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## Abilene Welcomes S. S. Workers

### CONVENTION PROGRAM BEGINS TUESDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

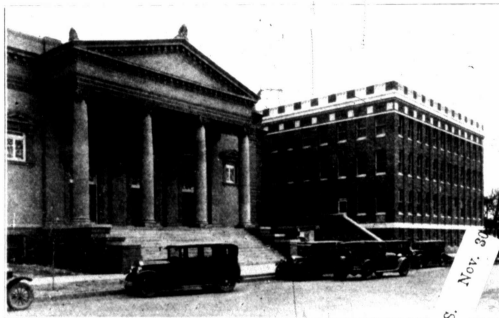


G. S. HOPKINS,  
Secretary Baptist Sunday School  
Convention of Texas

Following is the program of the Sixth Annual Session of the Baptist S. S. Convention of Texas:

- General Session**  
**Tuesday, April 14th**
- 10:00—Song and Praise, Mr. R. H. Coleman, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Howard, and Miss Wilma Triple.
  - 10:20—"Hail to Our City," Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.
  - 10:30—Response, Dr. R. T. Wilson.
  - 10:40—Introduction of Conference Leaders, G. S. Hopkins.
  - 11:00—Announcements and Appointment of Committees.
  - 11:20—Special Music.
  - 11:30—President's Message, Dr. W. Marshall Craig.
  - 12:15—Closing Prayer.
- Tuesday Afternoon**
- 2:00—Song and Praise.
  - 2:20—Devotional, Rev. Roy Holmon.
  - 2:35—Announcements.
  - 2:40—Administration and Department Conferences.
  - 4:30—Daily Vacation Bible School. All assemble in main auditorium. Harry P. Wootan in charge. Conference Leaders: Beginners, Mrs. Paul Ott; Primary, Mrs. W. A. Perryman; Junior, Mrs. W. H. Bussell; Intermediate, Miss Beulah Doerr.
- 5:15—Closing Prayer.
- Tuesday Evening**
- 7:15—Song and Praise.
  - 7:35—Devotional, Rev. V. M. Cloud.
  - 7:55—Announcements and Special Music.
  - 8:00—Address, Dr. F. M. McConnell.
  - 8:20—Pageant: "The Rock," presented by Dramatic Art Department of Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant in charge.
- Wednesday Morning, April 15th**
- 9:00—Song and Praise.
  - 9:20—Administration Conference, J. N. Barnette in charge.
  - 10:45—General Assembly.
  - 10:50—Song and Praise.
  - 11:05—Address, J. Earl Mead.
  - 11:20—Business.
  - 11:50—Address, Dr. E. P. Alldredge.
  - 12:15—Closing Prayer.
- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 2:00—Song and Praise.
  - 2:20—Devotional, E. P. Alldredge.
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### Where the Convention will Meet



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ABILENE, TEXAS

### GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT SANDEFER



DR. J. D. SANDEFER

I find peculiar pleasure in extending greetings, on behalf of Simmons University, to the superb and potential hosts of Christian life honoring Abilene with their presence in the annual meeting this week.

Each of you will find a welcome here as broad and deep and abiding as this great western hospitality can provoke. Everyone connected with Simmons University welcomes you individually and collectively, and expresses the hope that your meetings and activities here may be the most constructive ever held since the inauguration of the great movement in which you and we are so vitally interested.

Simmons University is happy and honored to welcome you to its campus, and will take real pleasure in extending every possible courtesy to a group so potential and dynamic in molding the ideals of the civilization just ahead.

### Convention Speakers



DR. W. R. WHITE  
Secretary Executive Board, Baptist  
General Convention of Texas



HARRY WOOLEN  
Daily Vacation Bible Department

### ABILENE FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1881 WITH 17 MEMBERS

The First Baptist Church, Abilene, is fifty years old this month. This institution was organized with seventeen charter members about a month after the sale of town lots at Abilene was held. The organization was perfected by Dr. O. C. Pope, then secretary of missions in Texas, who afterwards, in 1891, was largely instrumental in founding Simmons College, and still later served as president of

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### EDUCATIONAL BUILDING ABILENE FIRST CHURCH AN IDEAL WORKSHOP

Completion of the new \$150,000 educational building of the First Baptist church, Abilene, the formal opening of which was held the second Sunday in May, last year, marked an epoch in the history of this great church. The entire new building is being occupied by the educational department of the church.

Covering 82 by 140 feet and containing 150 rooms and assembly halls,

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### COME IN BAPTISTS AND HANG UP YOUR HATS

By Millard A. Jenkins

Abilene, the Chamber of Commerce and our Abilene citizenship as a whole. As host Church, the First Baptist Church greets you. Come in and hang up your hats. In the language of the old sister to her pastor when he called to see her, "If you ain't at home you ought to be."

We invite you to share our hospitality. Our best is yours. What we haven't got would be yours if we had it. So rapid are the forward strides of the West, we will have it by the time you come again.

We invite you to share the hospitality of a church that has one tenth You are guests of the Baptists of

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# EDITORIALS

## An Upper Room to Let

To anyone scanning the "Want Ad" department of a newspaper, an advertisement such as the above would at once attract attention. It is a large room with plenty of space for living quarters. It is an upper room, cool, quiet, away from the noise and bustle of a busy world—a place where the occupants could get a clear, unobstructed view of the surroundings. And then it was a furnished and prepared room.

It was in the upper room mentioned above by Luke and some of the other great gospel writers that some of the most meaningful events in the life of Christ transpired. The passover meal was served there, the Lord's Supper was instituted, Christ washed his disciples' feet thus teaching them a solemn lesson in humility and gently rebuked them for their discord and dissension. It was here that the preparation was made for the terrible events of Gethsemane and the trial and humiliation following.

It was in this same upper room that Christ appeared to his frightened and discouraged disciples after His resurrection and revealed himself to them as their risen, conquering Lord.

