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Buckner Orphans home Necessities

Being a Message From Hal F. Buckner, One of the Managers of the Home

Without the least equivocation, mental reservation or secret evasion of mind, it is our duty to communicate to our friends a serious lack of current expense funds. We haven't money to meet our bills for the ordinary expenses of this great family of dependent children, and the end of the month is almost upon us. What are we going to do?

For six years Buckner Orphan's Home has been able to meet its obligations so far as the actual necessities of life are concerned, and at only one time during the six years has our current expense fund been in the red. The faithfulness of our friends has made it possible for us to avoid interest accounts. Debt is a horrible thing! Interest accounts are horrible things! Although we need buildings, and money with which to defray the expense of the artesian well which had become an absolute necessity, this call for immediate relief is limited to the unavoidable current expense account.

Brethren, sisters, and friends, let us neither be alarmed nor neglectful. Our necessity after all is a real opportunity to do good, to communicate to the necessity of dependent ones, to make a love offering, knowing that every penny sent in will be "tending to the Lord" according to the Scriptures. Let us remember that, that which is lent to the Lord will bear sure and abundant interest.

May we suggest that any balances for Buckner Orphan's Home in the treasuries of any of our group organizations, Sunday schools, Woman's Missionary Societies, or churches, should be sent in immediately and that wherever possible, additional offerings be made? May we suggest that individuals who have been blessed in a material way, remember the children at this time?

We have learned the lesson of depending upon the Lord and his influence over the hearts of men, and yet when the wolf is no near the door that we can sense his presence and almost feel his hot breath, you can not blame us for wakefulness at night and nervous waiting for relief to come day by day. The door is barricaded by rigid economy and we use our best weapons, prayer and a call for help, while we wait expectantly for the coming of our neighbors to drive the wolf away.

Considering the fact that many of our churches, as well as many individuals make but annual offerings to this most worthy cause, and considering the fact that our greatest money harvest is completely gathered during the holidays, we ask all who read these lines to also consider the fact that the need from now on until the State Convention meets again will be very great. You may figure it for yourself: It takes about \$5,000 per month to run the family, and there remain yet six or seven months of our fiscal year. May's bills must be met, then, there is June, July, August, September, October and November, calling for a total of \$105,000.00.

On Getting Men's Numbers

It was at the recent Southern Baptist Convention, when a test vote was taken. A messenger from Texas, in a responsible place of leadership to which he has been duly elected by the brotherhood, voted on the losing side of a test vote, voting his convictions. "Texas Baptists have his number," was said concerning that messenger. Effort was made to get a more specific answer as to whom the speaker meant by "Texas Baptists." Was the whole brotherhood meant? The brotherhood as a whole believes in a messenger voting his convictions, even though he may vote on a losing side. Great numbers of other Texas brethren voted on the losing side, and great numbers who voted on the winning side were entirely friendly toward the messengers on the losing side. Evidently the speaker could not have referred to the brotherhood of Texas; if he did he is very ignorant of Texas Baptists.

Did the speaker mean that small coterie of Texas Baptists who chiefly compose the various boards and official committees? And that they were checking up on their fellow-members from Texas to see how they voted in the Convention, that they might be penalized later, or called to account for their votes? The circumstances and accompanying utterances of the speaker indicated that he meant this last group.

Now, the writer voted on the winning side of the test vote. He heralds it to the world that he did; he voted his convictions and has nothing to conceal. But he recognizes the right of his brethren to vote on the opposite side, the losing side, any side, that conviction and taste may dictate. A messenger has the inherent Baptist right to go to a Convention, any convention, and vote his honest convictions. When he has not that right, then our democratic institutions have

fallen from grace and can no more be denominated either democratic or Baptist.

And, what is more, any messenger has the right to vote his convictions in our conventions without being checked up, without his "number" being taken—whatever that means. Who has appointed a small coterie of brethren from any state to keep tab on the brethren when they vote? Since when did any of the brethren, whatever their position of leadership, attain the right to check up the voting of free Baptist messengers? We put some emphasis on this matter because we have heard on several occasions of late of dissatisfaction of a group of brethren with the conduct of another brother in a responsible place of leadership, and of plans to penalize him for his independence in voting and speaking and in the conduct of his denominational responsibility. In a Texas convention some years ago on a test vote a prominent Texas leader threatened a college president with dire penalties because he had the hardihood to oppose the threatening brother in a vote.

