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The Flute and The Flame, Dr. Jenkins Sermon Subject

Sermon by Millard A. Jenkins D. D.
Text: Matt. 12:20. "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory."

The text has to do primarily with the long-suffering of God, dealing with sinful men, a prolonged patience, that is to end in judgment, "judgment unto victory." But I desire to lift the text out of its context, and deal with it entirely from the standpoint of application. And I shall like that we make the application as personal as we may, for in a very real sense, each of our lives is but a piece of bruised reed, or smoking flax.

Bruised Lives

First, we will take the bruised reed. There is here a beautiful symbolism. In Palestine, the shepherds make a kind of a flute out of a bamboo reed, and as they attend their flocks they while away the time, and break the monotony with a weird kind of music they make on this crude musical instrument. So frail is the instrument that if a sheep steps on it it is bruised and so refuses to respond with music when the shepherd takes it up again. What does he do? It is frail and bruised and worthless, so he breaks it, and throws it away. Now that is just what our Lord says He will not do with us. There are many things that bruise our lives.

The first that I am going to mention is sin. SIN bruised the entire race, but God did not abandon the race. HE sent His Son to heal the bruising, and set the music of heaven flowing through the heart of man again.

We have no real conception of what a glorious being man was before the fall. If you had never seen a railroad, or a train of cars, and I should take you to where there had been a wreck, cars piled in heaps, road bed destroyed, confusion everywhere, you would gather from such a scene no real conception of what a railroad and train of cars were like. So we see not man as he was, but as he is after the wreck of the fall.

But of this we are quite sure, that out of the wreck and ruin we shall see the redeemed of the Lord restored to beauty and to glory far surpassing that before the bruising blow fell. As individuals our lives are bruised by sin, but "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous."

Our lives are bruised by sorrow. Father Ryan sang truly:
"There never was a valley without a faded flower,

There never was a heaven without some little cloud,

The face of day may flash with light in any morning hour,

But evening soon will come with its shadow wooing shroud."

"The shadow of the mountain falls athwart the lowly plain,
And shadow of the cloudlet hangs above the mountain's head;
And the highest heart and lowest wear shadow of a pain,
And the smile is scarcely flitted ere the anguish tear is shed."

A young mother sat gazing like one demented into the cold face of her first born, refusing to be comforted, when her friend of girlhood days, who had travelled all night to get to her, came suddenly into the death chamber and embracing her said, "Jennie, it is all right." She too had looked into the dead face of her man-child, her first born, and she knew. And the heart-broken little mother said, "O, Jennie, if you say it is all right, then I know it is."

"Here tell your wounded heart,
Here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow,
That heaven cannot cure."

WINTERS BAPTISTS TAKE CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

After an extensive educational campaign about the "Conquest Campaign" Sunday morning Pastor Stephens sounded the key note in the final service after the eleven o'clock hour pledge cards were passed by the deacons and each one present was given an opportunity to give to this great cause. \$2,233.00 was reported by G. E. Nicholson, church organizer, at the night service, and still going, this wonderful church is always found doing the great thing.

Sunday night Evangelist Saxon and Brown had full charge of the service, Pastor Stephens being called away to Sherman to conduct a week's training school. Brother Saxon brought a wonderful message and everyone enjoyed the singing and harp music by Bro. Brown; all Texas Baptists love this good man of God and those who know Brother Saxon appreciate him very much. West Texas churches should have these two brothers with them in a day or two revival, they are the only apostolic evangelists now preaching the old way.

April 17 Rev. T. L. Halcomb assisted by Brother Joe Trussell of Howard Payne College will begin our revival. Pastor Halcomb is one of the leading pastor evangelists in all Texas and Winters Baptist church are looking forward to a great ingathering of souls and uplifting of the cause of our Master, with the coming of these two men.

Editor's Note: Since the above item was sent in, the Winters church has increased its Campaign collection to around \$3,000.

OLDEST MARRIED COUPLE

With a record of almost seventy-two years of continuous married life, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott, Route A, Anson, Texas, have been declared winners of the Adolphus Hotel's statewide long time married contest. The Adolphus first conducted a local campaign in Dallas, the award going to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hambrick who have been married almost seventy years.

Interest was so keen in this contest that it was extended to the entire state and Mrs. R. T. Clark of Stamford, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, announces that they are almost a year ahead of the Hambricks.

Mr. Scott was born in 1833, a pioneer, Texan, Indian fighter and Buffalo hunter. It is said that Mr. Scott killed the last Buffalo seen in Jones county. Mrs. Scott was born in 1837, and married Mr. Scott in Travis county in 1856.

200 FLORIDA CHURCHES ARE ENGAGE IN SIMULTANEOUS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

What is undoubtedly the most extensive simultaneous evangelistic campaign that has been undertaken by Southern Baptists in any single state, has been inaugurated for the month of March by at least two hundred Baptist churches of Florida. The big campaign is fostered by the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, superintendent; and the Baptist State Mission Board of Florida, Dr. C. M. Brittain, corresponding secretary. Dr. Fuller is in active charge of the campaign, though a number of churches of the state have provided their own evangelists.

The plans for this special effort have been in preparation for several months and large results are anticipated.

A MESSAGE FROM HELL

The state of a man who is not a Christian today is exactly the same as the five brothers of the rich man, mentioned in the 16th Chapter of Luke. We have the ordinary means of grace, we have Moses and the Prophets which is the Bible; if a man refuses to hear and heed it, there is no salvation for him, he is bound to land in hell when the brittle thread of life is broken. A man who is too stubborn to listen to heaven's message should hear the dreadful warning that comes up from the smoke, flames and miseries of the tormented damned. Read. Luke 16:19-31.—Ex.

Rev. J. L. Johnson who recently accepted the call of the Baptist church at Norton is to begin a meeting with the church Sunday. Brother Johnson is moving to Abilene where he will make his headquarters.

MERKEL PASTOR IS PREACHING SERIES ON BIBLE QUESTIONS

Pastor Ira L. Parrack of the First Church, Merkel, is preaching a series of sermons on "Unanswered Questions of the Bible." Some of the questions discussed to date are:

1. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"
2. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"
3. "If the righteous shall scarcely be saved, where shall the sinner and ungodly appear?"
4. "Who is man that thou art mindful of him?"

The Merkel church gave \$500 in cash to the debt paying campaign, and about \$300 more has been pledged by the church.

EVANGELIST BOB BAUCOM HOLDS GREAT REVIVAL WITH SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

The South Side Church, Abilene, is witnessing a gracious revival meeting with R. G. Baucum, Simmons University Evangelist, doing the preaching. The meeting has been going for two weeks and at the present time (Friday evening) there have been over seventy additions to the church. Great crowds have been attending the meeting, and the large church at times has been unable to hold the crowds. This is the second meeting that Evangelist Baucum has held in Abilene recently. The meeting held at Simmons University was one of the best the institution has ever witnessed. Brother Baucum preaches the old time gospel with great earnestness and power. He lays stress on the doctrines of the Bible, and stresses stewardship and tithing in all his meetings.

RUBY ANNIVERSARY OF W. M. U. PLANNED

In commemoration of the ruby anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, that body, at its approaching annual session at Louisville, Ky., the first week in May, will lay plans for increasing the number of local societies and organizations in the churches to 40,000 during the next year, making one thousand organizations for every year since the W. M. U. was formed at Richmond, Va., in 1888. Such a goal will represent a forty per cent advance over the present number of organizations.

This special campaign of enlistment was agreed upon at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Union at the Southside headquarters at Birmingham. Mrs. Carter Wright, of Roanoke, Ala., was named general chairman of the preliminary campaign, and she, in cooperation with the representatives of the various state Unions, will present the final plans to the Louisville convention for its approval.

