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Report of District Corresponding Secretary for Third Quarter

Big Spring—No. tithers, 6; Societies observing week of prayer, 2; Attending Standard of Excellence, 2; Mission Study Classes, 2; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 10; Baptist Standard, 21; Home Foreign Field, 5. Gifts to 1926 Program, \$161.80; Home Mission Thanks Offering, \$5.00; Buckner Orphans Home, Cash, \$186.50; Boxes, Value \$90.50; Old Ministers' Boxes, Value \$1.25; Associational Missions, \$26.00; City Missions, \$58.00; Charity, \$10.00; Miscellaneous, \$19.50; Rural Workers, \$13.75; Scholarships, \$9.50; Local Church, \$1072.01.

Haskell—Societies observing Week of Prayer, 2; Mission Study Classes, 2; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 9; Baptist Standard, 26; World Comrades, 7. Gifts to Home Mission Thank Offering, \$2.25; Old Ministers' Cash, \$15.00; Local Church, \$25.00; Rosabel Breedlove Loan Fund, \$10.00.

Jones—No. Tithers, 11; Societies observing Week of Prayer, 2; societies attaining Standard of Excellence, 3; Mission Study Classes, 1; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 20; Baptist Standard, 63; Home and Foreign Field, 1. Gifts to 1926 Program, \$10.00; Associational Mission \$150.00; Charity, \$13.05; Dist. and Associational Exp. Fund, \$5.00; Local church, \$526.05, only 2 societies reporting—Hamlin and Truby.

Lamesa—Societies observing Week of Prayer, 1; Mission Study Classes Held, \$5.00. Gift to Old Ministers' Cash, \$10.00; Miscellaneous, \$15.00; District and Associational Expense Fund, \$30.00. One society only reporting, Lamesa Church.

Mitchell-Scurry—Mission Study Classes, 9; No. Tithers, 12; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 36; Baptist Standard, 20; Home and Foreign Fields, 6; World Comrades, 1. Gift to Old Ministers, \$5.00; Associational Missions, \$26.34; Miscellaneous, \$129.00; Dist. and Association Expense Fund, \$12.00; Baylor Endowment Ins. \$8.50; Local Church, \$840.75; Margaret Fund, \$11.64.

Sweetwater—No. tithers, W. M. U., 43; Y. W. A., 33. No. Societies observing Week of Prayer, W. M. U., 6; Y. W. A., 1; Mission Study Classes, W. M. U., 9; Y. W. A., 3. Subscriptions to Royal Service, W. M. U. 55; Y. W. A. 10; Sunbeams, 10; to Baptist Standard, W. M. U. 94; Y. W. A. 5; Sunbeams 8; to Home and Foreign Fields, 7; to World Comrades, W. M. U. 8; Y. W. A. 2, Sunbeams, 3. Gifts to 1926 Program, \$1566.64; Y. W. A. \$198.85; G. A., \$66.13; Sunbeams, \$12.80; B. O. H., Cash \$179.86; Association Missions, \$45.54; City Missions, \$125.00; Charity, \$134.10; Miscellaneous, W. M. U. \$125.70; Y. W. A. \$57.15; Dist. and Associational Exp. Fund, \$6.35; Scholarships, Sunbeams \$2.40; Baylor Endowment Ins., Sunbeams \$2.40; Local Church, W. M. U., \$2934.92; Y. W. A. \$473.15; G. A., \$98.32; Sunbeams \$39.00; Fort Worth Seminary \$638.31; Charity-Fund (San.) \$31.50; Nurses Home (San.), \$100.00; Breedlove Loan Fund \$357.05; Lueders Encampment \$20.00; Love Gift to Miss Walker, \$145.00. Total \$6448.85.