It was perhaps in the same upper room that Jesus told his disciples to go and tarry until they were endowed with power from on high.

At the present time Southern Baptists as well as the entire religious world are facing a great crisis. Seemingly, we have come to the end of our own strength. The only comforting fact facing us now is that man's extremity is God's opportunity. Would it not be well for all of us now to seek the upper room, away from the surge and bustle and turmoil of a frenzied, pleasure-mad world and once again come face to face with the Master and learn anew the great lessons He taught His disciples. Let us see if we cannot find here some vital lessons to apply to our own hearts and lives.

*The upper room is a fitting place to prepare for the temptations and conflicts of life.* Jesus said to the two disciples: "And He shall show you an upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready." If we are to meet successfully the tremendous issues before us, contention and strife must be settled. Luke said: "And there arose among them a contention, which of them is accounted greater." Jesus taught these followers a solemn lesson in humility by washing their feet, declaring, that "I am in the midst of you as one that serveth." The tragedy of tragedies is that we are now, our own beloved Baptist people, facing humiliation and chaos with hatred and distrust in our hearts. How long, O how long, will our Baptist Zion face a hell-bound, sinful world and hold within our breasts a

### WANT AD

TO LET—A large Upper Room, furnished and prepared; there make ready. See Luke 22:12.

spirit of hate. Surely our Lord would have us seek the upper room and learn there the lesson He would teach us.

Then to these disciples the upper room was a place where the ungodly were purged out. There was one of the disciples who was not worthy to face the sacred ordeals of Gethsemane. Judas departed from the upper room and left the little group united in love and friendship with their Master. One of the contributing causes of lack of spiritual power and aggressiveness is the fact that our churches are filled with unregenerated people who are bringing reproach on the cause of Christ. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord." Surely we cannot expect to win victories at Ai as long as our camps are filled with Achans.

Again, the upper room was a place of heart-searching. When Jesus told the disciples that one among them would betray Him, they began to ask "Lord, is it I." As we face our situation now we all know that something is wrong. We are laying the blame on our leaders and our budgets and our system of cooperation. Is it not possible that the trouble is in our own hearts and lives. Is it not possible that a few hours and days spent in the upper room shut off from the world will help us locate the trouble close to our own door.

And finally the upper room to these disciples was a place where they received comfort and consolation and where they sang a triumphant song of victory before going to the Garden. After our dissensions are settled and after our own hearts are placed in tune with God's it is sweet music to hear the blessed words: "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

*On another occasion this upper room was a place where Jesus was revealed as the Risen, Conquering Lord.* John tells us that "when, therefore, it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the door was shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said unto them, "Peace be unto you." What a difference it made in the lives of those men when they got a vision of a risen and conquering Lord. It changed them from a group

of cowering, whipped disciples into an aggressive, conquering host, ready for any task. As we face our difficulties we should remember that Joseph's tomb is empty. Our Lord is risen and is now at the right hand of God where he ever liveth to make intercession for His people. With this vision in our soul we can go forth, triumphantly and cross the Red Seas and the burning wilderness and carry a vital, saving gospel to the uttermost parts of a sin-cursed world.

*On still another occasion the upper room, to these disciples, was a place where preparation for service was made.* Jesus said to his disciples: "But tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endowed with power from on high." Again he said: "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth." Luke tells us that "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter and James and John."

The one thing needed for this little group of followers of Jesus who were soon to blaze forth as a flaming fire and carry the gospel of hope to a dying world was the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "And ye shall receive POWER!" Oh the crying need for the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our churches and in our plans and in our programs. We would not for one minute minimize the need of plans and campaigns and budgets and fine churches and all these other things that we as Southern Baptists have stressed throughout the past few years, but unless we have the leadership of the Holy Spirit all these human instrumentalities will become only milestones to drag us down to chaos and ruin. Jesus said "If I go away I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) unto you;—and when He comes He will guide you in all things."

The hope of this little message is that I, may cause us to seek the upper room, alone in the quiet with God and our own selves; where we may search our hearts and purge our lives of all hatred and bitterness and distrust, and that we may get a fresh vision of the whitened harvest fields and see the millions of sinful humanity as they are sinking down into darkness without God and hope, and then turn from our own strength and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit to lead us on to a glorious and triumphant victory in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

### CONVENTION SUBSCRIPTION BARGAIN

Take advantage of this subscription bargain while you are at the Sunday School Convention.

The West Texas Baptist, one year ..... \$1.00  
The Baptist Standard, one year ..... \$2.00

During the Convention both papers will be offered one year for \$2.00, the regular price of the Standard. During the Convention we will also offer the West Texas Baptist in single subscriptions for 75 cents per year.

Our representative will be glad to take your subscription for these papers during the convention.

### WELCOME, THRICE WELCOME

It is with pleasure that the West Texas Baptist joins the city officials, the Baptist pastors of the city and the heads of our two great denominational institutions in welcoming the visitors to our city this week. The doors of the city are wide open to you and the keys hang on the outside. We believe you will find in Abilene the very finest type of citizenship you will find anywhere. These citizens, in the main, have been attracted here because of the splendid church and school advantages. They

are not unmindful of the honor of having you come to our midst for this, one of the greatest conventions in all the Southland.

We want you to visit the entire city. Conventions will be at your command at all times. Have a good time all the time and we will do our best to let you know that Abilene is glad you came this way.

### THE SENSE OF GRACE

Psalm 107:21-32

A vital part of all devotion is the remembrance of the goodness of God. Such a remembrance keeps my soul in the realm of grace. I am so inclined to proclaim my personal rights rather than glorify the favour of God, so inclined to exhibit my own prowess rather than God's most gracious bounty. And whenever I lose the sense of grace I become a usurper and take the throne. Our salvation is "not of works, lest any man should boast."

