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Miss Blanche Groves Writes of Thriving Work in Yates Academy at Soochou, China

Soochow, China, July 15, 1935.
My Precious Friends in the Homeland:

I shall soon be greeting you in person. My furlough is due this year, as you perhaps know; but because of so many missionaries going on furlough this year the Foreign Mission Board asked me to stay over until 1936. I was more than glad to stay for there is so much here in my work that I want to do before I leave on furlough. It never seems convenient to leave our work here. We are so undermanned. "The Harvest is white but the laborers are few." Yes, sadly few!

The adjustment of furloughs is not simple. Dr. McDaniel and I are the only missionaries in Yates Academy—a school of 300 academy students are 200 primary students. His furlough is also due in 1936. The plan that now seems best is for me to go in January or February, 1936, rather than wait until June. I just hope I can feel more ready to go by then than I do now. If my family and homelike friends were only here I'm sure I'd never be willing to leave China. The Pacific ocean seems rather large to me when it begins to separate me from China and my work in this, my adopted land.

Thus far this year has been filled with the unusual. I opened the New Year, or rather closed the Old Year

with an all-day Berean Re-union of all our Bereans (of whom I've written you before) who have gone out from the class since 1921. We now have about 400 scattered over China and the world. A Promotion Committee spent several months in personal visitation, correspondence, etc., preparing for this Re-union which was held in Shanghai on the last day of 1934. The entire day was a feast to our souls. I sat in heavenly places that day as I listened to these young men tell of how they were witnessing for Christ in their pulpits, school rooms, dean's offices, principals offices, lawyer's offices, insurance offices, R. R. offices, banks, factories, and other places of business and work. We now have Bereans, from our class in Soochow, in almost every walk of life, and in many foreign countries of the world. Five or six of the leading pastors of our association are some of our Bereans. Deep emotions are stirred within my soul always as I listen to one of my own precious Bereans preach. Some of our finest young lawyers—I met one last week just back from France—in this section of China were our early Bereans. One fine young man was appointed as Chinese Counsel to Liverpool, England, last year. On and on I could tell you about this Berean class that I always mention when I write to you. What a privilege is mine! What

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A Boozocrat's Plea of Justice In the Liquor Traffic

By Charles T. Alexander

Every vital institution in our civilization has a value that is measured alone by its finished product. The mercantile business on the whole is an institution that has a finished product, namely, comfortably and neatly dressed men, women, and children. The healthfulness and the morale of a people are dependent somewhat upon the clothing they wear. The finished product of the Grocery business, an institution of its own, is seen in the health and physical vigor of a properly fed people. All must have wholesome food, and the grocery business attends to that service. And so we may go on and on, and determine the value of every institution and enterprise by its finished product. That is true of the school, the church, and even the home.

We are now facing a proposition that means to establish, under law, another institution that will claim a legitimate place as a vital factor in our civilization. That is the "legalized" liquor business. Since our supporters confess that our citizenship is too weak morally and physically to abolish the traffic (a sad confession of their own weakness, both morally and physically), it is now proposed that we take it to our bosoms and sustain it as another vital institution in our civilization. Like all other institutions, its value must be determined by its finished product. That product, like all the products of other institutions, is produced by the use of the commodity that it supplies, namely liquor, alcoholic drink, booze. The finished product of booze is a drunkard and the by-products that go with him as the direct product of the institution. Any man, woman, or child who is a devotee of this institution is a drunkard. There is no question as to the fact; there are different degrees of drunkenness in the fact. Unless booze has effect on the drinker it is a failure. If it has effect, the drinker's drunkenness is measured by the extent of that effect.

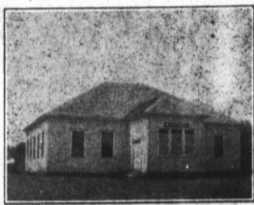
Since the proposition is for the government to fill the land with the products of its legalized institutions, together with the necessarily accompanying by-products, there bobs up some very important questions concerning the proper care, defense, and support of these legalized products and by-products. They become legitimate children, and not bastards, of the government that gives them birth. Surely a government, as an individual, is morally obligated to care for its own family. It is folly to attempt to plead revenue for the government as a legitimate alibi, when all the revenue the government receives is a pitifully small percent of expenses multiplied in the courts, in prisons, in wrecked homes, in human destruction everywhere. Over and above all revenue to the government, the liquor business is the most costly business, the heaviest taxation on civilization, of any business or institution ever thrust upon the nation.

But as we are urged by our patriotic "devotees of temperance" and "personal liberty," and for the sake of revenue "for the education of our children," etc., etc., let us follow the logic of the matter, and seek to establish the business on the basis of justice and honor.

When we legalize the business and make it an arm of the government's financial support, and thus make it a patriotic institution, we also legalize and give legal status to the habits it must create before it can possibly succeed in its purpose. When we legalize and give standing to the habits it creates, we also legalize and give legal standing to all of its consequences. If a drunkard is the finished

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Encampment Grounds At Eliasville



ELIASVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

By W. R. Derr SHARPSHOOTERS

Meditations For Our Young People

In order that young people might know the opinions of great athletic coaches, concerning the use of alcohol, the following question was addressed to a large number of the most famous in that profession, and the following answers are of great interest:

"Has your experience in dealing with youth resulted in any opinions concerning the use of alcoholic beverages which you would like to pass on to young people?"

"An experience of thirty years with college men, I have never known of a student who was addicted to alcohol while in college who has ever attained any position of real leadership in after life."—(Dan E. McGugin, Vanderbilt University).

"Nothing of value can be gained from the use of alcohol."—(G. E. Gauthier, Ohio Wesleyan University).

"Alcohol weakens a man's endurance and his ability to take punishment. But worse than that, it ruins his character fiber and that demoralizes the team as a whole."—(O. M. Solem, University of Iowa).

"I have never known a young man that was an habitual drinker of alcoholic beverages that ever amounted to anything as an athlete or citizen unless he quit it."—(J. R. Haygood, Southwestern, Memphis).

"Have never seen an athlete on the upgrade who took any kind of alcoholic beverage."—(Harvey Harmon, University of Penn.)

"Would say that a boy who leaves alcohol entirely alone will develop into a better citizen both physically and mentally."—(R. Van Orman, Johns Hopkins).

"I have seen it ruin the efficiency of three star athletes to such an extent that they were replaced in their senior year by boys with mediocre ability but saner habits."—(Ray Morrison, S. M. U.)

"That it is an unnecessary and nasty habit. No help to form a habit which is not conducive to the development of the best type of citizenship."—(G. Elliott Hatfield, Union College, N. Y.)

"Those who abstain from its use are better athletes than they would be if they used such beverages even moderately."—(Glenn S. Warner, Temple University.)

"Don't use it."—(Carl Snavely, University of North Carolina).

