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Stonewall Annual Association Meets At Aspermont Sept. 10th and 11th

The annual meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association will meet with the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, September 10-11. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. Harvey Dennis. The session will open Tuesday morning, September 10, and close Wednesday evening. Rev. J. S. Tierce is pastor of the Aspermont church. The program follows:

9:30 A. M.—Song and Praise Service Rev. H. C. Bristow
10:00 Reading of church letters. Mr. G. D. Railsback, Mr. Ed Hahn
10:45 Organization: (Seating of messengers, recognition of visitors, appointment of committees and election of officers).
11:00 Special music.
11:15 Annual Sermon Rev. Harvey Dennis
NOON.
1:15 Song and praise service.
1:30 Digest of letters. (Report).
1:45 Associational and District Missions (Report) Rev. A. S. Holmes
2:05 Cooperative Program Report Rev. J. S. Tierce
State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions
Brief report of accomplishments Rev. Fred McPherson
2:30 Report of W. M. U. Mrs. Alonzo Mayfield
2:45 Report of "Hundred Thousand Club" Mr. J. M. Johnson
3:00 Special music.
3:05 Missionary Sermon Dr. J. Howard Williams
NIGHT.
8:00 Song and praise service.
8:20 Buckner Orphan's Home Report Mrs. Whitaker
8:20 Buckner Orphan's Home Report Mrs. Whittaker, Jayton
8:50 Report of Laymen's Work Mr. J. M. Johnson
9:00 Special music.
9:05 Address Judge Welch, Breckenridge

Wednesday Morning

9:30 Song Service.
9:45 Devotional Rev. Lee Dowdle
10:00 Religious Education: (Reports) B. Y. P. U. Rev. Barton
10:15 Religious Education on the Foreign Fields
..... Mrs. Fred McPherson, Rept.
10:30 Sunday School Mr. Guy Southern, Rept.
10:45 Denominational Schools Rev. H. C. Bristow, Rept.
11:00 Special songs.
11:15 Address on Christian Education Dr. N. A. Moore, Abilene
NOON.

1:15 Devotional Service Rev. S. C. Blair
1:35 Hospital (Report) Mrs. Guy Southern
2:00 Old Ministers Relief (Report) Rev. J. W. Briscoe
2:25 Religious Literature (Report) Rev. Arthur Taylor
2:45 History of Churches of Association (Report) Rev. J. S. Tierce
3:00 Special music.
3:05 Obituary A. F. Jones
3:15 Message on Civic Righteousness Rev. A. F. Stokes
NIGHT.
8:00 Song and Praise Service.
8:30 Report on Evangelism Rev. Harvey Dennis
8:45 Evangelistic Sermon.
Adjourn.

BRYAN & DARROW

It was the popular thing to ridicule William Jennings Bryan for his "monkey trial" in Tennessee which marked the close of his life. Clarence Darrow came in for a great deal of praise. Of course the double statement could be turned around. Bryan died and died gloriously with head up and with face forward. He died a Christian and with the light from another world lighting up his countenance. In his last fight he may have been trying to stop the onward march of thought, but in his heart and mind he was defending a cause that was dearer to him than life; a cause for which he did give his life. Mr. Darrow is sitting in his rocking chair today with the sands of time fast slipping from beneath his feet. He says, "When I die—as I shall soon—my body will decay. My mind will decay and my intellect will be gone. My soul! There is no such thing." The New York Sun says: "This then is Mr. Darrow's obituary, and it is a pitiful one. A surrender of the spirit is tragic, and Mr. Darrow has surrendered. If he is a materialist he also is a defeatist, conquered by age and hugging his philosophy close to his heart as he waits for nothing." What a tragic failure! What a shipwreck of brilliant intellect! We are made to think of the old man of Ecclesiastes as he exclaims, "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity." Before actually going, however, the writer of Ecclesiastes turned to the youth of the land and besought them: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, not the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them" and then "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." May the light of God's countenance even yet illumine the face of the poor old defeated man. Bryan and Darrow, Jacob and Esau, the godly and the godless. Mark the end and choose your pathway.—Florida Witness.

REMORSE

As Peter sat and warmed his trembling hands,
Before the few remaining, burnt-out brands,
His face now cold, and now with crimson dyed,
As he remembered thrice his Lord denied,
He knew that down through all the coming years,
In spite of shame and penitential tears,
That every time he heard a cook's shrill crow,
Remorse, and bitter sadness he would know.
—B. S. Ayres in Southern Churchman.

Kingdom Movements In The West

Around sixty young people of the Throckmorton-Young Association registered at the B. T. U. training camp at Eliasville this week. The camp opened Monday afternoon and closed Wednesday night. The inspirational speaker was Rev. A. R. Billberry of Jacksboro, who brought some fine messages.

Dear Editor: I have just closed one of the finest meetings of my life at "New Hope" where I have been pastor for two years. There were 27 decisions, 20 additions to the church, 18 for baptism. The church is moving onward and upward steadily, not a mushroom growth, but a gradual growth. Our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. has about doubled during this time, also there has been about a third increase in church membership. We are taking our place among West Texas Baptists to help carry on the great work that the Master has given us to do, and that to be Missionary, and send the gospel to every nation. We have had two small offerings for Missions this year and will take another one before the Convention this fall. We do not have our church on the budget yet, but are moving in that direction. Pray for us.—New Hope Baptist Church, Jones County Association, Rev. J. B. Skiles, Pastor.