The writer knows enough about Texas Baptists to know that when it comes to penalizing messengers for their voting in conventions, the brotherhood will not stand for it. Texas Baptists can be lead, but they refuse to be driven by anybody under heaven. And if the brother whose vote was spied upon is penalized, we are going to tell the whole story of the threat in the statement about getting his number. A square deal is the right of every man. In Baptist ranks a square deal involves a man's right to his opinion, its expression, by word of mouth or by vote in any deliberative body. Let's keep our Baptist heritage of freedom, even if it shall involve relegating some folks to limbo.

Texas Baptist Finances

We are all interested in our denominational finances. The statement given below, which is directly from Secretary Groner's office, will furnish that information. The comparative statement is illuminating, and not over-discouraging.

Following the financial statement is Secretary Groner's letter, which interprets the situation quite expertly. We reprint it, though most preachers received it through the mails, because it is good reading for the brethren at large.

The Financial Statement

It is given for the first four months of this calendar year, plus the first seven days of May:

Month	1924	1925
Jan.	\$ 35,280.52	\$ 31,068.11
Feb.	21,071.39	38,154.29
Mar.	30,862.16	47,393.20
Apr.	352,747.67	177,994.83
Total	\$439,961.67	\$294,610.43

The letter

"I wish to call your attention to the enclosed statement prepared by Mr. Mason, the Treasurer of our Board. It gives comparative information concerning our receipts for the first four months, and up to May 7th inclusive, for 1925 and for 1924.

Praying For Rain in Times of Drouth

Times Like These Make Folks Think Seriously About Means of Relief

Shall we pray for rain? Certainly, if we need it, want it, and are willing to take the responsibility of its coming. It is just as reasonable to pray for rain as to pray for any material blessing. And, while we do not know whether it is best for the rain to come or not, we have to trust our best judgment in the matter, just as we do in praying for anything else.

In the dedication of the Temple by Solomon, the matter of drouth and rain are emphasized, and the formula for getting rain is given. Solomon states a conviction of the race that drouth is a penalty of sin, and that relief from drouth is to be found in repentance and reconsecration to God. And immediately following that dedicatory prayer there came to Solomon in a vision a lengthy message from Almighty God in which He emphasized the very same principle: that drouth is a penalty of sin, and that relief is in repentance and turning to God and request for the rain.

Has sin so encroached upon us that drouth has been sent as penalty? Who can doubt it! Sin is more rampant than ever before. There are more forms of debasing sins than at any former period. There are more patrons of sin than ever before. There is a sharper conflict between sin and righteousness than ever before. Certainly drouth might well have been sent upon us as a penalty for our sins as a people. We are not saying that goodness has died out of the world; far from it; we sincerely believe that there is more of goodness and real saintliness in the world than at any former period. And it is being opposed with ever increasing vehemence on the part of sin. It looks like we are coming to some great crisis of human history because of this sharpened opposition of sin and righteousness.

ancial affairs of the churches that business men give to their business, we will soon have both our denominational finances and our local church finances on a successful business foundation.

"I am sure you will indulge me for this letter. I am in position to interpret the situation in the State. Of course, we all greatly regret the heavy falling off in our receipts, but there is no necessity for our becoming depressed, rather, let us take it as a warning that all, and each must give his best thought and best effort to the improvement of our denominational finances. One exceedingly important matter is that each church shall remit each month to the Dallas office all denominational funds.

"I hope you will not think that I am unmindful of such local problems as every church has. I am sure that you have your own difficulties to deal with and your own problems to solve, and in my heart I feel the utmost sympathy for every pastor and every church treasurer in his effort to serve and conserve the interests of his church. Therefore, I wish to assure you of my most sympathetic interest in you and in your work, and of my heartfelt appreciation of your faithful efforts."

