of associational missions.

224,191 PERSONS WERE BAPTIZED DURING 1925

Gains Along Many Other Lines Indicated With Loss in Gifts To Missions

Southern Baptist Churches baptized a total of 224,191 persons during 1925 and added $24,172,151.65 to the value of their local church property, E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary of the Sunday School Board and of the Southern Baptist Convention, announces in his annual report. The gain in value of local church property far surpasses any previous year's record, while the number of baptisms is the highest on record with one exception.

Other net gains for the year include an increase of 283 ordained ministers, 74,799 church members, 190 Sunday Schools, and 154,875 Sunday School pupils, 1,193 Young People's Unions, 1,192 Woman's Missionary Union Organizations, $240,105.37 in Woman's Missionary Union contributions, 647 church houses, 100 pastors' homes $3,275,113.42 in contributions to local church expenses, and $1,677,395.70 in total contributions to all objects.

Non-Reporting Churches Dropped

Due to the fact that a number of churches have not reported for three years and were dropped from the official roll, the total number of churches was reduced by 1050. The membership of these dropped churches, at last account, was approximately 65,000, so their elimination vitally affects the gain for the past year, reducing it to 74,799. This elimination of churches also accounts in part for the loss of 14,678 in the total B. Y. P. U. membership and the decline of $1,607,718.72 in the contributions to missions and benevolences.

Complete Figures Given

The complete new statistical table, as compiled by Mr. Alldredge, shows 986 district associations, 26,467 churches, 19,908 ordained ministers, 224,191 baptisms, 3,649,330 church members, 21,760 Sunday Schools with 2,691,828 pupils, 18,858 Baptist Young People's Unions with 531,415 members, 19,607 Woman's Missionary Union organizations which reported contributions for the year in the sum of $3,878,479.47, 20,965 church houses, 3,197 pastors' homes, local church property valued at $165,909,278.65, contributions to local church objects in the sum of $30,771,574.28, contributions to missions and benevolences $8,55,435.08, and contributions to all purposes $39,027,099.36.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY REPORTS GROWTH IN WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR

A resident student body of 668 and an enrollment of 911 in its correspondence department of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was reported to the Southern Baptist Convention by President L. R. Scarborough. The past year has been the best of the institution's history from the standpoint of general efficiency in work maintained, it was pointed out.

The George E. Cowden music building, for which Mrs. George E. Cowdenof Fort Worth, made a contribution of $150,000, is nearing completion. During the year a bequest of $10,000 toward the endowment of the chair of evangelism became available from the estate of the late Judge C. C. Ferrell of Anson, Texas. A deficit of $42,000 in the operating expenses of the Seminary for the year was reported.

In the realm of practical Christian work the Seminary had a great year, the faculty and student body reporting 8764 persons won to Christ, 7751 baptisms, 10,615 additions to the Baptist churches and $207,797.89 raised for all purposes.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS EVANGELIST AT ORANGE CHURCH

Rev. E. A. Bateman, of Vicksburg, Miss., preached to a large audience at the First Baptist church, Orange, Texas, Monday night, using the first chapter of Paul's letter to the Galatians as the scripture lesson. The subject "The Great Tribulation, or When the Mississippi River Turns to Blood," was not used, as had been previously announced, but will be the subject of a sermon later on. Rev. J. C. Robinson, pastor of this church, was present for the first time at the revival, he having just returned home from Alexandria, La., where he occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church of that city Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien preached the commencement sermon for the Munday High School graduating class. Twenty one students received their diplomas in this school.

BIBLE CRUSADERS MAKE STATEMENT ON NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN

Clearwater, Fla., May 20.—Explanation of the recent action of the Bible Crusaders of America declining to assume the lead at this time in the North Carolina fight for anti-evolution legislation was given in a statement at Clearwater, Fla., recently by General George F. Washburn of Boston and Clearwater, Fla., Commander of the Crusaders, who said:

"The Bible Crusaders fight like Spartans for principles and measures, but rarely for men or candidates. We could not enter into politics of North Carolina and contend for candidates directly or actively in their campaigns because later we will appear before many of these and ask them, as legislators, to pass an anti-evolution bill in North Carolina, just as we did in Mississippi. We want these legislators, as representatives of the people of their state, to meet us absolutely openmindedly and without any prejudice whatever. If, indirectly, the Bible Crusaders can assist and encourage the regular state forces, we will gladly do so, but we do not wish to participate actively in their political campaign."

"The Modernists," Commander Washburn says, "are now for the first time on the defensive in the public schools' crusade, in the college and university line-up, and in the legislative contests in several states as well as in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian denominations throughout the entire South."

The primary elections which are to occur in North Carolina early in June have already aroused the state to an unusual degree of political intensity because, like Bancho's Ghost, the religious issue injected into it will not down. It is one of vital interest to the people and, as in Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas, must be fought to a finish. This dominant issue is between orthodox Christianity and Evolution, and a political battle involving it is on because the next legislature will be called upon to pass an anti-evolution bill and the legislators, who will vote upon it, are soon to be selected at the primaries.

The issue has become well defined and organized forces have lined up on either side. According to those most interested, the fight for this legislation does not seem simply a "flare-up in the cross roads", but rather a deep, determined religious struggle that has been impending for some time in defense of recognized principles. The orthodox leaders are imbued with the spirit of Cromwell, in defense of Christ and the Bible, while Evolutionists are marshalled by brilliant Ingersolls to combat them. Other political questions are subordinated to this one which is being discussed by men and women not only at church socials but at meetings religious, political, and otherwise throughout the state.

Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, is the Chairman of the Fundamentalist forces. At a meeting of these forces in Charlotte, which is the center of Fundamentalist activities, a "Committee of one Hundred" has been selected and Judge Neal elected chairman. President Poteat, of Wake Forest College, "the round house of Modernism," is the leader of the Modernist forces with headquarters at Wake Forest College. Raleigh is the recognized center of the Modernist. forces.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SHOW GAIN IN ALL PHASES OF DENOMINATIONAL WORK

Comparing the general achievements of Southern Baptists for 1925 with those for 1924, Dr. E. P. Alldredge has found that the past year witnessed a gain over the preceding year of 283 ordained ministers, 14,515 baptisms, 74,799 church members, 190 Sunday schools and 154,875 Sunday school pupils, 1193 B. Y. P. U.s, 647 church houses, 100 pastors' homes, $24,172,165 in the value of local church property, 1192 W. M. U. organizations, $240,105 in W. M. U. contributions, $3,275,11 in contributions by the churches to local objects, and $1667,394 in contributions to all purposes.