We recently closed a good meeting in the Fourth Street Church at Big Spring. The pastor was assisted by Joe Trussell of Brownwood. As always he proved to be a great pastor's helper. Large crowds attended all services. There were 49 additions to the church. Brother Trussell is now in a meeting at Dimmitt.—W. S. Garnett, Pastor.

Rev. Frank Burruss of Hardin-Sim-

mons University is doing the preaching in a revival meeting this week at Enterprise School House in Callahan County. Truman Aldredge of Trinity Baptist Church, Abilene, is leading the singing. Large crowds are attending the meeting. Two conversions were reported Tuesday night.

ASPERMONT MEETING

The following note is a report of the revival meeting held August 11th to 25th with the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, Texas.

The result of the meeting was: Total church additions and professions of faith, 31; with scores of reconsecrations and one surrender to mission work. There were 27 additions to the church, 22 on a profession of faith and 5 by letter. There were four professions of faith that did not join the Baptist church.

The preaching in the meeting was done by Rev. J. D. Brannon, Missionary of District 17. The music was in charge of local talent. People having lived here for a long time report the revival to have been the best the church and community has experienced for a number of years. A splendid work was done by the Y. W. A.'s of the church, the Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School, and others who love the Lord.

J. S. TIERCE, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Aspermont.

"No matter what may be the laws of the land, the chemical composition of alcohol has not changed. Alcohol always has been and always will be detrimental to those that use it as a beverage. Young folks will be very much better without using it in any manner, shape or form."—(Andrew Kerr, Colgate University).

THE JOY OF SALVATION

By J. O. Heath, Garden City

The world has its garish pleasures; its carnal delights; and its cupidity to inspire eager pursuit for temporal gain. There is, perhaps, in all of them a transient joy. But over against those ephemeral pleasures, the Bible places the joy of salvation. If one were unacquainted with the blindness of the unregenerated mind, he could but marvel that the unsaved see nothing in salvation but heavy restraints and irksome duties. For in true salvation there is not anything sadder or doleful or morbid or burdensome. On the contrary, it is represented as being full of vitality and joy. And there are multitudes, in different lands, whose deep and clear experiences bear witness to the fact that exquisite and abiding joys are found in salvation. They gladly testify that "its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace." They go on to affirm that in the weightiest obligation which salvation imposes, they find its "yoke easy and its burden light."

Touching this matter, the prophet Isaiah has given us a strong and arresting figure. It is in the twelfth chapter of his book. "Therefore with Joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Here are wells of salvation and the Joy of drawing water from them. There is something interesting about an old-time well. On the old farm in northwest Texas, we had one such well. It was fifty feet deep and was walled with roughly hewed stones. It afforded plenty of water, which was limpid, cool and pleasant to the taste. Being situated beside a frequently traveled road, many of the passers-by would stop for water on the hot summer days. It was with a boy's keen interest that I watched with what avidity and pleasure the thirsty folks would drink of the water which came from that well. For them drawing was a Joy and drinking a delight. But for the small boy, when the heat was intense, drawing water from that deep well was a weariness to him.

How different are the wells of Salvation! They run deep in God's abounding grace. Yet the small in spiritual stature, the weak in faith and the feeble in hope, may draw with Joy and be refreshed by the exercise. In fact, the more constantly we draw water out of the wells of salvation, the more surely do we grow in spiritual confidence, happiness and strength. It is a labor that exhilarates the Christian life; it makes it robust and exuberant. I have already said that drawing water from the boyhood well was, at times, an exhausting task. But one does not become fatigued in drawing water out of the wonderful depths of redemption. For as we draw from the living wells, Paul's words, "rejoice in the Lord" and "rejoice evermore," come to possess a glorious meaning for us.

There is a satisfaction assured to us in the statement which the Saviour made to the woman at Jacob's well. Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." I conclude from these words, that there is not anything mournful or drab or shallow or gloomy or depressing in the life that Jesus promised. Nor are we to suppose that we are to be deprived of all the Joy of this eternal life which on the earth we abide. Nay verily. For God has graciously provided that by prayer, by faith, by hope and love, we may with Joy draw the heart-rejoicing "water out of the wells of salvation."

Jones County Association Meets With Corinth Church Sept. 12-13

The annual meeting of the Jones County Baptist Association will meet with the church at Corinth on Thursday morning, September 12, and will continue through Friday afternoon. Praise services will begin at 10:00 o'clock and organization of the body will follow at 10:30. The associational sermon will be preached at the eleven o'clock hour by Rev. H. H. Summers. Following is the program for the meeting:

Thursday Morning Session

10:00 Praise service Ira Treadwell
10:30 Organization, presentation of letters and election of officers.
11:00 Report of committee on order of business W. T. Priddy
11:05 Buckner Orphan's Home Roy Young
11:30 Associational Sermon H. H. Summers

Thursday Afternoon Session

1:30 Praise Service Joe Trussell
2:00 Home Missions W. D. Fielder
2:10 State Missions R. S. Shannon
2:20 Foreign Missions G. O. Fulghum
2:30 Hundred Thousand Club Emery Scott
2:40 Mission Sermon Dr. J. H. Williams

Thursday Evening Session

7:30 Praise service L. E. Carpenter
8:00 B. T. U. report Roy Clayton
8:10 W. M. U. report Mrs. W. L. Boyd
8:20 S. S. report N. J. Westmoreland
8:30 Brotherhood report Tate May
8:40 Sermon: The New Testament Church Roy Clayton

Friday Morning Session

10:00 Praise Service Fred Bennett
10:30 District Mission report J. D. Brannon
11:00 Report on Digest of Letters Fred Moreland
11:15 Report on committees and nominations W. H. Bennett
11:30 Sermon J. H. Littleton

Friday Afternoon Session

1:30 Praise service W. T. Priddy
1:40 Christian Education Kelley Barnett
2:00 Religious Literature Mrs. Tate May
2:15 Hospital report E. M. Collier
2:35 Treasurer's report
2:45 Obituaries and resolutions S. H. Williams
3:00 Closing sermon J. H. Sikes

The Holy Spirit Prays For The Believer

By W. T. Rouse

"And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered; and He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Rom. 8:26-27. In this scripture three things are clear. First, the Holy Spirit prays for the believer. Second, God who knows our hearts knows also the mind of the Spirit. Third, this intercession of the Holy Spirit in our behalf is according to the will of God.