And such a remembrance would keep my soul in the mood of humility. "Nothing in my hands I bring." I can no more claim the glory of salvation than a child, who has cut a shallow trench on the sands, can claim the glory of initiating the roll of

the ocean-tide. I owe all my desires and all my hopes and all my present attainments to the boundless goodness of God.

And such a remembrance would keep my soul in the dispensation of life. I cannot quietly and steadily contemplate the goodness of the Lord without my soul being kindled into loving response. Without high contemplations love smoulders, and will eventually die out. J. H. Jowett.

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  - 2:45—Departmental Conferences.
  - 4:30—Daily Vacation Bible School. All assemble in main auditorium.
  - 5:15—Closing prayer.
- Wednesday Evening**
- 7:15—Song and Praise.
  - 7:35—Devotional, Dr. E. P. Alldredge.
  - 8:00—Announcements.
  - 8:10—Special Music.
  - 8:15—Address, Rev. C. E. Matthews.
  - 9:00—Closing Prayer.

- Thursday Morning, April 16th**
- 9:00—Song and Praise.
  - 9:20—Devotional, T. C. Gardner.
  - 9:35—Announcements.
  - 9:40—Departmental Conferences.
  - 12:15—Closing Prayer.

- Thursday Afternoon**
- 2:00—Song and Praise.
  - 2:20—Devotional, Rev. Buren Sparks.
  - 2:35—Address—Dr. W. R. White.
  - 2:50—Announcements.
  - 2:55—Administration Conference.
  - 4:00—Closing Address, J. N. Barnette.
  - 4:30—Benediction.
- Thursday Evening**
- 7:15—Song and Praise.
  - 7:35—Devotional, Rev. E. C. McDonald.
  - 7:50—Announcements.
  - 7:55—Awarding of Pennants.
  - 8:15—Special Music.
  - 8:20—Address, Dr. W. R. White.
  - 9:00—Adjourn.

**ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE**  
Mr. J. N. Barnette in Charge



**J. N. BARNETTE**  
Sunday School Administration

- Tuesday Afternoon**
- 2:40—Our Obligations to the Unreached, Rev. Ben M. David.
  - 2:55—Finding the Unreached, Rev. Ed H. Ratcliff.
  - 3:05—Conference, J. N. Barnette.
  - 3:15—Discovering, Enlisting and Training Workers, W. J. Largent.
  - 3:25—Conference, J. N. Barnette.
  - 3:45—Visitation, Andrew Allen.
  - 4:00—Conference, J. N. Barnette.
  - 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.
- Wednesday Morning**
- 8:30—College Young People's Conference, led by John Caylor, B. S. U. Secretary.

- 9:00—Song and Praise, R. H. Coleman.
  - 9:20—"1925-1931," G. S. Hopkins.
  - 9:30—Why Each Sunday School in Texas Should Use the Standard of Excellence, Andrew Allen.
  - 9:40—Conference, J. N. Barnette.
  - 10:30—Testimonies.
  - 10:45—Adjourn, General Assembly.
- Thursday Afternoon**
- 2:55—What Has Been Done, Andrew Allen.
  - 3:10—Conference, J. N. Barnette.
  - 4:30—Benediction.

**HOME DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE**

Mrs. J. H. Melton in Charge



**MRS. J. H. MELTON**  
Home Department  
Tuesday Afternoon

- 2:40 Song and Praise.
  - 2:50—Home Department:
    1. Object.
    2. Who it is to serve.
    3. How organize to care for them.
  - 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.
- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 2:45—Song and Praise.
  - 2:55—Home Department:
    1. How to enlist members.

- 2. Who should serve.
- 3. Preparation for service.
- 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.

- Thursday Morning**
- 9:40—Song and Praise.
  - 9:50—Home Department:
    1. Pastor's relation to Home Department.
    2. Home Department relation to pastor.
    3. How to make it evangelistic.
    4. How make it a Sunday School builder.
  - 11:40—Assemble with Young People and Adults for Evangelistic Message.
  - 12:15—Adjourn.

**ADULT DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE**

Mrs. T. C. Jester in Charge

**Tuesday Afternoon  
A Complete Sunday Morning Program  
in the Adult Department Will  
Be Given**

- Mrs. T. C. Jester, Department Superintendent, in Charge.
- 2:40—Department Assembly.
  - 3:00—Class Session, Class Taught by John Caylor.
  - 3:40—Reassemble in Main Auditorium for Open Discussion on the following:
    1. Size of classes.
    2. Methods of teaching.
    3. Time element.
    4. Six-point record system.
  - 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.
- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 2:45—Conference Topic, led by Walter Jackson, Department
    1. Organizing the Department.
    2. Grading.
    3. Promotion in Department.
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# Sweetwater Lawyer Tells of Meeting of Sunday School Convention Fifty Years Ago

Seeing mention made of the coming State Sunday School Convention at Abilene on April 14th-16th, reminded me of an entry I had seen several years since in the diary (which I have kept) by my father, Dr. Wm. Carey Crane who died February 26th, 1885, and I looked it up.

The convention in question was held at Luling on July 11th to 13th, 1879.

At that time good roads as modernly understood were things unknown in Texas, and the automotive vehicle was an iridescent dream.

At that time there were probably 1500 miles of rail roads in Texas—there had not been but about 500 when the war closed. At that time the Southern Pacific railway may have reached San Antonio on its westward journey, and the International had possibly reached there from the north.

The Texas Pacific Ry. was building between Ft. Worth and Weatherford and the Ft. Worth and Denver was up about Bowie.

Henrietta was furthest west of the towns in that region and all of the Panhandle territory was attached to Clay county for all purposes.

The only Abilene that people knew anything about was Abilene, Kansas, which was then one of the ends of the trail for cattle herds from Texas—and was a very wild town. Taylor county had just been organized (with Buffalo Gap as county seat) and had a population a year later, of 711 people.

The slaughter of the buffalo was then in full swing.