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Men and Movements

Pastor W. W. Wilkerson of Raymondville is enjoying fine success in his church work. He has been on the ground about three months now, and the church has almost doubled in membership during that time. A new parsonage is being built and a church building is in prospect for next year. Brother Wilkerson is getting acres of cotton consecrated to the church work, fifteen and a half acres of the best cotton in the Valley have been consecrated so far, which will make a pretty figure in the financing of the new church building next year. He also has in prospect fifty acres of onions that will be harvested next March, another fine addition to the new church. Some community division has hampered the work, but in spite of that impediment the church grows. Baptismal waters have been troubled twice on recent occasions. The Workers Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Association will meet with his good church on next Friday.

Rev. W. O. Dixon of Hebronville has accepted the call of the Agua Dulce church in connection with his work at Hebronville. This fine village church had a great revival some weeks ago and received more than sixty members, and is in fine condition for progressive work. Pastor Nixon will do all that a man can to develop the field.

Rev. J. C. Everett of the South San Antonio Church has been called by the Sinton Church. No announcement has yet been made of his decision. The Sinton saints are hopeful that he will accept.

Missionary J. P. King and Pastor D. P. Airhart keep hammering away at Ricardo with fine results. Seventeen have been added to the church up to Wednesday night. Doubtless twenty-five will be received by the end of the meeting.

The formal opening of the new meeting house, at Ricardo took place last Sunday afternoon. Rev. O. J. Cole of Bishop delivered the chief address, his theme being, "The Church." It was a most excellent message and thrilled his hearers with devotion to the church. Pastor Airhart and his people have done most excellently this year. With a start of thirty-nine members they have gone forward increasing in number, have built a beautiful church building that is adequate for the present, and open it with but a small indebtedness, nearly half of which was lifted last Sunday afternoon by those present.

The F. B. Stafford family of Central Church, Houston, have moved to Kingsville, where Brother Stafford is master mechanic in the Gulf Coast shops. This excellent family adds much strength to our cause in this portion of South Texas. They are loyal givers, untiring workers, capable in any realm of service they enter.

They are given very hearty welcome to our end of the world.

London Church is in a revival meeting this week that is going well. Pastor Ingle and his home folks are working hard and depending on God for results.

Two churches, or brethren of the churches, have built parsonages at Riviera Beach for their pastors, so that they can carry their families to the Encampment, enjoy it all, have a good living place, and at a nominal expense. It is a very gracious act and is very heartily appreciated by the pastors that profit. May the good work go on until every church has its Riviera Beach Parsonage. The next step will then be to provide a camp house for their young people, where they can come, properly chaperoned, and spend the entire time getting all the good out of the Encampment.

Evangelist T. T. Martin of Blue Mountain, Miss., well-known to Southern Baptists as an uncompromising opponent of evolution, editor of "Conflict," an anti-evolution paper, spent Sunday, May 18th, at Alpine, delivering some addresses there. He was accompanied by Singer Sam Raborn.

A notable occasion was the reception given the senior class of San Marcos Baptist Academy on a recent night by President and Mrs. J. V. Brown. More than fifty were in attendance upon the reception.

Pastor Judd B. Holt of Robstown reports ten additions to his church last Sunday. He and Brother J. J. Kellam continue the evangelistic meeting through this week. Interest grows from day to day.

Pastor Charles S. Harrison of Taft is one of the most persistent friends of the Baptist. He sends in subscriptions almost every week.

Pastor Geo. W. Coltrin, who lives at Mathis but serves George West, sends in a fine list of subscribers from George West, for which we thank him and take courage. He is a very dependable friend of the Baptist.

San Marcos Baptist Academy graduation exercises will be held June 2.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Krum, Texas, has accepted mission work in the Del Rio-Uvalde Association to begin at once. We give the hand of fellowship to Brother Mayes, having known him for so long, and appreciative of his work wherever he has gone. He will be a good addition to our working forces in Southwest Texas.

The Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick is still in the lime-light. He has accepted the call of the Park Avenue Baptist Church of New York City, upon condition that immersion be given up by the church, and anybody without doctrinal test be admitted to fellowship. The Rockefeller are the prominent members in this church. Suits us if it suits them, but we think they ought to leave off the name "Baptist," for there is now no semblance between it and a Baptist church—not a Southern church, at least.