It ought to encourage the believer to know that not only God the Holy Spirit is praying for him, but also God the Son is interceding in his behalf. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ who died, yea rather is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:34. "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. The Son prays for us from His throne in heaven. The Holy Spirit prays from the throne of the heart of the believer.

Not only is there a difference in the place, but also in the nature of the two intercessions in our behalf. Jesus is praying for His own to the end they may live right, that they may reflect honor and glory to His name; that He may realize the fruits of His sacrifice. The intercession of the Holy Spirit is to lay bare our needs, to enable us to understand our helplessness in the sight of God.

There is also a difference in the manner of the intercession of the Son and that of the Holy Spirit. The Son prays for us in the capacity of High Priest, the Head of the family of God; the Holy Spirit prays for us because our prayers are imperfect, insufficient. His prayers are necessary because the believer does not know how to pray as he ought.

Again the intercession of the Holy Spirit for the believer is necessary, because while regeneration delivers him from the guilt, penalty and power of sin, it does not altogether deliver him from the practice of sin, the habit of sin. Paul expressed the situation of the believer when he exclaimed, "I delight after the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind; O wretched man that I am; who shall deliver me from the body of this death." Rom. 7:22-24.

In closing I would emphasize the fact that it is only for believers, for those in whom Christ is formed the hope of glory, that the Holy Spirit prays. This is an indication of His anxiety that our worship shall be well pleasing and acceptable at the throne of God. Let us be mindful of His intercession in our behalf. It will greatly enhearten us in the journey homeward.

(The above is taken from the chapter on "The Holy Spirit and Worship," of a book entitled "The Holy Spirit," by W. T. Rouse, to come from the press of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in a few days).

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THE ELECTION

By a decisive vote of nearly 50,000 majority Texas voted last Saturday to repeal the prohibition laws. The Texas legislature will meet in a few days to pass laws regulating the liquor traffic in the State. In the meantime the Attorney General has ruled that the Dean law will hold until the official count of the votes is made. This will give the legislature time to pass the necessary laws for control of the traffic, and the dry counties time to get things in order for local option elections.

The Saturday election will place the prohibition issue right back where it was a few decades ago when the fight against liquor started. It will be a long, painful struggle against the demon rum, but the prohibition forces will not slacken the fight against this evil. Bishop Boaz of Dallas, in a statement issued this week, declared that a battle had been lost but the war would go on.

In the meantime prohibitionists should join forces to see that proper methods of control are passed and that the laws are enforced in counties that vote dry in local option elections.

We believe that the voters of Texas, after they have tried out the open saloon sale of liquor for a while will be glad to again outlaw the licensed sale of intoxicating liquors. The liquor traffic is now, as it has ever been, the worst enemy to organized society.

WILL THERE BE WAR?

It seems that Premier Mussolini of Italy is hell-bent on plunging Europe into another war. It is a pity that one man should be able to so disturb the balance of power as to start another conflict, that in the end will virtually destroy our civilization. If war comes it will come as a result of the Divine law of sowing and reaping. We must reap what we sow. This applies to the nations as well as the individuals. During the last few years the nations of the world have turned their backs on God, and are seeking to bring a return of prosperity without taking God into consideration.

If another world-war comes it is not likely that America will be able to keep from being drawn into it. The American Legion has fostered a consistent campaign to get Congress to pass a law whereby the wealth of the nation can be conscripted in time of war. War could never be justified unless it be on the ground of self-defense, and in this case, if it is morally right to conscript the young manhood of our nation then it is right to conscript the wealth of the nation. If Congress should pass such a law it would be a pretty safe guess that it would be plenty hard to get Uncle Sam entangled in another war.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' WORK AMONG THE MEXICANS

The Baptist work in Mexico was organized in 1864 in Monterey. Twenty-four years later, in 1888, the first Mexican church was organized on this side the Border in San Antonio by Dr. Powell. In 1910, the Texas Mexican Baptist Convention was organized, Dr. C. D. Daniel being the first President. At that time there were 22 churches and missions. Today the Texas Mexican Baptist Convention has 80 organized churches and 170 out-stations, with a membership of 7,000 and about 1,000 baptisms a year. From the Texas Mexican Baptist Convention three other conventions have sprung—(1) the Southern California Mexican Convention with 3,000 members; (2) the Middle West Baptist Convention comprising the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and New York, with a membership of 2,000; and (3), the Northern California Mexican Convention with the states of Wyoming and Colorado with a membership of 1,000. In Mexico there are 5,595 Baptists. In the U. S. there are about 25,000 Mexican Baptists today. There are more conversions in the Mexican churches in the course of a year in the State of Texas than in any other Mexican Convention of the U. S.

