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Workers Conference of Brownfield Association Has Mission Program

With "Missions Our Mission" as watchword for the day, representatives of churches in the Brownfield Association enjoyed a treat in the way of information and inspiration on this subject when two well-known missionaries now on furlough, told of their work and experiences on foreign fields at an all-day Workers Conference in the Tahoka Baptist Church Tuesday of last week.

The program for the day, planned by Mrs. K. R. Durham, Associational Mission Chairman, of Tahoka, included a devotional led by Mrs. L. Lumsden of Wilson, Associational President, congregational singing of some grand old missionary hymns, special numbers, committee conferences, a sermon by Rev. W. M. Draper, Baptist pastor of Lorenzo, a basket dinner, and three talks by missionaries.

Mrs. B. L. Lockett of Abilene, who has written a book on the life and work of her husband, the late Dr. B. L. Lockett, who spent some 26 years in medical and religious work in Nigeria, Africa, made two talks. "The fields are truly white unto the harvest but the laborers are few," said Mrs. Lockett, for there are only ten white missionaries on that field to look after the educational, medical and religious needs of some 86,000 natives. Mrs. Lockett, who spent more than 20 years on that field herself, is in the homeland due to ill health, but is spending her entire time writing, lecturing and showing pictures, pleading and urging Baptist people to pray and pay and work that more missionaries may be sent to Africa. Especially interesting and touching was her story of Dr. Lockett's work among the lepers of that section. "Conditions in Africa can never be changed until the spirit of Christ enters the hearts of the people and there are yet many thousands who have never heard His name," Mrs. Lockett said.

Miss Emily Beck, of Slaton, reared in a Catholic home but embracing the Baptist faith in young womanhood, related in a graphic and stirring manner some of her experiences and directed attention to the South American Mission fields where she spent eight years as a missionary in Brazil and Argentina.

Both of these missionaries, attractive and pleasing in personality, convincing as speakers, fired with the zeal of the Holy Spirit and the great love for lost souls, brought messages that cannot be forgotten and that, doubtless, will bear good fruit in the lives of their hearers.

ATWOODS LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Atwood are planning to leave Friday for California where they will visit their two sons. They expect to return to Abilene about September 1. Mrs. Atwood, editor of the W. M. U. department of the West Texas Baptist, requests the Publicity and Standing Committees of the W. M. U. organizations of District 17, to send their reports and other materials direct to the West Texas Baptist while she is away.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

At last the long expected rain has come, and faces are not as long as they have been. God smiled on this drouth stricken country in a great way for which we are thankful.

Our worker's conference met July the 9th with the Florey Church, the smallest church in the association, and according to what many of our brethren said was one of the best meetings we have had. The topic of the day was prayer. Every speaker was at his best. Brother Cole preached a great sermon at the 11 o'clock hour on "Pray." Miss Dunn and Brother Myers from the B. T. U. headquarters, Dallas, were present and had a place on the program. Pastor Range of Stanton was also present. The church and community was made better by this meeting.

The church at Seminole has recalled Brother W. F. Markham, and he has decided to remain on the field, for which we are glad. This church has just concluded a meeting in which Brother Willis J. Ray of Big Spring assisted. There were 2 conversions and 4 additions to the church.

The church at Hancock has extended a call to Brother Bob Smith of Plainview and I understand he has accepted.

The First Baptist Church of Lamesa is in a revival meeting with Pastor Cole doing the preaching and Brother Virgil Reynolds of Abilene leading the singing. We are hoping for a great meeting.

Brother Willie B. Waldrop and the church at Ackerly will begin their meeting next Sunday, with the pastor doing the preaching.

Brother Whatley and the Klondyke church will begin their meeting next Sunday with Brother Rogers of Brownfield doing the preaching.

We are happy to say that Brother Sam Malone, editor of the West Texas Baptist, is to assist this writer and the Florey Church in a meeting the latter part of August.

Brother Malone has assisted this writer in two meetings before with happy results. Somehow we believe God is in this arrangement.

Brother W. I. Taylor and the Sparenburg Church held a home coming service the fourth Sunday in June and dedicated the church house to the services of God. Brother Shipley of Key preaching the sermon. Brother Cole also preaching in the afternoon.

The following brethren met at Key last Sunday at the call of the church: Brother Whatley, pastor at Wilson; Brother Leroy Smith, pastor at Midway; this writer, pastor at Five Mile; Deacon Tennison, of Midway; Deacon Lynch, of Key; Deacon Dement, of Key; for the purpose of ordaining Brother Alvie Hogg, Brother Jene Towns, Brother Proctor as Deacons. Brother Shipley, pastor at Key, acted as Moderator and conducted the examination and this writer tried to preach the sermon. Brother Smith gave the charge to the deacons, and Brother Whatley offered the prayer and gave the charge to the church. Deacon James T. Dunn of Midway acted as clerk. We predict a great future for this good church and pastor with these young men lined up as deacons.

Blessings on the West Texas Baptist.—J. J. Gentry.