THE CHURCH BLOOD BOUGHT

Text: Acts 20:28 By Clarence Allen Morton

The family of God is not the church of God. The family of God may be said to have begun with righteous Abel, and to be completed when the last elected one is redeemed. Entrance into the family of God is by faith. Gal. 3:26. Thus God becomes the Father of all believers. We may say that the family of God includes all believers. The relationship in the family is eternal. Eph. 3:15 speaks of the whole family on earth and in Heaven. Thus the family of God is said to be redeemed, yet it is not the church of God.

The Kingdom of God is not the church of God. The Kingdom may be said to have begun "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness saying repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand," and to include all regenerated subjects on earth from that time. Jno. 3:3 declares entrance into the Kingdom is by a spiritual birth. This relationship is eternal. For Paul speaks of being preserved "unto his heavenly kingdom." 2 Tim. 4:18. This Kingdom Jesus says in Matt. 13:45-46 is the Pearl of a Great Price and bought. This Kingdom has two phases: now, a Kingdom of grace, future, a Kingdom of glory when the King reigns in His Throne and will close with the putting under his feet the last enemy—death, and then will he deliver up the Kingdom to God the Father. 1 Cor. 15:24. We may say that salvation is found in the Kingdom, security in the family, and service in the church. There are some who are in the family and the Kingdom but are not in the church. And we fear that there are some in the church who are not in the family or Kingdom. The church blood bought was BUILT BY JESUS

The word church occurs in the Bible 114 times. It's first mention is in Matt. 16:18. The church was not built by Abraham. The church was not built by Moses. The word translated Church in Acts 7:38 should be translated congregation. The church was not built by or upon Peter, or his confession. For in 1 Pet. 5:1 he declares that he is an elder, not the Builder of the church. The church was not built at Pentecost. Such would be the church of the Holy Spirit and not the church of God. Again, when Luke the historian describes the Adding of some three thousand souls that day, the plain understanding of the Scripture is, that the church already existed, so they did unite with that body ALREADY in existence. The church was built by Jesus. Here is a fair interpretation: Peter you are a small stone and upon MYSELF Jesus, a Solid Stone I will build MY church. Turn now to Matt. 18:15, 16, 17, 18. Jesus is telling how to deal with an incorrigible brother. When all else has failed tell it to the CHURCH. So the church must be in existence so a message could be delivered to it. Jesus took the material prepared by John the Baptist and went into a mountain and called unto

Him TWELVE whom He called His APOSTLES and sent them forth to preach. Mark 3:13-14. Now, Paul in 1 Cor. 12:28 informs us that Christ set FIRST in the CHURCH APOSTLES. So here we have the origin of the CHURCH BLOOD BOUGHT. One more proof. Heb. 2:12 speaking of Christ says "I will sing praises in the midst of the church." Turn now to Matt. 26:26-30 where Christ with His Apostles instituted His Supper where He for the only time parted His lips in song.

HIS BUILDING
The church bought with His blood is His Building. Eph. 2:20 says we are BUILT on Jesus Christ the Chief Corner Stone. Verses 21 and 22 reveal that all the BUILDING growth together as an HOLY TEMPLE—BUILDING a fit habitation for the dwelling of God through His Spirit. Now Peter in 1 Peter 2:4 and 5 proves that we are "lively-Living stones BUILT into that spiritual HOUSE." In 1 Tim. 3:15 we learn that "The HOUSE of God is the Church of the Living God." This is what I think Jesus meant when He said He gave the keys of the Kingdom to the church. He committed to it the preaching of the gospel—the truth, the plan of salvation, the word of reconciliation. The custodian of the gospel—is His Church, the pillar and ground of truth.

HIS BODY

The church is declared to be His (Continued on Page 3)

A WORD TO PATRONS AND FRIENDS FROM PRESIDENT SANDEFER

The Winter Quarter of Simmons University has just closed. Registration for the Spring Quarter has begun. Many more students are yet to enter.

This is to call special attention of our patrons and friends to the fact that students can enter now, as they can at the beginning of any other Quarter and find courses to suit their advancement. Students who have finished High School at Mid-term can enter now and have two full quarters of work out of the way toward their certificate or degree by the opening of the Fall Quarter. Time is valuable in these pulsating times, and I am urging fathers and mothers who have sons and daughters who ought to be in Simmons to place them with us at once, to the end that they may get a maximum of their college work behind them in the minimum of time.

I am taking this occasion to express my gratitude to our friends and patrons everywhere who have been co-operant and sympathetic during the year, helping to make this school year, by far the largest and best in all the history of this Institution.

We covet the continuation of your sympathetic interest in the institution. We covet your prayers, some of your thought, and please hold in mind our congestion and the needs of the institution that must be provided for before the beginning of the Fall Quarter, if Simmons University is to grow and serve commensurate with the demands that are being made upon her from every section of Texas, the Southland; yea, even remoter sections.

FORMER HAMLIN PASTOR WRITES FROM ATLANTA

I would be recreant to the feeling of my deepest soul not to express a word of heartfelt commendation after reviewing last copy of The West Texas Baptist. Most especially the great revival in Simmons.

To have men like Dr. Sandefur, possessing the prophetic vision of a Seer and a Statesman, at the head of one of the greatest Christian Universities, and yet, manifesting such child-like faith in personal evangelism leading the boys of his school to a knowledge of Christ.

I heard him say in a revival some few years ago when a fine young man (student) made his surrender to Christ, "I had rather see you do this than to have the joy of giving you a diploma after four years of hard study in this institution."

I rejoice in ever remembering the unprecedented growth of the Kingdom of Christ in that great section, "The Yellow Stone Park" of Texas, and your good paper gets better with every issue.

Georgia and Atlanta, and most of all, God has been gracious to me since coming to these parts, my work grows from strength to strength, some four hundred additions to church since coming, membership now around 1100. Atlanta is indeed a city of strange and mixed currents of thought, unconscious taking on the coloring of the larger cities of the east. Modernism and cosmopolitanism growing every day, with her over three hundred thousand population, more than half this number unreached, LOST! never darkened a church door, it is indeed one of the greatest opportunities for the "Old time, genuine, New Testament evangelism I have ever seen."

Keep me on your prayer list, and rest assured that I shall remember kindly all those whom I know to be "On the Lord's side" in the empire of the west.

—A. W. Reeves

The Lord Hateth Putting Away--Divorce, Mal. 2:16

BIBLE CLASS VISITS CLASS IN ABILENE

Eighteen or twenty members of the Snyder Downton Men's Bible Class assembled at the usual meeting place at 6:00 o'clock last Sunday morning, and after a brief assembly, left overland for a visit to the Victory Men's Bible Class of Abilene.

The trip was made in a little more than three hours and without any hindrances, except a couple of "flats." Upon arriving in Abilene, we went to the Queen Theater where the Victory Class, which consists of about 250 members, assembles every Sunday morning. Here a hearty welcome was extended each of us as well as every other visitor, coupled with a fine feeling of fraternal brotherhood, which was dominant from the very beginning of the meeting.

Judge James P. Stinson, who is teacher of the Victory Class, readily inspired the visitors with his characteristic wit, coupled with his usual ability as a forceful and fluent speaker.

A response for the visitors was made by their able leader, J. L. Martin, and of whom we are all proud, and his wit occasioned much interest and applause. After the guests had all been formally introduced, the audience was favored with a short talk by Rev. Lancaster, pastor of the Coleman Baptist church.

At the close of the Sunday school hour, the guests went to the First Baptist Church, where reserved seats were awaiting them. The preaching of an excellent sermon by Rev. Lancaster was one of the outstanding events of the day's visit in Abilene.