REVIVAL AT ELIASVILLE

The Editor is planning to be with his church at Eliasville in a few days evangelistic services beginning Wednesday night, September 4, and continuing through Sunday, September 8. All members of the church are urged to attend these services.

SMOKING AMONG WOMEN

A Baptist pastor writes in the *Watchman-Examiner*, giving the following experience relating to the deplorable habit of smoking among women:

"A young lady came to my church office not long ago and said to me, 'Pastor, what is your opinion of women smoking? I am anxious to know. It seems that about all my girl friends smoke and I am branded as a prude and a back number because I have not yet acquired the habit'.

"I replied, before I give my opinion on this subject, would you mind giving me your opinion?"

"No, she responded, I will gladly tell you just what I think about women smoking. I have always been against it for two reasons. First, I believe that if the habit is engaged in persistently it will undermine the health. Second, to my notion smoking has a tendency to make women coarse and at times vulgar. But in spite of my belief it is getting on my nerves to be thought of as a prude or a back number by my friends and associates."

"I spent an hour with the young lady discussing the subject of women smoking and I am pleased to say that she went away from my office determined to fight it out among her friends and associates, and, if necessary, to be thought of as a prude or back number."

Devotional Thoughts

CHAINED, BUT NOT BOUND

Earth's greatest have often been earth's most fettered. Strange, but true. Chained, but refusing to accept bondage without struggle. John Calvin who left his name written forever in the annals of his native land, was a constant and severe sufferer.

Helen Keller, deaf, blind and speechless, lifted the darkness from countless darkened lives.

Milton, poet of matchless beauty and sublimest thought, in total blindness, had learned a vital secret of life.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, a chronic semi-invalid, set the heart strings of the world a-vibrating as she sang a cheerful philosophy of life in the verses that flowed unchecked from her pen.

Prescott, America's foremost historian, suffering so from eye trouble, that he could write but five minutes each day.

Edison—deaf! Steinmetz—much deformed! General Wolfe—delicate and often ill!

They could imprison Paul in the dungeon, beat him with rods, thrust his feet into the cruel stocks, but they could not take the music out of his heart. Rome or Jerusalem was never able to do that.—Canadian Baptist.

MEETING DECEPTIONS

Length of years constitutes civic and political maturity. It is not so always with spiritual maturity. Hence the apostle, inspired by the Holy Spirit, urges these Ephesian Christians to be mature in their spiritual life. The same complaint is found in the letter to the Hebrews: "For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that some one teach you the rudiments of the first principles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food" (Heb. 5:12).

One characteristic of children is their instability and their liability to be deceived and led astray. This is presented in this verse. Paul compares them to a ship without a rudder, tossed to and fro by the waves and driven by every wind. James uses a like figure when he compares the unstable to a "wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (Jas. 1:6). Also in Hebrews 13:9, the apostle exhorts believers not to be "carried away with diverse and strange doctrines." Children are not only unstable, but they are easily deceived. He therefore adds, "through the artifice of men." This word "artifice" is from the Greek word kubaia, meaning "deceitful," in which there are many parts of deception and therefore the word is used for craft or deceit.

There is no protection against such wiles of deceitful men except being rooted and grounded in the love of God. We are not asked to prevent the blowing of these evil winds of doctrine. Indeed, we could not prevent them if we would. But the same wind that scatters the leaves and blows down the dead trees in the forest only causes the well-rooted tree to send its roots down deeper into the soil.

Strater says: "Separations and siftings are inevitable. They are needful. To bring them about, God makes use of mighty storms of sweeping currents of false doctrine. They bring much dead wood to the ground with a crash. The sound trees grow stronger."—Mary G. Goodner in *The King's Business*.

SPEED!

A famous radio news-commentator spoke of "speed" as being a disease. He referred to Sir Malcolm Campbell, who is determined to reach a speed of 300 miles per hour in a land vehicle. Three times this world-renowned racer has set a goal, promising to be satisfied when he reaches it, and three times he has succeeded and set up a new objective to aim at.

Mr. Campbell is now fifty years old. During the last thirty years of his life he has seen and experienced the rapid increase in the speed of an automobile until it is now able to travel thirty times as fast as the first commercial car that rattled down the road at twelve miles an hour.

The "Century of Progress Exposition" has proved the astounding manner in which everything has multiplied its original rate of motion to an amazing degree—everything except the Christian church.

Man has accelerated all forms of manufacturing and Sa.an has doubled his efforts in snaring the unwary. In proportion we, as Christians, have been asleep. Today there are more people who have never heard of the Gospel than when Carey sailed for India. We surely have not kept pace. David knew something about speed when he said,—"the King's business required haste," but we have laggards—to our shame. We close churches and recall missionaries; instead of going forward, we retreat. We cannot mark time in God's work. There must either be progression or retragression. We must pray for renewed strength to spread the warning to men rushing head-long to hell. We must renew our efforts to lift up Christ that He may be glorified.

"Awake, thou that sleepest, . . . and Christ shall give thee." Eph. 5:14.—W. B. Riley in *The Pilot*.

INTERPRETATION OF THE MODEL PRAYER

Our Father in heaven above us,
Great Father of all who have birth,
Thy name be sanctified by us,
And hallowed to ends of the earth.

May the Kingdom of Righteousness hasten;
Bless our labor and hope for its day—
Thy will be done, as in heaven,
Both in us and through us, we pray.

Grant us the things we have need of,
Requirements of spirit and frame;
Forgive us the sins we repent of
As we forgive others, the same.

Lead us away from temptation
And into the paths of escape;
Shield us from sin's desecration,
And keep us from every mistake.