Rambling Remarks

Dick O'Brien

I know it is unusual to get an idea from a modern popular song, but that is exactly what I have done. It remains to be seen just how practicable the idea is but I will probably never find a more opportune time to try it out than now. The song title is, "I'm going to sit right down and write myself a letter," or words to that effect. That is exactly what I propose to do. So here goes: Colorado, Texas, July 14, 1936. Dear Mr. O'Brien: For some time I have wanted to say something to you about several matters, but as monologues are usually silly I have not been able to find a way to dispose of it so that you might get it. I have decided to reduce it to writing. The things I am about to say will not be pleasant for you to hear, but remember it will hurt me as much as it will you. First I will mention one of your main faults, namely—you wait too late each week to write Rambling Remarks. Your time is so short this morning that you are conscious every minute that the column must be filled before you leave for the Workers' meeting, and that the phone will probably ring several times before you have finished, and that the rambling will probably be far more evident in the writing than the remarking will seem intelligible. You forget your obligation to your public. I venture that two out of the three were disappointed in the column last week because you waited so long to get at it that you did not have the time to give to such a profound task. If this were all it would not be so bad, but you well know that this is a habit in your daily life. "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow," seems to be your motto. And it has often brought embarrassment to you. Now take your sermon preparation as an example, you are far too inclined to depend on the inspiration of the hour and make up in gestures and loud noises what you lack in logic and mature preparation. And what about your promptness in answering letters? Ouch! I thought that would make you twist. Now this is but one of your weaknesses, this procrastination habit, but I will spare you further prodding at this time. You will probably hear from me from time to time and in the meantime try to do something about this fault. Why I actually believe that you would neglect to breathe regularly if nature had not arranged for reflex action to take care of that important function for you. . . . Fraternally, your frankest critic, Dick. . . . Well now fancy that bird writing to me like that. Why what I know about him would make a boo. . . . But on second thought I suppose I better not write the book. . . . He has got me so disturbed and upset that I do not feel like writing a column. . . . Not the things that he has mentioned but the suggestion that there is a lot more like that or worse, is what worries me. . . . Let's change the subject. . . . You know a politician is a peculiar specimen, he itches for votes but doesn't want to be scratched on election day. . . . A preacher who can't fire his congregation will, and probably should be fired by his congregation. . . . Brother C. J. Childress is the new pastor at Westbrook. He is getting a very favorable start in his work. Last Sunday he and a number of his people were over to use our baptistry to baptize seven candidates as a result of the recent revival conducted by Rev. Chester Watt, of Royce City. . . . Brother Bill Arnett came on the early morning train to go with us to our monthly workers' meeting which is to be at China Grove today. Bill has the prospects of becoming one of the best preachers Hardin-Simmons has ever turned out. It is encouraging to see the fine crop of young preachers coming on in West Texas. . . . Well, it's time to go and I have made the same mess of the column that I was afraid I would when I got that letter recorded above. But if you will forgive me this once more for waiting too late to give the attention to the work that it deserves I will try to do better in the future.

LIQUOR AND OUR YOUTH

To those of our wet friends who were so sure that repeal of the liquor amendments would save the youth of the land, restore law observance, replenish the treasury, and institute the reign of a safe and sane universal temperance, the following published facts ought to prove interesting.

Since repeal, Keely Institute patients have increased 55 per cent.—Secretary Nelson of the Institute.

Convictions for drunken driving have increased 60 per cent.—Gov. Ely, Mass.

In Boston, Mass., drunken women increased 75 per cent in three months after repeal.—New York Times.

The year before legalization in Chicago, auto deaths decreased 162; the year following repeal auto deaths increased 195—Official Records, Chicago.

In four weeks period following repeal a survey of auto deaths in 86 cities of the country showed an increase of 21 per cent—United States Official Figures.

Enrollment at National Institutions for alcoholic diseases has broken all previous records—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

After legalization in Washington, D. C., arrests for drunkenness increased the first month 20 per cent; the third month, 35 per cent; and the seventh month, 63 per cent over the previous dry year—Court Records.

Five months after repeal in New York City, drunks at the hospital increased 50 per cent—Acting Commissioner of Hospitals.

Before the adoption of National Prohibition in Chicago the Washington Home for Men averaged from 700 to 1000 drunkard patients, and had a total enrollment for treatment of 300,000. Under the 18th Amendment is turned into a hotel for lack of patronage as a hospital.—Dr. Carver, Professor of Economics, Harvard.

The cost of operating the 18th Amendment January 10, 1920, to October 31, 1933, \$128,810,291. The amount received in fines and seizures for the same period was \$299,639,476, thus showing a net gain over the cost of enforcement to the National Government of \$170,829,185.—U. S. Department of Justice.

N. A. MOORE, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Gleanings from the Field Indicate Abundant Harvest

There were twenty professions at the meeting at the West Side Baptist Church, Big Spring, in which Walter Deaver of Snyder did the preaching. Pastor H. B. Naylor of the West Side Church writes: Brother Deaver is a machine gun in the way of quoting scripture. He gives the chapter and verse in the old time g. l. way. He is God's man and will help both church and pastor in any situation.

A revival meeting will begin at the Elmdale Baptist church on Sunday, July 26. Rev. Clyde Campbell of Mineral Wells will do the preaching. We are planning on a two weeks meeting. Our Sunday school and B. T. U. are getting along fine. Dr. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons filled the pulpit last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Brother Finis Williams, who is in a meeting at Tuscola. The First Sunday in July we observed the Lord's supper, using the communion service sets given to the church by the W. M. U.—Reporter.

The workers' conference of the Mitchell-Scurry Association met on Tuesday of this week with the China Grove church, near Snyder. The song service was in charge of Justin Felts and the devotional was led by Cecil Rhodes. "The Power of the Gospel in Salvation" was discussed by Rev. Forest Huffman of Snyder. Rev. R. R. Cumble of Dunn spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on "The Power of the Spirit in Salvation." The morning sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Derr of Ralls. After the board meeting and W. M. U. program in the afternoon, Rev. A. A. Watson of Coahoma spoke on "The Need of Spirit Empowered Soul Winners."

Rev. A. F. Johnson, superintendent of evangelism for New Mexico Baptists, was in Abilene Saturday enroute to Santa Anna where he is to do the preaching in a two weeks meeting. Brother Johnson is giving half his time to an effort to help New Mexico Baptists pay their debts of over \$20,000 by October 15. The other half of his time he is devoting to independent evangelism in the Southwest. Brother Johnson, whose address is 1330 Grambell Street, Fort Worth, states that the indications are now that the debt paying campaign in New Mexico will result in a great victory.

There seems to be an epidemic of pastorresignitis in some sections of the country. Pastor M. C. Bishop of Post, Pastor W. E. McGraw of Wilson and Pastor A. Loper of O'Donnell, neighboring churches in the South Plains section, have recently resigned.

Word comes that Rev. Henry Littleton has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church, Hamlin. Brother Littleton has been with the Hamlin church for over ten years and has done a monumental work in that section. We have not learned of his plans for the future.

The First Baptist Church, Santa Anna, is planning a home-coming and memorial day to be held the last Sunday in August. All former members and pastors are invited to attend the services.

Rev. Virgil Reynolds, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Abilene, has charge of the music in a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church, Lamesa. Pastor E. F. Cole is doing the preaching. The meeting will run through next week.