Stonewall—No. tithers, women 64, G. A. 381; Mission study classes, 1; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 10; Baptist Standard, 12; Home and Foreign Field, 2; World Comrades, 10. Gift to Buckner Orphans Home, Cash \$161.00; Associational Missions, \$35.00; Charity, \$25.00; Miscellaneous, W. M. S., \$20.00; G. A. \$8.00. Local Church, \$540.00; Deposited on church Fund

Totals—1926 Program \$2016.21; Mission Thank Offering, \$7.25; B. O. H., cash \$527.36; B. O. H. Boxes \$90.50; Old Ministers' Cash \$25.00; Old Ministers' Boxes, \$6.25; City Missions \$183.00; Charity \$182.15; Miscellaneous, \$374.35; Dist. and Associational Expense Fund, \$54.35; Scholarships \$11.90; Fort Worth Sanitarium \$638.31; W. T. B. Sanitarium, Charity Fund \$31.50; Nurses Home \$100.00; Rural Worker, \$13.75; Breedlove Loan Fund, \$367.05; Baylor Endowment Ins. \$10.90; Margaret Fund, \$11.64; Lueders Enc., \$20.00; Love Gift to Miss Walker, \$145; Local Church, \$6549.20.

Grand Total \$11,648.55
Jessie K. Hunter,

Fifteen Students from Simmons University attended the National meeting of the Baptist Students Union at Birmingham, Ala., last week.

ABILENE DIST. BENEVOLENCE REPORT

July, August, September, 1926
B. O. H., Cash \$318.81
B. O. H. Boxes 155.45
W. T. B. Sanitarium Cash 148.25
W. T. B. Sanitarium, Boxes 55.05
Ministerial Relief, Cash 34.65
Ministerial Relief, Box 1.25
Total \$713.91

Associations reporting this quarter—Fisher, Mitchell-Scurry, Lamesa and Big Spring. Items added from Jones and Sweetwater Secy. Reports. Mrs. K. S. Beckett, Chm.

MISSIONS

Christianity is distinctively a missionary religion. Its purpose is to carry the story of the cross to every lost person. Jesus said in the great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

He is showing us our supreme obligation to give Christ to the world. Are we giving our best to accomplish the task to which we are called?

We know it is impossible for each individual to go in person, but, through the program fostered by our W. M. U., we can have a part.

We will observe during Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, our week of prayer as we approach this service it is well to remember the need of earnest prayer, that we as individuals, may help raise the minimum sum of \$300,000 for the debt on the Foreign Mission Board.

Jesus is his retiring said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Let us as a band of women rally as never before to the great call and help raise this debt.

"We are well able."
Mrs. J. Henry Littleton.

\$300,000 Goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Encouraged by the success of the efforts last year for the Love Gift for foreign missions, the Woman's Missionary Union at its meeting in Houston included in its plan of work for this year, \$300,000 as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, to be applied on the debt of the Foreign Board. The date for the week of prayer was moved up from the first week in January to November 29 to December 3, immediately following Thanksgiving and preceding the busy Christmas season. It is a sad commentary on our so called service that we become so occupied in preparing to celebrate Christ's birthday, that we forget Christ Himself. But so it has largely become.

As the time approaches and the societies are receiving the programs and literature, we would urge that the most thorough preparation be made.

Each program should be studied carefully and rendered conscientiously and with much prayer. Our burdened missionaries and our board need our prayers perhaps as never before. Only the sustaining grace of God can save them from utter discouragement and failure, and from cynicism and doubt. How can they reconcile the lavish outlay for our work at home with the drastic cutting of appropriations on their fields? How must the inconsistency of our actions contrast with the high courage and holy zeal with which we sent them out? Yes, we should pray for our missionaries. We should pray for Dr. Love and his co-workers.

But before these prayers can become effective, we need to do some wrestling with God in our own behalf, that He will break up the deeds of our being and bring us face to face with Him in repentance, confession and new consecration of life. Was the Savior's last command given to the missionary any more than to each of us? Is not our duty to send as clear as his to go?

As Dr. Gambrell often pointed out, with Baptists everything depends upon their spirit. Our present difficulties could not exist for an hour if something were not wrong with our spirit. Let us get right with God and get a new vision of our duty to the

The W.M.U. and Our Subscription Contest

The West Texas Baptist this week will go into the homes of about 4,000 W. M. U. workers in West Texas. We are requesting these good women to read carefully about our great subscription campaign in this issue as outlined on page three. A great effort is being made to greatly increase the circulation of the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard between this time and January 1st. Associations all over the West are entering the campaign and it looks now that the campaign is going to be a great success.