Oh, Thine is the glorious Kingdom,
The power of matchless degree,
And Thine is eternal dominion:
Oh, hear and answer the plea!

Gwynn McLendon.

CAMPUS SCENES, HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore
September 1, 1935

PAUL

Worker with Hand and Brain

Acts 20:33-35; Philippians 4:4-13

GOLDEN TEXT—In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak. Acts 20:35.

The weak need help. The strong ought to help the weak. Such help is a help to both, supporting the weak and strengthening the strong. But the help that helps is extended under the spiritual motive. It is prompted by the example and precept of the Lord Jesus. It carries with it a blessing which no amount of receiving can equal. If we want the blessedness, we must pay the price. And it will pay.

Paul was a worker with hand and brain. Thus he reminded the assembled elders of the unselfishness and philanthropy of his manual as well as ministerial labors at Ephesus during his three years' stay in that city (Acts 20:33-35). And in his letter to the Philippians the Apostle recalled their happy work together in the promotion of their intellectual and spiritual peace and progress. (Phil. 4:4-13.)

1. Paul's Labor at Ephesus. Acts 20:33-35.

Service in Fellowship was remembered by Paul in recounting his labors at Ephesus during his third missionary journey. There were several phases the program he carried out. (1) As to money he declares that the unselfish life is the ideal. He had not been guilty of covetousness. (2) As to self, he showed that in his self-reliance he was able to fulfill his ministry even unsupported. As a matter of fact, at Ephesus he had with his own hands ministered unto his own necessities and those of his associates. (3) As to others he recalled his efforts to glorify labor by consecrating it to the support of the work. (4) As to Christ he urged his hearers to follow the example of Jesus remembering his words not elsewhere recorded, declaring the blessedness of giving and furnishing the key to the treasure house of Christian happiness and usefulness.

2. Paul's Letter to Philippi. Philippians 4:4-13

Fellowship in service was recalled by Paul in his letter to the Philippians. It was during the second year of his first imprisonment at Rome that Paul wrote to the church at Philippi a letter of affectionate appreciation of the relief offerings they sent him. In the brief paragraph (1) he suggests five duties: The duty of joy, true joy being a spiritual quality capable of continual exercise; the duty of gentleness which must be not only impartial and inclusive but evident; the duty of serenity which banishes anxiety and all vexing care; the duty of gratitude which flavors prayer and pleases God; the reward of peace which beyond human understanding nevertheless guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (2) He calls for meditation upon exalting thoughts. He urges his readers to take account or to think on the things which are worthy of praise and the things which embody and inspire any virtue or excellence. He specifies in three groups the things which are to be reckoned with in the upbuilding of a good life. First, he groups together the things that are true and honorable; that is, the true as opposed to the false which ought to be discarded, and of the true, not the things which are discreditable and even debasing, but the true things that are honorable and worthy of respect. Then he groups together the things that are just and pure; that is, there is not only no room for oppression, but a place for fair dealing, and that even the square deal must be actuated not by sinister but pure and philanthropic motive. Lastly, he groups together those social excellencies which are lovely and of good repute: That is, they ought to be gracious in quality and highly esteemed by good people. To think on these things is to lift our lives to the higher levels. (3) He appreciated the support in money and messengers which the Philippian church had just given him. After a long experience the Apostle had learned to adapt himself to his circumstances and to be content with his lot. With equanimity therefore he was enduring the hardships and limitations of prison life. Yet he was profoundly grateful to the Philippians for their thought of him and their fellowship with him in his affliction. Timely was the gift they sent and yet more timely was the sympathetic messenger who bore the gift with the love of the Philippian brethren. In acknowledging the courtesy Paul with pleasure recalled the help which the Philippians had given him when he was laying the foundations of Christianity in Southern Europe. He had not forgotten that the generous and thoughtful saints of Philippi sent once and again in his need when he was planting the Christian faith in flinty soil at Thessalonica. Great as he was Paul could never have done his work without helpers who had fellowship with him in his afflictions and achievements.

The Lesson of the Lesson Work

(1) Work without thought of self. "I coveted no man's gold or silver or apparel." The church is no place for the covetous. The gospel of greed is not the gospel of good. Join the church for what you can give rather than what you can get. A selfish saint is a sinner if not sinning saint. Be unselfish.

(2) Work for the uplift of others. "Ye ought to help the weak." The world is full of the weak. They lift appealing hands to the strong. They deserve help. The help they receive will be a good investment. Whose heart can be flinty and unfeeling when they call? Stretch forth the hand of help. Lift up the fallen. Be brotherly.

(3) Work by the will of God. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus." His word ought to be hid in our hearts. His will ought to be our law. We ought readily to remember what he said and then faithfully do what he commands. He is the head of the church. He is Lord over all. We cannot be faithful to each other unless we are faithful to him. Obey him in everything and all the time.

CAN A PROTESTANT BE SAVED?

Written by a Catholic Priest in Brazil for Catholic Consumption

It is not for us to know the plans of God. However, by basing our answer on the words of our Lord and Saviour, we are able to say No to the question in the heading. We say No when speaking of an educated Protestant, for when we treat of the ignorant, who in good faith are convinced that they are following the truth, the case is different. In the simplicity of good faith, doing that which he deems necessary, an ignorant Protestant, may perhaps be saved.

In the case of intelligent men, preachers, etc., it is hard to admit the possibility of salvation, for in the study of religion these men would necessarily find the mistakes of the Protestants and recognize the only truth, which is the Catholic truth. A sensible man is not led away by lies, but examines closely to see that the Catholic Church is what they claim it to be.