The editor is to do the preaching in a revival meeting beginning Friday night with Pastor Joe Hull and the Pledger Church in Jones County. Brother Hull, who has been in ill health for some time is improving rapidly, we are glad to report.

DR. CLIFTON M. ROCK CALLED HOME

By Millard A. Jenkins

Sunday night, July 5th, Clifton M. Rock, D. D., Pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, preached his last sermon. His subject was "Travelers: The End of the Journey." Four days later in the midst of his strength, the Lord called him home. His sermon was a prophecy of his homegoing. He was in his study on Thursday the 9th when he was stricken with a heart attack, and expired in a local hospital a few hours later.

Dr. Rock was one of the most dynamic figures among Southern Baptists. He came into prominence in his opposition to the Inter-church World Movement, a movement fraught with danger and that ended as he predicted. He fathered the Southern Baptist cause in Arizona, which resulted in the establishment of the Arizona General Baptist Convention. Before this, while the First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix was affiliated with the New Mexico Baptist Convention, he served as one of the Convention's most forward-looking presidents.

He built up a great church in Phoenix, out of which grew other churches. He withstood the shock of many storms of opposition, but could say with Paul, "None of these things move me." Like the name he bore, he stood unshaken. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, a medium through which his influence extended throughout the South.

Among his children who mourn his loss are his two preacher sons, Rev. C. Vaughan Rock, pastor of one of our churches in Houston, Texas, and Rev. Thurston Rock who recently graduated at Hardin-Simmons University, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Abilene. One daughter is the wife of Rev. Harry P. Stagg, pastor at Gallup, New Mexico. Two daughters, Clara and Catherine, live in California. Dixie is a High School student at Phoenix. His son Will is engaged in business at Holbrook, Arizona. Mrs. Rock, the gentle wife who was such a great power in Dr. Rock's life, preceded him to the glory land about three years ago.

Our tenderest love and prayers go out to the dear, sorrowing children, and the bereaved church.

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BRISBANE BOTANIST SEES IRON AS A SOURCE OF BACTERIA ON EARTH

A news story from Brisbane, Australia, dated July 8, says: A new theory of how life began and an addition to the long list of claims that life still can be begun anew in laboratories has been made by Dr. W. D. Francis, botanist in the Brisbane botanic garden.

Dr. Francis' idea is that the secret is iron. Bacteriologists long have been acquainted with certain kinds of bacteria which use iron for food, much as might happen if iron were burned in oxygen to yield heat. Dr. Francis believes that something like this happened two billion years ago to start the earth's first life. So far as geologists know, no metallic iron then was exposed on the earth's surface, but Dr. Francis imagines that some may have arrived in iron meteorites or that iron compounds suitable for these bacteria may have been thrown out by volcanoes.

"To prove that life still can be created in this same way, Dr. Francis put sterilized iron wires in suitable solutions also believed to be entirely free from living germs. After some weeks he found living iron bacteria clinging to these wires. If the experiment could be accepted without question there would be no doubt that life had been created artificially, but other biologists are skeptical.

"They point out that perfect sterilization of solutions, iron wires or anything else is extremely difficult. There also is a chance that germs of ordinary iron bacteria may have got in from the air. About what started the first life on earth anybody can speculate, but the geologists are not yet willing to admit that Dr. Francis or any one else knows about the beginning of the process."

The above news item from the daily press is both interesting and amusing. Scientists all over the world are tearing up the earth trying to solve the mystery of life. The first chapter of Genesis, first verse says, "In the beginning God." Granting that the first form of life came from iron, an interesting speculation would be, where did iron come from? In trying to solve the mystery of life it must be assumed that either God is eternal or matter is eternal. Certainly it would be more reasonable to believe that back of all creation is an eternal, omnipotent, omniscient Creator who, in the beginning created all things. The Hebrew word (bara) translated create means to make something out of nothing. When we consider the great universe with its billions of heavenly bodies, all working in perfect harmony, we are made to realize the truthfulness of the words, "The fool has said in his heart there is no God." "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments showeth His handiwork." Happy is that man who can, by faith, accept the Genesis account of Creation, and then look into the heavens and behold the grandeur and glory of God.

"I CAN PLOD"

"Instant in season, out of season"—2 Tim. 4:2.

Undoubtedly the world owes a great deal to men of genius, but it is doubtful whether it owes as much to such as to me of dogged perseverance. Perseverance is needed in every phase of the Christian life. Nothing is obtained in the spiritual realm by a hop-skip-and-jump, so to speak. Every victory will cost brain sweat and soul agony. When William Carey began thinking of going to India as a pioneer missionary, his father pointed out to him that he possessed no academic qualifications that would fit him for such a task. But William Carey, answered: "I can plod." Those who accomplish things for the glory of God and the good of humanity are plodders.—K. M. McDitchie.

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by William P. Phillips, Secretary of the Department of Young People and Adults Sunday School work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is just what we would expect from this expert in Sunday School work. In this volume Brother Phillips has made a valuable contribution to the Sunday School work in general, and to the Young People's Department in particular. The mobilizing and teaching of our young people presents one of our greatest challenges, and those engaged in the work of this Department will find valuable information, and great inspiration in this book. It may be had for 60 cents from the Baptist Book Store, Dallas, Texas.—M. A. J.

Rev. C. B. Stovall of Goodnight is doing the preaching in a meeting this week with Pastor S. W. Badgett and the Gillespie church. Brother Stovall was pastor at Knox City before going to Goodnight. He will feel at home in the Haskell Association.

Ollie B. Webb of New Orleans, vice president of the Texas and Pacific Railway company, and an outstanding Baptist layman, filled the pulpit at both hours last Sunday for the First Baptist church, Snyder. Pastor Lawrence Hays is a Rockwall in a revival meeting.

More than 100 friends of Rev. J. W. McGaha, veteran Scurry County minister, surprised him Friday night, July 3, with a mammoth supper in celebration of his seventy-eighth birthday. The friends, several of them from adjoining counties, spread a large table full of eats at the McGaha home, and centered it with a birthday cake holding 78 candles.