The past three Sundays have been baccalaureate Sundays. The closing of the high schools and colleges have employed many preachers as baccalaureate preachers. Dr. I. E. Gates, First Church, San Antonio, preached the sermon for the Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, last Sunday. Dr. M. E. Weaver of Corpus Christi, preached the sermon for the Weatherford High School. Brother

Weaver's youngest son graduated with high honors this week.

Hambone says that "I've gin'allly alluz jes' tiaded, out er-Monday mawnin' atter mah' day uv res!" Hambone is not the only one tired out on Monday. These Sabbath-breaking folks who gallant across the country or golf or fish or swim exhaust a lot of energy besides violating one of God's fundamental laws.

Brother D. T. Jackson filled Pastor B. S. Franklin's pulpit at Alice during the pastor's absence at the Convention at Memphis.

Dr. George Green of Austin is assisting Pastor George Stuart at Wharton in a revival meeting.

The W. M. S. at Charlotte, Atascosa county, put on a novel entertainment recently that was entitled, "A Trip Around the World." The home of Mrs. Arthur Grief represented America, the starting point. The home was appropriately decorated in national colors, national songs were sung, and refreshments of American style were served. The home of Mrs. Roy Conser was next in line, and it represented Hawaii, where Hawaiian music and refreshments were had, little maidens dressed as Hawaiians serving. Then the home of Mrs. Tullos was visited which represented Japan, where Japanese decorations and refreshments made it realistic. The caravan then turned back to Mexico, which was represented at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wynn, Mexican music furnished by Mexican string band and refreshments making it seem very real. A stop at the Mixon hotel added novelty to the occasion, for it was fixed up to represent Africa, with an appropriate background provided. Then a visit to an empty house was made, which represented King Tut's tomb, where pseudo-wine was served from an earthen bowl reminding one of Egypt.

Lastly they all went to Alaska at the home of Mrs. Ed Stroman, where was witnessed a snow scene and a big burning fire—rather warm for the latter. The thing was so novel we pass the idea along to other W. M. S. societies that they may use it and have a royal good time while getting some valuable information. The women are very ingenious when it comes to providing novelties for instruction and entertainment. In fact we could not do without the "sistren."

The new \$75,000 Physical Education building is to be dedicated at San Marcos Academy on Monday, June 1, with appropriate ceremonies. Dr. I. E. Gates, First Church, San Antonio, is the principal speaker listed for the occasion.

Rev. E. Donaho of Sinton was a pleasant caller at our office on Thursday of this week. He has lived at Sinton for the last six years and served the churches in that section in an acceptable manner. He is putting some of his children in the State Teachers College at Kingsville.

President E. D. Burton of Chicago University died on Tuesday of this week. Dr. Burton has been continuously with the University of Chicago since its establishment thirty-two years ago. He became president two years ago upon the resignation of Dr. Harry Pratt Judson. Under his leadership a movement under way to secure seventeen million dollars for the University, six millions for endowment and the remainder for buildings.

A movement is on foot in Dallas to provide an assembly hall and gymnasium for Baylor University College

of Medicine. The religious work of the institution has been hampered for lack of room for general assembly. The expense of the movement will be borne by Dallas and the alumni of the Medical College we presume, for it would be untimely for the denominational till to be visited for the purpose.

Corpus Christi is putting on a Sunday-closing-enforcement campaign, seeing that all stores in Nueces county are closed tight on Sundays. It was worthy of remark while recently in Memphis, Tenn., that that great city was closed tight on Sunday. Most of the cafes even were closed up, and no places of business except drug stores open. The Sunday street crowd was small too. Tennessee may be behind Texas in many regards, but it believes in a reverent Sabbath, evidently. We ought to improve in that regard in Texas.

"Any man not contributing to the support of some church or organized religious work is living on charity—riding on some other man's transportation. If he really desires abatement of crime he would ally himself with those agencies which prevent or abate crime." That is sound doctrine good for everybody.