Due to the dropping from the list of 1250 churches from which no report has been received for the past three years, there is a loss of 1080 churches and a consequent reduction in the net gain in membership below what it would have been otherwise. There was a slight loss in the enrollment in the B. Y. P. U.s and a decrease of $1,607,718 in the contributions of the churches to missions and benevolences.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. ASSOCIATION ADOPTS CONSTITUTION AT MEETING HERE SUNDAY

The regular quarterly meeting of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of the Sweetwater Association was held Sunday with the South Side Baptist Church, Abilene. There were about 100 representatives present from eight churches in the Association. The meeting was presided over by the president of the association, Taylor McCaslin of Sweetwater. At the afternoon session Pastor C. A. Powell of College Heights Church, Abilene, made a splendid talk on 'The importance of the Teacher Training Course." A Unified Service on Sunday evening was discussed by W. A. Haney of Abilene.

Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater discussed the subject, "Shall We Train Our Young People in Missions."

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Conferences were held by Walter Jackson and Lawrence Fitzgerald.

The next meeting will be held with the First Church, Sweetwater, on the fifth Sunday in August.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U Association was organized about three months ago. The officers are, Taylor McCaslin, president: E. K. Dougherty, Sweetwater, First vice president: Zeb Freeman, second vice president; Miss Bernice Reavis, Sweetwater, Secretary- treasurer; Wendell Foreman, Abilene, choirister; Miss Hazel Hatton, Abilene, pianist.

At the business meeting Sunday afternoon the following Constitution and by-laws were adopted:

ARTICLE I.

Name—The name of this organization shall be Sweetwater Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Association.

ARTICLE II.

Object—The object of the association shall be to deepen the spirituality of the members, instruct them in all denominational interests, and in methods of efficiency and pursue a policy of emphasizing departmental efficiency both Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

ARTICLE III.

Membership—Every Baptist Church in the association shall have the privilege of membership in this body. Each Sunday School in the association shall be entitled to five messengers regardless of the enrollment of the school, up to one hundred. For each additional enrollment of one hundred, or fraction thereof, two additional messengers will be allowed. Each B. Y. P. U. in a church shall be allowed five messengers. Each church shall be allowed two messengers in addition to above. All pastors of Baptist Churches in the association shall be ex-officio members of this body; also missionary and helpers. All messengers must have the approval of the local church.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers—The officers of the association shall be as follows: President, a vice president, representing the Sunday School, a Vice President representing the B. Y. P. U., secretary-treasurer, choirist and pianist. The officers of the association and associational missionary shall compose the executive, program, instruction and extension committees.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers—The duties of President shall be: Chairman of all committees; responsible for the general leadership of all the activities of the association.

The duties of the vice presidents shall be: To serve with president on all committees; preside at the general meetings altenately, Sunday School vice president to serve first when the president is absent or upon request; preside at committee meetings in like manner when president is absent or upon request.

The duties of Secretary-Treasurer: Keep records and make reports of all meetings of the association; keep minutes of committee meetings; responsible for all correspondence; send out programs; receive and disburse all funds of the association.

Choirist—Lead singing at all general meetings; arrange for special music.

Pianist—Play at all general meetings and co-operate with choirister in arranging special music.

ARTICLE VI.

Committees—There shall be three committees: Executive, Program, and Instruction and Extension.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings—This organization shall meet every fifth Sunday, the time

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SIXTEEN NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN S. W. SEMINARY, FT. WORTH

(By L. A. Myers, Southwestern) Baptist Seminary)

Sixteen different nations covering 90 per cent of the geographical area of the earth are represented in the student body of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Peru is represented by Victor M. Cano, who found a Bible, read it secretly, and renounced Catholicism after spending five years and six months in a monastery training for a Catholic priest. He holds his degree from the schools of higher learning in his country and has spent two years training in America. In Peru he lived in town where the Christian religion had never touched. At present he is giving to his people Christian information through a Continental Correspondence Course. In this Course he is covering his entire acquaintanceship which includes many of the leaders of his country. He expects to remain in the Seminary for three years.

S. W. Girgis represents Egypt, landing in America February 13, coming direct to the Seminary. He is a graduate of the primary and secondary schools of Egypt and of the American Commercial school at Alexandria. He was converted at the age of 12 from the Coptic religion, and since that time he and his family have been persecuted many times by the Coptic priests. On one occasion, he relates, one of these priests came to the Christian service with a band of men armed with knives and revolvers, and only Providence saved them from massacre. Mr. Girgis has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. activities in Palestine, and in his travels through Egypt and Palestine has influenced the conversion of many of his people. He plans to return to his home after the completion of his Seminary work.

Drs. E. Y. Mullins and J. B. Gambrell visited the Baptist Mission work in Roumania in 1920 and discovered Miss Iudiveca Christea, who had been recently converted to the Christian faith. Their influence brought Miss Christea to America three years later. She entered the Training School at Louisville Seminary, coming from Louisville to Southwestern Seminary September 1925. Though many times persecuted and imprisoned in Roumania, she expects to return upon the completion of her course and give her life to the advancement of her people. Among the few Baptists of that country she is already well known, having represented them at the Baptist Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1923.

Miss Gregoria Garcia, student from Mexico, was born in Monterey, Mexico, and through the influence of her mother who was converted in a Christian hospital, became a Christian at the early age of five. She came with her family to Laredo eight years ago and has since 1920 been in the employ of the Home Mission Board as a missionary and teacher of Spanish. Just as soon as she completes her training in the Seminary she will return to her country as a missionary.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE FORCES HAVE BEEN ACTIVE

President B. H. Dement of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, in making his eighth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention drew attention to the steady growth and improvement of that institution and its conribution to the religious life of New Orleans and the entire South. He reported a property valued at $750,000 and an enrollment of 267 students during the past year, with 46 who received degrees, diplomas or certificates at the recent commencement.

Dr. Dement stated that the membership of the Baptist churches in New Orleans has increased from 1200 to 4500 and the Baptist churches have increased in number from 6 to 14 in the eight years the Institute has been operating. Particular mention was made of the Layne and Tharp "Foundations" for the support of special lectureships. He reported the trustees as requesting an appropriation of $162,500 for the ensuing year to support the work and meet obligations incurred in the purchase of property.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND PROGRESS.