"I have had opportunity to have close contact with boys of immature age who have used alcoholic beverages promiscuously. I believe I can safely say in this particular case it would not only serve to lessen their chances of promotion and progress, but to lower their standard of morals to such a level as to make them un-

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News Notes

First Baptist Church, Tuscola, closed a fine meeting on August 18th. Rev. J. C. McKinzie, pastor at Iraan, Texas, did the preaching. Curtis Owen of Abilene, Texas, had charge of the song service. Mrs. Owen had charge of the Juniors. There were nine additions to the church by baptism and 5 by letter. Brother McKinzie is a good, sane gospel preacher, and did our church a lasting good.—Thomas J. Young, Pastor.

There will be a Roll Call of members of Neill Baptist Church on Sunday, August 25th, at the 11 o'clock service. All members are urged to be present and assist in revising the Church Roll. The public is cordially invited to these services.—P. E. Hodges, Church Clerk.

Rev. C. A. Vogles has closed a meeting at Gordon, resulting in 17 additions, 11 for baptism, 6 by letter. He is now doing the preaching in a meeting in his own church. A. A. Gibbs is leading the singing.

I have just closed a good revival with the Denton Valley Baptist church. There were nine additions, seven for baptism and two by letter.—M. F. Richardson.

Rev. Roy Young assisted us in a 10 day meeting at Hanna. There were seven additions to the church, five by baptism. The church seems to be revived. I am now doing the preaching in the Sweet Home church, Haskell Association. The Lord is blessing us with a good revival.—W. P. Kirk.

The Baptists have closed their revival at Sweet Home. The pastor, W. P. Kirk, did the preaching, and Rev. E. R. Watkins, did the singing. There were 16 additions to the church, 14 by baptism. The church seems to be greatly revived. They have decided to have mid-week prayer meeting.

The Plasterco Baptist Church of Fisher County Association began their revival Monday evening, August 19, with the pastor opening the series of services, and Brother W. R. Derr of Abilene coming to us Sunday night August 25, and to continue through the following week. We are anxious to see a bountiful ingathering at Plasterco.

The editor is in a meeting this week with Pastor T. L. Nipp and the church at Elmdale. Large crowds are attending the services and we are hoping for a real church revival. This church has one of the best plants of any rural church in all the southland, and Pastor Nipp has led his people in a worthy program. We hope soon to have a cut of this church and its pastor with a story of their progress. Last Sunday Brother Nipp preached at Eliasville, both services, for the editor.

Rev. Roy Auding for the past two years a student in Acadia Baptist Academy at Church Point, La., has moved his family to Abilene with the intention of entering Hardin-Simmons this fall. For the past two and one-half years he has been doing voluntary mission work in Louisiana. He hopes to get in touch with church work that will enable him to go through college and afford a place to serve the Lord. His address for the present is 1441 North 19th Street. He comes with a good recommendation from the president of Acadia Baptist Academy.

Throckmorton-Young County Young People Will Spend Three Days in Study Course

For three days next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26, 27, 28, the B. T. U. of the Throckmorton-Young Association will hold an encampment at the beautiful camp grounds at Eliasville, on the Clerk Fork river. The program will combine training course studies with evangelism, recreation and fellowship. Rev. A. R. Billberry, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jacksboro, will be the camp pastor. Rev. J. D. Thorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Graham, will be the camp sponsor. Mrs. W. H. Townsend of Olney will supervise the girls and Rev. Gilbert Webb will sponsor the boys. Rev. S. A. Newman will be recreational director.

The young people of the Throckmorton-Young Association are sponsoring the encampment. Miss Myrtle Baker of Graham, president of the associational B. T. U. and Rev. Gilbert Webb of Graham, a former associational president have spent much time in completing the program and getting things ready for the meeting. The camp grounds are located in a large pecan grove on the banks of the Clear Fork river at Eliasville, 17 miles north of Breckenridge and the same distance southwest of Graham.

Registration for the meeting will begin Monday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock and the services will continue through Wednesday night. The schedule and program for the encampment is as follows:

Camp Sponsor—J. D. Thorn.
Girls Sponsor—Mrs. W. H. Townsend.
Boys Sponsor—Rev. Gilbert Webb.
Camp Preacher—Rev. A. R. Billberry.
Recreational Director—Rev. S. A. Newman.
Key Note—CHRIST LIVETH IN ME.—Gal. 2:20.

A. M.
6:00-6:30—Early Morning Service.
Tuesday—"Christ Liveth in Me—Lighting the World"
—Ola Tate, Graham.

6:30-7:00—Girls Swim.
7:00-8:30—Breakfast.
8:30-9:30—Classes.
9:30-9:45—Intermission.
9:45-10:30—Inspirational Address.

Tuesday—"More Than Conquerors With Christ."
Wednesday—"The Power of Personal Conviction in Our Life Today"—Rev. A. R. Billberry, Jacksboro.

10:00-11:30—Classes.
11:30-1:00—Dinner.

P. M.
1:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-5:00—Recreation, Conferences, Demonstrations.
5:00-5:30—Boys Swim.
5:30-6:00—Supper.
7:00-7:30—Vesper Service.

Monday—"Christ Liveth in My Salvation"—Herbert Ballard.

Tuesday—"Christ Liveth in My Social Life"—Mrs. W. H. Townsend.

Wednesday—"Christ Liveth in My Daily Devotion"—Audra Knight.

8:00-9:00—Inspirational Address.

Monday—"Christ Liveth in Me."

Tuesday—"Facing Life's Temptation with Christ."

Wednesday—"The Uplifting Power of Man Plus God."
—Rev. A. R. Billberry, Jacksboro.

Moments for Meditation.

9:00—Monday—Friendship Circles.

Tuesday—Campfire Service.

"Christ Liveth in My Ministry to Others."—Lee Stephenson, Oak Street, leading.

Books and Teachers

Leadership Course—"Search for Souls," Dr. N. A. Moore, Hardin-Simmons.

Seniors—"People Called Baptist," Rev. Roy O. Young, Auburn, Cal.

"Books of the Bible," Rev. O. D. Henley, Megargle.

"Investments in Christian Service," Aaron Mann, Seymour.

"Baptist Spirit," Rev. S. A. Newman, Seminary Hill.

Intermediates—"Bible Study," Rev. Gilbert Webb.

Juniors—"Bible Heroes," Miss Clara Welch, Breckenridge.

Rules and Regulations

Registration starts at 4:00 p. m. Monday. Everyone must register. 10c.

Everyone is expected to attend classes and services.

No girl over Junior age shall wear shorts, pajamas or overalls.

Each person or group will be responsible for tent, cot, and camping equipment he deems necessary. Also for food and the cooking of it, and keeping his camp grounds clean.

No visiting after lights are out.

An adult sponsor shall accompany each group of Juniors or Intermediates.