After the preaching service was over, we were taken to the Crystal Cafe where a sumptuous feast was in waiting, and to which we all did ample justice.

In the afternoon, true to the Abilene spirit, and still more specifically to the spirit that characterizes the Victory Class, we were loaded into automobiles and driven over the "Athens of the West," another thing that contributed its part in making it a "perfect day," well spent in religious service.

We all returned to Snyder in the late afternoon, thrilled, pleased and inspired, and with a warm spot in each heart because of the hospitality shown us by our hosts.

We want the men and boys of Snyder and surrounding territory, who are not attending Sunday school elsewhere, to come and join our class. We need you. If you come once, you will come again.

A MEMBER.

NOVICE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 13, was a great day at Novice. The services began at 10:50 with a song service led by Rev. Dickerson. The first subject of the program, "Sunday School Building," was interestingly discussed by Bro. Griffin and Rev. Dickerson, after which R. G. Brannen delivered a splendid sermon.

Following the noon hour, Brother Bain made a wonderful speech on the subject of "Evangelism in The Sunday School." His words were both spiritual and instructive. He believes that the great work of the Sunday School is to win souls to Christ. Unless all teachers and leaders keep in close touch with God, they have no power to win souls.

After this an hour was given to the Junior B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School program. An interesting program was rendered. Miss Irene Griffin is the leader of this department. We are fortunate in having such a leader as she in this work.

Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald gave us a great message on "The Sunday School Task of Southern Baptists."

Brother Fitzgerald is a young preacher of excellent talents. He is doing a great work in the Silver Valley and Talpa churches. We are always glad to have him come, and appreciate his earnest and masterful sermons.

The day's program was concluded by an evangelistic sermon by pastor Brannen. We believe that the saving power of this great sermon will be far reaching.

Our Revival meeting will begin the second Sunday in August. The church has invited Lawrence Fitzgerald to do the preaching.

A home-coming meeting to which all the thirteen former pastors of the Novice Baptist church, shall be invited, will be held the third Sunday in June.

C. Ross Payne

The subject of divorce, or putting away, seems to be popular for papers and magazines of all kinds, both secular and religious. The practice of divorce, or putting away, seems popular with the laity, and threatens to become so in the ministry—at least some preachers hazard their usefulness in the ministry by the unscriptural practice. Where will it end? Is there no voice which may be heard above the clamor for worldly pleasure and the fulfilling of the lusts of the flesh? The Baptist Standard recently contained an interesting editorial on the subject. The West Texas Baptist carried an illustrating article a few weeks ago on the subject. The February Ladies Home Journal carried an article entitled "A Divorce For Every Marriage", in which article the writer Frederic F. Van de Water, said, "There will be one marriage dissolved for every marriage made in the United States during 1938, if divorces continue to increase at their present rate," and continues to give his reasons.

It seems that the prophets of God and the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ "Should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." The question naturally arises, shall machinery so tie up the hands of the prophet of God that his voice shall be smuggled and the gospel hindered by unscriptural practices of professed Christian people, and by professed ministers of Christ? Often the pastor is prohibited from speaking out on the subject, because, as a case to which my attention was called recently, in which an officer of the church was married to a woman whose former companion lives without any charge of fornication as occasion of separation. The missionary and general evangelist may feel a hesitancy in declaring the whole counsel of God, if he should be aware that some of the official board which employs him is married to a woman whose former companion of many years still lives, and fornication was not the basis of plea for separation. Shall we not expect the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ to champion a cause so vital to established American institutions? If churches fail to do it, to whom may we go to find help to restore to our country the proper estimate of the sacred marriage covenant? There is no one else to whom we can go. Let us pray that we may prove true to him who so loved the church that he died for it, and purchased our salvation at such a cost to himself.

Malachi, one of the latest Old Testament prophets, brings a present-day message, second chapter and sixteenth verse, "The Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away." The prophet was reproving his servants for their faithlessness to their marriage covenant, or marriage vows, for in the fourteenth verse preceding we read, "Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant." The Lord says here that he witnesses the marriage covenant and in the sixteenth verse says again, "Take heed to thy spirit, that ye deal not treacherously." He warns again of their treachery, faithlessness, and falsity to their marriage vows and marriage covenant, because it is an holy covenant made in the presence of God. The dailies carried a news item some days ago somewhat as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Will Tryemout announce their marriage which occurred some months ago, but their agreement was that no announcement should be made of it if it proved unsatisfactory to them. Both of them seemed satisfied with the experiment, and so announcement of marriage was made. Many marriages are entered into today with little regard for marriage covenant, or marriage vows as the parties referred to above. The lines are being let down, and the pity of it is it shamefully encroaches upon the sanctuary.

Jesus in Matthew 19:5 refers to the covenant obligation surely, when he says, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife." For what cause? Because they have covenanted together before God and the proper authorities. For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife—the wife of his covenant. Man and woman become husband and wife upon assuming marriage vows before God and the proper authorities; as the civilian becomes a soldier upon taking the oath of allegiance, before proper authorities, and not before. Man shall leave father and mother and cleave unto his

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THE WONDEROUS HEIGHTS

In the death of Professor Stiles R. Anderson of Simmons University a wonderful testimony to the life beyond was recorded. As he reached the borderland of the great beyond he smilingly said: "I have reached the wonderful heights and before me lies the beautiful boulevard." No doubt this great Christian man, in that dying moment caught a glimpse of the beautiful city on the other shore, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. A testimony such as this will answer all the arguments of a thousand infidels and skeptics. The religion of Jesus Christ not only sustains one in all the trials and temptations of this life, but it is all sufficient when that moment comes to answer the last great summons from the other side. Truly every Christian like David can say, "Yet, though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

THE CONQUEST VICTORY

The latest returns from the Conquest Campaign conducted by Texas Baptists indicate a great victory. The last issue of the Baptist Standard shows nearly a million dollars in cash and pledges. The campaign was carried over to Sunday, March 21, and when the final reports are made the amount will run far beyond the million mark. When we take into consideration the fact that Texas is now going through a period of great financial stress, especially in the rural sections, the results are very gratifying. It is true some of the communities where the beneficiaries of the campaign are located, did not come up to expectations, yet Texas Baptists as a whole have wrought valiantly. The campaign demonstrates the fact that Texas Baptists are yet a mighty people.

While it is true that our people have given fairly good account of their stewardship, yet the real testing time is just ahead. During the balance of March and the month of April, a campaign will be made for our greatly distressed home and foreign mission work. Following so closely on the wake of the conquest drive will Texas Baptists fail our mission causes? Christian education and our great sanitarium work are wonderful assets for the carrying on of our work, yet they are almost insignificant in comparison with the task of carrying the gospel to the benighted millions of lost humanity. Surely Texas Baptists will not fail our mission causes at this time. To do so will greatly impair and retard the work on our mission fields; to do so will betray the trust of our heart broken missionaries on the field and in the homeland.

BAPTIST CAUSE IN NEW ORLEANS GROWS

For a hundred years or more, Baptists have been putting mission money into New Orleans, but not until the establishment of the Baptist Bible Institution, nine years ago, did the Baptist cause there take on the life that its friends had longed for.

Ten years ago there were only six Baptist churches in the Crescent City with a combined membership of 1,200. At that time these churches were giving, all told, only \$2,500 to missions and benevolences outside their own communities. Only one of these churches was self-supporting ten years ago. Today the number of churches has grown to fourteen, seven of which are self-supporting, while their total membership numbers 4,112, and they own church property with a combined value of \$758,900. Last year the New Orleans Baptist churches gave \$26,931.25 to missions and benevolences, and \$120,652.50 for all purposes.