The recent meeting of Southern Baptists at Houston marks another important mile post in the progress of our denomination. The pronouncements of evolution were all that the most radical of the fundamentalists could ask for. There is not a question but that Southern Baptists are fundamentally sound in doctrines, loyal to the Bible and are against every form of modernism. It was also made evident that the denomination is determined to go on with a progressive program of cooperation that will adequately care for all our work.

As the denomination has taken a clear and firm stand on the question of evolution that has so agitated our people in recent months, and has called upon the institutions fostered by the denomination to accept the stand taken at the convention, it is now up to these institutions to make their stand unquestionably clear so that there may not be a single ground of suspicion as to their position on the question of modernism. The institution that fails to do this will, in a large measure, be responsible for a continued agitation that will greatly hinder the progress of our work. No institution will be justified in refusing to take this stand on the ground that it will seemingly admit victory for an over-zealous group of fundamentalists. What does it matter who gets the credit for the steps taken. It is to be admitted that much of the agitation has been unjustified and uncalled for. On the other hand there is no question but that there has been much ground for dissatisfaction in some quarters. Southern Baptists have spoken clearly on the question of modernism. It is up to the leaders in the denomination to either accept the verdict of the conviction or surrender their leadership.

It is to be hoped that the leaders in all our denominational institutions in Texas will accept the evolution memorial passed at Houston and thus go a long way toward stopping the growing unrest among our Texas Baptists. Of course the resolution on evolution passed at Houston was not directed to the leaders of the institutions fostered by the Texas Convention, yet an adoption of the resolution by our Texas institutions will go a long way toward clarifying the situation in Texas. If this step is taken now by our institutions in Texas, we believe Texas Baptists will rise up and demand that all agitation on the question be stopped. If the step is not taken suspicion and unrest will continue in Texas and there will be a reckoning next fall at the covention in San Antonio.

GOD'S CHALLENGE

"It was in the midnight of the Dark Ages that the huge revival which we call the Reformation, breaking out in an Augustinian monastery, convulsed Europe, and changed the history of the world.

"The conditions before the arrival of Wesley and Whitefield have been thus described: 'Death in the churches, rottenness in public morals, infidelity coming in like a flood.'

"Blackstone, the commentator on the laws of England, under George III says he went to EVERY CHURCH OF NOTE IN LONDON, AND FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCOVER WHETHER THE CLERGY WAS A FOLLOWER OF CONFUSIOUS, MOHAMMED OF CHRIST. Do any worse conditions than these prevail today?

"So, before the last great general revival, that of 1860, the lands the revival visited were those lying under a pall of wreckless waste, and unparallelled fever for riches, deepening doubt and alarming ungodliness.

"Historically, conditions of appalling darkness have not been against revival, but for it; for revival is God, by a mighty uprush, saving the world from its down grade to hell."—D. M. Panton.

DEFIES GOD

Sinclair Lewis, a novelist, thinks he doesn't believe in God, and that his unbelief is important. Last Monday in the role of clergyman, up side down, just to prove that "there is no God," Mr. Lewis publicly defied Divine Power to strike him dead. He said, with lack of good taste, "I defy Him to strike me down in the next ten minutes."

Nothing happened, so Mr. Lewis and the sort that listen to such childishness doubtless believe that something important had been demonstrated.—Arthur Brisbane.

A man so foolish as Lewis shows himself to be is of such little importance that God has no occasion to pay any attention to him. Very probably Lewis thought he had accomplished something great by demonstrating such a wonderful feat as to defy God. Instead of proving something great, he proved how little is his own mind, how narrow, how barren, how infinitestimal is the value of his life. In the minds of some, he may be a great novelist, but if that is all one can say for him that isn't much to say. The Scriptures say "The fool bath said in his heart there is no God." Mr. Lewis brought the condemnation upon himself.—Slatonite.

A man must be pretty small caliber to think that he can get away with a "stunt" like the above. Such a bid for cheap notoriety displays both a lack of common sense and an egotism that is appalling. The Psalmist said, "Who is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visiteth him."

THE SHADOW OF HIS HAND.

When the days just burst with sunshine,
In their early rosiest dawn;
When the heart is wildly happy
With an unutterable song.
Such days do come quite often,
We need must not be gay;
'Tis in the glorious sunbeams
We often'st go astray.
It fills with joy and we forget,
Eah unsuspecting heart,
'Till some rash error of our own
Pierces inward like a dart.
'Tis in the silent fear of nights,
Or heavy shadow of the day;
That we remember we are dust,
And choose with care our way.
Oh! how we dread the day of gloom
Lit by unkind words or lies,
Mayhap 'tis the shadow of God's Hand
Drawing loser on the ties.
When the midnight seems the darkest,
'Tis then perhaps we're safe.
Then let us thank our Master God,
For the shadow of His Hand.

WINNIE DAVIS,
Brownsville, Texas.

THE OLD TIME PREACHER.

We brung the preaher home from church
To eat with us one day;
Ma says, "Now, all you kids must wait,
So just run out and play."
I 'member how that preaher et
For most an hour or two,
And all us hungry kids 'must wait
Like grown folks make you do!
He et most all the chicken up
That ma had fried so brown,
And heaped upon his platter 'till
It almost tumbled down;
But he 'ist never left a bit
'Cept backs and necks and wings,
And et the mostes pie and cake,
And all the other things!
Us kids was peepin' through a crack
And heard him ask for mo.'
And piece by piece that chicken went
Where all good chickens go;
Then loosenin' up his belt a notch,
He took a hunk of pie,
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As the denomination has taken a clear and firm stand on the question of evolution that has so agitated our people in recent months, and has called upon the institutions fostered by the denomination to accept the stand taken at the convention, it is now up to these institutions to make their stand unquestionably clear so that there may not be a single ground of suspicion as to their position on the question of modernism. The institution that fails to do this will, in a large measure, be responsible for a continued agitation that will greatly hinder the progress of our work. No institution will be justified in refusing to take this stand on the ground that it will seemingly admit victory for an over-zealous group of fundamentalists. What does it matter who gets the credit for the steps taken. It is to be admitted that much of the agitation has been unjustified and uncalled for. On the other hand there is no question but that there has been much ground for dissatisfaction in some quarters. Southern Baptists have spoken clearly on the question of modernism. It is up to the leaders in the denomination to either accept the verdict of the conviction or surrender their leadership.