At that time Baylor University and Baylor (Female) College were located at Independence, Washington county. Dr. Crane had been president of the first since 1863 and Dr. J. H. Luther had been president of the latter for a year or two.

The State Sunday School and Colportage Convention had been organized and in operation for several years, meeting in the summer time at different places over Texas.

The railroads of Texas were so incompletely developed that it was still necessary for people to do

At Luling, July 11th, 12th, 13th, 1879

a very large part of their travelling by private conveyance.

Dr. Crane had a "rockaway" bought with money from his father's estate and a team of gray horses for which he had exchanged several years of schooling of a young man. With these he travelled much.

General A. T. Hawthorne then in charge of the Brazilian missions for the denomination was living at Independence and sending his son, Percy, to school.

Miss Annie Luther had announced her intention of going as a missionary to Brazil but had not then "met her fate" in the person of Rev. W. B. Bagby.

Now for the Luling Sunday School Convention.

Dr. Crane in his diary gives the following skeleton outline of the trip and the convention: "Tuesday, July 8th, 1879. In company with J. H. Luther, D. D., and Miss Annie Luther in rockaway, off for Luling; (passed through) Burton, Warrenton, Ruttersville, Dan Munn's all night.

"Wednesday 9th. (Passed through) LaGrange, Flatonia, (all night) at Sear's.

"Thursday 10th. (Passed through) Waelder, Harwood, (arriving at) Luling about 5:1-2 (P. M. At W. R. Johnson's. Pastors' Conference at night.

"Friday 11th. S. S. Convention all day. G. W. Baines Jr. preached at night.

"Saturday 12th. S. S. Convention. J. H. Luther preached at night. Supped at O. McGaffey's.

"Sunday 13th. Heard W. H. Carroll of Brenham preach at night. Large audience.

"Monday 14th. At 8 o'clock off for home. (Passed through) Harwood, Waelder, all night at St. Louis Hotel, Flatonia.

"Tuesday 15th. (Passed through) LaGrange, Ruttersville, Warrenton. J. W. Robinson's all night."

Let me say in passing that I am impressed that this was the J. W. Robinson who claimed to have captured General Santa Anna following the battle of San Jacinto.

"Wednesday 16th. (Passed through) Burton,

Round Top, (by) Wm. Wedemeyer's (at) J. V. Maton's (for) dinner. Home (for supper)."

Thus it will be seen that it required three days to make the convention and get back home—three days in going, three days in returning and three days at the convention.

As the crow flies the distance between Independence and Luling was approximately 100 miles while the distance travelled was probably 125 miles—which with modern good roads and a good auto would not require as many hours as it then did days to negotiate.

At that time Dr. Crane was president of the Texas Baptist State Convention and had been for several years. The diary does not indicate who presided at Luling.

Under such circumstances was, much of the foundation work done in Texas in church, Sunday school and educational matters for present day operations.

I wonder whether there will be any one present at Abilene at a cost of nine days away from home!

But within a year Miss Annie Luther met the man willing to go to Brazil with her and here is the diary entry of her marriage: "Thursday (Oct. 1880) 21st. With students witnessed marriage of W. B. Bagby and Annie Luther, at Female College. (I) Prayed. At night at Female College sociable."

In 1879 what is now known as West Texas was then unknown and unpopulated. Now there are probably as many people in West Texas as there were then in the entire state of Texas.

Verily in the last fifty years times and conditions have changed. Probably the majority of the people who come to Abilene will come "whizzing" in their automobiles, and with good roads, there is hardly a place in Texas from which a car cannot easily come within twenty four hours.

I wonder whether things religious have kept pace with physical developments!

R. C. CRANE.  
Sweetwater, Texas, March 20th, '31.

# Caps Sunday School Reaches Advanced Standard

## CAPS PASTOR TELLS HOW CHURCH REACHED THE ADVANCE STANDARD

By W. R. Derr, Pastor

The reaching of the Advanced Standard is not attained in a month, neither is it to be attained in one or two years. But it is the work of many years.

Some thirty-two years ago, Dr. R. T. Hanks, who now resides in Dallas, organized a Sunday School at Caps. This school was organized in the church building which was a small one-room house, and in which the school was housed until the year 1925.

In the year 1925, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. H. Hughes who is now pastor at Level-land, Texas, the church was led into the erection of a new church building. At this time, the Sunday school consisted of some fifty or sixty members. This was the second building that the church had erected. But it was left for Brother J. C. McKenzie, who is now pastor in Waco, to lead the church into the work of training.

The first class to complete a course in training was in the year 1927. This class consisted of some sixteen members. As a result of this work, the church set for their goal the Standard of Excellence for their Sunday School. This Standard was reached in the fall of the same year. By the time this Standard had been attained, the church realized that they needed more room for the Sunday school. Therefore, a building program was launched. And as a result of the fine leadership of pastor McKenzie, and the fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the people, an annex of six rooms was added on to the church. This done, the church felt that the housing problem had been settled for time to come. But due to the fact the church was constantly training it was only a matter of time until the Sunday School had outgrown its quarters.

In 1929 during the leadership of J. Perry King, the church was led into another building program. Then came the wise counsel of Walter Jackson, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Abilene. Brother Jackson persuaded the church to build an Educational Building that would provide for a Departmental Sunday School. He also suggested that they set their goal the Advanced Standard for the Sunday School. His good counsel was followed; his suggested plan for the building was adopted, and the work toward the Advanced Standard was begun.

The construction work on the Educational Building was begun, and was fairly under way when the First Baptist Church of Rule, Texas, called for the leadership of the Caps Church, her beloved pastor, Brother King. But the church was not without a leader. The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Brother W. F. Joiner, took hold of the situation, and with the co-operation of the good people, the good work of building went on.