On a recent Sunday one men's Bible class in the city had more men present than were in attendance upon all the Baptist men's Bible classes ten years ago, and one Baptist Sunday school of the city now has 50 per cent more people in attendance every Sunday than all seven churches had ten years ago.

The work of the Baptist Bible Institution and the several Baptist churches is now being reinforced by that of the Southern Baptist Hospital, which has been in operation a little more than one year. In addition to its general work, the hospital is making a specialty of its ministry to crippled children and in the prevention of rickets among children.

POOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE AIDED THROUGH WILL OF BAPTIST MAN

In the will of the late Col. C. C. Gibbs, prominent Baptist layman of San Antonio, who passed away recently after the death of his daughter the income from his estate, estimated at \$300,000, shall be divided equally between Baylor College, Belton, Texas, and San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Texas. The money thus accruing to these institutions will, under the terms of the will, be applied to the assistance of poor boys and girls in securing an education.

NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS

Friends of Christian education all over the South will watch with interest the great campaign now being carried on by New Mexico Baptists to raise \$100,000 to save their only school, Montezuma College. This beautiful little college nestles in the foothills of the Rocky Mountain range in Northern New Mexico. Its history of a few years has been beset with great perils and almost unsurmountable difficulties. The Baptists in that far western section are few in numbers, yet they have always shown the heroic, sacrificial spirit, and we are predicting that they will carry on to a final victory, for surely God is with them.

"Pastor's Handbook on the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists" is the name of a new booklet issued by the Co-operative Program Commission of Southern Baptists. It is teeming with valuable information and sermon material, and should be in the hands of all our pastors and missionaries.

THE CALL

The great world's heart is aching, fiercely aching in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the men to bear the message, and to speak the living Word,
Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open to the pathway of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave our prayer unsaid,
Till the lands which sin has blasted have been quickened from the dead?

We grovel among trifles, and our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the cross;
And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side,
And the lips of God are saying, "Tell my brothers I have died."

O voice of God, we hear thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime;
No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience, and love has led the way.

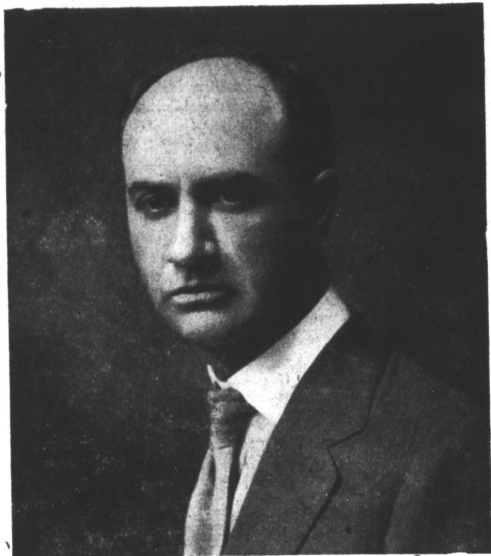
—Frederick George Scott.

So concerned are a number of the missionaries of the Foreign Board that it shall be relieved of its obligations, so that it may go forward to larger things, they are turning back over twenty-two per cent of their salaries, amounting to \$181,000 per annum. When Baptists of the homeland become interested in anything like this manner in world evangelization they will startle the world with their achievements for the Master.

Two Chinese women who had never before had an opportunity to hear the gospel walked fifteen miles on bound feet to hear Bro. B. S. Ding, native Chinese preacher, at an engagement seventy miles from the railroad. The people to whom he preached are very poor, having no meat or vegetables to eat, and living on cornbread and water; but those who had found the Lord were happy in their religion and sang their hymns with great joy.

A Chinese man, who had only one leg, walked twenty-five miles to be baptized and walked fifteen miles on crutches every Lord's Day to attend religious services.

PROFESSOR ANDERSON DEAD



Simmons University has sustained a great loss in the death of Professor Stiles R. Anderson, who for thirteen years has been head of the Fine Arts department of the institution and teacher of piano. Professor Anderson met his classes on Thursday and on Thursday night became seriously ill with pneumonia. He was carried to a local sanitarium and died after a few days fight for his life.

We have never heard of a more glorious passing than that of this fine, consecrated Christian gentleman. President Sandefer stood by the bedside when the end came. The dying musician placed his hand in the presidents', smiled and said: "I have reached the wonderful heights and before me lies the beautiful boulevard."

A DREADFUL MALADY

By John Bunyan Smith, D. D.

A dreadful ecclesiastical malady has attacked modern Christianity. It may be called Statistical Dropsy. Every year thousands of names are dropped from Church membership rolls. Various causes have occasioned this Dropsy, viz., removals, indifference, non-support, non-attendance, modernisms, etc. What can the Church do? Many things it does not do until it is too late.

The early Apostolic Church had a sure cure for this dreadful malady. Their remedy is found in Acts 2:41. "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." Such members are immune to this spiritual disease.

BAPTIST BOY GOES FROM LOG SCHOOL HOUSE TO STATE SUPREME COURT

From a log cabin school room to the supreme court of his native state of South Carolina is a long road, but it has been successfully traveled by J. F. Carter, a native of Colleton County, who has recently been promoted to the high bench after a term as state senator. Senator Carter's father died when the son was only a boy, leaving him with many of the responsibilities for rearing his young brothers. In the face of all these obstacles he succeeded in securing a liberal education, and has for several years been recognized as one of the strong lawyers of the state. He is a deacon and active member of the Baptist church at Bamberg.

A Great Woman

By Jeff Davis

Down at Shunam there lived a great woman. The prophet of God was wont to turn in there on his journey across the country. Down at Caldwell, Texas, there also dwelt a great woman. Many were the prophets who were the recipients of her kindly ministrations. This good woman was Mother Lackey, who for more than 70 years was the faithful companion of Rev. W. S. Lackey, who departed this life June 1, 1919. Mother Lackey fell asleep August 10, 1926.

The simple thing told by ministers about departed ones at funerals could be told about Mother Lackey in a few words, but it would take volumes to tell the story of the good deeds that she wrought during her long life of more than 88 years. In other days she had as her guests practically all of the founders of our Texas Zion. Burleson, Coeath, Morrel, Crane, Carrolls and many others she knew intimately. It was my joy to be her pastor for more than three years, and I can testify, as will all of her former and later pastors, that she was one of the greatest helps that any pastor ever had. Her efforts were untiring. Her kindly ministrations will be greatly missed by her large host of friends in Caldwell.

Mother Lackey was born in Alabama. At the age of 18 she was united in marriage to W. S. Lackey. To that union ten children were born; four have died, the other six are among the leading families of their respective communities. They are: Mrs. R. F. Stokes, Jasper, Texas; Mrs. Elva Duckworth, Caldwell; Prof. W. W. Lackey, superintendent of the Midland Schools for some twenty years; C. S. Lackey, of Lackey-Love Co., Dallas; T. E. Lackey, business man, Denison; Miss Nora Lackey, teacher in the Ft. Worth schools.

For some time before Mother Lackey passed away she realized that the end was drawing near. She spoke to friends and loved ones about her going as if it was but a short visit that she was about to make. At her request the following lines were placed on her casket at the funeral so that those who viewed her remains might read it.

"Remember, friend, as you pass by
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Then, oh! prepare to follow me."

On Aug. 11 she was laid to rest beside her husband in the beautiful Masonic Cemetery at Caldwell. A good woman is gone, the poor and friendless have lost a great benefactress, and the church at Caldwell has lost

one of its best friends. But her blessed spirit has joined the hosts of redeemed above, there to await the resurrection morn, while the good influences set in motion by her saintly life will go on blessing the world until Jesus comes again.—Southwest Texas Baptist.