A little study ought to convince anyone that all the defects attributed to the Catholic Church are false. They are mere lies to draw the souls away from the truth.

In an educated Protestant pastor it is hard to admit sincerity. The Protestant religion is a business proposition to them. It would be enough to examine the origin of their sect, the false base of their religion; the loose interpretation of the Bible, and other things, to show the mistake of the Protestants.

A blind man could see and should recognize that the only religion that can be traced back to Christ is the Catholic, while the Protestant can only go back to Luther. One could see that the Protestant religion is nothing but the negative side of the Catholic religion. Now the negative side of a religion is not a religion.

One could also see that the hate for the Catholic Church, the Holy Virgin, the Pope, the Priests, is the only foundation of their sect. Now hate cannot be a virtue, it is a VICE. A vice is necessarily anti-Christian, for the Master has said that nothing that is polluted can enter heaven."

By W. R. Derr SHARPSHOOTERS

Meditations For The Christian

"Love of money is the root of all evil."—(I Tim. 6:10).

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?"—(Isaiah 55:2).

"Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice."—(Proverbs 16:8).

"Who hath wee? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath complaining? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed drink."—(Prov. 23:29-30).

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink; that putteth thy bottle to him."—(Habakkuk 2:15).

"Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou nor thy sons."—(Lev. 10:9).

"How much then is a man of more value than a sheep?"—(Matthew 12:12).

"Abstain from every appearance of evil."—(I Thess. 5:22).

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine and men of strength to mingle strong drink; that justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him."—(Isa. 5:22-23).

"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establish a city with iniquity."—(Habakkuk 2:12).

"Righteousness exulteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."—(Proverbs 14:34).

"A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked."—(Psalms 27:16).

"Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging and whosever is deceived

thereby is not wise."—(Proverbs 20:1).

"And they have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."—(Joel, 3:3).

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REPORTS GOOD MEETINGS

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I have come out here in New Mexico to spend a vacation while I do some Mission work.

I am writing you about a 2-weeks meeting that I was in at Putnam, recently. Brother C. O. Hitt of Lancaster did the preaching; I led the singing, and Rev. F. A. Hollis is pastor. There were three baptized at the close of the meeting; but there was a genuine revival of the church and Christian people. Brother Hitt did some real gospel preaching.

Brother Hollis has done a wonderful work for the Putnam church during these few months. There has been 26 additions, 17 by baptism. The church house and parsonage have been repaired and painted, and new pews have been installed. The church has paid all its bills and is caring for its pastor in a big way. We greatly enjoyed our work with this pastor and his good people.—V. E. Boyd.

CROWDED CHURCHES

The men who constantly assert at conventions and conferences that preaching the gospel will crowd the churches declare what ought to be rather than what is.

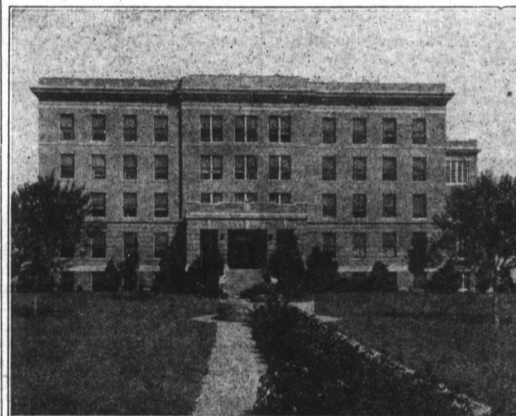
The gospel, the pure gospel, the full gospel is preached in many churches to congregations that do not half fill the audience rooms. The declaration that the gospel is always "a mighty drawing card" does grave injustice to many faithful and noble preachers of God's Word. Just think through this matter and you will see that what we say is the simple and absolute truth.

A church—its history, situation, personnel and attitude—has as much to do with a great congregation as the preaching of its minister. Indeed we sometimes think that the man untrue to the gospel is the more popular, because he has aroused curiosity and wonderment.—Watchman-Examiner (New York).

"Drink may have its defenders, but no defense."—Abraham Lincoln.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—(Psalms 23:12).

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Have You Organized a West Texas Baptist Subscription Club in Your Church

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(3) For the larger churches that will place the paper in every home, the West Texas Baptist will submit, on application, a plan whereby at least one-half the monthly subscription bill may be earned at only a little effort. We will be glad to give the details of this plan to any church interested.

PROVE ME CAMPAIGN

The Men's Brotherhood of Texas is launching a campaign in which an effort will be made to test the promises of God by agreeing to tithe for the months of July, August and September. During these same three months we are asking our workers in Districts 8 and 17 to "tryout" the West Texas Baptist as a medium to inform, inspire our people and to help enlist them in the great work that is being fostered by Texas and Southern Baptists. It will cost only 15 cents to try the paper for three months. Recently the Baptist Standard, which has the largest circulation of any denominationally owned paper in America, stated that there were 170,000 Baptist Homes in Texas that were not receiving the Standard. Surely this is a tragedy that so small a number of our Baptist people are receiving a denominationally paper.

The management of the West Texas Baptist is anxious to help promote our causes in this great section of Texas. Brother Pastor, won't you see that a West Texas Baptist Club is formed in your church. Won't you cooperate with us in helping to make the paper better by seeing that some one in your church sends in the news from your section. Won't you get a club started in your Church by July 1, and remember, that 15 cents will pay for a subscription to October 1.

THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST
SAM MALONE, Editor.