The building was nearing comple-



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP AT CAPS



REV. W. R. DERR  
Pastor Caps Baptist Church



W. F. JOINER  
Superintendent Caps Sunday School

tion when the present pastor was called as their leader. Not only were they working on the Educational building, but the Sunday School was continuing its effort to attain the high goal that had been set. There has been no letting up. Of course there have been times of discouragement, but the people have had a mind to work, and just a few days ago the good news came from Nashville, Tennessee that the school had been recognized as an Advanced Standard school.

I might add that the following men have heard God's call and have gone out from this church to preach and teach the gospel of Christ: Dr. W. T. Conner of the Seminary at Fort Worth, Rev. Sam Malone, Editor of the West Texas Baptist, Rev. C. A. Joiner, pastor at Mule Shoe, Texas, and Rev. J. Perry King, pastor at Rule, Texas. There has also been a great group of special workers that have gone out from this church, and at present there are six young people in the membership that has surrendered for Special Service at home and abroad.

## CAPS CHURCH REACHES ADVANCED STANDARD

By W. F. Joiner, Superintendent

"Caps Baptist Sunday School has reached the Advanced Standard."

This is the announcement that Arthur Blake sent to us saying that we had met all requirements and that we were recognized as an Advanced Standard Sunday School for the year 1931.

Caps is a rural church. It is located about twelve miles South West of Abilene. Six years ago, Caps Baptist Church worshiped in a one-room-wooden building. A building peculiar to the times of some fifteen or twenty years ago. The Sunday School consisted of some fifty or sixty members, and had no organization whatever. At that time, there was not a member of the church or Sunday School who held a diploma of any kind relating to Sunday School work. In 1927 the school reached its first Standard. This was accomplished during the pastorate of Rev. J. C. McKenzie who is now pastor in Waco, Texas. The school has been a Standard school from that time until the present. Brother McKenzie first saw the possibilities in the Sunday School, and by his leadership created a Sunday School spirit that continued to grow and was further developed under the

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## ADVANCE STANDARD PAYS SAYS CAPS WORKER

By Mrs. W. F. Joiner

Does it pay to set a goal in our Sunday School work? It surely does. Caps Baptist Sunday School was awarded the Advanced Standard for the year 1931. This school was organized some thirty-two years ago with some forty or fifty members and worshipped in a one-room building until in the Spring of 1927 when an annex of six rooms was added to the new auditorium which had been erected in 1925.

At this time we had just begun to realize that we had not accomplished very much in our growth, and that greater opportunities lay out ahead. No one had ever taken any of the Study Courses—no one had a diploma. Hence, we had no trained workers. To-day, our church walls are lined with diplomas. Several having the Blue Seal. Some the Gold Seal for the Post Graduate Work. And many others working toward these ends. With this vision and determination to

do more and better work for our Master, we began to grow. We soon reached the first standard and soon out grew our room. We began to think of another building which would meet our needs. To-day we have an Educational Building containing seventeen rooms and fully equipped.

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- 3:25—Song.
- 3:30—Conference Topic, led by Mrs. H. W. Craig.
- Class:
  1. Officers.
  2. How many officers.
  3. Meetings.
  4. Election.
- 4:00—Conference Topic, led by J. Earl Mead.
- Co-ordination:
  1. Class Officers working together.
  2. Class Officers working with department.
  3. Class Officers working with School.
  4. Class Officers working with Church.
- 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.
- Thursday Morning**
- 9:40—Conference Topic, led by Kate Reilly.
- Enlistment:
  1. Gathering prospects.
  2. Getting new members.
  3. Mark them off or bring them back.
  4. Utilizing in service.
- 10:20—Song.
- 10:25—Conference Topic, led by Claude O'Neal.
- Class Finance:
  1. Method.
  2. How to determine budget.
  3. Items included.
  4. Value of this method.
- 11:05—Song.
- 11:10—Conference Topic, led by Mrs. T. C. Jester.
- Evangelism:
  1. Getting individual information.
  2. Effective methods of reaching the lost.
  3. Keeping passion for lost souls on hearts of members.
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- 11:40—Assemble with Young People for Evangelistic Message by Rev. R. E. Day.
- 12:15—Adjourn.

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CONFERENCE**

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- Tuesday Afternoon**
- 2:40—Conference Topic, led by Walter Jackson.
- Department:
  1. Organizing the Department.
  2. Grading.
  3. Promotion in Department.
  4. Standards for Department.
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- 10:20—Song.
- 10:25—Conference Topic, led by B. F. K. Mullins.
- Class Finances:
  1. Method.
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- 11:05—Song.
- 11:10—Conference Topic, led by Harry P. Wootan.
- Evangelism:
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- 12:15—Adjourn.

**INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE**

Mrs. R. E. Beddoe in Charge



**MRS. P. E. BEDDOE**  
Intermediates

**Tuesday Afternoon**

- "A Department Is Built During the Week and Conducted on Sunday."
  - Subject: "Building"
  - 2:40—Song Service, W. T. Rife in Charge.
  - 2:50—"Building Through Enlistment," B. T. Adams.
  - 3:10—"Building Through Teacher Training"—Pageant, Dr. T. B. Masten.
  - 3:30—Conference, Dr. T. B. Masten.
  - 3:40—Special Music.
  - 3:45—"Building Through Department Conference," Miss Beulah Doerr.
  - 5:05—"Building Through Class and Department Socials," Dr. T. B. Masten.
  - 3:55—Conference.
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- Mr. B. T. Adams, Presiding
- "A Department Is Built During the Week and Conducted on Sunday"
  - Subject: "Building" (Continued)
  - 2:45—Song Service.
  - 2:55—"Building Through Organization—Organizing a Class of Boys," E. W. Carter.
  - 3:25—"Building Through Standardization," Miss Kate Reilly.
  - 3:55—Conference.
  - 4:05—Recognition of Superintendents of Standard Departments: Teachers of Standard Classes. Highest Department Grade. Highest Class Grade.
  - 4:15—"Building Through Evangelism," Rev. A. D. Foreman.
  - 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.