No one shall leave the grounds without permission of camp sponsor.

Please bring copies of study course books if available.

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SATURDAY ELECTION DAY

Next Saturday the voters of Texas will cast their ballots on seven amendments to the state constitution. Amendment No. three on the ticket will deal with repeal of statewide prohibition. The ballot will read, "FOR the amend of the state constitution repealing statewide prohibition, prohibiting the open saloon and providing for local option," and "AGAINST the amendment to the state constitution repealing statewide prohibition, prohibiting the open saloon and providing for local option." Certainly every citizen of the state who loves the Lord and loves humanity will vote against this amendment. A few days ago a dispenser of liquor in Abilene remarked that if Texas went dry they would have to close up. The law was lax now waiting for the voters to express themselves on this issue. If the state went dry the law was going to get busy and close the illegal places.

Amendment No. 7 is a vote on the free text book question. The amendment reads as follows:

"FOR the amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas permitting the furnishing of free text books to every child of scholastic age attending any school within the state."

"AGAINST the amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas permitting the furnishing of free text books to every child of scholastic age attending any school within the State."

The purpose of this amendment is to furnish free text books to children of scholastic age in the Roman Catholic parochial schools. Naturally Baptists are opposed to this amendment. They have always advocated the separation of church and state. This amendment is a violation of this principle. To be sure we would grant to any parent the right to send his child to a parochial school, but that parent has no right to ask the State of Texas for money in support of parochial schools.

We believe the sentiment in Texas is against legalized liquor. If the voters go to the polls as they should next Saturday the prohibition amendment will be defeated.

A MACEDONIAN CALL

Dr. Charles E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who returned recently from a study of the mission fields in the Orient, has issued a Macedonian call for recruits on that needy field that should arouse our churches to immediate action. It is a tragedy to think of the imperative need on that field as compared with the seeming indifference of our people in the homeland. Think of it! Fifty new missionaries needed on this great field. This need is not to open new fields but to hold the territory already occupied. Surely our churches will awake to the situation and meet the challenge. We are publishing Dr. Maddy's appeal in full. Brother Pastor, read it, and then carry the message to your people:

We have just returned from a visit of seven months with our churches and missionaries in the Orient. We spent two weeks with our Japanese Mission on our way to China and came back for a return visit of one week on our way home late in June.

We gave one month each to the work in our South, Central, Interior and North China Missions, and two final weeks in Shanghai for various meetings, conferences and associational gatherings. We made a careful and systematic survey and study of our mission work in the Orient. We have brought back to the Foreign Mission Board a mass of facts and data with reference to each Mission and station in China and Japan.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon was with me for four months and rendered valued and timely service in many difficult and trying situations. We will submit our report in full to the Board at the annual meeting in October.

In the meantime, let me say that throughout the Orient, the work of Southern Baptists is taking on new life and the Gospel is triumphant everywhere. From time to time we will have something to say about the different phases of our work in Japan and China. For the present the one thing that stands out above all others as to the supreme and immediate need, is for our recruits to be sent as speedily as possible to every Mission in the Orient. The need is appalling and we cannot wait. For ten years now we have sent out very few recruits. Replacements are needed everywhere. The older missionaries have broken under the strain of the last few hectic years. Many must retire this year because of the infirmities of age. We will submit to the Board at the October meeting, a list of more than twenty resignations and retirements. Many of our stations are stripped of workers. The lines are breaking everywhere. In four great central stations in different parts of China, where we have had several missionaries, only a lone woman is left in each case to hold the lines.

Our situation is desperate and we need at the lowest estimate fifty new replacements in the Orient this year, and this will only hold the work already established. We have no thought of opening new work or advancing into new and needy fields. Every door swings open before us in China, and we can enter none, for the lack of recruits. We must either send recruits at once, or draw in our lines and give up much work that has cost us heavily in sacrifice, in money and in the lives of blessed missionaries.

We face two handicaps here in the homeland in our effort to reinforce these strategic outposts. One, of course, is our lack of funds and the heavy debt that is stifling us. The second is even more serious, and that is the lack of men and women prepared and equipped to go. It has been so long since we called for volunteers, there are now few who are prepared and ready to go.

Our one remedy and unfailing resource is to be found in the words of Jesus: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few;

pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2).

Baptists of the South! As a Foreign Mission Board we face the most crucial and trying hour of all the ninety years since our fathers launched this enterprise. May God give us wisdom and insight and loyalty to Christ in this hour!

WILL TEXANS REMEMBER THE ALAMO AND GOLIAD AUGUST 24TH?

The citizens of Texas will decide on Saturday, August 24, 1935, whether state funds raised by taxation shall be used to supply text books free to all school children within scholastic age who may be attending any school—private, parochial, or otherwise.

The Texas Legislature, at its recent session, submitted this question to the voters in the form of an amendment to the state constitution. It came up with little advanced notice with other proposed amendments, it is claimed; and only a few members availed themselves of an opportunity to debate the issue.

Free text books are now provided for pupils who attend the public schools of Texas. It would seem only fair that state funds should be made available for the distribution of free school books to all children alike, irrespective of the schools they attend. However, it is pointed out that such liberality by the state raises the old issue of Church and State. A state cannot use public funds for the support of sectarian schools to any extent whatsoever, it is declared, without becoming involved in the establishment of a State and Church regime.

There has already grown up in many of the states, almost imperceptibly, two competitive school systems—one public and the other sectarian or parochial. In a few communities of some of the states, the sectarian or parochial school has crowded out the once flourishing public school, with the natural result that public funds have been demanded for the support of the Church school.

The opponents of the proposed school book amendment are concerned directly with the question of the continuance of the separation of Church and State. They maintain that every dollar of public funds that goes to the direct or indirect support of a sectarian or parochial school not only tends to destroy the force and value of public education to our democratic institutions, but aids efforts to reestablish the old relationship of Church and State. They hold that every citizen in Texas is confronted, not with the simple, beautiful sentiment of supplying every child in his state with free text books from funds of the state treasury regardless of the character of the school the child attends, but with the momentous question as to whether he is willing to discard the American principle of keeping separate the relations of Church and State.

The opponents, aware of the sentimental appeal for the child in the proposed amendment, point to liberties of the people to be conserved and made stronger through the development of a finer and better public school system. That development, they say, cannot take place if the enemies of public education be given the right to drain away the means of public education.

WHAT PRICE LIQUOR?

By Mrs. W. R. Derr

What price liquor, what price wine?
Asked a youth tall and fine.
Then the bartender spoke
Laughing at his little joke:

"Since, my lad, you wish a drink,
Of the price, pray don't think,
We've a custom here, you see,
Serving boys first drinks free."

The bartender considered not
A mother's blinding tears,
He only gloated that he's got
A customer for years;

For the youth took and drank
Away his credit at the bank,
His honor—all he'd hoped to be,
From the glass given free.