The enrollment of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the First Church, Abilene, reached 236 Wednesday, with a growing attendance and interest. The school will continue through next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **HIGHT C. MOORE**

July 19, 1936

SOCIAL SERVICE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Read Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-7; 9:36-39; II Corinthians 8:1-9; 13:18. Study Acts 4:32-35; II Corinthians 8:1-9

The early churches at Jerusalem and Corinth engaged sacrificially in social service: The one leading off with Christian communism which appears to have been temporary and with the appointment of deacons as guardians and distributors of fellowship funds; the other though a mission field in a great pagan metropolis, responding to the appeal of Paul for an offering to relieve the needy saints in Judea.

Toward the close of the first century, John, the Apostle of love, exhorted the members of the churches to love one another, not merely in word, but in generous deeds, each believer with this world's goods supplying his brother in need.

1. Gifts to Social Service (Acts 4)

The Church at Jerusalem made generous gifts to social service. The devotion of the early believers to each other and to God was manifest in several ways: (1) Their oneness of mind showed that there was not a shadow of strife nor a ripple of discord. (2) They had all things common. But this community of goods does not mean that everything which was owned individually by each of the disciples was put in a common treasury, but there was community of goods so that the needs of each and all were therefrom supplied. (3) The church was in good condition for work and its spirituality furnished a fine atmosphere for apostolic labors. (4) The favor of the people and the favor of God came alike upon the brotherhood at Jerusalem. (5) There were many poor people in the church. The incomes of the self-supporting laymen in the congregation were not sufficient to meet the demands of charity upon them. Therefore, some of them actually sold their personal property and real estate in order to supply the needs of the poor in the church and community. (6) By the Apostles themselves, or under their direct supervision, "distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Thus there was no lack of the necessities on the part of any member of the church.

2. Call for Social Service (II Cor. 8)

The Church at Corinth responded to the call for social service. To relieve the financial distress of the saints at Jerusalem Paul was appealing to the European churches for a liberal offering. (1) The churches of Macedonia had heard that summons. They were in much affliction. Their poverty was deep. Their surroundings were unfavorable. Nevertheless their Christian joy was abundant and they were richer in liberality than in property. Paul bore glad witness to their generosity. He declared that they had contributed not only according to their power, but even beyond their power. Moreover, they gave not under compulsion but freely of their own accord. Hence, giving with them amounted to a grace. Their fellowship was nowhere finer than in their ministering to the saints. And the secret of Macedonian liberality was found in the fact that they first gave themselves to God. Then they placed themselves under the leadership of the Apostle. And so the will of God was manifest in their gifts as in every phase of their lives. (2) The church at Corinth was now exhorted to similar liberality. Indeed Titus had already made the beginning in this direction. Let the church cooperate with him in completing the grace of giving. Paul added his own word to that of Titus. He was aware of the fact that the Corinthian saints abounded in great faith, in effective earnestness, and in the crowning quality of love. Now he urged them to abound in the grace of liberality in order to make their stewardship symmetrical. His plea was not a matter of apostolic command, but simply a call for an expression of the sincerity of their love. (3) The grace of the Lord Jesus not only set a divine example before them, but afforded the greatest possible inspiration. He was rich as the universe itself. He became as poor as the poorest, but he made the sacrifice in order that he might make men infinitely rich. Such an example can be found nowhere else.

The Giving Then Does Good

1. **Give..** Give money, of course, but not only nor mainly. There is something else in this world besides money—something which is more valuable and which includes money. We should give our time, our labor, our influence, our personal comforts if necessary, our knowledge, and whatever inspiration we can infuse into our fellow men turning their faces upward and spurring them onward in the path of duty and of service. And if we give these things, our money will be given as a matter of course.

2. **Give Individually.** "Let each man." The responsibility is personal. Each person has his opportunity. Each can make his contribution to the treasury of the common good. Each can give something—time and talent, as well as money, food, and raiment.

3. **Give Collectively.** "The churches in Macedonia." Fellowship in giving may help in many ways. It stirs to larger liberality. It promotes mutual respect. It joins hearts and hands in a common external cause. Even so, it reacts happily upon each member of a local church and each church in a co-operative group at once deepening their spirituality and widening their usefulness.

4. **Give Sacrificially.** "Their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Where else can you find in one and the same person at the same time great poverty and great riches? Happy are they whose only poverty is financial. And poor are they who are rich only in the world's goods. Wanted: The stewardship that sacrifices and serves!

5. **Give Systematically.** "According to their power—beyond their power." It is not enough to make the gift that costs the giver nothing. We ought to do more than make even a liberal gift on occasion. Philanthropy should be proportionate. Let modern givers give according to their power. Let the noblest give even beyond their power.

6. **Give Symmetrically.** "As ye abound in everything—abound in this grace also." Live the abundant life. Radiate every noble quality. Scatter seeds of kindness. Abound in the grace of giving, or other graces are not apt to serve or to shine. Love may be professed with a fervent tongue, but the sincerity of it remains to be proved by the needed gift.

7. **Give and Do Good.** There are so many calls upon our generosity. Where shall we draw the line? Let us be sure that it is

drawn where it should be, beyond the circle of our personal friendships, of personal selfishness, of individual ambition for publicity, or any sinister motive whatever. We should, of course, give to the poor. The unfortunate, the widow in her affliction, the fatherless in their need, the aged and indigent veterans of the Cross—all cry to us for help and to them the helping hand must be given. Our sanctuaries must be erected, equipped, and maintained. Our pastors should be adequately paid and the local work of the churches liberally provided for.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Christian Brotherhood. Acts 4:32-37.
 Tuesday—The Grace of Liberality. II Corinthians 8:1-9.
 Wednesday—The Liberal Soul. Proverbs 11:24-28.
 Thursday—Mutual Helpfulness. Romans 15:1-7.
 Friday—The Open Hand. Deuteronomy 15:7-8.
 Saturday—The Open Heart. Colossians 3:12-17.
 Sunday—The Generous Man. Psalm 112:5-10.
 Devotional Reading—Psalm 112:5-10.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE

This was the answer to Paul's prayer for the "Thorn in the flesh to be removed."

We do not know what it was, but evidently it was some bodily affliction.

It was used by Satan to buffet, annoy and humiliate him.

It was given him "lest he should be exalted above measure."

If the great Apostle Paul needed "a thorn in the flesh" to keep him humble, how much more are we subjected to bodily infirmities, "lest we should be exalted above measure."