It is to be hoped that the leaders in all our denominational institutions in Texas will accept the evolution memorial passed at Houston and thus go a long way toward stopping the growing unrest among our Texas Baptists. Of course the resolution on evolution passed at Houston was not directed to the leaders of the institutions fostered by the Texas Convention, yet an adoption of the resolution by our Texas institutions will go a long way toward clarifying the situation in Texas. If this step is taken now by our institutions in Texas, we believe Texas Baptists will rise up and demand that all agitation on the question be stopped. If the step is not taken suspicion and unrest will continue in Texas and there will be a reckoning next fall at the covention in San Antonio.

GOD'S CHALLENGE

"It was in the midnight of the Dark Ages that the huge revival which we call the Reformation, breaking out in an Augustinian monastery, convulsed Europe, and changed the history of the world.

"The conditions before the arrival of Wesley and Whitefield have been thus described: 'Death in the churches, rottenness in public morals, infidelity coming in like a flood.'

"Blackstone, the commentator on the laws of England, under George III says he went to EVERY CHURCH OF NOTE IN LONDON, AND FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCOVER WHETHER THE CLERGY WAS A FOLLOWER OF CONFUSIOUS, MOHAMMED OF CHRIST. Do any worse conditions than these prevail today?

"So, before the last great general revival, that of 1860, the lands the revival visited were those lying under a pall of wreckless waste, and unparallelled fever for riches, deepening doubt and alarming ungodliness.

"Historically, conditions of appalling darkness have not been against revival, but for it; for revival is God, by a mighty uprush, saving the world from its down grade to hell."—D. M. Panton.

DEFIES GOD

Sinclair Lewis, a novelist, thinks he doesn't believe in God, and that his unbelief is important. Last Monday in the role of clergyman, up side down, just to prove that "there is no God," Mr. Lewis publicly defied Divine Power to strike him dead. He said, with lack of good taste, "I defy Him to strike me down in the next ten minutes."

Nothing happened, so Mr. Lewis and the sort that listen to such childishness doubtless believe that something important had been demonstrated.—Arthur Brisbane.

A man so foolish as Lewis shows himself to be is of such little importance that God has no occasion to pay any attention to him. Very probably Lewis thought he had accomplished something great by demonstrating such a wonderful feat as to defy God. Instead of proving something great, he proved how little is his own mind, how narrow, how barren, how infinitestimal is the value of his life. In the minds of some, he may be a great novelist, but if that is all one can say for him that isn't much to say. The Scriptures say "The fool bath said in his heart there is no God." Mr. Lewis brought the condemnation upon himself.—Slatonite.

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THE SHADOW OF HIS HAND.

When the days just burst with sunshine,
In their early rosiest dawn;
When the heart is wildly happy
With an unutterable song.
Such days do come quite often,
We need must not be gay;
'Tis in the glorious sunbeams
We often'st go astray.
It fills with joy and we forget,
Eah unsuspecting heart,
'Till some rash error of our own
Pierces inward like a dart.
'Tis in the silent fear of nights,
Or heavy shadow of the day;
That we remember we are dust,
And choose with care our way.
Oh! how we dread the day of gloom
Lit by unkind words or lies,
Mayhap 'tis the shadow of God's Hand
Drawing loser on the ties.
When the midnight seems the darkest,
'Tis then perhaps we're safe.
Then let us thank our Master God,
For the shadow of His Hand.

WINNIE DAVIS,
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THE OLD TIME PREACHER.

We brung the preaher home from church
To eat with us one day;
Ma says, "Now, all you kids must wait,
So just run out and play."
I 'member how that preaher et
For most an hour or two,
And all us hungry kids 'must wait
Like grown folks make you do!
He et most all the chicken up
That ma had fried so brown,
And heaped upon his platter 'till
It almost tumbled down;
But he 'ist never left a bit
'Cept backs and necks and wings,
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The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has had one of the most significant years in all its history, according to the annual report presented to the Southern Baptist Convention by E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, president.

Outstanding in the year's events was the removal in the latter part of March from the old down-town site of the Seminary to its new suburban home in "The Beeches" on Lexington Road, one of the most attractive sites and plants to be founded anywhere.

From the special building campaignin 1925 to make this new site possible the Seminary reports total assets of $1,28,012.41, though only $349,671.58 cash was realized, the remainder being in the form of notes. The total indebtedness of the institution, extended over a brief period of years, is reported at $901,639.88. This sum does not include the cost of the apartments for married students, work on which is now under way.

By action of the board of trustees the central unit of the new dormitory group will be named Mullins Hall, the flanking units, Boyce Hall and Broadus Hall, and the southern units as Manly Hall and Williams Hall.

A total of 392 students from 33 states and nine foreign countries have attended the Seminary this year and the year's work has been an excellent one in every way.

Taking advantage of a vacation granted him by his board, following his serious illness, but which he has not been able to take on account of the pressure of the building campaign, President Mullins hopes to be able to spend a couple of months in Europe early this fall conducting a series of regional conferences among the various Baptist groups, under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance of which he is president.

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EDUCATION CALENDAR

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SCHEDULE FOR 1926

Please Keep the 9 A. M. Prayer Hour

JANUARY

Prayer—Southwestern Training School, Seminary Hill, Texas.
Program—Letter to a Training School Girl
To whom sent.....Date.....

FEBRUARY

Prayer—Louisville Training School and Margaret Fund.
Program—Gift to Training School.
Amount $.....Date paid.....
Gift to Margaret Fund.
Amount $.....Date paid.....
Letter to Margaret Fund Student.
Box..... Name..... Date Written.....

MARCH

Prayer—Mountain Schools.
Program—Self-Denial Offering.
Amount $.....Date paid.....
Visits your High School.

APRIL

Prayer—Foreign Mission Schools.
Program—High School Party.

MAY

Prayer—Commencement.
Program—R. C. Buckner Scholarship.
Amount $.....Date paid.....
District Scholarship.
Amount $.....Date paid.....
Send names of high school students to college presidents.

JUNE

Prayer—Education Board.
Program—Christian Education Day Offering.
Amount $.....Date paid.....

JULY

Prayer—Encampment Speakers.
Program—Poster for Encampment (use students).

AUGUST

Prayer—Associational and District Officers.
Program—Education Talk at Association (using posters) by students.

SEPTEMBER

Prayer—College Presidents.
Program—Farewell party to students leaving for school—Date given.....
Letter to College President.
Name..... Date.....
Letter to College Pastor.
Name..... Date.....