Some remarkable meetings have been held recently in Texas, and in most cases by pastors. Pastor Layton Maddox of Belton recently held a meeting which added more than a hundred to his church, most of the number by baptism. Pastor W. H. McKenzie of Waxahachie on a recent Sunday evening baptized 103 persons. And so the story runs. This year's record of baptisms in Texas is going to show a great number. The revival tide is flowing in. We praise God for it and take heart.

"I have never been busier," writes President J. M. Carroll of Carroll College, McAllen. This prince of preachers and bulldozers is carrying on like a man of thirty. We rejoice in him every time we see him or think of him. The College at McAllen is coming along. We hope to have a fine store to tell of it next week.

Riviera Beach is looking like a city. The big tabernacle is nearing completion, a number of cottages have been built, the new bath houses are being put up, the rearranged teaching pavilions are being put into condition, and the grounds are being properly laid off. New locations for buildings for churches and individuals are constantly being made. Secretary Judd b. Holt says that things are in perfect condition so far as program goes. Don't forget the dates, June 9 to 19.

The State Teachers College at Kingsville opens June 9 for the summer quarter. President Cousins announces everything in readiness. The First Baptist Church, Kingsville, is going to try to get in on the ground floor in the matter of looking after the religious welfare of the students.

Woman has put more spokes in the wheel of destiny than the gods contemplated.

One of the ways to keep the worst from happening is to prepare for it.

Silence used to be golden; it is now diamond for the first water.

To go without and look as if you like it is one of the first things to be learned in the world.

A thirty per cent Christian cannot be a hundred per cent American.

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The Noblest Ambition

(Abstract of a Baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. C. S. Harrison at the recent closing program of the Taft High School.)

Text: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth, glory in this—that he understandeth and knoweth me saith the Lord." Jer. 9:25.

From the admonitions of this text I hope to be able to emphasize some thought that will help all of us to a better understanding of the meaning of life, and move us to a deeper consecration to the things that are really worth while.

This is a wonderfully strange, though interesting period in which we now live. It is not a time that is hopelessly bad, and yet it is a time that is not encouragingly good. Whatever may be one's opinion as to the present trend of human affairs, all will certainly agree that there is a good deal that is out of gear.

It is not my purpose to raise the question as to whether the world is growing better or worse. There is a wide difference of opinion among men as to that.

There are a few things that are true of this period about which all are pretty well agreed. No one will deny that it is a time of hot, passionate discussion and snapshot conclusions. That it is a time when old theories are being contested by newer ones. When everything is being tested in the fires of modern criticism.

The World War shook to its foundations humanity's faith in almost every thing in which the human heart had trusted through the ages, and men are wondering today if all of the foundations of our faith are to be swept away.

Since this is true, it is a time when brain rather than brawn, when mind rather than muscle, is the common denominator in all of our factoring. The problems that await our solution now are problems that must be worked out in the realm of the human heart and intellect, rather than on the arena or the battlefield.

It is a time when we are in great danger of exalting too highly the three things mentioned in my text. Wisdom, power and riches are the things that are being made the chief goal of human endeavor. In fact these three things, riches, power and wisdom con-

stitute the trinity of the world's god, at whose shrine we worship with an almost heathen idolatry.

The text admonishes us not to make these things the goal of our endeavor. "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom." Wisdom is indeed a great thing. Solomon declares that it excelleth folly as the light excelleth darkness. "That it maketh the face to shine." "That is a defence."

To know and to know that you know will give you a place, a preeminence and power that is certainly not to be despised, but the possession of knowledge, merely for the sake of knowing, is not the true goal for us to seek. Knowledge is not the thing in which we are to glory. After all, the knowledge of the most learned is so limited in comparison with the unknown. A learned scholar once said, "We are at best but picking pebbles along the shore of the vast unknown."

The text also admonishes us not to glory in might. "Let not the mighty man glory in his might." The glorification of power has brought to this old world the despicable doctrine of, "Might makes Right," and falser doctrine has never cursed the world. The struggle for power has turned this world into a veritable hell again and again, and will continue to do so as long as men worship at the altar of worldly power.