We are very anxious to secure the help of the W. M. U. in this campaign. Our women have never failed on any great undertaking they have made. We know if they decide to lend a helping hand in this contest they will become a mighty factor in putting over a great subscription getting program. Many of the W. M. U. members who received the paper this week are not subscribers to these two papers. Will you not send in your subscription NOW. Others who are subscribers will be glad to enlist their neighbor in sending in a subscription, thus helping to double the circulation. We are counting on the W. M. U. in this campaign.

CISCO ASSOCIATION

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Cisco Association met with the Parks Baptist Church and their good Pastor, Rev. M. A. Smith of Cisco. The attendance was not large throughout the session, and some whose names were on the program were not present; but their places were filled; and the discussions were up to the high-water mark.

The sermon Friday night by W. H. Johnson of the First Church, Ranger, deserves special mention. It was a great message on conversion; and at the close, one strong man, under deep emotion surrendered his life to God.

Harris Trant of Breckenridge, speaking in the place of Dr. Sandefur, President of Simmons University, brought a great message on the cooperative program of Southern Baptists.

Hitt, Miller, Pierce and Hamlin, of Ranger Central Church, stirred us with their splendid messages.

One of the high points in the meeting was Sunday afternoon, when the B. Y. P. U. Convention met. This session was presided over by Bro. Lawson, the newly elected President.

The Breckenridge Orchestra, led by Bro. Lawson, swept the congregation, like a prairie fire. Bro. Hamlin brought a

splendid mission message and a number surrendered for special service.

The young people of this Association are taking hold of the B. Y. P. U. work with an earnestness that means success.

The Parks church entertained us in royal fashion, and we are hoping they will let us come again.

CONVENTION ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK

Next week's issue of the West Texas Baptist will be circulated at the Texas Baptist Convention which convenes at San Antonio November 17. We are anxious to get a good report from over the field for that issue. Have your report in by Tuesday Morning.—Editor.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The Bible, our authority for missionary endeavor, has a distinctively missionary message. Therefore, we recommend using study courses which emphasize its missionary teachings. Missionary study has become a definite part of the work of every progressive church. Missionary Education is now finding a place on the program of associations and conventions.

The need for missionary education is greater today than it has ever been. We, as Southern Baptists, are halting in Kadesh Barnea because our people do not have the benighted peoples of this world on our hearts. Another generation must go forward. Many Christians are in a state of coma as to missionary progress. All they need to arouse them to active service is to hear again as perhaps often times before the "Still small voice" saying unto them, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; the harvest indeed is plenteous but the laborers are few; as the Father hath sent me even so send I you; study to shew thyself approved of God."

To open the eyes and focus the attention of all our women and young people upon world wide needs, let us urge all Women's Missionary Societies to have at least one study class each year, preferably one in each circle, effort being made to have the study of a foreign mission book preceding the observance of December week of Prayer and a home Mission book before the march week of prayer, also let us have at least one class a year in each of our young peoples organizations. Where we can not get classes taught and examinations given, get the women and young people to read mission book and receive award card and reading stamps. Our State Reading Committee recommends the following mission books:

Home mission Books—
"A New Day in the Country Church," Harlan; "Along the Highway of Service," Buhlmaier; "Cuba for Christ" (revised), Lawrence; "The Oak and Laurel," Whitcomb; "The Large Stewardship," Cook—(credited on home and foreign certificate only); "Veterans of the Cross," Lunsford.

Foreign Mission Books—
"Today's Supreme Challenge to America," Love; "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chili," Hart; Prayer and Missions, Mrs. Helen Montgomery; "Looking Ahead with Latin America," High; "China's Real Revolution," Hutchinson; "Baptists in Italy," Chiminelli.

We will have during the year two new foreign mission books, "The Life of Miss Lottie Moon" by Mrs. Ura Roberts Lawrence and "Glimpses of Missionary Life" Blanche Rose Walker, also one new home book, "The Church and Rural Life." We still substitute "The Plans of Salvation" for "The Christian in Social Service" as a required book on course No. II.