But thanks be to God, for, with our bodily afflictions, and distress of mind, we too, can have sustaining grace.

Here is Paul's conclusion of the matter, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Devotional Thoughts

"BY THEIR FRUITS"

Wherever evangelistic zeal and effort are dominant and decide the policies and life of the churches, there will be found strong and numerous applicants for the ministry and missions. Out of Spurgeon's church and Pastor's College there went in forty years seven hundred and fifty preachers and missionaries. When Dr. Gordon of Boston died, his church had on the home and foreign fields more than one hundred and twenty workers.

It is the material spirit, the drum beat, the tread and ongoing of a triumphant army of God that stirs the strong and brave for enlistment.—Lee R. Scarborough.

HELP ME, DEAR MASTER

Help me, dear Master, Thy will to obey
 Help me while traveling the heavenly way.
 Grant that Thy Spirit abide in my heart
 Closer each day 'til this life I depart.
 Help me, dear Master, to walk by Thy side
 Each hour and moment whatever betide;
 Facing each day with a courage more strong.
 'Til I reach Heaven—that sweet land of song.
 Help me, dear Master, unselfish to be;
 Help me in bringing some wanderer to Thee.
 Teach me Thy will, Father help me to pray;
 Guide and protect me, 'til dawns the bright day.

MRS. LORINE RADER,

RELIGIOUS REVOLUTION

One of the most amazing things about the doctrine of evolution is the power which it has had over ministers of the Christian religion. Lord Kelvin is reported to have said, "I marvel at the undue haste with which teachers in our universities and preachers in our pulpits are restating truth in the terms of evolution, while evolution itself remains an unproven hypothesis in the laboratories of science."

Professors of sacred theology and preachers in the Christian pulpits have in less or more degree for years past embraced the teaching of evolution, and in their attempt to reconcile its flatly contradictory hypotheses with the doctrine of creation, they have taught that the Bible was not meant to be a textbook of science. They disregard the fact that if (without refining inspiration) the Scriptures of Truth are what they claim and prove themselves to be, the very utterance of God, then it must rightly be held that whatsoever the Bible does touch upon nature and history, there it is inerrant. Even now modern physics and archaeology are, here a line, there a line, writing God's word after him!

Sir James Jeans writes, "Modern scientific theory compels us to think of the Creator as working outside times and space, which are part of His creation, as the artist is outside his canvass." Professor Eddington declares, "There are some who like to look upon God as a force personifying nature. . . . That does not seem to me to be religion. It is patent to everybody that there was a dominating god-like force that created the universe."

Liberal Theology, however, eager to be regarded as abreast of Modern Thought, has failed to perceive that the Divine Method of Creation, that everything should bring forth its own kind, could never be reconciled to any form of evolutionary teaching that links man in his origin with the rest of the animal world. The ironic feature of the situation has been, that from Darwin's day until the present, there has not been a scientist or a theologian who has been able to show that a doctrine of evolution applies anywhere except in the affairs of men, whether in industry or science, in the military or literary world, or elsewhere in human affairs.—Prof. C. W. Hale Amos, in "The Church or the World?"

DR. SCARBOROUGH ENDORSES EUGENE WOOD FOR CLERK

To Whom It May Concern:

I am glad to give my testimony concerning Eugene Wood. As I understand, he is seeking election to the position of County Clerk of Taylor County. While it has never been my policy to take part in political elections, I am very glad to say that I have known him for many years.

His administration of the financial affairs of Baylor University for many years was honorable and successful, and for other years helped without pay in behalf of Simmons College. All of forty years of my life I have believed in him and honored him as a good man, loving the right, living an unselfish, noble, Christian life, and I join his many friends in wishing for him a successful campaign, and the administration of an office of high honor and noble trust in the spirit of the finest Christian statesmanship.

I am sure he will count public office as a trusteeship and will in no way use it for private gain, but for the good of the whole community in which he serves. I commend him to my old friends, and to all the people there and urge all to vote and work for the election of Eugene Wood, my brother-in-law.

Yours fondly,
L. R. SCARBOROUGH,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Now on a mission tour of South America.

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Clarence L. Darden Candidate For County Clerk



The many friends of Clarence L. Darden recommend him to you, the voters of Taylor County, for the office of County Clerk. He has lived in this county 30 years. He is a member of the Southside Baptist Church. He needs the office yet would not seek it if he were not fully qualified to render prompt, efficient, courteous service. He and his friends will appreciate your vote and influence.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Taylor County in July:

For District Clerk, Taylor County:
(Miss) Belle Wellborn.

For County Clerk, Taylor County:
E. D. (Dean) Davis.
(Miss) Vivian Fryar.

For County Judge, Taylor County:
A. A. Heathington.

For Assessor-Collector, Taylor Co.:
W. P. Bounds.

For Justice of the Peace:
James Gray Bledsoe, Precinct 1,
Place 1.

For Congress, 17th District:
Thomas L. Blanton (Re-election).

For District Attorney, 104th Dist.:
Thomas E. Hayden, Jr.

PASTORS OF EASTLAND, TEXAS,
ENDORSE CLYDE L. GARRETT,
FOR CONGRESS



We, the undersigned pastors of the city of Eastland, heartily endorse and commend to the voters of the Seventeenth District the candidacy of Judge Clyde L. Garrett for Congress.

We know Judge Garrett to be eminently qualified for the position he seeks. He is a Christian gentleman and always stands for the highest things in life. He is honest, courageous, and efficient. He is the type of man who would grace the halls of Congress, and represent the people of his district in such a way that would reflect honor on himself and his constituents.

Judge Garrett was born and reared in Eastland County. He is a popular county judge, now serving his fourth term, and loved by all who know him. He is now President of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

For a number of years Judge Garrett has been a faithful and active Deacon in the First Baptist Church of Eastland, Texas. He is moderator of the Cisco Baptist Association, and also a leader among the Baptist Laymen of West Texas. He is a conscientious tither and gives liberally beyond his tithe to all the causes fostered by his church.

As our friend and neighbor, we most heartily commend him to the voters of the Seventeenth District.

FRED C. EASTHAM,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church,
Eastland.

W. A. RICHARDSON,
Pastor of the First Christian Church,
Eastland.

DR. CHAS. W. ESTES,
Pastor of the First Presbyterian
Church, Eastland.