MEMORIAM

Her life was worth so much it seemed
To cheer us on our way,
Gave courage when our hearts were drear,

And brightened all the day.
Her hand was ready to uplift
The fallen, weak or lame,
She moved among the rich or poor
Regarding all the same.

'Twas yesterday we saw her there,
A woman strong and brave,
Now 'tis over, life is done,
Her path led through the grave.

She served him long and faithfully,
To him she gave her best
And when her work on earth was done,
He laid her down to rest.

And so it is with all of us
God knows and does the best;
He calls and then alone we go
To Him, in Him to rest.

We cannot understand God's way
His mysterious declare,
But this we know in everything
'Tis God alone who's fair.

May we to Him be ever true,
And when our time is come
Go unto Him whose precious gift
Gave life to everyone.

—RAY N. DUCKWORTH.

Rev. Ira Harrison, former pastor at Estancia and Carlsbad in this state, but more recently from the Southwestern Seminary, has accepted the call to the Tularosa Church and will begin work March 13.—Baptist New Mexican.

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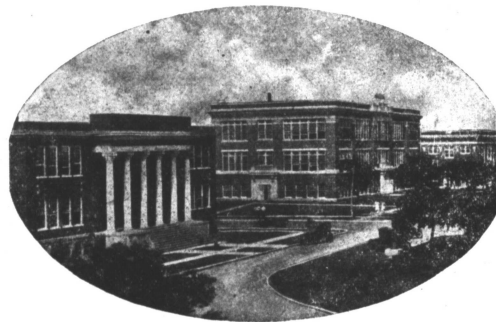
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POSTERS.

Let us urge every superintendent receiving one of our State Sunday School Convention posters, to make good use of same, displaying the poster in the most conspicuous place in the Sunday school. It will help advertise our Sunday School Convention as nothing else will. If you wish to have one for your Sunday school and did not receive one from this office, please write us at once for it. LET US ADVERTISE THIS CONVENTION.

We also wish to commend to the brethren over the state the unique and informing poster sent out by Brother R. A. Scranton. It is short, to the point, and will inform our people about the tithe, being a gentle reminder wherever it is displayed.

In closing these remarks, let us call attention to the fact that these cost money but their usefulness cannot be overestimated, if displayed in the proper manner. Let us cooperate in this way.

With the Summer coming on, a large number of our churches over the state are making their plans to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Some very valuable information concerning these schools and how to conduct same, will be given out at the State Sunday School Convention. Dr. Homer L. Grice will conduct conferences and speak before the entire convention on the Daily Vacation Bible School work. Hear him in San Antonio, April 12-13-14.

Getting Ready for the Exhibit

The Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments are working hard to present to the people of Texas, one of the finest exhibits of handwork that has ever been displayed in Texas. Let us urge that all materials reach this office by April 6th. Address all articles for the INTERMEDIATE EXHIBIT to Mrs. A. J. Bacher and all exhibit material for the Elementary grades to Mrs. W. H. Bussell, this office.

A SERIOUS MISINTERPRETATION

Wm. P. Phillips.

"In changing the name of the ORGANIZED CLASS DEPARTMENT to that of SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE'S-ADULT DEPARTMENT, it was intended to convey the idea that the work of promoting these departments which are incorporated in the above name is all included in one Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Also in the adoption of the new name it was the desire to place the major emphasis on the Department rather than the class as has been the practice in the past, but with no less upon the class. A number of schools have interpreted the change in the name of the department to mean that we propose the combining of the Young People's and Adult Departments into one Department."

Mr. William P. Phillips, secretary of the Sunday School Young People's Adult Department of the Sunday School Board will have charge of all the Young People's-Adult Department Division Conference work at the State Sunday School Convention. We receive so many letters of inquiry about the work of these two departments, about class officers and their duties. Let us come together and find out about these things definitely.

CHINAMAN IS CHOSEN AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF SHANGHAI BAPTIST COLLEGE

In recognition of the increased efficiency of the native Christians in China, and in keeping with the trend to place larger responsibility upon them, Shanghai Baptist College, at Shanghai, maintained jointly by Northern and Southern Baptists, has made Prof. F. W. Lee, a Chinaman, vice-president of that institution. Prof. Lee was born in New York, and his father was, for many years, known as "the mayor of Chinatown." The young man was educated for the law and against the strong opposition of his family, and in the face of threatened disinheritance, he became a Christian, entered the Baptist ministry, served a while as pastor of Chinese Baptist churches in Chicago, and then, renouncing his American citizenship, went to China to give his life in service to his people. His election is thoroughly acceptable to the Chinese.

CHATTANOOGA TO INVITE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FOR 1928 SESSION

Chattanooga Baptists, who entertained the Southern Baptist Convention so acceptably in 1921, will invite this body to meet in that city again in 1928.

THE CHURCH BLOOD BOUGHT

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body. Eph. 1:22-23 speaks of Christ being Head over all things to the church which is HIS BODY. The state is not the Head of the church. Nor is the pope, priest, presiding elder, preacher or any Assembly, conference or convention. Jesus Christ is the Head of HIS church and the Holy Spirit His administrator. His Body—the church—does not mean a "true church" and a "local church." There is no other kind of a church but a local body. Nor is there any such thing as an "invisible church." The church of Jesus is a local, particular, independent democracy, a Sovereign body of baptized believers, with pastors and deacons and can be entered by a vote and baptism. To this body he refers when he said I will build my church—He built a local church as an institution and all other true churches are modeled after this FIRST ONE HE BUILT and are BAPTIST Churches. To the churches—His Body—He promised His power, His presence and perpetuity—Till He Comes.

HIS BLOOD BOUGHT IT

"The church of God which he hath purchased with His Own Blood." He bought us in prospect in Eternity. Rev. 13:8 and Eph. 1:4. He bought us with His PRECIOUS Blood. I Peter 1:19-20. In the State Museum at Springfield, Ill., is a small piece of silk that can not be bought. It was cut from the dress the lady wore that held Pres. Lincoln in her lap the night he was slain. Precious blood stained it. But never so precious as the Blood Divine that Bought His Church. There was a certain artist whose work attracted wide attention. His work was the talk of the country. His colorings were gorgeous. Men sought to imitate him, but they could not. They sought for the secret of his scarlet but failed. It was not until after his death the secret was discovered. They discovered through his life he had carried an open wound over his heart and as he painted he dipped his brush into his own life's blood. His life blood had gone into his work. Here is the secret for us all to learn that the church of God is built with the Life Blood of the Son of God—God Himself.

HIS BRIDE

The church blood bought is some day to be the Bride of the LAMB. Jno. 3:29 tells us that Jesus standing there with His church was the Bride with the Bridegroom. And Paul in 2 Cor. 11:3 says of the church of God "I have espoused you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Eph. 5:2-3 declares Christ loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might present it unto a glorious church without spot or wrinkle—that "this is a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." The book of Ruth teaches the doctrine of Kinsman Redeemer. Boaz redeemed Ruth's inheritance and afterwards married her. This sets forth the Jewish custom of betrothal. That when a maiden was betrothed to her future husband she was regarded as his. He went away to prepare a place. In the course of time he returns, the bridal procession begins at the appointed hour and moves out with all the guests to the prepared place where the nuptial vows are said, and then the marriage supper begins. Jesus Christ our Kinsman Redeemer came down to earth, spilled His Blood—bought us—became betrothed to his church. For he says in Jno. 14:1, 2, 3. "In My Father's House are many mansions.... I go to PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU—MY CHURCH—and I will come again." Hebrews 12:22, 23, 24 declares "Now ye have come unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels to the general assembly AND CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN, which are written in Heaven and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus." In the Father's House there are MANY mansions, BUT the Lamb has gone to prepare a place for HIS BRIDE. His Bride is waiting and the Lamb is waiting for that hour when shall come to pass Rev. 19:7-9. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready," and write: Blessed are they which are called into the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Let us then rejoice! He built His Church, Let us rejoice that we are living stones of that Building, which is His Body, bought with His Blood and some day we shall stand Yonder with that Blood washed Throng as the Bride of the Lamb.