**Thursday Morning**  
Mrs. J. F. Parks, Presiding

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- Subject: "Conducting the Department." (The Sunday Morning Program).
- 9:40—Demonstration, Opening Worship Program, Mrs. A. D. Foreman, Jr.
- 10:00—Class Room—Business, Records, Lesson, Miss Everett Whitlock.
- 10:40—Closing Program, Mrs. J. L. Rucker.
- 10:55—Conference.
- 11:15—Special Music.
- 11:20—Exchange (Mrs. W. B. Shelton), Let Me Tell You About:
  1. A solution to the absentee problem.
  2. A successful service activity.
  3. A transformation—beautifying the class room.
  4. Making the best of equipment.
  5. A suggestion for creating interest in records.
- 11:40—Exchange (Mrs. R. H. Burgess), What I Brought With Me:
  1. A clever review.
  2. An attractive lesson assignment.
  3. Suggestions for making missions interesting.
  4. An aid to preaching attendance.
  5. A plan for giving quarterly examination.
- 12:0—"These Intermediates," address by Andrew Allen.
- 12:15—Adjourn.

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**Tuesday Afternoon**

- 2:40—Getting Acquainted.
- 2:55—Devotional.
- 3:10—"The Department in Action."
- 3:30—"The Officers and Their Responsibility," Mrs. Andrew Allen.
- 3:45—Questions.
- 3:55—Opening Worship Demonstration, Mrs. John B. Davis.
- 4:10—"Music for Juniors," Mrs. W. H. Bussell.
- 4:20—Open Discussion.
- 4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for Daily Vacation Bible School Conference.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

- 2:45—Devotional.
- 2:55—Conference on New Graded Lessons, Mrs. Aalon Gray.
- 3:10—Open Discussion.
- 3:25—"The Teacher's Preparation and Presentation of the Lesson," Mrs. Andrew Allen.
- 3:45—What We Do in Our Class—Open Discussion.
- 4:00—"The Teacher, a Soul Winner," Lee Ramsour.
- 4:15—Problem Questions.

4:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium for D. V. B. S. Conference.

**Thursday Morning**

- 9:40—Devotional.
- 9:50—"Variety Plans of Officers' and Teachers' Meetings," Mrs. E. C. Cole.
- 10:10—"Visitation, Its Value to Pupils," Mrs. Annie Going Taylor.
- 10:25—Open Discussion.
- 10:40—Hand-Work for the Juniors.
- 11:10—"Finding and Training Teachers," Mrs. Annie Going Taylor.
- 11:25—"The Standard—An Ideal," Mrs. W. H. Bussell.
- 11:45—Problems.
- 12:15—Adjourn.

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT  
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- 2:40—Making Our Departments Standard.
- Discussion.
- Using the Sunday School Hour Wisely.
- Discussion.
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- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 2:45—Lesson Building.
- Discussion.
- The Use and Development of Memory Work.
- Discussion.
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- Thursday Morning**
- 9:40—Service Projects.
- Missionary Instruction, Music as a Part of the Curriculum.
- Illustrative Material.
- The Teacher's Library.
- 12:15—Question Box.

**CRADLE ROLL AND BEGINNER  
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**Tuesday Afternoon**

- 2:40—Training the Toddler.
- 3:00—The Experience Centered Curriculum.
- 3:30—Relaxation—"Do's and Don'ts."
- 3:40—Tell Me a Story.
- 4:10—Case Studies.
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- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 2:45—The Worship of a Child.

3:00—The Sunday Morning Program.  
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 10:55—Music Appreciation.  
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Mrs. B. Reagan, president of the District Association, gave a splendid address on "Purpose of Home Board."

Rev. Scott Cotton delivered an inspirational and educational address on "The History of Board;" he is our Mexican missionary for this district. Would like to have this fine work published in "The West Texas Baptist."

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The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Mr. Owens of Abilene.

The ladies of the Courtney Church served a delicious lunch for all the delegates.

At one thirty the ladies had their program and board meeting with Mrs. K. S. Beckett, presiding. Devotional was given by Mrs. M. C. Williams of Courtney.

Miss Vauda Brister gave a chaik talk on "The Old Road"; also a solo with Miss Bess Myseck accompanying at the piano.

Reports of all standing committees were given. "Chief Aim of W. M. U.," was told by Mrs. Irwin Myseck.

Inspirational address by Mrs. Ted Blackenship.

The treasurer's report for the quarter was read by Mrs. Wm. Arnett. Mrs. K. S. Beckett read an interesting letter from Mrs. R. E. Burt of Dallas chairman of "The Margaret Fund," desiring the co-operation of the conference.

Mrs. B. Reagan, president of the district association, gave a fine report of the State Executive meeting.

Mrs. Geo. F. Brown of Midland gave the Mission Study report.

Mrs. Brunson, also of Midland, gave a report on Christian Education.

Mrs. J. M. White, Midland, gave a fine report on "The Young People's Work."

Mrs. R. S. Beckett organized a W. M. U. at the Courtney church with Mrs. Irwin Myseck, president; Mrs. Ted Blackenship, vice-president; Mrs. M. C. Williams, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Albert M. Gantt, Publicity Chairman. Midland, Texas.

### ROBBING GOD

A Chinese preacher tells the following story: "A man who had ten coins went down a lonely road and on the way chanced to meet a poor beggar asking alms. He was touched by the pitiable spectacle and gave him nine of the coins. The beggar instead of being thankful, followed the good man and in a lonely spot overpowered him and stole the other coin."

How many of us are robbing God of his tenth, after he has given us the privilege of using nine-tenths for ourselves?—Shreveport Church Chimes.