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RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

I am thoroughly enjoying my stay in Clovis, New Mexico, where we are engaged in a revival with Pastor J. F. Nix, and the First Baptist church last week and this. The meeting has attracted large congregations, both morning and evening, and the visible results have been very satisfactory. This is a wonderful church. It is a pleasure to work with Brother Nix and with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor McCasland, of Portales, who are directing the music in the meeting. It is our first time to work with either of them and we can truthfully say that we have never seen more consecrated workers. Mr. McCasland has a thriving business at Portales and is active in the church there the year around. . . . A wedding of much interest to West Texas Baptist readers took place at Lamesa Monday, August 26, at eight o'clock in the evening. Rev. Lee Hemphill, pastor at Novice and Plainview, was married to Miss Lunelle Nix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nix, Sr., of Lamesa. This is the climax of a romance which started in Hardin-Simmons University several years ago. The ceremony was read by Rev. J. F. Nix, of Clovis, N. M., who is an uncle of the bride. After several days honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill will enter Southwestern Seminary where Lee is finishing his Master of Theology work this year. They will be at home on Seminary Hill after about September 10th. We are expecting the Master to use this accomplished and consecrated young couple in the doing of mighty things in His kingdom. Mrs. Hemphill has been a teacher in the Lamesa school for several years and will be a real asset to Brother Hemphill in his ministry. . . . The First Baptist church at Portales, New Mexico, has called Rev. Joe Grizzle of Littlefield, Texas. The call was extended last Sunday night, and Brother Grizzle has not given his answer as yet. The Portales valley is one of the most wonderful farming and trucking regions we have ever seen. The state of New

ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR MITCHELL-SCURRY ASSOCIATION

First Baptist Church, Wastella, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 5 and 6
Thursday, Sept. 5—Laymen's Day—Meeting in Tabernacle
W. M. U. Meeting in Church Auditorium

- Laymen Wren, Presiding
- 10:00 A. M.—Song and Devotion John Wiman, Roseoe
 - 10:20 The Layman and the Church H. L. Wren, Snyder
 - 10:40 The Tither's Test Reports from Churches
 - 11:20 Special Music Pleasant Valley Male Quartette
 - 11:45 Sermon Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas
 - 12:30 P. M. Lunch.
 - 1:30 Song Service and Testimony.
 - 2:00 Baptist Brotherhood Dr. Thos. H. Taylor, Brownwood
 - 2:30 The Layman's Challenge Willis J. Ray, Big Spring
- Evening Service**
- 7:45 Song and Praise.
 - 8:00 Organization.
 - 8:15 Appointment of Committees.
 - 8:25 Special Music Loraine Male Quartette
 - 8:30 Associational Sermon Rev. Lawrence Hays, Snyder
- Friday Morning**
- 9:30 Devotional Message James Easterwood, Roseoe
 - 10:00 District and State Missions Dean Elkins, Champion
 - 10:20 Home Missions P. D. O'Brien, Colorado
 - 10:40 Foreign Missions H. N. Balderree, Looney
 - 11:00 Special Music Wiman Sisters, Wastella
 - 11:10 Introductions of Visitors.
 - 11:20 Missionary Sermon C. A. Powell, Abilene
 - 12:15 P. M. Lunch.
- Friday Afternoon**
- 1:30 Buckner's Orphan's Home Dr. Hal Buckner, Dallas
 - 1:50 Sunday School and B. T. U. Mrs. Ethel Eiland, Snyder
 - 2:10 Religious Literature and Hospitals Sam Malone, Abilene
 - 2:30 W. M. U. Mrs. J. Lee Jones, Colorado
 - 2:50 Report of Committees.
 - 3:10 Christian Education Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Abilene
- A. C. HARDIN, Loraine, Moderator
ERNEST WIMAN, Roseoe, Clerk.

Mexico has recently established a state college there, and The Portales Valley News will begin publication of a daily about September first. A new courthouse is to be erected and many other signs of progress may be seen in the community and section. We anticipate a fruitful pastorate for Brother Grizzle if he accepts the work. He was one time pastor of the church and is well and favorably known all over this section. . . . E. S. James, of Cisco, is the only grown man I ever saw that could pronounce the word "pretty" and make it sound right. It sounds like baby talk the way most of us say it. . . . Brother E. F. Cole held a meeting at Littlefield which closed last Sunday. We have not heard the full results, but know they were having a very good meeting last week. We repeat that Ed Cole is one of the best preachers in the South. . . . Luther Jenkins, of

Muleshoe, closed a good meeting with Pastor North and the church at Texico-Farwell last Sunday. . . . Brother North will be in a meeting the next ten days at Pansey, in the Floyd County Association. . . . We have not learned the results of the meeting held by Pastor Lee Hemphill with his church at Plainview last week. Keith Miles, of Looney, lead the singing. . . . The Mitchell-Scurry annual associational meeting will be held at Wastella on Thursday and Friday of next week. . . . After two weeks of prayer and meditation in which we have tried earnestly to find the mind of the Lord, we are definitely declining the call of the First Baptist church, Conroe, Texas. We spent several hours in Conroe just before coming here for the Clovis meeting, and were greatly impressed with the situation there. They have a membership of nearly 800, a fine spirit of fellowship and a well organized program. The church is located in the center of a great oil field, and boasts the largest sawmill in Texas. They have a beautiful church building almost free of debt and a lovely pipe organ. Someone will do a great work at Conroe. We deeply appreciate the call, but cannot find it in our heart to leave Colorado at this time. . . . Murry Fuqua, of Hardin-Simmons preached for us at Colorado last Sunday. He supplied the pulpit at a morning service early in the summer, and the membership urgently requested that he be asked to return for a whole day. We are happy to see Murry making such definite progress in his ministry. He is to re-enter school in Sept. . . . This has been the most fruitful and interesting season we have ever spent in the evangelistic field. And how happy we are now to return to our work of the pastorate, to labor with people we love, for the Master we love, and in the work which gives us our chief joy.