"Neither let the rich man glory in his riches." Riches, like wisdom and power, are not to be despised. They have their place in the development of human affairs. There should never be an arrangement of affairs that would abolish all possibility of the accumulation of wealth, for this possibility has been and will ever be a great incentive to men for worthy endeavor, and has led men on to the accomplishment of things that have blessed the race. No sillier notion ever gripped the heart of men than the notion that gripped the hearts of the Reds of Russia and sent them forth in a crusade of destruction of wealth.

While that is true, the acquisition of wealth is never to be made the chief aim and end of life's endeavor.

The true goal of life is the goal of useful service. Unless our wisdom and power and riches shall be made instruments of useful service, they will prove a curse rather than a blessing. Riches and power will dig ditches between classes of men, and bigotry and pride will transform these ditches into bitterness and strife, and lead us on into a wilderness of endless con-

fusion. Sacrificial, useful service is the only thing that will bridge these chasms and hold men in close and right relationship with each other.

The world's idea of greatness is that he only is great who is greatly served. Christ's idea is that he only is great who is the-servant of all.

Christ taught us by both precept and example that one's real worth is to be measured by the service rendered. The call of this hour is the call to service. A service of the right quality. If we are to render useful service that is of the right quality there must be character back of it all.

In other words if our service is to be right and good and helpful, we must be right in heart and life. Robert Bagnell says, "The service a man renders is an index to his character, and a prophecy of his destiny."

Our service will therefore be but a reflection of the character of the one rendering the service. This brings us back to the last clause of the text to discover the source of noble character. "Let him that glorieth, glory in this—that he knoweth and understandeth me, saith the Lord."

It is at the feet of Jesus, submitted to His will, with the Bible as our guide, that we are to build character that will give back the right sort of service to humanity.

If in this time of widespread infidelity, my young friends, you shall be led to turn away from the Christ and the book of all books, the Bible, then you will make a fatal blunder that will blight your lives here and now, and leave you without hope in the life beyond. The Bible for these three thousand years has been the greatest force of earth. It is such today. It has done more to renew and govern human hearts than all of the laws ever enacted by the legislative bodies of earth. I commend to you the Bible. Know it in its deepest meaning, and the Christ that it portrays, and your life and service will bless the race whether you live in a place of prominence, or dwell in the depths of obscurity.

"Build these more stately mansions, O my soul,

As the swift seasons roll
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

Backsliding begins in the knees.

THE STATE EVANGELISTS'

The Executive Board in session at Dallas on last Tuesday outlined a new policy with respect to evangelism. A board of evangelism was created, if press reports may be relied upon for correct statement, and six evangelists ordered selected, by a committee, to be elected at the next formal meeting of the Board, June 19.

This new step will be welcomed by the majority of Texas Baptists as a forward step in our denominational life. Evangelism, missions, is the bond of unity among Baptists. All else fails when placed in the principal place; this always wins. The emphasis put on winning the unconverted will come nearer harmonizing all the differences that afflict Baptists, whether local or general, than anything else.

The Baptist hails this step with joy, and is anxious to see the force installed and at work. It will be difficult, however, to get together a list of six evangelists for the summer work at this late hour. At any rate the plans can be set up for a strong evangelistic force for the fall and for next year.

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Deacon M. H. Wolfe In Southwest Texas

Deacon M. H. Wolfe is one of the biggest men in Texas. He has not just arrived, either, but has been prominent in Texas Baptist affairs for many years, having served three terms as president of the Baptist General Convention, of the State Sunday School Convention, and in several other stations of religious trust. No man is heard more gladly by the average Texas Baptist than Deacon Wolfe.

It became known some weeks ago that he was contemplating a visit to this section the last week in May. Immediately numerous pastors began to try to get him for a service. Those that succeeded were fortunate, for he brought very edifying messages, and gave the brotherhood a touch with the denomination it does not enjoy every day. Brother Wolfe spoke at Taft, Sodville, Corpus Christi, Robstown and Bishop, and then went to the Valley where an itinerary was arranged for him by Drs. Hulien and J. M. Carroll. His first engagement in the Valley was at Harlingen on Wednesday night.