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**ABILENE WELCOMES  
SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS**

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**DR. MILLARD A. JENKENS**  
Pastor First Baptist Church

of the population of its city in its membership; that has a church plant of two and one-half acres floor space; an educational building of 19 assembly rooms, each with its own adjoining class rooms, a Sunday School with more standard departments than any other Sunday School in the Southern Baptist Convention, a Sunday School Teachers and Workers Weekly meeting that averaged 255 in attendance last year, and a church that pioneered in modern Sunday School methods and plans, and gave to the world the official title of Educational Director now in use throughout the nation, not only by Baptists, but practically all Protestant Denominations.

The objects for which we strive are soul-winning, worldwide missions and the development of spiritually minded and efficiently trained Christians. Already for this year there have been received into the fellowship of our church, at the regular services, 111 members, between 30 and 40 of them by baptism. Beginning Sunday April 19, Dr. "Billie" White, our beloved State Secretary, wise counselor, able leader, experienced pastor, successful evangelist and consecrated comrade in Christ, will lead us in a two weeks revival, in the interest of which we covet your most earnest prayers.

**EDUCATIONAL BUILDING  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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the building has capacity for more than 2,700 persons and is recognized by the Southern Baptist Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn., as the only separate educational building meeting full requirements of the Sunday school program. The Sunday school boasts an enrollment third or fourth largest in the South.

Planned in accordance with the Sunday school's organization, on an age basis, the new structure contains individual departments for each group, ranging from the nursery for infants to the separate departments for men and women.

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Each department has its own assembly room, ranging in capacity from 100 to 400 persons, and class rooms for each department

**ABILENE FIRST CHURCH  
ORGANIZED IN 1881**

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the institution. The first home of the little church was in a small frame school building located at 3rd and Cedar streets. Mrs. John R. Spaulding with the Abilene water department and Mr. R. A. Miller, building inspector for the city, are the only charter members who still retain their membership in the church.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. M. H. Jones who was called to the pastorate on Jan. 11, 1882, and served until April 23, 1882. Mr. R. A. Miller was the only member of the church at the time who had as many as two rooms to his house (his home had one large room and a shed) and thus it fell to his lot to "board the preacher." On April 28, 1882, the Rev. L. S. Knight was called to serve the church until a regular pastor could be secured. The Rev. W. A. Whittle, missionary, supplied for the church for a few Sundays in the summer of 1883.

The next minutes of the church were dated Nov. 25, 1883, showing that at that time the Rev. Bennett Hatcher was pastor. He resigned as pastor on March 24, 1886. On April 7, 1886, the church called the Rev. G. W. Smith, one of the founders of Simmons and in whose honor Smith Hall, girls' dormitory was named. On October 30, 1889, the church recalled Brother Smith, but on November 27 of the same year he declined the call of the church.

On Jan. 25, 1890, the Rev. J. C. Wingo accepted the call of the church. On Jan. 26, 1892, the church again called him but he declined.

The next pastor of the church was Dr. R. T. Hanks, who is now residing in Abilene with his son, M. B. Hanks at 2042 S. 8th St. Dr. Hanks was called by the church on March 9, 1892, and served the church for seven years. This was right after the founding of Simmons College, and it was during the leadership of Dr. Hanks that the church began to make rapid strides forward. Dr. Hanks resigned on November 13, 1898, effective January 1, 1899.

Dr. Isaac Sellers, who died a few months ago at his home in Fort Worth was the next pastor and served the church from Jan. 11, 1899 to March 27, 1901. A son, Eugene Sellers, and a daughter, Mrs. Lee Signor, still reside in Abilene and are members of the church.

On April 10, 1901, Dr. O. C. Pope was called as supply pastor of the church and served in this capacity until Dr. L. R. Scarborough, now president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary began his pastorate on August 18, 1901.

The church extended a call to Dr. Scarborough on June 26, 1901. He accepted the call on July 1, 1901 and preached his first sermon on August 18, 1901. Dr. Scarborough served the church until June 1, 1908. During these seven years the church was led in a great program of evangelism and constructive kingdom building. The church released its pastor for a great deal of field work for Simmons College, then a struggling junior institution. Dr. Scarborough's work in this field was of inestimable value to the institution.

The church was pastorless until Dec. 19, 1908, at which time a call was

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extended to the Rev. C. C. Coleman. He accepted, and began his pastorate on March 1, 1909, and served the church until Oct. 1, 1912.

The church was without a pastor until Feb. 23, 1913, at which time a call was extended to the Rev. R. A. Kimbrough.

**Dr. Jenkins' Pastorate**

The present pastor of the church, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, began his work with the church in November, 1915. On November 11 of last year the church celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of Dr. Jenkins' ministry. These have been years of glorious achievements and progress. From a struggling little band of seventeen members back in 1881 to the present membership of over 3,200, with a total annual contribution during 1929 of \$82,136.15, and a total addition in membership for that year of 415, is a long stride; and it speaks volumes for the heroic service rendered by the pastors and members of the church. The church, under Dr. Jenkins' ministry has received up to last November 4,699 members and the total contributions up to that time reached the is largely through the efforts and enormous amount of \$794,157.90. It labors of Dr. Jenkins that the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium was brought into existence. During these years he has given generously of his time to this institution, to Simmons university and at the same time has led his people in doing great things for the whole denominational work.

There were four additions by baptism to the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Sunday, making over one hundred additions by baptism during the past year, Secretary W. R. White is to be with this church in an evangelistic Campaign beginning Sunday.



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**REPORTS GREAT REVIVAL**

By W. R. Derr

According to Pastor P. C. McGahey the recent revival meeting that was held in the First Baptist Church at Snyder was the greatest yet. Brother Oran C. Reid, pastor of the Riverside Church at Fort Worth, did the preaching and Rev. Douglas Carver, pastor of the White Deer Church, assisted by his wife, had charge of the music. There were some sixty five conversions, of which, some fifty joined the church for baptism. There were some twenty who joined by letter.