ON THE FIELD

Pastor Jim Fields reports a great revival at Salem which closed last Sunday week. There were ten received for baptism and a total of sixteen additions added to the church. Brother Walter Dever of Forsan did

the preaching and Bro. Fields says he did some "good" preaching. The pastor feels that the church is in condition to do one of the greatest years work in the history of the church.

Bro. Jim Fields is planning to enter school this fall and hopes to attend the Seminary. Brother Fields has natural talent which with training and development will make him a mighty useful servant for the Master. We hope his churches will see that his salary is such that he can prepare himself to be used in a large way by our Lord.

Two of our Associations will be in their annual meetings next week. The Lamesa Association meets with the New Hope church (Hancock Community) 12 miles N. E. of Lamesa. The session convenes at 10 a. m. Tuesday morning, Sept. 3rd and closes Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The out-of-association speakers are President G. W. McDonald of Wayland College, Plainview, Dr. Thos. H. Taylor, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Rev. W. M. Turner of Slaton; Rev. Lawrence Hays, Snyder; Dr. Hal Buckner, Dallas; Rev. Willis J. Ray, Big Spring, and Rev. Sam Malone, West Texas Baptist, Abilene; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas. Rev. Leroy Smith is the host pastor and Rev. S. C. Shipley, moderator.

The Mitchell Scurry Association meets at Wastella, Sept. 5, 6, or next Thursday and Friday. Rev. Marvin Leach is host pastor and Rev. A. C. Hardin, Loraine, moderator. The visiting speakers on the program are Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene; Dr. Thos. H. Taylor, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Rev. Sam Malone, West Texas Baptist, Abilene; Dr. C. A. Powell, University Church, Abilene; Dr. Hal Buckner, Buckner Orphans' Home, Dallas; Dr. J. Howard Williams, State Mission Secretary, Dallas; and Willis J. Ray, Big Spring.

A large attendance is expected at both meetings and every one of the fifty-four churches in the two associations are planning to send a full quota of messengers with other visitors. Good reports are expected to be heard from the various churches.

Rev. Forrest Huffman is in a revival meeting with the people at Ennis Creek this week. There is no organization there but the faithful Baptists hope to organize a Missionary Baptist Church there soon.

Rev. Lee Hemphill, pastor of the Plainview church near Colorado was united in marriage to Miss Lunelle Nix of Lamesa last Monday evening. The Plainview church now has an assistant pastor and one they can well be proud of. We all join in extending best wishes and God's blessings to this consecrated, talented couple. They are God's chosen and Mrs. Hemphill will prove a heaven-sent blessing to Bro. Lee's ministry. They will make their home at Seminary Hill.

It is now Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Leach so we understand although we have not yet been officially notified. We are happy to see our young pastors progressing so splendidly. Again

we say God bless them and lead them to the heights of usefulness in service for the Master. Marvin has done a marvelous work at Wastella. He is in a meeting there now doing the preaching himself.

Willis J. Ray closed a ten day meeting with the Fluvanna church last Sunday which resulted in four additions to the church. The visible results were disappointing but the pastor and membership feels that the meeting accomplished much good. Two young men were saved and that is worth more than two worlds. Bro. Forrest Huffman has lead the church in a worthy way the past year. The S. S. has held up very good and the finances of the church have met all current obligations each month. However the church is under a heavy debt which has been depressing to the membership and plans are underway to lift this burden this fall. There are some faithful, loyal, and sacrificial members there who have stood true even though the burden has been heavy. There has been some talk of the church going to half-time. It was a pleasure to work with Bro. and Mrs. Huffman. Mrs. Huffman is a wonderful pastor's wife.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien is in a revival at Clovis, New Mexico, this week so if Rambling Remarks do not appear this note explains his whereabouts. Bro. O'Brien has recently received a call from the church at Conroe, Texas, without solicitation other than the leadership of the Holy Spirit as it should be. We would regret very much to lose him from West Texas for we know he is God's servant and a very useful minister to any section. We feel that he will remain with the church at Colorado where he is so happy in his work unless the Lord leads in a very positive manner that it is His will to change his field of labour.

Rev. R. E. Day, pastor of the First Church, Big Spring, was called to Houston, Sunday afternoon to conduct the funeral of a friend. He has just returned home from his first vacation in the five years he has been pastor at the First Church. The membership with the pastor is looking forward to a revival meeting to start next Sunday and run through Sept. 15th with Dr. C. Roy Angel of San Antonio doing the preaching.

The W. M. S. annual meeting of the Big Spring Association will meet with the East Fourth Baptist Church of Big Spring on Tuesday, September 17th. The program will be mailed out soon according to Mrs. V. Phillips, president.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell of First Church, Big Spring, returned recently from a revival at DeLeon, Texas, and also from leading the music at the Alto Frio Encampment. Mr. Powell is financial secretary of the First church. He and Mrs. Powell are excellent musicians and are in demand for revivals.

Rev. W. C. Harrison of Odessa is again able to be at his duties of pastor after several weeks illness. He is one of our valuable pastors and is missed when not at his post of duty.

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