BAPTIST SCHOLARS SIGNALLY HONORED

Two outstanding baptist scholars and educators, Dr. Albert Henry Newman, professor of church history in the theological school at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Dr. Charles A. McMurry, professor of elementary education in Georgia Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., have been recently honored by their institutions and friends in the form of special exercises commemorating the completion of fifty years continuous service as teachers of their respective subjects.

NOTE THESE RATES

A special train will go from Dallas to San Antonio. All parties leaving from Dennison, Sherman, Greenville, and other points on the Katy, may join this train. There will be plenty of coaches and sleepers. Will you join this train? A very special rate will be granted for those going and returning on this special train. Let us hear from you at once.

Our state convention as you know will be held in San Antonio, April 12-14th, and we are very anxious in getting a large number from all over Texas to attend this meeting, and believing there will be a sufficient number from North Texas attending we have made arrangements with the M-K-T (Katy) to operate a special train from Dallas for our exclusive use. This train will leave Dallas 11:00 p. m., April 11th, arriving San Antonio 7:30 the next morning, there will be plenty of coaches, chair cars, and sleepers for all, and you are urged now to make your reservations either with this office or Mr. R. B. Courtney, Division Passenger Agent, M-K-T, 112 Field St., Dallas or if you are going from Ft. Worth make your reservation with Mr. J. G. Smith, Division Passenger Agent M-K-T, 110 East 9th St.

Reduced Fares

There will be reduced fares from all points in Texas on the Identification Plan and if you have not received your Identification Certificate advise this office and same will be sent. You must have these certificates to secure the reduced fares. The following are approximate round trip fares at one and a half to San Antonio from points indicated below:

Abilene	\$21.27
Amarillo	\$23.33
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Weatherford	\$16.85
Wichita Falls	\$21.35

Tickets will be on sale April 10th, 11th and 12th with final limit April 17th.

The M-K-T is the direct line to San Antonio and it is through their courtesy that we have been able to quote you the above round trip fares to San Antonio. We are assured that this road will do everything possible to furnish necessary equipment and train service to make our trip pleasant and comfortable and it is recommended that all members ask for tickets routed via M-K-T wherever possible to do so.

Returning

The Katy has 4 trains daily from San Antonio to Dallas and 3 to Ft. Worth, leaving San Antonio 9:10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 11:15 p. m. Those making reservations going may make their return reservation at the same time.

Missionary John W. Newsom is in a good meeting with Pastor Joe Ford and the Archie Bryant Memorial Church, Abilene. Much interest has been manifested throughout the meeting and the church has had a number of additions.

BUCK PASSING

They had reached the last subject on the program of the executive conference.

"This mistake has cost the company eleven hundred dollars," said the president, "and I want to know who is responsible!"

He glared around the table at the eight men next to him in rank in the organization. He was prepared for a session of that exasperating game called Passing the Buck.

"I am responsible," said the youngest vice-president. "And the only explanation I have to offer is that I acted like a dumb-bell."

There followed a silence pregnant with trouble.

The president fixed his eyes on the youngest vice-president and said in an even tone.

"I'll see you here right after the meeting—and the meeting is over."

The other men, melting out of the room, left the two seated, facing each other.

"This has never happened before since I took hold of the company six years ago," the president declared.

"I'm sorry," said the young man.

The president—who like many business successes, was both hard-boiled and sentimental—grinned and repeated.

"Sorry? I'm delighted! I don't relish that eleven hundred dollar loss. But I'm sick of buck passing and alibis, and I thank God I've found someone in this outfit with the courage to look me in the eye and admit he is wrong."

—Surge and Save.

News Notes

The First Baptist Church, Post, Texas, has broken the record on the Conquest Campaign collection in West Texas. In fact it is doubtful if there is a church in Texas that has made a better showing, considering the size of the church and the financial ability of the membership. Pastor M. C. Bishop took the collection Sunday morning and secured in cash and pledges \$2,800, \$1,400 of the amount being in cash. The pastor and church are happy over this achievement. Pastor Bishop was in Abilene Friday to visit his daughter who is a student in Simmons University.

Evangelist W. C. Ashford, who has been supplying the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, for the past two months, is holding some great services with the church. Prayer services are being held three times each week, and great crowds are attending the Sunday services. There were eighteen additions to the church last Sunday, which brings the total for the past six weeks to fifty-one. There are conversions at almost every service. Brother Ashford took the collection Sunday for the Conquest Campaign and received about \$3,000.

Rev. Douglas Carver of Floydada, who received his A. B. degree at Simmons University last year, has accepted the call of the church at White Deer and has moved on the field. This is one of the rapidly growing fields in the Panhandle and offers a challenging opportunity for service.

The First Baptist Church, Panhandle, has begun work on a new church building. A dedicatory opening service was held by the church on the second Sunday and a great hour was witnessed. Dr. G. L. Yates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Amarillo, was one of the speakers. A. F. Johnson is the pastor at Panhandle.

The churches at Borger and White Deer are building pastor's homes for their pastors. Rolfe Barnard is pastor at Borger and Douglas Carver at White Deer.

There were 189 additions to the First Baptist Church, Sherman, as a result of the ten-days revival conducted recently in which Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, assisted Pastor Holcomb. There were 108 who came into the church by baptism. Brother Jenkins declares that it was the greatest ten-day meeting he had ever had the joy of being in.

J. A. Newsom of Oklahoma, brother of John W. Newsom, missionary of the Sweetwater Association, is visiting in Abilene for a few days. Brother Newsom spent his childhood with an Indian tribe in Oklahoma. He did not learn the English language until he was almost grown. While here he is delivering a number of lectures on the life and customs of the Indians.

Mr. Henry Ford visited President Coolidge recently, and during his stay in Washington told newspaper reporters that he firmly believed in prohibition: "Prohibition is a good thing for the country and it should be continued. I am in a position to know that it has been of untold benefit to the working man. Surveys made in my own plant show this. The conditions among working men now compared with the period before prohibition are as different as is day from night. The country is better off with prohibition. Alcohol is no good for any one."

THE FLUTE AND THE FLAME

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fancy. The Lord was standing at the head of the stairs, and as I went bounding into His presence He flung me to the bottom of the stairs and disappeared." She said, "I can't get away from that dream, and now I doubt that I was ever saved."

I read a number of precious promises to her, and after a word of prayer, I said, "Now, dear troubled one, don't fear a mere haphazard dream, when you have the Holy Word of God as the basis of your assurance." And I thank God that "The Word of faith which we preach" is sufficient balm for the bruise of doubt. And He does not reject us when we doubt, but heals our doubts and teaches us how not to doubt again.

Afflictions and Shattered Plans Many a life is bruised by affliction. But He is able to heal that also. Dr. Moon of Brighton, England, was stricken with blindness. He did not murmur nor complain, but turned his blinded eyes toward heaven and prayed, "Oh Lord, teach me how to use and not to abuse this talent of blindness." God healed the bruise, and Dr. Moon became not only one of the most useful men, but one of the happiest. It was He who perfected the system of raised letter reading, and sten-

graphy for the blind, that has blessed hundreds of thousands of his fellow sufferers the world over.