There are several other books that will give credits but are not recommended by our State reading committee.

Mrs. Charles T. Whaley
District Mission Study Chairman

EVANGELIST R. L. ESTES CLOSES GOOD MEETING AT NACOGDOCHES

NACOGDOCHES, Texas—We have just closed a very gracious meeting with Brother Bonnie Grimes and his good church at Nacogdoches, Texas. We were there just two weeks and there were about 100 conversions, 85 additions to the church, many revived and some 15 surrendered for special service in The Lord's Kingdom.

Brother Grimes is one of God's noblemen. It was a great joy to labor with him and he is respected all over town as a him. His people love him very tenderly man among men.

Brother Chas. Russell Boud, one of the Seminary students, lead the music for the meeting. Brother Boud is a fine young man and a good singer. The people were delighted with him and his work in the meeting.

We go next to Burk Burnett, Texas. Remember us in your prayers.—R. L. Estes.

ATHEISM AGAINST SCIENCE BELIEF, DISCOVERER SAYS

Chicago, Oct. 24.—If Professor Robert K. Millikan discoverer of the Millikan Ray and noted physicist of the California Institute of Technology were forced to choose between fundamentalism and atheism, he would choose fundamentalism, because the teachings of atheism, he said in an address tonight are contrary to the teachings of science. He criticized fundamentalism however, because, he said, it attempts to transgress into the known when its province as a religion is with the unknown.

Professor Millikan paid high tribute to the spirit of Christianity and teachings of Christ as exemplifying truth and service and declared them compatible with the belief and teachings of science.—Star-Telegram.

The Central Baptist Church has extended a call to Rev. W. G. Tankersley to again become its pastor. We understand that he now has this call under consideration.

HASKELL ASS'N. HOLDS LEAD W.T.B.-STANDARD CONTEST

AN OPEN LETTER

The representatives from the Abilene District were very proud of their women when, at the Executive Board Meeting in October, Mrs. McGarity gave her report on the District Scholarship Fund. She reported that when Miss Atwood entered she would find the money for her first term's expenses awaiting her. This is the goal we have reached and we must never let it be lowered. It is now time to add in the amounts for this year's fund. The money must be in at the earliest date possible in order that it may be in Mrs. McGarity's fund for the winter expenses. We are exceedingly anxious that our Scholarship Girl be able to give her best to her studies and to service and we will bear her financial load. Please let us attend to this matter at once. Our record must not fall.

November is the month given to the collecting of the District and Associational Expense Fund. One Association has already sent in a check for this amount. Let the others please follow her encouraging example. The amount is to be fifty cents per member—not only of your societies but fifty cents from every woman who is a member of your church. Some of this money is needed in the Association and all should be sent in by the close of November. One half remains in Association and one half is sent to District as in previous years.

Let your secretary thank the Associational Secretaries for their good reports. All have reported except one and letters have been received from that one Association. The reports are good but could have been better if all societies had reported to their Association.

Sincerely yours in the Work,
Jessie K. Hunter,
Dist. Cor. Sec.

STANDING OF ASSOCIATIONS IN SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Haskell Association	41,000
Fisher Co. Association	30,000
Big Spring Association	26,000
Callahan Association	26,000
Cisco Association	18,000
Jones County Association	16,000
Runnels Co. Association	14,000
Mitchell-Scurry Association	9,000
Brownfield Association	4,000
Sweetwater Association which is not in contest	70,000

The subscription contest which was begun last month to increase the circulation of the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard, is still growing in interest, judging from the reports coming in from over the field. Figures on the number of Baptists in the association are not available at this time, and we are not in position to give the standing of the associations on the percentage basis. It will be noticed from the above figures that some of the associations have made decided gains since last week. The Haskell Association is still leading in the contest. Fisher County made the largest gain during the past week, the total gain being 22,000. Callahan County made the next largest gain of 16,000 units. Runnels County made a gain of 12,000 and Big Spring Association a gain of 11,000.