Yes, he drank away his manhood,
He drank away his pride,
And sacrificed the home
He had promised to his fair bride.

He drank away his hope
Of a happy life beyond
He drowned it in the liquor
Of which he'd grown too fond.

There's a question to be settled
In August, at the polls,
It is, "What shall lads be given
In exchange for their souls?"

And you, Mister Voter,
Will you help to open wide
The tempting barroom door
With its demons hid inside?

No! You'll vote for Prohibition
If you'll only stop and think
Of the terrible condition
That is brought about by drink!

(Contributed with the hope that it will help the prohibition cause.)

A BOOZOCRAT'S PLEA OF JUSTICE IN THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

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product of the institution, we have no right to out-law drunkenness. What sort of justice is it that legalizes a business to make drunkards, and then arrest and punish the drunkard after the legalized business has made him? What sort of justice is it that will punish a drunkard when his very drunkenness is the method by which the government

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

J. C. SISEMORE

August 25, 1935

BARNABAS (A Consecrated Man of Means)

Lesson: Acts 4:36, 37; 9:26-30; 12:25; 13:1; 15:41; Gal. 2:13.

Printed Portion: Acts 4:36, 37; 11:19-30.

Golden Text: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

1. The first time that Barnabas appears before us he appears as the generous giver. "Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles' feet. It is inferred that what he gave was his whole estate. He did not keep back part of the price (Acts 5:2). This offering of his was entirely voluntary; he was not commanded to do it. It was an evidence of his sincerity, and of his devotion to the Lord and His cause. The depth of a person's faith can be well gauged by the size of his offerings (Luke 21:1-4). This gift showed that he had the true spirit of his Lord. Christ, "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich (II Cor. 8:9). He was one of the fathers of abundant, systematic, and hilarious giving (II Cor. 9:7). And it was true that his zeal provoked many (II Cor. 9:2).

2. The next time that Barnabas appears before us he is a delegate from the Church in Jerusalem to the converts in Antioch in Syria. It was a wise choice to send him. The men who had been evangelizing this city were from Cyprus, the home of Barnabas, and the converts were Grecian Jews. Barnabas, by race, by training, and by temperament, was well qualified for this service. When he came thither he entered heartily into the work. "Who, when he had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23). He was a true comforter and exhorter. He was not afraid to seek out the new disciples, and to speak out his heart's desire for them. This is a much needed service.

It was at this time that Barnabas exhibited another trait of his character. Paul had been converted some time before. Because of his former activity in persecuting the church, he was not received very cordially. When he tried to join himself with the disciples at Jerusalem, they were afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple (Acts 9:26). It was then that Barnabas took and brought him to the Apostles and witnessed to the reality of Paul's conversion and of his sincerity.

3. This was not the only time that Barnabas stood ready to give a man another chance. Later, he championed the cause of John Mark, of whom Paul disapproved, because he had left them at Pamphylia. Paul may have been right in his contention of refusing the services of John Mark; but Barnabas is to be commended for giving him another chance to make good. And Mark justified his confidence. Paul wrote later to Timothy: "Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (II Tim. 4:11). This is the spirit of the Gospel. Man has sinned and come short of the glory of God. He is helpless and incapable of self-recovery. But in Christ he can have forgiveness, redemption and recovery. He can be made a new creation (II Cor. 5:17). He can become a new creation (II Cor. 5:17). He can become a new man in Christ Jesus and become profitable to Him in His service (Phile. 1:11-24). As the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ this is our ministry, to tell men of the opportunity that is before them for spiritual recovery.

Barnabas was not only a man characterized by a great heart and a loving disposition; he was a man known and qualified as a prophet and teacher of the Word of God. He was one of the most prominent members of the Church in Antioch. He was chosen by the Holy Spirit, with Paul, to go out on a great missionary adventure (Acts 13:1-4). This was an honor, an opportunity and a privilege that any one might covet. It came to him because he had lived faithfully, his Christian faith. He began by doing the things that were within his reach, and capacity. And God led him on to an ever-widening and powerful ministry.

The Church needs men of this type, today as never before. It is for each one of us to present ourselves as living sacrifices to God that He may mold and use us to His glory (Rom. 12:1-2).

is to derive its financial support? Is it right to deal with him as a criminal when his crime has been legalized? Should legalized crime be punished? Indeed, is not the poor drunkard who has sacrificed his self respect, impoverished his home, destroyed his own health and usefulness, has sacrificed his hope of a living of comfort in this world and all hope of salvation in the world to come—if after all this sacrifice for the support of the nation has been made, should not a grateful civilization take him to its bosom and honor him for his patriotic devotion to his country?

If the government establishes Old Soldiers Homes, and Hospitals to care for those who dared risk their lives in behalf of the nation, shall not the same government show the same gratitude to the men and women who are victims of another institution that exists for the purpose of sustaining the government? Why support one victim as a patriot, and incriminate another who is a victim of governmental support? Shall not the same grateful government provide also Homes for its Drunkards, who are the products of its own legalized institution that exists for its own financial support? When we see the poor old drunkard wobbling along the street, in his effort to find the way home (if indeed he has a home) should not a grateful people put the arm of devotion about him because of the tremendous sacrifice he has made as a devotee, or product, of the institution we have created for just such sacrifice and suffering exhibited in him?

What kind of a tangle does this business produce in our national conception of moral law and public decency? Can any nation long survive that depends in whole or in part, for its continued national support and existence upon the mental, social, moral, and physical destruction of a part of its citizenship? Can a nation look heaven in the face and plead for blessings when it feeds upon the very life blood of its people? When did crime rise higher in the scales of justice than virtue? When did our nation find it best to surrender to the leadership of Satan rather than to the righteous government of God? How shall we settle the question now being thrust upon us in this State of the Lone Star, whose founders were men and women who believed in God and the supremacy of morality and virtuous manhood and womanhood.—Chas. T. Alexander.

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WEST SIDE CHURCH STAMFORD

Westside Baptist Church at Stamford has maintained a good Sunbeam band all summer, and for efficiency has divided into beginner and primary groups. Five weeks ago a G. A. was organized with three members and an R. A. with the same number. Both have grown. These three organizations meet simultaneously after an opening exercise together. Since the weather got so hot the meetings have been held at 9 o'clock each Tuesday morning and the average attendance has been 27 for the past month. Some feel these organizations can not be maintained during such hot weather. But because four consecrated faithful leaders were willing to give freely of their time, talents and use their cars to gather up the children very efficient work has been done and new children are being added each week. It takes work, but these leaders feel fully repaid for their efforts and expect some day there will be much fruit from these organizations. August 13 the Elizabeth Jackson Y. W. A. was organized with six members. Completing the Full Graded W. M. U. Miss Theda Moore was elected president, Miss Doris Jackson vice-president, and Miss Zella Fae Skiles secretary. Miss Thelma Tharp who teaches in Pampa has had charge of the Primaries in Sunbeam and Mrs. Robert Purifoy of the Beginners. Mrs. Edgar Miles Counselor for Basil Lee Lockett R. A. and Mrs. J. T. Medlin, Counselor for Elsie Clar G. A. Miss Lillias Penick Young, People's Leader. Westside Church is seeking to give Missionary training to all its members, because we believe that is the only way to grow missionary churches. And the world will never be evangelized until our churches are truly missionary.