And again, many there are who are bruised by shattered plans and ruined ambitions. A few years ago a friend of mine confided to me the ambition of a lifetime. He was a man of large means, and was launching a still larger business that he might carry out these plans. He had bought a large tract of land, with a famous mineral spring on it, and was going to build a sanitarium for the treatment of the worthy sick who could not pay for the best treatment, and together with this, a colony for widows with little children, so each family could have their cottage and the home be kept intact. A school was to be provided, and a vocation taught each child. And then he wanted to endow some worthy and gifted minister to spend his life among the weak and struggling churches. But the big interests made war on his enlarged business plans, and slowly crushed him to the wall. After holding him in the courts two years, and sweeping hundreds of thousands of dollars away, it was settled practically on the grounds proposed by him before they ever went to court at all.

As the great hearted man talked to me about it, he said, "I did not want money for myself, I never have wanted money for myself. I have always lived a simple life, but what hurts me is, I can't carry out my plans for those who are in need of it." And then smiling through his many tears, he said, "I thank God that He has brought me through this trying experience without hatred in my heart for those who have wrecked my plans."

My friends, there are few victories ever won in life bigger than that. Thank God that though our lives are bruised by ruined ambitions and wrecked plans, He heals the bruises and sets the music of forgiveness, resignation and hope going again.

Healing the Bruise

They say that there lived in his castle on the Rhine, a lord who owned a most wonderful musical instrument. But the instrument got so it would not play, and no one could be found to repair it; so it was carried away to the plunder room and forgotten. One day a wayfarer called at the castle and proposed to mend the broken instrument. It was finally brought forth, and soon it was playing sweeter music than before. "Who art thou, that I may reward thee?" demanded the lord of the castle. "I," said the wayfarer, "am the man who made the instrument." Oh my friends, the Lord Jesus Christ is the one who made your poor heart and mine. And if they become bruised and broken by sin, and sorrow, and affliction, and doubt, and ruined plans, He can so mend the break and heal the bruise that they shall again vibrate with heaven's music. "The bruised reed he will not break." Think not because thou hast been bruised He careth not, He careth all the more.

Fanning the Fire Into Flame

"And smoking flax shall he not quench." Here we have another interesting orientalism. The house is lighted with a piece of flax arranged after the manner of the old fashioned tallow tip. A gust of wind blows out the flame, the smoke gives off an offensive odor, and at once they quench the fire. But the Lord says He will not do that for us, but will fan it back into a flame. I grant you that if the flame has gone out, if your life has ceased to shine for the Lord, and you are back-slidden and worldly, your christian influence is offensive to both the church and the world. But even then, the Lord will not put out the bit of fire that remains. He will do something better than that, he will fan it into a flame again.

There is the flame of faith. Once it burned so brightly, but now it burns flickeringly if at all. Take the case of Thomas. Once when you looked at Thomas you said, "Well, the fire is clean gone out." But the Lord knew better. How easy He fanned the smouldering fire back into a glowing flame. "Thomas, reach thither thy hand and thrust it into my side." Thomas remembered how his own heart had nearly burst when he saw

the spear thrust into that side. At the sight of that scar Thomas' faith leaped into flame, and he cried, "My Lord and my God."

Instead of going away in discouragement about your lack of faith, go straight to Jesus for more faith. Doubt dies in His presence. Faith is flamed into a glow.

It may be that it is the flame of love that is burning low. Well, be it so, He will not quench the bit of love-fire remaining. He kept Peter's faith-fire from going out. "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail thee not." And now after the resurrection, when Peter has turned back to the old vocation of fisherman, Jesus must call him back to the real things, must fan the love-fire that is fading. "Peter, lovest thou me more than I?" "Yea, Lord." A second time the answer with the added words, "Thou knowest I love thee." A third time the Saviour put the question, and Peter answered, "Yea Lord, Thou knowest all things—how I acted in the garden, my shameful denial at your trial, but in spite of all that, Thou knowest I love Thee."

And Jesus did know it. It was smoking flax, but instead of quenching what fire was left, He fanned it into a flame. And so discouraged christian, love shall lighten thy load, and illuminate thy path again.

But another says, "It is the fire of prayer that is dying in my life. One time prayer was sweet. The quiet hour and the isolated place of prayer marked the topmost experience of the day. Life was radiant with hope and regnant with power. But now I have lost the prayer passion." "Surely," says another, "The Lord is angry with me, and has hidden His face, as I no longer seem able to pray." Said a friend, some time ago, "I became so desperate, I went far into the woodland where nothing could distract my thoughts, and said 'Here will I again find the spirit of prayer,' but my praying was only disconnected sentences and meaningless words." But I said, "You have the desire for prayer, and that is encouraging. The Lord will not put out the prayer-fire that was left, but will fan it into flame again. And you shall list that name again, as in those days so long ago, while prayer-fires burn in glowing flame, and faith reclaims her long lost song."

With others, the trouble lies in the giving way of earnestness and zeal to lethargy and indifference. Once they filled their place in the Sunday School. The prayer meetings claimed them. The hour of public worship found them in their pews. The call for personal workers found in them ready response. Now it isn't so, and they doubt that they ever were the Lord's.

Giving Him Our Best

Let me come close to your heart, and ask, "Do you earnestly desire the return of the old time zeal for spiritual things, the old time zeal for the Master's cause?" He will not despise your weakness, but will kindle anew the flickering flame. Faith, love, prayer, zeal, hope, passion for the lost, will He strengthen within you, till your light shall shine for Him, and your joy flow like a river.

I have read of a father who was expected home on the afternoon train, and the little girls of the home were

going down to meet him. They put on pretty clean dresses, and had their mother tie ribbons to their hair, and they went out to the garden and gathered each a nice bunch of flowers for father. There was a little idiot body in the home, and he was bobbling around as though interested too, but no one thought he understood what was going on so his face was not washed, and no clean clothes were put on him. They didn't think to give him any flowers for papa but he didn't want to be empty handed. So he picked up a hand full of sticks and leaves and straws, and when the little girls ran up with pretty flowers, up came the little idiot with his hand full of sticks and straws. The father pushed the little girls and their flowers aside, and taking his little feeble minded child in his arms said, "God bless you my little man. It is only a hand full of sticks and straws you brought me, but they are prettier and sweeter than the flowers, because in your weakness you did the best you could."

The Lord will not despise your weakness, and Oh, I am so glad it is so. Our best may be as so many straws and sticks compared with what others may be able to do for Him, but if it is our best, it is precious to Him, and our reward is sure.

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Paper money the face value of which is enough to pay a student's expenses during four years of University life and the accumulated value because of its date and denomination which would be difficult to ascertain is a treasure of the Simmons University Museum through the gift of Dr. R. C. Crane of Sweetwater Texas.

This paper money is mounted in two nicely bound scrap books and consists of more than four hundred bills and notes of from five cents fractional currency to currency of the value of five hundred dollars.

The interesting thing about these paper bills is the historical value. From these bits of paper much can be learned about the manners and customs of the olden countries and states. In this collection there is paper currency from foreign nations, the American colonies, the Confederate States and the United States of the past century and a half.

From our northern neighbor, Canada, are several bills. One dated 1859 is inscribed with Queen of England's picture in the center and a maiden holding a sword in her right hand and the scales of justice in her left hand. Another bearing the date 1870 is a bill for twenty-five cents characteristic of this age and has on one side the picture of the Goddess. And one dated 1878 has the Canadian seal inscribed on its back and a portrait of the Queen of England on its face. One of the Canadian bills has a picture

of the House of Parliament on one side and Princess Mary surrounded by four British flags on the other.

Several bills are in the collection from Mexico. The Republic of Colombia, and Cuba. Pictures on these bills are indicative of the tropical vegetation and architecture. These bills cover the period from 1869 to 1914.

All of the bills from the colonies of America and the United States have pictures on them characteristic of the spirit of the New World—progress toward greater goals.