The Callahan Association at its Fifth Sunday meeting at Atwell voted heartily to enter the contest and plans were made to make a thorough canvass of every church in the association. This is not a strong association numerically, but it has in it some of the most aggressive pastors and laymen in the entire West, and we are predicting that they are going to make some of the sister associations get real busy before January 1st.

The Big Spring Association is also putting on an aggressive campaign for the two papers. Mrs. S. H. Morrison is taking the lead in this work. The association is now without a pastor, but the W. M. U. of that association is taking the matter in hand, and whenever the good women start out to win a thing, folks had better look out.

The Fisher County Association is also getting real busy, as will be seen by the fact that they jumped to second place in the contest with a gain of 22,000 over last week. Missionary J. C. Parks is the leading spirit out that way and he is backed up by a mighty fine group of workers.

The Jones County Association is also preparing for an intensive campaign. Missionary F. A. Pope writes that they have been real busy winding up the Fall campaign, but now that the round-up is over that section will be heard from.

The Cisco Association has been rather quiet during the past week, but you never can tell just what is going on in a great association like the Cisco. If that section produces subscriptions during the next two months like they produce oil, the circulation of our papers will be more than doubled during the campaign.

The standing in the individual campaign is not being published this week. So far there have not been many entries in this contest, but a number of workers are getting busy over the associations. There is plenty of time yet to get busy in either the associational or the individual contest. This contest is unique in that the primary object of the contestants is not to win the prizes from a purely personal or selfish standpoint. It is true there is a personal appeal to it, but the greatest appeal is the fact that in placing the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard in our West Texas homes an estimable service is being rendered.

Several hundred notices are being mailed out to subscribers whose subscriptions are now due or that will be due between this time and January 1. When responses begin to come in from these notices the associational standings of the candidates will be greatly boosted.

Over two hundred workers attended the Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. meeting at Merkel last Sunday. Missionary John W. Newsom states that the meeting was one of the best the association has had.

Report of Our District Young Peoples Leader

By Lillias Penick District Leader
There are three new Associational Young People's Leaders we are glad to welcome in this work, namely Miss Louise English, Knox City, new Leader for Haskell Association; Mrs. Theo Ashby, Ackerly, Texas, P. O. Box 162 is the new Associational Leader for Lamesa Association; and Mrs. Geo. Alexander is the new Mitchell-Scurry Associational Leader. Several W. M. U.'s have appointed local Young People's Leaders this past quarter and it is hoped all who have not done so do this now.

There are a number of new Young People's organizations in the District organized the past quarter. Among them in Big Springs there is a Sunbeam Band at Prairie View with 15 members; a G. A. at Knott with 6 members; a R. A. at Midland with 10 members; and two Y. W. A.'s, one at Midland with 12 members and one at Greenwood with 10 members. The Associational Leader, Miss Anna Lee King of Midland, deserves much credit for these five new organizations. Since Lueders Encampment where she took the Leadership Course and became very enthusiastic about the missionary training for the Young People of her Association.

In Haskell Association, Miss Vivian Young, the Rural Summer Worker, organized at O'Brien a Sunbeam Band, Junior G. A. and Intermediate G. A., and at Sweet Home one of the best rural churches a Sunbeam Band, G. A. and R. A. at Rochester a Sunbeam Band with Mrs. L. E. Frazier, Leader, with 23 members; and a Junior G. A. with Mrs. W. J. Howell Counselor, and 15 members. No doubt Miss Louise English the New Associational Leader deserves much credit for the Intermediate G. A. of 8 members in her home town, Knox City. She is the Counselor, Elza Parris, the President and Clara Clarke, Secretary; also for the Sunbeam Band of which Mrs. C. R. E. Weaver is Leader, Alice Reese, President and Lenora English, Secretary.

The new Leader in Lamesa Association has organized a new Y. W. A. in her home church, Ackerly, with Miss Ruth Graves, president, and 10 members.