The editor of the Baptist heard him speak at Bishop on Tuesday night. It was a most excellent speech. Its subject was, "Religion." The speaker mentioned all the religions of earth that have attained any great prominence, naming Judaism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, Modernism, or German Kultur. Of each of these religions the speaker asked the question, What is the product of this religion? Of Judaism there was Abraham and the patriarchs; of Buddhism there is the superstition of India and its loathesome social conditions; of Confucianism there is the backward Chinaman; of Mohammedanism there is the unspeakable Turk who has murdered more than two hundred thousand Christians in cold blood within the last two years; of Modernism there is the World War. What is modernism? he asked. A cross between culture and infidelity. He paid his respects to that phase of modernism that is seeking to inject itself into our faith. Lastly he mentioned the religion of Jesus, and showed what its product is in the men and women of greatness who have been such blessings to the world. At the conclusion of his address he asked for a re-consecration of his hearers to the service of Christ, and every person in the house in-

stantly stood. It was a service to be long remembered.

Of his visit to Taft, a brother writes: "A splendid audience greeted him at Taft, and he gave our people a religious thrill the like of which they have not felt before. His message was a mighty blessing to all our hearts, and moved us to a deeper consecration of our lives to our Master and His cause. A large number of people went to Corpus Christi to hear him there in the afternoon, and to Sodville at night. He is doing us a world of good."

Some of the Corpus Christi brethren and sisters were so interested in Deacon Wolfe's messages that they went with him to all his engagements until he left for the Valley.

An Interesting Resolution

Press reports state that the morning hour of the Executive Board meeting last Tuesday was taken up by a discussion of the matters that the following resolution deals with, which was offered by Dr. F. M. McConnell of Bonham:

"Resolved, that we, the members of this executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, do hereby express our belief that the time has come when onslaughts against our denominational work and misrepresentation of our policies and work should be met at every point everywhere. We believe that our pastors, State missionaries, editors, secretaries and evangelists should actively, wisely and loyally meet and defeat all efforts to hurt or hinder our Baptist cause."

Amen!

We would venture a little word of friendly advice just at this point, however, namely: That resigning college teachers should be instructed to be a little more adroit when they give out interviews to the press explaining their resignations that they do not verify the contention of the chief critic. That has been so common for a few past years that whatever effort was made to offset criticism was knocked in the head.

One other word will also be suffered, we trust. Some years ago a rather pretentious effort was made to answer criticism and destroy critics by the official issuance of tracts, and the tracts degenerated to the level of the chief critic's methods and did much more

damage than benefit. Fighting the devil with his own fire is a dangerous business. An open policy that takes all the brotherhood into confidence is the surest defeat of destructive critics.

If somebody hadn't the courage to be stupid now and then the world would be a terribly dull place.

Religion was intended to be an armor, not a cloak.

The four-square man is the only one who is well rounded.

MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday the 30th is memorial day in the whole United States. It is one of the most widely observed holidays that we have.

The story of the origin of memorial day is full of interest. It originated at Columbus, Miss., on April 15, 1866, just after the close of the civil war. On that date three women of the town of Columbus went down to the Friendship Cemetery to decorate the graves of the Confederate dead. When they had finished, they looked at the bare graves of the federal dead, and decided to place some flowers on them, for, said they, they were some mother's boys, her darlings. So they put flowers without discrimination on all the graves. The local paper soon afterward told the story of their action. A New York paper heard the story and printed a lengthy editorial about the act, commending it in very high terms. If the Confederate women who had suffered so much could so soon forget and forgive, why not make it a general observance all over the country? it was asked. And the people gladly took to it, and congress passed an act making it a holiday.

Thus the gentle action of three Confederate women who had suffered many sorrows during the war started a movement that will last as long as America lives.

Formerly it was only the graves of civil war victims that were decorated. But in 1898 we had another war, the war with Spain, and since that year we have been decorating the graves of Spanish war victims. Then came the great world war and the number of graves has grown greatly, and now we have many, many graves to decorate with flowers and dampen with tears on this national holiday. May it be always observed, and made the occasion of kindling afresh the fires of patriotism in loyal hearts.

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