JOHN G. BILLS,
Pastor of the Church of Christ,
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Unfetter the Preacher

By Jeff D. Ray

I went to church last Sunday night. It was sizzling hot but I went. It is hard to break a man of even a good habit. The preacher for the evening keeps up with all current events but you would never suspect it from that sermon. He had not a word about the recent prize fight, or about the "Cardinals" or the "Cats." He did not say a thing about the social order, the depression, the World Court, the League of Nations, international peace, pacifism, Communism or Fascism. He did not even take a crack at Billy Rose or the City Council. Nor did he waste a moment telling the women how to wear their clothes. He did not even seem to know that the Republicans had just held a national convention and that the Democrats were to hold one the next week. He seemed to think he had a bigger subject than all of that.

Not perfectly but with far more than average interpretative expression he read a part of the story of the crucifixion, and from that story took as his text the words: "And sitting down they watched him there." With unstudied dramatic effect he gave us a picture of the different groups that watched the Savior die.

First the Roman soldiers. They were the regular crucifixion squad. They knew nothing of Jesus. To them He was just one more criminal. Crucifying Him was just another day's work. But He died so magnificently that the captain of the group of stolid soldiers bowed in reverence and said: "Truly this man was the Son of God." Then he threw on imagination's canvas the two thieves—one scoffing, the other praying. Then he showed us the crowd of passersby who had nothing else to do but mock and taunt the Savior as they watched Him die. Then came before us the High Priests—the big preachers who hated Jesus so that, forgetting the dignity of their office, they fell in with the motley mob jibing at and ridiculing the one whom they ought to reverence. Then he showed us, off at some distance, a group of noble women who loved Him and who in their homes had ministered to Him. Now they are weeping helplessly and hopelessly as they see their Master's agony. Next he brought before us a group of soldiers so callous to human suffering that they gambled for His garments at the very foot of the cross on which He bled. Last he showed us two dear souls—His mother and John the beloved—standing right by the cross. Ruling passion strong in death He made provision for her, asking John to take His place as a son to the noble, heart-broken mother. Then coming to the front of the platform, the minister seemed to be looking straight at me as he said: "John stood by Jesus and took care of His mother; are you ready at whatever cost to stand by Jesus and take care of His cause?"

But he did not stop with painting these pictures. He solemnly proceeded to tell his audience why Jesus was on the cross. He said He was not there merely as a martyr dying for his convictions. He said He was not there as a malefactor dying for his own crimes. But he told us Jesus was there on the cross as God's eternal sacrifice making atonement for the world's sin—and he made it clear that when we were sinners and could not save ourselves Jesus took our sins upon His own shoulders that in Him we might have life.

I liked the sermon because it followed the injunction of the old grandmother in "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" when she begged the young minister, "Speak a good word for Jesus." When I go to church I find myself silently saying to the preacher, "Sir, we would see Jesus," and I think most men are like me. We take the daily papers, and the magazines and can read for ourselves. The sermon, since it talked about my Master, fed my soul.

But having heard this preacher often I felt that he was not quite up to his usual standard. I understood why and wondered that he could preach at all when I learned that the kind but thoughtless congregation had kept him on the run all that hot day with petty details taking time and nervous energy that could have been better given to physical, mental and spiritual girding for this sermon. I came away saying that even if I were a pastor I would unload a lot of that needless social and financial junk the congregation would fain fasten on me if I had to break a lame-string.

The greatest human need of our churches today is strong, unfettered gospel preaching in the pulpit. Untie your preacher's hands and tell him to preach the gospel or get out of the way for somebody who can.

THE BIBLE IS A BEAUTIFUL PALACE

One of our exchanges has given us the following impressive picture of the Bible as a beautiful palace: You'll enjoy it.—Editor.

The Bible is a beautiful palace, built up to sixty-six blocks of solid marble—66 books. In the first chapter of Genesis, we enter the vestibule which is filled with the mighty acts of creation. The vestibule gives access to the law courts—the five books of Moses; passing through which, we come to the picture gallery of the historical battle field, representations of heroic deeds and portraits of eminent men belonging to the early days of the world's history.

Beyond the picture gallery we find the philosopher's chamber—the book of Job. Passing through which, we enter the music room—the book of Psalms; where we listen to the grandest strains that ever fell on human ears.

Then, we come to the business office—the book of Proverbs where right in the center of the room stands facing us, the motto, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to my people."

From the business office we pass into the chapel—Ecclesiastes, or the preacher in his pulpit; and thence into the conservatory—The Song of Solomon, perfumes and fruits and flowers and singing birds. Finally, we reach the observatory—the Prophets, with their telescopes fixed on near and distant stars, and all directed toward "The bright and morning star," that was soon to arise.

Crossing the court, we come to the audience chamber of the King—the Gospel, where we find four vivid, life-like portraits of the King himself.

Next we enter the work room of the Holy Spirit—the Acts of the Apostles, and beyond that, the correspondence room—the Epistles, where we see Paul and Peter and James and John and Jude all busily at their desks and if you would know what they are writing about, their epistles are open for all to study.

Before leaving we stand for a moment in the outside gallery—the Revelation, where we look upon some striking pictures of the Judgment to come and the glories to be revealed, concluding with an awe-inspiring picture of the Throne room of the King.

To the Voters of the 104th Judicial District



OTIS MILLER
Candidate For District Attorney
104th District (Re-election)

In the closing days of my campaign for re-election to a second term as District Attorney of Taylor, Jones and Fisher Counties I want to take this method to thank the people of the District for the many courtesies shown me during my canvass of the 15,000 or more voters of the three counties comprising the 104th Judicial District of Texas. Of course I have not been able to see all the voters of the district, but I have had the privilege of campaigning with a large number of them. I also want to thank the citizens of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties for the splendid co-operation they have accorded me in my first year and a half in the office. Whatever degree of success I have achieved in my work has not been due to my personal effort alone, but in large measure to the splendid co-operation of the citizenship of the District.