ABILENE W. M. U. CARRIES ON

The Womans' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, has carried on all the departments of her work all through the summer months under the efficient leadership of the president, Mrs. C. C. Stewart and her capable Recording Secretary Mrs. Ben Parker, and we are happy to report that these officers will serve us again for another year.

We feel the Stewardship and Tithing campaign being put on by our church will greatly benefit our W. M. U. Mrs. W. S. Beam, our Personal Service chairman is planning a program of real personal service for the coming months. The department of work that is giving us the greatest anxiety now is securing leaders for our Young People's organizations. We are asking God to impress the great need of this work on some of our women and we confidently believe he will impress some of them with the possibilities and pleasures of leading our boys and girls in Christian service.

We are planning to observe the September Week of Prayer for State Missions.

MISS BLANCHE GROVES

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responsibility to help direct the minds and lives of some of the future leaders of China!

We decided at our Re-union in Shanghai to have a home-coming in Soochow at Christmas time. Will you not pray that God's blessings may be poured out upon us.

During this year we are organizing a Berean Fellowship Band in every city where there is even a small group of our Bereans. There are more than 100 in Shanghai. We plan to have Bible classes, prayer groups, etc. in these Bands. Again I say pray for this extension work that is much on my heart. We need more and more to conserve what we are doing here by following those whom we win to Christ and helping them to keep in close touch with the church and Christian work.

On January 18th my lovely little home—my little heaven—was pillaged and robbed by thieves, which are legion during recent years. They worked so stealthily and I slept so soundly that they carried off practically everything downstairs. They then started upstairs. I slept soundly on but there is One who neither slumbers nor sleeps, and who watches over His own to shield and protect. I was awakened before they reached the top of the stairway. I remembered what I had been told to do in case of a theft so I did it without loss of time. I began calling so loudly as I could "Tso Zuh! Tso Zuh! Tso Zuh!" which means everybody come and help me catch the thief. Well, they ran faster than I did. Two were caught before they got out of the compound and their booty recov-

ered. One or two escaped with their booty. They first took out my silver ware which they of course considered a fortune to them. But the joke is still on them for it was all "Kress Silver." And not so valuable as some things they were leaving until the last to carry off.

Such unfortunate experiences cause one to put less emphasis on the material and more on the spiritual. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where . . . thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven. . ."

I was much below par when the thieves visited me and lower still a few weeks after they were gone. In fact the shock of it all and the deep hurt, of seeing men—for whom God meant better things in life—stoop so low, put me to bed. I spent one month in the hospital. After I had been there only a few days it was discovered that I needed an operation. The Great Physician was so near and so wonderful to me as well as my earthly doctor and nurses. I had a rapid, remarkable, and sure recovery. I was back in my work going at full speed, four weeks later, and am still going at full speed.

Spring has showered its blessings upon us. First was the coming of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson of Floydada, Texas, who were touring the Orient. Mr. Wilson is a prominent man in Rotary Club work. He is the newly elected Rotary Governor of the 4th district. I had promised Hester West of Floydada, now a missionary in Changchow, that I would entertain her friends in my home during their stay in Soochow. Imagine if you can my joy and surprise when I met them at the train and found Mr. Wilson to be a friend I had known in childhood at Bridgeport, Texas. I realized anew that the world is a very small neighborhood after all. With them were two delightful ladies—Mrs. Roberts from Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Pouncey from Alabama. I always love to show people over Soochow but this time it was the greatest of all joys for they were from home. I was so thrilled and happy I felt almost as if I had had a furlough home. Not all tourists love my China and my Chinese as I wish them to, but these fine Christian people seemed naturally to see the fine side of it all and such a deep appreciation for the things here that I love so. Of course their stay was short yet what a blessing their visit was, not only to Hester West and me, but to all our Station. They seemed to scatter sunshine all along their way. Their real appreciation of China made a lasting impression upon the Chinese whom they met. So many of my Chinese friends have inquired about them since their visit to us.

Through Social affairs this spring I have made some fine contacts and added some new personal friends to my list that I believe will help me in the future to give the gospel to a new circle of people that I've had no contact with heretofore. One is Mrs. Ling, the wife of the Judge of our Supreme Court in Soochow. She has an afflicted child that I've tried to show a personal interest in, and I'm hoping yet that through one of our mission hospitals the child may be helped if not restored. The mother has a fine attitude toward Christianity. Pray with me for this child's physical healing and for the mother to find healing for her soul. She would be a great influence for Christianity among her circle of friends.

Another strong friendship I've formed is with the son of the President of China. He is now a Sophomore in Soochow University. He is the room-mate of one of my former students and best friend—Chang Tuh Ong—who has no mother, and comes to my home when in need or trouble. The President's son has now also formed the habit of dropping in frequently. He's the kind that never gets in the way and if I'm busy he sits down at the piano and entertains himself. He is very spiritually minded and I'm sure I get more than he does from our conversations. It is quite honorable to be old in China, and also one's influence and usefulness is increased with each year. I am welcoming each birthday and long for white hair, because just being old will enable me to do so much more for the boys and young men of Yates Academy that I am giving my life to. Young people in China have many perplexing problems and questions during this age of social, religious, and political transition. How often I pray for wisdom that I may direct these fine young people aright. Join me constantly in this prayer.

The next great blessing was the coming of Dr. and Mrs. Inzer of Birmingham. Their visit was short—only one day—but lasting. His message to our students will live on in

their hearts forever. He gripped their hearts in an unusual way. Our small missionary force was refreshed and inspired by this great man of God and his noble, charming wife.

Another great blessing spring brought to us was the coming of Dr. M. E. Dodd and his consecrated wife. They spared us three days and shared themselves with our entire constituency. He held a series of meetings with our students. A large number made confessions of faith in Christ. Others consecrated and re-consecrated their lives to the Master. His messages were powerful, pungent, and convincing. He uplifted Christ in such an appealing way that students could not but fix their eyes and hearts on Jesus, and accept Him as Saviour.

Another blessing came to our schools when we held our Spring Evangelistic Campaign. The messages were brought twice daily by one of China's greatest living evangelists—Zau Zu Kwan—only a young man, yet God has given him unusual power in bringing the lost to a realization of their sins and their need of a Saviour. Great numbers confessed their sins and their faith in Jesus during the week he was with us. Others consecrated and re-consecrated their lives to the Master.