Georgia has given us some interesting bills. One dated 1859 has a picture of a railway train traveling beneath a bridge which an old fashioned gig is crossing. Standing watching in wonder are a group of Georgians. On the right hand lower corner of the bill is a portrait of George Washington. Other bills from this state have on them pictures of the first steamboat, a caravan of covered wagons starting across the Alleghenies, and an American eagle perched above a three columned building across the roof of which is the word constitution and on the pillars the three words, justice, wisdom, and moderation.

On some of the Virginia bills are pictures of sailing vessels, the horn of plenty, Indians adapting themselves to the white man's civilization, and white men tilling the soil. These bills are dated from 1850 to 1869. Confederate paper money dated

1860 to 1862 is in the collection.

Among the oldest bills are three dated 1780 by the State of Massachusetts Bay. Writing in old English one of these bills states that "the possessor of this bill shall be paid five Spanish milled dollars—according to an act of the Legislature of the said state, on the Fifth Day of May, 1780."

One bill from the Colony of Connecticut which is in this interesting collection is dated May 10th, 1775. And from the colony of Massachusetts are some faded bills for one shilling each dated 1769. The Colonies of New Hampshire and North Carolina also have some money of this period in the collection.

Fractional currency and bills amounting to several dollars are in the collection. These are United States bills dating as far back as 1778. On the reverse side of some of these are branches and leaves of tobacco plants.

Other bills of great interest are in this remarkable paper money collection. One of the most unusual is from the State of Maryland and has inscribed on one face the following: "This Indented Bill of eight dollars shall entitle the Bearer hereof to receive Bills of Exchange payable in London, or gold and silver at the Rate of Four Shillings and Six-pence Sterling per Dollar for the said Bill, according to the Directions of an act of Assembly of Maryland. Dated in Annapolis, this 10th Day of April, Anno Domini 1774."

several telegrams have been received from the Pacific coast states.

The Cowboys left El Paso at nine o'clock Thursday night with the intention of driving to Abilene without any stop-overs. They are expected to reach home sometime Friday afternoon.

BAPTIST STUDENT HEADS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Baptist students were prominent in the Southern Student Conference on International Relations held at Atlanta the last week in February. Miss Mildred Meeks of Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., was chosen president; Miss Margaret Jacobs of Judson College, Marion, Ala., second vice-president; W. D. Bruner, Mercer University, Macon, Ga., recording secretary; and Miss Frances Bunce, Anderson College, corresponding secretary.

Anderson College will entertain the next session of the conference.

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COWBOY BAND AT EL PASO

Playing one of the most notable engagements in its career, the famous Cowboy Band has been busy this week entertaining members of the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, which organization held its annual convention at El Paso on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The Cowboys were engaged to go to the convention as the official band of Amarillo. That city, led by the Simmons band, swept all opposition to the side and was chosen as the site of the 1928 convention of the ranchers.

The band had not been in the Western, Texas city twelve hours until it was made the official band of the convention, El Paso's chief entertaining feature, and everything else that was needed to keep the meeting alive.

The Cowhands stepped into international recognition Thursday when they played "The Eyes of Texas" and the Mexican National Anthem on the International bridge between El Paso and Juarez, while Governor Dan Moody and the governor Almeida of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico exchanged official greetings.

The Simmons bunch was in evidence at all hours of every day of the convention. The Cowboys paraded the streets of El Paso almost hourly and played concerts in the hotel lobbies several times each day. Followed enthusiastically by the old Western ranchers, Coach Kuhn and his men, with their snappy music, have set El Paso to cheering wildly.

Never has the Cowboy Band been more royally entertained. Citizens of El Paso spared no efforts in seeing that their visitors had the best of everything. Tuesday noon the band members were guests of the Orndorff Hotel management at a luncheon. The Orndorff, El Paso's newest hotel, is one of the finest hostleries in the Southwest. At noon Wednesday the Cowboys were given luncheon at the Bolton Cafe, the guests of Mr. Bolton. The Cafe owner is the father of Miss Catherine Bolton, a Simmonsite, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Addison gave the Simmons men a luncheon at the El Paso Country Club Thursday at noon. Mr. Addison is manager of the Paso Del Norte Hotel, where the Cowboys stayed while at the convention.

Thursday afternoon the band men were the guests of the mayor of Juarez, Mexico, who entertained the boys with a sport of his own country, a bull fight. He provided the range musicians with a sight seeing tour of his city, and they saw the sights of a foreign land.

The Cowboys played nightly before the business sessions of the Cattle Raisers Association at Liberty Hall El Paso's auditorium. Five thousand visitors from fifteen states are registered in the city, and all of them heard the Simmons band.

Wednesday night Prof. Wiley's men strutted their stuff before the microphone of KFXH, radio station on the roof of the Paso Del Norte. A prize of ten dollars was offered for the notification of reception of the concert covering the greatest distance. This has not been awarded yet, but

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

Byron Pollock, rather than Byron Kid well as was stated in last week's Brand, is to edit the freshman edition of the Simmons weekly. Pollock is a graduate of Abilene High school and is a popular member of the freshman class.

Bob Baucum, successful University field evangelist, who recently held such a remarkable meeting at Simmons, re-visited Simmons and spoke in chapel last Wednesday morning. The Rev. Mr. Baucum spoke from the 16th Chapter of Luke, taking the text: "I am Resolved." He asked the students of Simmons to make one resolution: "I am resolved to put into this life all I can; that my life shall be for the glory of God." The message of Brother Baucum contained its usual characteristics of conciseness and aptness.

Every seat in the main auditorium was filled at the First Baptist church last Sunday night, March 13, and many music lovers were forced to find seats in the Sunday school rooms. The occasion was the annual Sacred Concert of the Simmons Choral Club.

Despite the absence of the Male Quartet, which was out of town filling another engagement, the program was very highly appreciated. Many compliments were tendered the director on the high character of the music offered.

The Simmons University Quartet sang last Saturday evening at the opening of the new Crazy Hotel in Mineral Wells. It sang at the First Church, Mineral Wells, Sunday morning and at Putnam Sunday night.

The Quartet will begin a series of between term appearances tonight (Friday) at Albany. Saturday night the quartet will give a program at Thrickmorton. Sunday morning the quartet will be at Olney, Sunday night at Burkburnett, Monday night at Seymour, and Tuesday night at Munday.

Two courses will be offered in the government department in the spring quarter, according to a recent announcement made by Mr. W. A. Stephenson, instructor in the department.

SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY

The main feature for Shakespearian week which will be observed in Simmons University beginning Monday evening will be the presentation of the five-act comedy drama, "Much Ado About Nothing." Seventy-five students in Simmons, under the direction of Miss Olivia Hobgood, assisted by Misses Harwell and McDonald, have been rehearsing the play since the first of Jan. Thirty costumes arrived Wednesday from Philadelphia and the final rehearsals will be held Friday and Saturday evenings. Most of the costumes to be used in the play were made by the Arts department of the university.

The play will be given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, thus giving a large number of local and out of city attendance an opportunity to see it. According to Miss Hobgood, high school teachers from a number of West Texas towns will bring students to attend the play.

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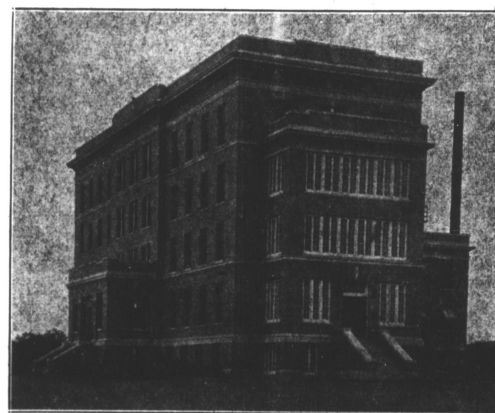
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