This co-operation has been accorded me in various forms. I have had splendid Grand Juries to work with—Grand Juries composed of the finest type of men—men who wanted to see the law obeyed and respected. In the trial of cases I have had the aid of juries composed of men imbued with the idea that the law should be upheld and that transgressors of the law should be made to respect and obey the law. Too, I have had the fullest co-operation of efficient and industrious peace officers who have worked unceasingly in apprehending criminals. In addition to this splendid type of co-operation, I have had at all times a wholesome public sentiment behind me in every effort I have put forth to build up respect for and obedience to the law.

In order to build up such a public sentiment for law and order I have sought at all times to impress the public mind with the idea that obedience to all the laws all the time by all the people is our only sure guarantee of a safe society. Enforcement of our misdemeanor laws is just as essential as is the enforcement of our felony laws. The hardened, confirmed and dangerous criminal of today, our so-called public enemies number one, two or three, were petty offenders only yesterday. Young Lucas who only a few years ago stole a typewriter out of the high school at Albany was the life term in Alcatraz federal prison who only a few days ago stabbed Al Capone in the back with a scissors blade. Lucas is now rated as one of the most dangerous criminals in the United States. The

hardened or confirmed criminal does not come into existence instantaneously. He goes through a period of training and development in petty crime almost as rigid and as regular as a cadet in a boy's military academy is obliged to undergo. Our Barrows, Floyds, Dillingers, and Hamiltons all started out in petty crime. It is more essential to clean up the breeding places of crime than it is to apprehend and punish the full grown criminal. When we have rid ourselves of the breeding places of crime, we will not be bothered any longer with so-called public enemies number one, two or three.

Realizing that all of our major criminals secure their early training in the school of petty crime, I have at all times given the county attorneys of my District the fullest co-operation. The Grand Juries I have worked with have at all times been available for use by the three county attorneys of my District. I believe you will find that as a result of such co-operation between the District Attorney, the Grand Jury and the County Attorneys, the 104th Judicial District of Texas is enjoying at this time a more wholesome respect for misdemeanor laws.

However, we have not neglected the major offenders. During the year and a half that I have served as your District Attorney the records of the District Clerks' offices in Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties will show that there have been 213 criminal cases tried in the three counties of the District. Out of the 213 cases tried the record shows 15 lost and 198 won cases.

On the basis of my record during the first year and a half of my first term I am asking the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties to return me to the office as your District Attorney for a second term. I believe that where a man during his first term has a record of unquestioned integrity and fidelity to public duty that it is democratic in a two-year-term office to give him a second term. I feel that I have rendered honest, industrious and faithful service. I sincerely believe that through the training and experience I have gained during the first year and a half of my first term that I am now better qualified to serve you during a second term.

May I submit briefly a few pertinent facts about my life and qualifications: I was born in Floyd county; married; 43 years old; 1 child; reared in Grayson and Jones counties; lived in Jones county 29 years; graduate of Stamford High School, Stamford College and University of Texas, with A. B., LL. B., and M. J. degrees; taught school in Baylor University two years; taught school in University of Wisconsin two years; county attorney and county judge of Jones county; former managing editor of The Alcatraz, University of Texas Alumni Magazine; former president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; Ex-Service Man; solicits your vote on the basis of qualifications and service; invites your investigation; and will appreciate your vote and influence.

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Missions in District 17

B. T. U. WORKERS

Mrs. J. D. Riddle is leading in a B. T. U. Clinic this week at Clyde. The first night there were 44 present.

Miss Vernal Lee Carson, of Fort Worth, is leading in a B. T. Training School in the Calvary church, Abilene. Brethren Howell and Bowen are also helping.

Miss Martha Griffith began a Clinic at Munday last Wednesday night. She will spend the next five weeks in Haskell Association.

Miss Maurine McKenzie is in the Hanna Church, in Jones county this week, in which Association she will work for a month. Miss Ruth Carter, is teaching a training school in the Pleasant Valley church, Fisher County Association, this week.

Rev. Thurston Rock, who was teaching in Callahan Association, was called home, at the death of his father, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

Rev. Murray Fuquay is leading a clinic this week in Baird, and will go to Cisco, where he will teach in the First church next week.

We appreciate the fine work these workers are rendering in our district. If your church needs a course in B. T. U. work either contact your Associational president or write the Missionary.

We congratulate the North Park church on the beautiful new church they have built. They will begin worship there next Sunday.

DISTRICT B. T. U. REVIVAL

There will be a District-wide B. T. U. Revival in District 17, September 27 to October 11, at which time all the State forces in B. T. U. work as well as the leaders from different parts of the State will be here to help. We are hoping every church in the District will enter this course.

Let the pastors and B. T. U. directors begin now to make their plans and to select their workers and courses.

During the first week, September 27 to October 4, the following Associations will have their work: Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, and Fisher. During the second week, October 4-11, Sweetwater, Callahan, and Cisco Associations will have their courses.

Be sure to turn in a report of your meeting as soon as it is held to your Association evangelistic leader.

Haskell Associational B. T. U. and Sunday School meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon. At this time they hope to complete the Associational B. T. U. organization.

Rev. E. S. James of Cisco is doing the preaching in a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church, Anson. Pastor L. A. Doyle states that the meeting will continue through next Sunday.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF DISTRICT 17 MISSIONS

April, May, June—J. D. Brannon, Missionary

Sermons and addresses	111
Miles traveled	9130
Letters and cards written	452
Telephones and telegraph	4
Associational meetings attended	8
District meetings attended	6
State meetings attended	4
Southwide meetings attended	2
Churches calling pastors	8
Churches now pastorless	8
Churches and communities contacted	235
Additions: Baptism 54, Letter 32,	
Other Professions 109. Total	195
Collected for Cooperative Program	\$ 43.20
Collected for District Missions	183.95
Total	\$227.15

MEETINGS BEING CONDUCTED

Rev. W. R. Kirk of Abilene will assist Pastor R. L. Shannon in a meeting with Valley View Church in Jones County beginning Friday night, July 17th.

Rev. E. E. Mason of Abilene began a meeting at Merriman Monday evening, July 13th. Rev. Mason is a former student of Hardin-Simmons University. A good preacher that may be used in other meetings during the summer months.

Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor South Side Church, Abilene, is assisting pastor G. Q. Fulghum in a good meeting at Stith Church in Jones County this week.

Rev. W. L. Howell of Abilene assisted pastor Byrd in a meeting at Grass Burr last week.