The climax of all our great blessings this spring was reached when the Maddy Party arrived in China. Words fail me when I attempt to tell of the wonderful things this great man of God and his party have done for us and our work. Surely Dr. Maddy is God's man in the right place. I'm sure, "he has come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

He has a marvelous insight into situations and is so wise, so tactful, so Christ-like in his methods. He has won the hearts of his missionary children completely as well as the Chinese. He has given himself completely to the task of encouraging the discouraged; advising those who needed, or sought his wise counsel; re-organizing and re-establishing Mission government that has broken down in recent years. His first wise act, and great blessing to us was the appointment of an Oriental Superintendent of Missions. He appointed one of our own fellow-missionaries, Dr. M. T. Rankin, whom we all believe to be God's man for the place.

Dr. Maddy's greatness consists in his vision of, and love for, a lost world, his faith in God, his wisdom from God, and his dauntless courage to carry out God's will. I think no one recognizes better than he that the wonderful things he has accomplished in China during his stay here have been made easier by the co-operation, strength and help of those wise, consecrated experienced co-laborers, Dr. and Mrs. Weatherspoon and that "blessed heroine of the Cross," Mrs. Maddy, whom to know is to love; and Dr. Rankin whose 15 years experience in China has enabled him and the party to see many things from an Oriental viewpoint. When I think of the wonderful things Dr. Maddy has done, and plans to do, for our work in China, I believe I understand better the meaning of Jeremiah 33:3. We have called unto Jehovah through past years and now through Dr. Maddy, He is showing us great and mighty things—things which we knew not of. As I face the future my feelings are best expressed in the words of the Psalmist David, "Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name."

I plan to go home via Europe this time. Since registered marks are so low now one can go via Europe on a German Steamer for about the same amount as it takes to go across the Pacific. I plan to eat Chinese food this autumn and save my money to pay the extra needed to stop off and see the Holy Land and other points in Europe. I long to walk where my Saviour trod while upon earth. I hope to arrive in Texas not later than March, if present plans are not changed.

If you do not hear from me again in 1935 I am sure you will understand that I am too busy to write. I am not too busy, however, to think of you and pray for you. I'll need more of your prayers as I round out and prolong this second term of seven years in China in this glorious work God has called me to. I shall appreciate hearing from you if you find time to write. Letters from the homeland mean much to us. Letters written after the Middle of December should be sent to my furlough address—Bridgeport, Texas. Ere long I shall be greeting you in, "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." Again I say, pray much for me during these next few months.

Sincerely yours,
BLANCHE GROVES.

DISTRICT 17 MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

TWO CHURCHES CALL PASTORS
The Blair Baptist church in Sweetwater Association recently called the Rev. Ted McGahee, or Merkel as pastor.

The Rockdale church has called the Rev. Dock Willoughby, who lives near Lueders, as pastor.

ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS BEFORE ASSOCIATION

Unless your church elects its officers for the ensuing year before the annual Association meets the names that go in the minutes will not be correct in many cases. Then if the State B. T. U. Department should write to the B. T. U. Director for information and he wasn't the one serving this year, he would likely forget or neglect to give the letter to the new officer, and therefore Mr. Gardner would not get his information. This would be true all along during the year, with all the officers. If possible have the church to elect new officers before the Association meets.

The Missionary preached at Rockdale Sunday morning. There were five additions to the church by Baptism. They made an offering to the Cooperative Program of \$2.79. In the afternoon he spoke at Sager-ton. There were seven addition by letter and statement, and a mission offering of \$1.35.

HOW TO FILL OUT A CHURCH LETTER

1. Read the letter at least twice before you begin writing.
2. Fill out every space. Make a dash if you have nothing to put there.
3. Do not estimate. Give exact information.
4. Write plainly. Spell names correctly. Give addresses.
5. Be sure to put finances in the right column.
6. Have your church to adopt the letter.
7. Have the letter at the Association the first day by 9:30 a. m.

Rev. J. S. Tierce recently closed a good meeting at the Johnson Chapel Baptist church in Stonewall Association where S. C. Lair is pastor.

Rev. Harvey Dennis is in a meeting with Rev. H. C. Bristow at Centerville Baptist church in Stonewall Association.

PLEASE MAKE REPORTS OF MEETINGS

We are very anxious to get a report of every revival held from the last convention to the next Convention. Send the reports to the Evangelistic leader, or the District Missionary, as soon as the meeting is held.

Dates of Annual Associations

- The Association of District 17 will meet as follows:
- September 3-4—Fisher County Association, at Sardis Church.
 - September 5-6—Cisco Association, at Albany Church.
 - September 10-11—Stonewall Association, at Aspermont Church.
 - September 11-12—Haskell Association, at Haskell Church.
 - September 12-13—Jones County As-

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association, at Corinth Church. October 10-11—Sweetwater Association, at First Church, Abilene.

Every Church Reporting This Year
Definite plans are being made by the Moderators and clerks in each Association to get every Missionary Baptist church in the District to fill out a church letter and bring it to the Association.

An extra sheet has been attached to the letter this year and it is very important that this sheet be filled out along with the other information. Please, 1. Fill out every space on the letter; 2 Give correct information, don't guess; 3 have the letter at the Association by 9:30 a. m. the first day.

Missionary At Valley View Church
Last Sunday afternoon the Missionary preached at Valley View church, in Stonewall county. There was one conversion. One man who was once a preacher, but who had been excluded from the church, came back confessing his sin, asking for church membership again. An offering for the Cooperative Program amounted to \$2.80.

NORTH ROBY CHURCH CONDUCTS MEETING

Our meeting began on Saturday night, July 20, closed Shnday night, August 4. Brother John T. Taylor of Rotan did the preaching in a most wonderful way. Brother H. C. Bristow, our pastor, led the song services. God blessed us with a wonderful meeting from the very first day. There was 9 added to the church

by letter and our pastor baptized 12 on Sunday afternoon of August 4, and after services Sunday night a bright little boy volunteered and came forward and said he wanted to surrender his life to Christ and joined for baptism. There was 22 added to our faithful number. On Aug. 25 we will meet in an all day service to celebrate the first anniversary of our church. We invite each and every one but especially do we invite each one that has had any part in this little church, and all of the ex-pastors of the old North Roby church and our Missionary. All come. You will find a warm welcome at North Roby.

POTOSI NEWS

The Baptist meeting closed this past week at Potosi resulting in some three or four conversions and a good spiritual revival for the church. It seems as if new life and new strength is being manifested in many ways.

Plans are being made to organize a Y. W. A. at Potosi. If any place needed one we do, for we have plenty of girls.

In his sermon last Monday night Rev. Howard Hollowell, former Methodist pastor, spoke on the "Importance of Christian Zeal in Our Churches." He further said that they were staging a revival not for Methodism but for the whole Christian people, in the community and extended an invitation to all to attend the services.