Snyder in Mitchell Scurry Association has several new organizations, now only lacking an Intermediate R. A. of being a full graded W. M. U. Mrs. C. F. Sentell is the new Sunbeam Leader with Fred Baron, Secretary, and 30 members; Mrs. O. D. Harris, Junior G. A. Counselor with 10 members, the Intermediate G. A.'s have 12 members and Junior R. A.'s with Chas. Dodson as Chief Counselor have 20 members. We wish many other churches would follow the example of this church and the one in Aspermont in Fisher Association which have set up almost full graded Young People's organizations and gone to work to really train in Missions. It was last quarter Aspermont under the Leadership of Mrs. A. C. Turner the pastor's wife organized these young people's organizations.

Sweetwater our largest and best established Association has a number of new organizations and is destined under the capable leadership of Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater to organize many more in the near future. She now has 17 young people's organizations, one more than W. M. U.'s. But there is a great field, especially among the rural churches for new organizations.

No doubt the above is not all the new Young People's organizations in the District, and if there are others your District Leader would be so glad to hear from them, she would like to know their leaders, officers and membership and will be glad to report them later in West Texas Baptist. We can only report those reported to us.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

The Woman's Missionary Society realized many years ago that if Southern Baptists were to ever put over a Foreign and Home Missionary program that would please Jesus Christ, that she must train her children and her boys and girls in Missions. Since to the mother usually falls the greatest responsibility of training the child religiously it was the mothers as W. M. U. members that realized that the reason so few

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HOW ABOUT THIS?

"Will Rogers, perhaps the world's greatest living humorist, will render a program at the First Baptist Church, Abilene on Nov. 10. He will be assisted in the program by the De Reszke Singers, a quartet that has made quite a reputation all over the United States. The tickets for the program will range from \$1.50 to \$3.00."—West Texas Baptist.

What do you think of that one of the most prominent Baptist churches in Texas putting on a thing of this kind? In what respect does a Baptist church that puts on "programs" of this kind and theatres differ?

Also, in what respects were those fellows in Christ day who were in the Temple selling doves, etc. for offerings whom He drove out any more ungodly than these money changers? He said to them "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves."—Plain Talk News. (Caldwell.)

The program referred to above is to be given under the auspices of the Simmons University Cowboy Band. The First Baptist Church granted the use of the auditorium to the University because of the fact that there was not another auditorium in the city that was large enough for the occasion. Of course the church will not benefit in a financial way from the program. As the above news item appeared in the news columns of the West Texas Baptist, we feel in justice to the church that this explanation be made.

Nothing is easier than fault finding; no talent, no self denial, no brains, no character are required to set up a grumbling business.

There are some things which are neither good nor which are pleasant but not good; as youthful lusts and pleasant: as envy and detraction. There are some things worldly delights. There are some things are good but not pleasant; as sorrow and affliction. There are some things which are both good and pleasant; as truth and virtue.—Ex.

GOD'S WAY IS BEST

Not ours to know the reason why unanswered is our prayer,
Be ours to wait for God's own time, to lift the cross we bear.

Not ours to know the reason why from loved ones we must part,
But ours to live in faith and hope, through bleeding be the heart.

Not ours to know the reason why this anguish strife and pain,
But ours to know a crown of thorns—Thy grace for us to gain.

A cross, a bleeding heart, a crown, what greater gifts are given!
Be still my heart and murmur not; these are the keys to heaven.

'Tis ours to know, aye, learn it well—it is the Master's way,
They serve Him best who ask not why, who live but to obey.

'Tis our hearts to know the better part whereby a crown is won,
Then loving God, I ask not why. Thy will, not mine, be done.

Yes, Thy way, Lord, not mine, I pray, I give to Thee my will,
And humbly seek Thy grace and aid, this better part to fill.

It was not always thus with me—I loved my way the best,
But that is past; Thy way is mine; in it alone is rest.

—Arthur Unknown.

AN UNEXPECTED TURN IN THE ROAD

The following comment on the September 26 Sunday School lesson by Sunday School Young People and Adults Magazine deserves a careful reading by young and old alike.

"Personal purity is insisted upon by both the Old and the New Testament. It is necessary to the purity of the human family. So strongly did Jesus insist upon personal purity that he placed the violation of the seventh commandment in the realm of those things which may be violated without any actual act of wrong doing. The evil desire harbored in the heart constituted a violation of this commandment.