OCTOBER

Prayer—College Teachers.
Program—Letter from President and Pastor read.
Gift to Y. W. A. Scholarship.
Amount $.....Date paid.....

NOVEMBER

Prayer—The Education Committee.
Program—Thanksgiving box to students away from home.
Date sent.....Student's Name.....

DECEMBER

Prayer—For Christian holidays well spent.
Program—Party for high school seniors to meet college people at home. Date.....
MRS. R. Q. LEE, State Chairman, Cisco, Texas

SOUTHWIDE BAPTISTS

New Orleans Institution, Modern In Every Respect, Expects To Prove Missionary Asset.

Upon a career of ministry to both the bodies and souls of suffering humanity, the newly-completed Southwide Baptist Hospital at New Orleans entered Monday, March 8, when its doors were opened to receive patients, while the religious ceremonies incident to the formal opening of the institution were held Sunday, March 14. Open house was held at the institution on both Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, when many thousands of persons called and inspected the well appointed building.

Addresses at the formal opening of the hospital were delivered by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, and Drs. Dinwiddie and Allen, prominent physicians, while the prayers were offered by Dr. J. E. Gwatkin of the Baptist Bible Institute and Dr. J. A. Huff of the First Baptist Church. Dr. L. J. Bristow, superintendent of the hospital, has had a large part of making the erection of the plant possible.

The initial unit of the plant is eight stories in height and has a basement and a tower of two and one-half stories in addition. This building is of modern construction throughout, has 218 private rooms, five wards of six beds each, and has 36 baby beds in the nursery. One whole floor set aside for children patients.

The two city lots on which the hospital is located were purchased, at a cost of $85,000 by citizens of New Orleans and donated to the Baptists, while many of the rooms and departments of the first unit were furnished by private citizens of the city, regardless of religious creed. Including the main building, the nurses training school, the heating plant, laundry, etc., the initial cost of the plant approximates $1,000,000.

Composing the staff of the hospital are 40 prominent physicians and and surgeons of New Orleans, though the hospital is open for practice to all reputable physicians. The hospital will be managed by a board of trustees and made up of one representative from each state of the Southern Baptist Convention, with seven local members in New Orleans.

JONES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. MEETS AT HAMLIN

PROGRAM.

Third Annual Baptist Sunday Shool Convention of Jones County, Hamlin, Texas, June 10-11.

All sessions to be held in the First Baptist Church.

W. H. Wright, County Superintendent and President; Elmer Holland, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our aim: An aggressive Sunday School Enlargement Program for the Churches of Jones County Association.

Thursday Morning

10:00 A. M.—Opening Praise Service—J. E. McCaleb.
10:30 A. M.—Devotional—Rev. Joel V. Grimes, Avoca.
10:55 A. M.—Address of Welcome,....., Hamlin.
11:15 A. M.—Response—J. A. Middleton, Stamford.
11:30 A. M.—Special Music—Hamlin Church.
11:35 A. M.—Convention Sermon, Rev. E. J. Barb, Abilene.
12:20 P. M.—Lunch—Rev. J. H. Littleton, Master of Ceremonies.

Afternoon.

1:50 P. M.—Song Praise Service—J. E. McCaleb.
2:10 P. M.—Devotional—J. T. Richards, Hawley.
2:20 P. M.—Superintendent's reports, J. E. Turner, W. R. Benson, Hamlin; G. C. Cooley, Lueders; R. P. King, Elmer Holland, Anson.
4:05 P. M.—The Teaching Service Magnifying the Preaching Service—Rev. Sam Morris, Abilene.

Evening.

7:15 P. M.—Convention Praise Service—J. E. McCaleb.
7:35 P. M.—Devotional—H. J. Hansen, Avoca.
7:55 P. M.—Building a Great Bible Class—Mrs. W. H. Wright, Stamford.
8:15 P. M.—Crucifixion—Cutting from Ben Hurr—Miss Geraldine Wright. Fine Arts Department, Burleson College, Greenville.
8:30 P. M.—A Soul Winning Sunday School—Rev. Joe W. English, Knox City.

Friday Morning, June the 11th.

9:10 A M.—Praise Service—Hamlin Church Choir Director.
9:35 A. M.—Rev. Hill Edmonds, Anson.
10:05 A. M.—Value of Intermediate Sunday School Work—Tate May.
10:20 A. M.—Discuss Sunday School Work—Miss Marion Hopkins, Jones County Special S. S. Worker.
10:45 A. M.—The Standard Calling our Sunday Schools—W. C. Russell, Stamford.
11:10 A. M.—Grading and Organizing our Schools—Geo. Brooks, Anson.
11:25 A. M.—Special Music—Convention Chorus.
11:30 A. M.—The Missionary Spirit of the Sunday Schools—Rev. F. A. Pope, Anson.
11:55 A. M.—Sermon—Rev. W. T. Hamor, Anson.
12:30 P. M.—Lunch—J. H. Littleton, Master of Ceremonies.

Afternoon.

2:00 P. M.—Sing-Songs—Directed by Hamlin leader.
2:10 P. M.—Devotional—J. E. McCaleb, Hodges Church.
2:20 P. M.—Adequate Buildings for our Sunday Schools—J. C. Williams, Avoca.
2:40 P. M.—Elementary Work—Mrs. J. H. Littleton, Hamlin.
2:55 P. M.—Teacher Training—Miss Lilias Penick.
3.20 P. M.—The Standard for a Teacher—Should the Church demand of Teacher freedom from gambling, card playing, bridge, Forty-Two and etc.—Rev. Perry King, Abilene.
3:55 P. M.—The Daily Vacation Bible School—Rev. W. H. Albertson, Haskell.
3:50 P. M.—Where Shall We Go?

This is an unusual County S. S. Convention program and it is confidentially hoped that the teachers, officers and other S. S. People will lay aside everything else and flock in by the hundreds on the Hostes and remain for the entire two days. There are at least 400 people in Jones County Baptist Churches who should attend this Convention. Pastors, co-operate with us. Urge the folks to attend and you stay the full two days.

Program opens and runs on Railroad time. No delay. All speakers will respond if not Providentially detered.

BIG SPRING W. M. U. HAS INTERESTING MEETING

The Womans Missionary Union of the First Baptist church were hostesses to the members of the W. M. U. of the East Third Street Baptist church, and the Mexican church, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Homes, on Monday afternoon, with an unusually large crowd present.