Pastor Kelly Barnett is engaged in a good meeting with his church at Tuscola this week. Rev. Barnett is doing the preaching, and Finis Williams of Elmdale is leading the music.

Rev. L. L. Trott of Sweetwater is assisting Pastor F. A. Hollis in a good meeting at Neal Church this week.

Good reports come from meeting at Crowell, Texas, pastor Fitzgerald is doing the preaching and Curtis Owen of Abilene is conducting the music.

Rev. Whatley of First Church, Haskell, is assisting Pastor Taylor in a good meeting at Rotan this week.

A joint meeting of the W. M. U. and Workers' Conference of the Callahan Association met Tuesday of this week with Pastor Tierce and the First Church, Clyde.

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CONGRESSMAN THOMAS L. BLANTON

From Dr. C. C. Coleman, then pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Abilene, but later of the First Baptist Church, of San Antonio, Texas:

Abilene, Texas, January 16, 1911.

JUDGE THOMAS L. BLANTON,
Abilene, Texas.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I wish to say that your course on the bench has given me a world of fresh hope for our institutions. You have demonstrated that a fearless, patriotic judge can do wonders in spite of cumbersome precedents and methods of procedure and a prevailing laxity of public opinion. I have often thanked God that we have you on this bench. I have lived in sections of the State where the judge had a very different spirit from yours, and all who stood for law and order keenly felt the difference. Wishing you increasing influence and usefulness.

Heartily yours,

C. C. COLEMAN.

BAPTIST MAGAZINE

[From the Western Evangel, Abilene, Tex. Issue of Mar. 13, 1912]
MR. BLANTON, although the youngest district judge in Texas at present, has been in active practice of law for 15 years. His public record and private life are very commendable. It is in order to say that Judge BLANTON is a staunch prohibitionist, and is one of the wisest, most earnest, conscientious supporters of the cause. He is always on the right side of every moral question, he being a true Christian gentleman.

From the Family Publication at Dallas, Tex., August, 1912.

THE HOME AND STATE

JUDGE BLANTON, of Abilene, was triumphantly reelected district judge of that district. He has been one of the most faithful officials, administering the laws fairly and justly to all alike, and the people have again rewarded him for faithful service. When men like Judge BLANTON are on the bench the law and order of the community are in safe hands.

SPEAKERS OF HOUSE PRAISE BLANTON

In fighting congressional perquisites many years ago, Blanton had a tilt with Garner. Enemies have tried to make it appear that they were still unfriendly, when just the opposite is true. While he was Speaker, Garner frequently had Blanton preside for him over the House. The following shows the true situation:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOM,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., July 4, 1932.

MR. THOMAS L. BLANTON, JR.,
Albany, Texas.

MY DEAR MR. BLANTON: This will acknowledge yours of July 2, and I thank you for your good wishes and kind thoughts.

I note what you say in regard to your father, my good friend, the Honorable THOMAS L. BLANTON, with whom it has been my privilege to serve in Congress for many years.

As you know, your father is one of the best friends I have and I consider him a very valuable Congressman. To take anything I have said in the past concerning him, under very distressing conditions, would be unjust to him at the present time in view of the service he is now rendering.

With kindest regards and many thanks for your gracious letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

JOHN N. GARNER.



Congressman Thomas L. Blanton

FROM SPEAKER RAINY

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., April 15, 1933.

HON. THOMAS L. BLANTON,

House of Representatives.

DEAR TOM: Congress has been running at a very high rate of speed. I am warned by the House physician that a number of Members are overtaxing themselves.

I have been watching you and your work. You are overworking. You are rendering a splendid service. I know of no one who works harder than you. For the next few weeks there will not be so many important measures coming up, so I suggest that toward the end of the month you take a rest. I sincerely hope that you will accept this suggestion in the spirit in which it is intended.

Very truly yours,

HENRY T. RAINY.

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FROM THE LATE SPEAKER BYRNS:

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., June 5, 1933.

HON. THOMAS L. BLANTON,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR TOM: As we approach the close of the session, I do not wish to fail to express my deep appreciation for your kindness and valuable support.

In this connection, may I say that during all my long service I have never served with a Member who was more diligent in his effort to render real service to the people, not only of his district but of the entire Nation, and who watched appropriations and expenditures more closely than yourself. It will never be known just how much money you have saved to the people by your watchful care, your ability, as well as your close knowledge of parliamentary procedure and governmental affairs. It has enabled you to render a real and a great service.

With best wishes, I am, sincerely yours,

JO BYRNS.

FROM PRESENT SPEAKER BANKHEAD:

Jasper, Ala., August 17, 1932.

HON. THOMAS L. BLANTON,

Abilene, Texas.

MY DEAR FRIEND: I have been extremely solicitous about the result of your primary and now that I have received definite information of your renomination I write to express my warm congratulations to you upon your victory. I felt assured all the time that the people of your district would not displace you at this important period in our legislative affairs.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

W. B. BANKHEAD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., June 3, 1926.

REV. MILLARD A. JENKINS,

Pastor First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

MY DEAR JENKINS: Knowing your natural admiration for spunky loyalty to the things that are highest and best, I feel like I must congratulate you in particular, and the people of your congressional district in general, on the superb and heroic work which has been done, and is now being done, by your hard-working, plucky, and able Congressman, Judge THOMAS L. BLANTON.

BLANTON has grown marvelously. His poise, his amazing industry, and his utter abandon to his concept of public duty have become more and more the inspiration of every Member of Congress who believes in the triumph of personal and national honesty.

He has done a work lasting through many weary days and weeks and months, for which some lawyers would have been paid anywhere from \$10,000 to \$50,000, if it had been handled from that standpoint. But with unselfish devotion to the cause of truth and humanity he has exposed fraud and championed the cause of unfortunate veterans in a way not only to force remedial legislation in Washington, but to act as a wholesale deterrent against evil officials all over America. And your city and district, and indeed the whole State of Texas, ought to be proud of THOMAS L. BLANTON.

With warmest greetings to all of my Abilene friends, and praying God to make you and your great church an increasing blessing to Abilene, to Texas, and the world, I am,

Cordially yours,

WM. D. UPSHAW.

Representative, Fifth District, Georgia.