N. J. Westmoreland is assisting in a B. T. U. study course at Blackwell in Nolan County this week.

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RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

These remarks are being pecked out at Clovis, New Mexico, where I rambled to be in a revival with Pastor Frank Nix, and the First Baptist Church. It is too early to prophesy but it looks like a good start. . . . Pastor H. B. Naylor just closed a very fine revival with his church at Spade. There were a number of conversions and additions and practically the entire church membership came to the altar for rededication. Brother Naylor is very happy, and so are the folks. He is in a meeting with the church at Fairview, Mitchell County, this week. They started last Friday night with a fine crowd and good interest. . . . The Loraine meeting developed into a real revival. Word came to us that a number of gray haired people were reached and the church and Pastor A. C. Hardin got on shouting ground. . . . Pastor Joe W. Burton, of Big Lake is in the second week of a meeting with Rev. Willie Brown, and the church at Buford. There had been a number of additions up to Sunday and fine prospects for even greater results. Brother Burton is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons and the Southwestern Seminary. He has been at Big Lake about two years. . . . Our Workers' meeting was well attended at Ira last Tuesday. The program was of a doctrinal nature, well arranged and well rendered. Principal address in the mornings were given by Rev. G. W. Parks, Roscoe, Pastor James Easterwood, Roscoe, and Rev. Lawrence Hays, who was conducting a meeting at Ira. Every hour was a high hour. In the afternoon a brief meeting of the board was held after which Missionary Willis J. Ray and his group of young helpers presented a very impressive prohibition program. At the request of Dr. Truett at Dr. Gardner and Bishop Boaz, Bro. Ray gave an entire week to this work, covering about fifteen towns. He is in a revival with Pastor Forest Huffman and the church at Fluvanna this week. . . . Our next associational meeting will be the annual session, to be held at Wastella with Pastor Marvin Leach, on September 5-6. . . . Rode 50 miles with Joe Trussell on the train today. He was on his way to Dimmitt to assist Pastor Vernon Shaw in a meeting. Joe has had a two weeks rest and is looking and feeling fine. He recently helped Walter Garnett and the East Fourth Street Church at Big Spring in a very successful revival. . . . Taylor McCasland, of Portales, is leading the music in the Clovis meeting. . . . Pastor Lee Hemphill is doing the preaching in his meeting at Plainview, with Brother Keith Miles leading the songs. This meeting will continue through next Sunday. . . . The ministry is no place for a sissy, neither is it a place for a bully. Someone has said that if the Baptist preacher isn't the biggest and busiest man in the community, then he is not big nor busy enough. We close this week's outburst with a fervent Amen! to this statement.

SHARPSHOOTERS

(Continued from page one) desirable socially."—(Percy P. Locey, University of Denver).

"I am against it on principle."—(John P. Nicholson, University of Notre Dame).

"Any young growing boy or girl is a fool to use alcoholic beverages."—(H. C. Byrd, University of Maryland).

"I see no physical good that can come from the use of alcoholic beverages and I think they should be avoided by young people."—(Francis J. Schmidt, Texas Christian University).

"Advise them not to drink."—(B. W. Bierman, University of Minnesota).

"A start may lead to excess. If the human motor is to give long life, it must burn good substantial foods."—(W. H. Hughes, Colorado Agricultural College).

"That is a habit to avoid entirely at all times. I have never seen the use of alcoholic beverages do any one any good and I have seen their use do much harm."—(Morley Jennings, Baylor University).

"I have frequently admonished athletes thusly: 'As a generalization, I can state unqualifiedly that I have

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAM LAMESA ASSOCIATION

New Hope Baptist Church (Hancock) 12 Miles Northeast of Lamesa Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4

Tuesday—W. M. U. and Laymen's Day.
Fred Sanders Moderating.
10:00 a. m.—Song and Devotion—Owen Taylor, Lamesa.
10:20 a. m.—The Layman and the Church—Fred Sanders, Lamesa.
10:40 a. m.—The Tithers Test—Reports from the Churches.
11:20 a. m.—Special Music—Lamesa Male Quartet.
11:45 a. m.—Sermon—Rev. W. M. Turner, Slaton.
12:30 p. m.—Lunch.

Afternoon
1:30 p. m.—Song and Testimony.
2:00 p. m.—Baptist Brotherhood—H. Lyman Wren, Snyder.
2:30 p. m.—The Laymen's Challenge—Pres. G. W. McDonald, Wayland College, Plainview.
3:30 p. m.—Sermon—Rev. A. C. Curtis, Andrews.

Evening
7:45 p. m.—Song and Praise Service.
8:00 p. m.—Organization.
8:15 p. m.—Appointment of Committees.
8:25 p. m.—Special Music—Male Quartette, Lamesa.
8:30 p. m.—Associational Sermon—Rev. Lawrence Hays, Snyder.

Wednesday Morning
9:30 a. m.—Devotional Message—Robert Lee Smith, Fairview.
10:00 a. m.—District and State Missions—Willis J. Ray, Big Spring.
10:20 a. m.—Home Missions—Rev. W. M. Whatley, Klondike.
10:40 a. m.—Foreign Missions—Rev. J. F. Jamar, Patricia.
11:00 a. m.—Special Music—Male Quartette, Munger.
11:10 a. m.—Introduction of Visitors.
11:20 a. m.—Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas.
12:15—Lunch.

Afternoon
1:30 p. m.—Buckner Orphans' Home—Dr. Hal Buckner, Dallas.
1:50 p. m.—Sunday School and B. T. U.—Rev. Leroy Smith, Lamesa.
2:10 p. m.—Religious Literature and Hospitals—Rev. Sam Malone, Abilene.
2:30 p. m.—W. M. U.—Mrs. J. Lee Jones, Colorado.
2:55 p. m.—Report of Committees.
3:15 p. m.—Christian Education—Dr. Thos. H. Taylor, President Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Adjournment.

REV. S. C. SHIPLEY, Moderator.
MR. FRED SANDERS, Lamesa, Clerk.

REPORTS REVIVAL MEETINGS FOR THE SUMMER

It has been requested that we pastors send in a report of our meetings conducted this summer. My first meeting was with Paston Boynton at Polar where we were engaged for about 8 days. There were 6 baptized at the close of the meeting. The next was at the Turner school house about 10 miles west from Snyder. On account of the big rain Sunday afternoon we were not able to have services Sunday night. We only had night services on account of the people being so busy in their crop work. There was but little visible results but we tried to sow some good seed which we hope will bring forth some good fruit in due time.

The next meeting was with the Liberty Baptist Church down in McCulloch county, 16 miles below Brady, with 6 for baptism. We are now in our Ira meeting and the preaching will be done by Rev. Lawrence Hays of Snyder after Sunday and the pas-

tor will do the preaching 'till he arrives. We are expecting a great meeting there. For the two churches, Ira and Dunn, we have baptized 21 from our regular monthly meetings since October last. From Ira we come to Dunn for our meeting here and the writer is to do the preaching. The Methodists are now in their meeting (here at Dunn).