The interesting program of the afternoon consisted of several delightful selections, vocal and piano, given by Reverend and Mrs. Carlos Castillo, Mexican missionaries, and a talk by Mrs. S. H. Morrison on "The Mexican Mission Work." This work was undertaken by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. B. Reagan in 1906. They went to the Mexican settlement once each week, and taught the Mexicans sewing, writing, reading and about the Bible and God. Finally they were successful in finding a Mexican girl who took up the work, but she soon left, and the work fell back on their shoulders. All of these years they have worked diligently with these people, and they are getting good results from their labors. Reverend Castillo has been secured to head this work for the Mexicans and he is carrying out a worthwhile program of work with them.

The subject of the afternoon's discussion was "Baptist Hospitals at Home and Abroad," and splendid discussions were given.

Following the program, a shower of clothing, articles, groceries, and other useful things were given to Reverend and Mrs. Castillo.

At the tea hour, a dainty salad course was served by the hostesses.

The Lampasas encampment will be held this year July 15 to 25. An unusually strong program has been planned.

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JIM FERGUSON PAYS HIS RESPECT TO THE BAPTISTS

James E. Ferguson in his campaign speeches is paying his respects to the Baptists. The following from his opening speech at Sulpher Springs is a sample of what is being said. Comment is unnecessary:

"Moody's campaign was daddied in the evoluted monkey end of the Baptist church and boosted by the Ku Klux Klan and supported by the big oil companies opposed to the gasoline tax. * * * * * * * *

Modern Baptist Preachers.

"Let me begin with the first proposition. Recently in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, a Ku Klux-Butte paper, the following appeared: "Baptist For Me, Dan States. Austin May 14.—Attorney General Dan Moody, candidate for governor, returned today from Houston and Galveston and said that 'The Baptists are sure for me.' The Southern Baptists are in convention. However, his mission was not political."

Look around over your state and you will find the so-called modern progressive Baptist preachers that have forgotten the old time religion preaching for their new-found hero, Daniel Jiggs Moody.

They claim that Moody is up-to-date, that he is the brightest and the smartest and the prettiest young man of this day and generation. Look among the evolution Baptist preachers who supported Felix Roberton and Butte two years ago and you will find them poping off in this campaign and telling the people that young Dan Moody is the Thomas Jefferson of the age and the savior of all mankind. The same Baptist hierarchy that two years ago argued to the people of this state that the democratic pledge was a scrap of paper and that they could not be bound by their promise when ever it suited them to violate it, are now raising the same argument in favor of Moody. But what could you expect from a crowd that has denied God and admit that they come from a tadpole? Whenever men deny the divine birth and resurrection of the Savior of men and deny the Bible story of the creation of the world and seek to explain away the teachings of the fathers, then it is to be expected that they would be bound by no ties of honesty in matters spiritual or political. It is the contest which has been waged in the republic many times in resisting those who under the guise of the cause and in the name of religion, have sought to deny everybody else the right to have their religion and who sought to sieze control of the government and make it a weapon of oppression to take away the liberties of the people."

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Professor J. W. English of Knox City will do the preaching in a meeting to be held with the First Baptist Church, Rotan, beginning June 6th.

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MY ESTIMATE OF THE HOUSTON CONVENTION

(By L. R. Scarborough)

For the benefit of the brotherhood who did not attend the Convention, I should like to give my valuation of the Convention in the following statements.

1. The attendance was large and, in the main, constructive. The messengers had their minds set on two things—settling the doctrinal issue as far as they could by the right sort of resolution, and then going on with Christ's cause without reference to hinderers or destructionists. They did both these things in a great fashion.

2. It was a great thing for the Baptist Convention that Dr. McDaniel did two things—allowed himself to stand for re-election as President. The brotherhood expected it, it was logical, and, thank God, his health enabled him to serve. And the second thing was the masterful way in which he handled the doctrinal statement. The method he adopted avoided discussion and suited nearly everybody. These two things greatly added to the unity, fellowship and aggressiveness of the Convention.

3. The great constructive work of the Convention never had a better inning nor hearing. Foreign Missios, Home Missions and Eduation got the best hearing and had about the best program and secured the finest responses in a long time before. The other causes—Sunday School, Annuity Board and seminaries—had a great hearing and a fine response. The Convention showed its devotion to these causes. The unified program commission had a glorious inning and the Convention demonstrated its faith in and co-operation with this commission in a splendid way. The belief is that the denominational budget is fixed as a permanent program and that the tide has turned in its favor. It will go on functioning in a greater fashion than before.

4. The bitter attack on the leaders of the Convention failed and fell flat and the destructionists, represented by the Baptist Bible Union, failed of their objective. They carried on simultaneous meetings and threw invectives and criticisms in the face of the Convention, held protest meetings, especially at the hours when Foreign Missions, and Home Missions had on their great night program. Their effort was futile and their leadership was disredited. The effort to discredit the Louisville Seminary was refused consideration. The Convention will take no action that will reflect on this great institution which has stood as a mighty bulwark against heresies for these sixty-five years. On every hand confidence was expressed in our great beloved Seminary.

5. Probably the highest hour and most distinctive period in the Convention was the hour when Dr. Truett spoke on the educational report. This universally beloved preacher, whose voice goes further probably than any other among Southern Baptists, never spoke more courageously nor gave forth a nobler defense of Christian education. His words burned and cut like fire and a Damascan sword. His address was a clarion call to our people to take care of our schools and to stand squarely against the destructionist from whatever section. It was a great address and wonderfully received. It will be distributed to all of our people and will bear fruit in the days to come.

6. The statement on evolution and the origin of man made by President McDaniel and adopted by the Convention on the motion of Pastor Dodd was a clear, concise, true statement of the attitude of probably 99 ½ per cent of Southern Baptists, and maybe more. It clearly rejected the theory of the animal descent of man and set out that we believe that man was created by the special act of God and not by the process of evolution. It is hoped that this resolution will settle the dust, as far as Southern Baptists are concerned, around the world. They accept the Genesis account of man's creation and refuse to go with modernism in any form. This does not mean that Southern Baptists are out of sympathy with scientific investigation and the freedom of research; but it does mean that they reject the false hypothesis that man originated from an animal ancestry. The passing of this statement in such a glorious way added very much to the unity, aggressiveness and fellowship of the Convention. I thank God that the Convention reaffirms its faith in this matter and sets out in its belief in words so clear and plain that a wayfaring man, though a fool, may not misinterpret the meaning of the Convention. Whoever loves the triumph of the truth and the ongoing of Christ's causes among Southern Baptists.