"All students of present day conditions must be alarmed at the fearful downward trend in social life. The fight waged for years against a double standard of morals seems to have had a curious outcome—one which those who advocated the change never dreamed would result. For many years women would associate freely, and with apparent real enjoyment, with men whose lives were as black as midnight; with men who were notoriously guilty of things which would drive a woman out of all respectable social circles if her life were stained the same way.

"In season and out of season men with high standards of purity cried against it. It was not fair to drive a woman out of respectable circles and allow the man to move among pure, good women as a welcome guest in the select social circles. Men and women should be placed on the same basis. Then a large group of young women accepted the challenge—they wished to be placed on

an equal basis with their brothers. If the man could go all the paces and get by with it why could not they? And they proceeded to go all the pace. Women began to smoke, swear, engage in immoral, suggestive dances; the "intermission" came into vogue at the dances, when from 1 o'clock a. m. to 2 o'clock couples would vanish from the ball room and wander off in automobiles, spending the hour in "petting parties." It was the fashion, and many a refined, high-toned young woman was swept off her feet and plunged into a condition which was utterly revolting to her. Many, of course, escaped the clutches of the human vipers, but every one who is a student of present day conditions knows that the picture is not overdrawn; the fact is, it is not half told. In North Carolina in the year 1925 there were more than 4,800 illegitimate births; and the welfare workers are generally agreed that that represents scarcely more than ten per cent of the result of the fearful debauch of immorality into which the social life of the present generation has been plunged."

The pastors of the various churches at Olney in Young county are in a fight to prevent the picture shows from operating on Sunday. The pastors and religious workers in most of the oil towns deserve the prayer and sympathy of our people.

A Going Away Gift

This time the gift was "from" and not "to" the one who was leaving. It happened in this fashion. In the summer there was sent to the W. M. U. headquarters in Birmingham a series of Chinese sketches which had been written by Miss Blanche Rose Walker of Kaifeng, China, the author expressing the hope that they might be published in booklet form, thus increasing interest in the clearing of the debt on the Foreign Mission Board. Realizing that the Woman's Missionary Union does not publish books but remembering that it was largely due to the tireless zeal of Miss Blanche Sydnor White of the Virginia W. M. U. headquarters that there is the book, "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile," the manuscript was mailed on to Miss White. Its note of missionary triumph struck a responsive chord in her heart and she decided that with additional stories there could be put forth and not just a booklet but a real mission study book. Accordingly, she got in touch with two other Kaifeng missionaries, who were on furlough, Miss Addie Estelle Cox and Rev. H. M. Harris, securing much valuable material from them.

Really, just in this connection came the caption for this article, for in a very true sense the material from Miss Cox was a "going-away present." On one of the very last nights of her furlough she sat up until far past midnight writing reminiscences of her seven years in China!

With such "blood-bought" stories in her possession Miss White arranged with the Foreign Mission Board for the immediate publication of the book under the pleasing title of "Glimpses of Missionary Life." There are five chapters in the book, each having its set of questions for the recommended examination to be rewarded with a foreign mission seal. The suggestive chapter titles are: A Call; Many Gods; Social Customs; From Village to Village; Results. The price, postpaid, is only 25 cents and orders for it may at once be sent to Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Twofold at least is the purpose of publishing this book: (1) to give to W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members a "brand-new" foreign mission book for study just before the December Week of Prayer; (2) to quicken interest in the Christmas offering by a recital of Christian victories among heathen women and children. As it comes from the press, Miss Cox (and perhaps Miss Walker also) will just be getting back into the life so appealingly presented by the book. May its use fully justify not only its publication but many previous sacrifices.

But it is a "gift"—costing only the 25 cents, only the reading and meditation, only the gathering of a group for careful and prayerful study thereof, only a Christmas offering matching if possible its story of sacrifice, service and salvation! Be sure to accept and acknowledge it!