Counting both churches, Ira and Dunn, we have thus far received around 50 members this associational year with our revival meeting yet to come. The writer moved to his present work the 25th day of last October and we have been getting along just fine and we are expecting two good meetings as we come to the close of the associational year. The Dunn church has installed a new light plant which we all appreciate very much. It is a 110 volt plant and we surely have good lights. It is not a Delco.

We will report the results of the Ira and Dunn meetings as soon as they have been made a matter of history.—R. R. Cumbie, Dunn, Texas.

never yet seen an athlete who was helped any by alcohol or tobacco, but I have seen many boys whose ability was greatly lessened by those two detriments."—(Frank J. Murray, Marquette, Milwaukee).

"My experience in dealing with youth has led me to believe that those who use alcoholic beverages are never as good in their school work, athletic work, moral practices, or do not obtain character or personality that they would otherwise. No scientific experiments have been made. I draw my conclusions from a broad field of experience."—(Clyde Littlefield, University of Texas).

H-S. U. B. S. U. GROUP TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Hardin-Simmons University Baptist Student Union will send representatives to the state Fall Conference that is to be held at the Y. W. C. A. camp at Glen Rose, Texas. The local group will leave Monday, the 26th, at 1 p. m. in a special bus.

The conference is scheduled to last five days beginning Monday night and closing out the following Friday night at which time the Abilene group will return.

Outstanding Baptist leaders will be on the program at the Conference including Dr. John L. Hill from Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. J. Howard Williams of Dallas, Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas and others. Woodson Armes of Baylor University is president of the Texas B. S. U. and will preside at all meetings. N. J.

ON THE FIELD

Rev. E. F. Cole left Monday for Littlefield where he will assist pastor Grizzle in a two weeks revival. Mrs. Cole and family is spending the month in Mississippi with her parents.

Rev. W. C. Harrison has been ill for the past month is we are happy to report that he is on the road to recovery.

The annual meetings of our associations will soon be at hand and we hope every church in the district will be able to report a number of conversions and a worthy gift to our world wide mission causes. The last report showed 11 of our churches had done nothing for missions this year but we feel confident the pastor will not let the year close without giving the church an opportunity to give to missions. Every Baptist should be missionary and every church needs to express its mission spirit.

Pastor Frazier of Monahans is with the churches at Midway and Bethel in Lamesa Association. The pastor, S. C. Shipley at Key and J. C. Thomas at Midway agreed to use same evangelist with the first week of the meeting being held at Midway and the second week at Key. Willis J. Ray, E. F. Cole and Willie B. Waldroy attended the services Thursday evening at Midway and the membership was very gracious and hopeful for the revival. A large audience heard the splendid sermon and one confession was made the evening we visited the church.

On Thursday of last week the missionary assisted by Rev. B. G. Richberg, S. B. Hughes, Walter Smith and Rev. Gilbert as council ordained to the full gospel ministry E. R. Hughes and Rev. Robinson. The Tarzan church called for Rev. Robinson's ordination and the newly organized church at Three League which has called Rev. Hughes as pastor called for his ordination. This new church in Martin county is starting off with great faith and we will look forward to a good work being accomplished by this pastor and people.

Rev. W. S. Garnett and E. F. Cole made a trip to Brownwood and Utopia last week. Bro. Garnett visited his father who has been ill at Utopia.

Rev. John Rankin, pastor of the church at Seagraves was with Pastor J. W. Braswell and the church at Redwine, Lynn County, in a revival recently in which there were several additions to the church. Brother Braswell was delighted with the work done by this young preacher and he predicts for him a useful future in the Lord's work. Brother Rankin received his training in Wayland College, Howard Payne and Texas Tech. His father is a pioneer preacher in the Plains country.

CHURCH IS ORGANIZED AT WHITE FLAT

Following a very successful revival conducted by Rev. Fate Redden of Plainview, the people of White Flat community met August 12th for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Baptist church.

White Flat is in Nolan County, about fifteen miles east of Sweetwater.

Rev. Foy O. King was appointed Moderator pro tem and Mrs. Willie Redden clerk pro tem. Following a song and prayer Rev. W. H. Howell of Abilene delivered a message on the church. The church covenant was read and adopted.

The following presented church letters from the Trent Baptist church: Mrs. M. T. Hand, Beadie Pearl Hand, Melba Hand, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Waters. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the following on promise of letter: Mrs. V. A. Lobban, Mrs. W. A. Eastman, Anita Bell Lowery, Neola Eastman, Hazel Eastman, Mr. C. W. Morgan, Nora Morgan, Annie Mae Morgan, Ellen Morgan. The following were received on statement: Mr. Carl Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grantham, Mrs. H. B. Washburn, Mr. Anson Lowrey. The following were received as candidates for baptism: Dick Morgan, Addie Washburn, Otis Washburn, Margaret

Washburn, Mattie Washburn, Essa Washburn, Mary Washburn, Mr. H. B. Washburn, and Zella Mae Grantham.

The name White Flat Missionary Baptist Church was chosen as the name for this organization.

Mrs. V. A. Lobban was elected permanent church clerk. A pulpit committee—Mr. Carl Lowrey, Mrs. M. F. Hand and Mrs. V. A. Lobban were elected.

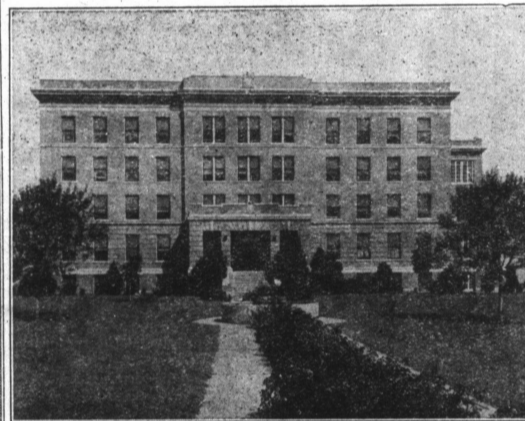
The service adjourned to go to the waters edge where all the candidates for baptism were baptized by Rev. Fate Redden.

MRS. V. A. LOBBAN, Church Clerk.

The editor was with Pastor J. W. Braswell and the church at Grandview near Lamesa in a week's meeting last week. Brother Braswell has been preaching in the Lamesa country for the past 19 years. This is the third meeting we have been with him and we have enjoyed the fellowship with him very much.

Rev. Kelly Barnett of Abilene will begin a meeting with the church at Talpa, in Coleman county Friday night. The meeting is scheduled to run for ten days. The Coleman County Association will meet with this church on Thursday and Friday of this week.

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