7. A word about the Southwestern Seminary and its Articles of Faith. When the Southern Seminary was founded more than sixty years ago, its noble founders put in its fundamental laws articles of faith and required that every teacher in the Seminary must subscribe to these articles of faith; and it has been the custom of this institution for all these years to have the teachers publicly sign these articles of faith which are a re-affirmation of the great fundamentals of the Bible. Following the example of the Southern Seminary, the Southwestern Seminary, when it was founded by Dr. Carroll, made the same requirement of its teachers. The articles of faith adopted then were practically the same as the New Hampshire Article of Faith. A year ago, when the Southwestern Seminary came under the ownership and control of the Southern Convention, the Trustees felt it necessary to adopt new articles of faith and by-laws. That was their unanimous judgment. A committee was appointed at its February meeting to recommend articles of faith and by-laws. That committee reported by-laws governing the Trustees and Faculty and unanimously recommended the Articles of Faith adopted by the Memphis Convention. They left off the statement on science, not because it was not a part of the Articles of Faith. A motion was made that since we were adopting the Articles of Faith approved by a large majority of the Memphis Convention, and since the statement on evolution and the origin of man proposed by Dr. McDaniel was unanimously passed by the Houston Convention, that this statement be added as an adderdum to the artiles of Faith. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. Thus, in line with the examples set by the Southern Seminary and followed by our great Baptist Bible Institute, the Southwestern Seminary adopted articles of faith approved by the Southern Baptist Convention. This was done in a regular, orderly way the first opportunity we had after our charter was secured and the regular organization under its new ownership and control was set up. This action was not an effort on the part of the Seminary to get in on a popular wave or to embarrass any other institutions nor to set any new example. It was following a regular, normal course which was expected by the Convention and demanded by its new relationship. The Southwestern Seminary is glad to go in full co-operation with the doctrinal beliefs adopted by the Southern Convention and furthermore it proposes to go in full-length co-operation with all the boards and institutions and causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southwestern Seminary from its beginning until today, and I think I can prophesy for the future, has, does and will propose to grow, not at the expense of any other institution or cause of Southern Baptists, but in full co-operation with all the work of the Convention. It is seeking to give to the Baptists and to the world a spiritual, orthodox, cultured, scholarly, missionary, evangelistic, co-operant leadership for the building of Christ's Kingdom. Any effort to throw the Southwestern Seminary against any other institution or cause or to set it out as inaugurating a new movement will miss the purpose of the Seminary and be against the pleasure of its Board of Trustees. This institution stands squarely with every member of its Faculty, and I think its great student body, for the whole truth of the Bible, the great fundamentals dear to our Baptist fathers, and proposes to go in an aggressive, o-operant way to help build the Kingdom of God on the basis of these great principles, under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

8. Now, one great task faces Southern Baptists and rests upon our consciences like the weight of a world. This it is: since there is an abounding unity in FAITH, let us make a great demonstration in WORKS. We ought to give the world a witness of glorious denominational team-work in establishing the priniples of Bible stewardship expressed in tithing and the budget, enlisting every hurch and every church member for the local and denominational support in a liberal and glorious fashion. If we will discontinue special campaigns and all our forces of every kind get behind the unified program and its commission to establish the budget, we will take care of all our causes. There will be and should be gifts of large proportions made by individual givers, over and above the budget; but if we will fully support the budget, we will take care of everything we have and go forward.

The deepest urgency of my soul is to my brothers everywhere, let's go on now to build Christ's Kingdom, meet the obligations we are under that we have already made, and increase our work and advance the line to the uttermost parts of the world.

NEWS NOTES

Pastor W. E. B. Lockeridge of Graham is in a meeting at Archer City. Hugh L. Hiett is leading the singing.

Dr. J. C. Burkett of the South Side Church, Abilene delivered the commencement sermon for the Tuscola High School last week.

We are glad to report that Pastor J. J. Gentry of Lueders is still improving and hopes to be able soon to take up his work again.

The Hogg Evangelistic party will be in a co-operative meeting at Snyder, beginning June 6th. This party has just closed a successful meeting at Sweetwater.

Rev. E. T. Miller of Memphis is to do the preaching in a meeting with Pastor John P. Hardesty and the Slaton church beginning the first Sunday in August.

Our readers will sympathize with Brother W. H. Wright of Stamford in the homegoing of his mother, who fell asleep at her home at Leonard last week.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Jones County Association met Saturday and Sunday with the New Hope Church. The attendance was large and a great time was had.

Virgil Cross, a ministerial student in Simmons, preached his first Sermon at the Baptist Church at Baird on the fourth Sunday. This promising young man is a nephew of Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird.

J. V. Ryerson of 7159 Union Avenue, Chicago, Ill., wants to know the address of Rev. Robert G. Dykes. Any one able to give this information will please communicate with the above party.

The Baird church is making extensive preparation for the revival meeting which is scheduled to begin June 13th. Rev. C. A. Powell of the College Heights church, Abilene is to do the preaching in the meeting.

Mrs. E. J. Barb underwent an operation at the Baptist Sanitarium this weke. Brother Barb is pastor of the New Hope church in Jones county and is a ministerial student in Simmons University.

The First Church, Anson is in a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Training School this week. Miss Louise Hopkins of Dallas is assisting in the school. Pastor W. T. Hamor and Missionary F. A. Pope are also teaching classes.

Rev. R. A. Scranton preached Sunday morning at the First Church, Baird, and Sunday evening at the First Church, Clyde. Pastor Hunt of Clyde is spending a few days in Mineral Wells for the benefit of his health.

The Drasco church has called Rev. Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Abilene as pastor, and he has the call under consideration. Brother Dunlap is one of the most promising young preachers in Simmons University, and the good people at Drasco are anxious for him to accept the call.

Brother Virgil A. Cross of the First Church, Abilene was licensed to preach by that church last week. The recommendation that the license be granted were signed by the Millard A. Jenkens B. Y. P. U. of which Brother Cross had been an active member for some time.

Pastor C. A. Morton of Lampasas has recently declined calls to the First Church, Floydada and to the First Church, Hamilton, a former pastorate. The Lampasas church has recently held a fine meeting in which the pastor did the preaching. The singing was led by P. A. Stockton of Little Rock, Ark.

The Propeller, church paper for the First Church, Graham, is one of the best edited church papers that comes to our desk. A church paper can be made a valuable asset to a church, but where they are merely filled with miscellaneous reading matter they prove to be of very little actual benefit to the church.