Pastor McGahey is leading this fine church in a great way. They have recently reached the Standard of Excellence with their Sunday School and are setting out for the Advanced Standard. The Sunday School Register showed that they had 527 present last Sunday and they had 220 present at B. Y. P. U. Sunday night. This is truly a great church with a great pastor, and they are doing a great work.

**GREETINGS TO OUR FELLOW BAPTIST WORKERS:**

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West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

**CAPS CHURCH REACHES**

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wise leadership of Brother Perry King, who succeeded Brother McKenzie as pastor. While Brother King was pastor the Sunday School concurred the idea of trying to reach the Advanced Standard. This idea was endorsed and enthusiastically supported by Brother W. R. Derr who followed Brother King as pastor and who is pastor of the church at the present time. To his efforts and leadership, along with the co-operation of the School, the Advanced Standard has been attained.

The Advancement of the School has kept pace with the church. In 1925 a new stucco church building was erected, followed by a Sunday School annex building which was erected two years later, and two years from that time, the growth of the Sunday School was so great that an Educational Building was erected and fully equipped.

The Sunday School is much indebted to Brother Walter Jackson of Abilene for his many wise suggestions and encouraging words that he has given from time to time.

**GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH**

The University church is happy that the State Sunday School Convention is to meet in Abilene this year, and have greatly enjoyed shop for Sunday School purposes, which we will be happy to have those attending the Convention visit. We built an Educational Building a few years back, and have greatly enjoyed its advantages. We have a Sunday School of about seven hundred enrollment, and a church membership of about eight hundred. Our building has about eighty Sunday school rooms in it, and splendid arrangements for B. Y. P. U. work. We will be happy to have any attending the Conven-

tion look our plant over. We hope your visit in Abilene will be pleasant indeed, and if there is anything the University Church can do to make your stay here more pleasant, it will be our pleasure to do it.

CHAS. A. POWELL, Pastor.

**REVIVAL AT PADUCAH**

This is just to say that it was my very great privilege to assist Pastor J. E. Billington and the good church at Paducah, Texas, in a very gracious revival meeting March 1-15. Forty one new members were received into the church with practically all of them coming by baptism. It was a real Holy Spirit revival meeting.

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## SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY'S EASTLAND CHURCH IN GREAT EMERGENCY SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

By L. R. Scarborough

The Southwestern Seminary, like all the other denominational causes, is suffering seriously from the slump in funds and the general financial depression. It has not much endowment. The drop off from receipts in the Co-operative Program and donations has hit us hard. We reduced expenses about \$30,000.00 by letting off some of our force and cutting salaries, and yet we are not receiving enough by a considerable sum to meet operating expenses. We will need to pay on maturing debts and operating expenses between now and June 1st, above what we hope for from the Co-operative Program, at least \$70,000.00.

This condition creates a serious emergency and calls for larger gifts to the Co-operative Program and donations from other sources. The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention approved by unanimous vote an effort to secure special collections from churches and gifts from individuals with which to meet this emergency need. Some pastors have already agreed to do one of two things—call a group of members together and raise an emergency fund for the Seminary, or take a Sunday morning collection, in April for this pressing need.

I urge, with all the heavy load on me, that the brotherhood who love this institution come to our relief now, by enlarged offerings to the Co-operative Program, or if they possibly can by special gifts.

Nearly all the Southwide causes and State causes have had special campaigns in recent years except the Southwestern Seminary. The Southern Seminary, the Bible Institute, New Orleans, Home Missions and Foreign Missions in the last few years have put on special campaigns, and this has been done by nearly all the State causes. Why not help the Southwestern Seminary in its pressing need by some special offerings, either by individuals or by churches? Share with us also in these depressing times, some gifts of love.

Our Seminary is doing a mighty work in soul-winning, kingdom-building, and in training the right sort of leadership. I have not been able to keep up the salaries of our teachers. We are now further behind than we ought to be and it puts a tremendous load on these fine teachers. Their salaries were cut and now because of these conditions the Seminary has not been able to keep up their salaries.

Will not the brotherhood take this to heart and send in before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention some substantial aid to this needful and glorious institution? We must have trained leaders and the Southwestern is doing its part in a great fashion. If Baptists have a trained leadership they must train a leadership. Many thousands of fine trained men and women have gone out and are on the fields now working. Will they not out of gratitude to God for the blessings they have received here, though they are under heavy burdens with their work, help also the dear Seminary?

It is our prayer that many will respond to this emergency call.

There were one hundred and thirty one additions to the church during the revival which closed on last Sunday night.

Seventy four joined for baptism and fifty seven by letter. All who have not yet been baptized are asked to come prepared for baptism Sunday night.

Bro. C. Y. Dossey who led in the two weeks' revival which closed on last Sunday won the hearts of our people in a great way. The influence of his forceful earnest preaching will be felt in Eastland for many years. We commend him to the brotherhood as a safe, and sane evangelist. He creates a sensation without being sensational. He exposes sin without being vulgar, and makes himself a great preacher by being humble.

It was just three years ago that the present pastor came to the care of the Eastland church. During that time we have had three hundred and eighty six additions to the church. One hundred and forty one of that number came for baptism, the others joining by letter. One hundred and forty one in one hundred and fifty six weeks falls just a little below the pastor's average of one baptism per week for twenty years. But perhaps we will yet reach that average. Three hundred and sixty four members were reported at the next Association after the pastor came. Thirty four of them had been baptized by him April and October. The number of resident members now is about five hundred and fifty. During the three years we have raised for all purposes forty one thousand dollars. Three years ago the Sunday School averaged around one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy five. We average four hundred and ten for the month just close and considerably above all past records for the past winter. To God be all the glory. Let us take courage and press on in this new day of opportunity.

The French nurse who was present at the deathbed of Voltaire, being asked to attend an Englishman whose case was critical said: "Is he a Christian?"

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