A splendid program was rendered at the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Runnells County Assoication which met Saturday and Sunday with the church at Paint Rock. The main topic for discussion for the meeting was "The Summer Revival, and a number of fine addresses were made.

Miss Ruth Jerman Fry, daughter of Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons University, who has been critically ill for several weeks, is reported some better at this time. Our people all over the West will remember to pray for this family and for the recovery of this fine young Christian girl.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Fisher County Association met Saturday and Sunday with the church at Sylvester. Evangelism was the keynote of the address made throughout the program. The editor was scheduled to appear on the program but was unable to be present on account of the death of a relative.

Rev. W. P. Ferguson wso recently accepted the call of the First Church, Snyder, will move on the field within the next few days. Our Western people extend a hearty welcome to this splendid young preacher. We are sure he will lead the Snyder people in a worthy way.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Seminary, Ft Worth preached the commencement sermon at Wayland College. There were thirty-six academy and fifteen college graduates in the exercises. The summer session of Wayland began on June 1st. A large attendance was expected, according to a statement issued by President G. W. McDonald.

Rev S. A. Jones who has been visiting in this section since the death of his wife a few weeks ago, returned this week to Lucus, S. Dak., where he is pastor of the First Baptist church. The Lucus church refused to accept the resignation of Brother Jones and he goes back to that needy field feeling that it is God's will that he labor there.

A "Mother's Day program was rendered by the Central Baptist Church at Hermleigh. The church had been beautifully decorated by the ladies of the church. A program was rendered by the young people after which a sermon was preached by Dr. R. C. Pender. A collection was taken for the Buckner Orphans Home which amounted to $175.

The Callahan Association met Saturday and Sunday with the Cross Plains Church. Rev. R. A. Scranton, who attended the meeting and delivered an address on the denominational work, stated that a fine program was rendered. The Callahan Board at its meeting decided to put on an associational missionary for the summer, and a man suitable for the place is being sought.

The commencement sermon for the Aspermont High School was delivered by a former pastor, Rev. O. W. Dean. There were twelve graduates in the class.

W. M. Haney of Abilene has been selected as associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Worker for the Sweetwater Association. He is anxious to get in touch with the churches that desire work of this nature during the summer. His address is box 512, Abilene, Texas.

Pastor Smith and the Wingate Church are in a revival meeting this week with Brother Ben Milam of Brownwood doing the preaching.

The Baptist Bulletin of the First Church, Abilene, has been changed to the First Baptist Advance and the publication has been granted second class mailing privileges in the post office at Abilene. The paper is a three column four page paper and is credibly edited by Walter Jackson, educational secretary of the church. Brother Jackson was for several years editor of the Merkel Mail and other papers.

A splendid program was rendered by the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of the Mitchell-Scurry Association in its meeting at Loraine last Sunday. Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene preached at the morning hour. The program lasted throughout Sunday afternoon. The attendance as unusually large, hundreds of visitors being present to hear the program.

While Pastor Chas. T. Whaley was attending the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School of the First Church, Sweetwater rendered a missionary program at the morning hour and took a good collection for foreign missions. This church has received some forty or fifty members as a result of the Hogg evangelistic meeting which closed Sunday at Sweetwater. The meeting was a co-operative campaign in which a majority of the Sweetwater churches assisted.

Rev. Edgar Eskeridge who recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Floydada, to enter the evangelistic field, has just closed a good meeting at Happy. There were 125 additions to the Floydada church during the twelve months that Rev. Mr. Eskeridge was pastor there. During that time he conducted six revival meetings in which there were 500 professions and 175 surrenders for special service. 100 of this number were made in the revival at Wayland College, Plainview. His headquarters will be at Winnsboro, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. ASSOCIATION ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

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and place to be decided upon by the association or the Executive committee, or at such time and place as the association in session may decide. There shall be one annual business meeting for reports from all officers and for election of officers for ensuing year. A short business session shall be held at each quarterly meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Elections—All officers shall be elected annually at the time designated by the association.

The nominating committee shall be composed of three, one representing the Sunday School, one the B. Y. P. U. and the associational missionary, and shall be appointed by the president or acting president one month before the time for the election of officers.

ARTICLE IX.

Vacancies filled—The executive committee shall have the right to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year. The officers they suggest must be ratified by the association.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments—This constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of accredited messengers present at any regular business session.

COMMITTEE

THIRTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

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Candidates for Bachelor of Arts
June 3, 1926
Lyda Gresham (June)
Lois Riddle (June)
Bernice Hensler (Aug 20, 1926)
Lucille Patterson (Aug. 20, 1926)

Candidates Bachelor of Oratory
June 3, 1926
Cora B. Gooch Foreman
Lota Clyde Head
Yetta Mitchell

Candidates for Bachelor of Design
June 3, 1926
Inez Edwards, (Aug 20. 1926)
Hazel Dell Hart (Aug. 20, 1926)
Frances Hicks (June)
Verna Florench Smith (June)

Candidates for Diploma in Voice
June 3, 1926
Zanaida Mann

Candidates for Diploma in Speech Arts
June 3, 1926
Agnes Caldwell (Aug. 20. 1926)
Etta Fleming Harwell (June)
Naomi Hunt (Aug 20. 1926)
Myrth Williams (Aug. 20, 1926)
Empress Arlington Young (June)

Candidates for Diploma in Piano
June 3, 1926
Byrdis Walker

Candidates for Master of Arts
June 3, 1926
Mrs. A. E. Baten (Aug. 20, 1926)
Charles R. Brewer (Aug. 20, 1926)
Cora B. Foreman (Aug. 20, 1926)
Ivy Itasca Rhodes (Aug. 20, 1926)
Ura V. Crawford Shotwell (June)

Evangelist R. L. Estes is in a revival meeting this week with Pastor R. T. Hanks and the Jewett church.

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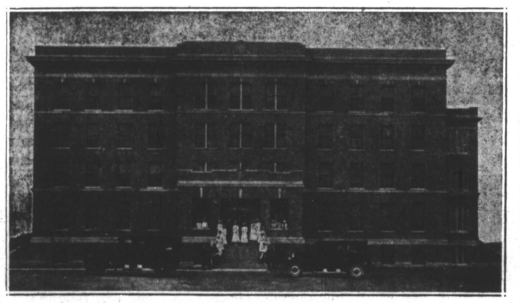
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