The Florida Hurricane

By A. J. Holt

I was not in the worst part of the storm. It did its greatest damage in Miami and vicinity and Moore Haven on Lake Okechobee. Punta Gorda, on the west coast, suffered the loss of perhaps \$250,000 in property, but no loss of life. While Miami suffered the loss of perhaps 200 millions of dollars in property, with 400 known dead, and possible as many more unknown as yet, Moore Haven, a much smaller place, suffered quite as much in proportion, with a much greater loss of life in proportion. It is said that Moore Haven is dead are Moore Haven's toll.

Miami Beach, an island strip some seven miles in length, and connected with the city across Biscayne bay by two causeways, suffered indescribable loss of life and property. Houses not solidly built, such as bathing resorts, were utterly demolished. The whole island was under a raging sea! Thousands were left homeless. The greatest loss of life was with women and children, especially the latter. Every one possible donned bathing suits that they might the better get about in the flooded city. Automobiles by the thousands were overturned, smashed, tossed about and wrecked. Shipping was swept ashore, and huge boats were carried inland and stranded in the city and suburbs. Personal deeds of heroism would fill a book. Personal records of suffering would fill another. Perhaps one thousand people in Miami were maimed. The wind held steadily on with increasing violence from Friday evening, all day Saturday, all night Saturday night, and only began to abate about 4 a. m. Sunday.

In Moore Haven the water of the lake had been conserved by locks, which at the last became unmanageable and had to be dynamited. Water was deeper all over Moore Haven than in Miami. Moore Haven was utterly depopulated and is yet without an inhabitant. The post office is at Sebring, fifty miles away, and a guard will not allow any of the inhabitants to return until the water is not only completely assuaged, but until the decaying bodies of people and animals are buried. No one can be buried in Moore Haven, as it is all under water. Many dead bodies are in drifts and wrecked homes and the site must be rendered sanitary before the inhabitants can return.

To-day mothers do not know the fate of their children. Husbands know not the fate of their wives. Families have been so scattered that it has been and is yet impossible for many families to tell whether their loved ones are living or dead.

One of our Baptist deacons in Moore Haven is the appointed officer to identify dead bodies, if possible. This is to be done by rings, teeth fillings, scant remnants of marked clothing, but rarely by features. It is a gruesome endeavor. One woman I saw in Sebring knows not if her husband and two children are living or dead. She and one child are all the family she knows of out of a family of five. One man lost his wife and three children and he alone survives.

Did you every see a hurricane? I tried in vain to get to my garage to

try and shut the door, as the top was blowing off. To bend one's strength to face a wind blowing 100 miles an hour is an experience. It blew me down twice. I was glad to give up the endeavor. In the midst of the fiercest of it I was conscious of the presence of God, and I actually praised Him for His power. I was not the least frightened when I beheld trees blown down, houses demolished, our church unroofed, the pastor's home rocking. I actually felt an indescribable sense of security. I talked with God and pleaded with Him to spare my people, which He did. We do not try to interpret this scourge. The Lord had His purposes in it. I doubt not His wisdom nor His love. The storm brought the people together to endure only the great calamities. It also disclosed the heart of the nation that rushed to our relief.

NOTES FROM SNYDER

Plans are well under way for placing the Snyder church out of debt as regards the last year's work. A far better year is expected next year.

Pastor G. W. Land reports the work going in a splendid way at Ira. On the 24th a Junior and a Senior B. Y. P. U. were organized. Services were especially fine. On the following Monday the W. M. U. was re-organized and will meet regularly on Monday evenings. One is led to believe that things are happening fast down at Ira now and the growth of the church is expected by all with a knowledge of this splendid community and with Bro. Land.

The Snyder Senior B. Y. P. U. put on a program at Gail on the 24th to an appreciative audience. This phase of the work is to be emphasized by the Snyder Union for the next few months.

A good representation is expected at the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Roscoe on the 31st.

HEARD BY THE WAYSIDE

I've heard a white Baptist preacher speaking from the pulpit say "brung," meaning "brought."

I've heard a student preacher say "have saw" and "have went;" this same preacher is a student in a really fine christian college.

I've heard an ignorant preacher bring a great Gospel message.

I've heard an old preacher who had no earthly possessions, thank God, praying, that the lines had fallen to him in pleasant places and he had a goodly heritage.

I've heard the negro with all his faults and imperfections acknowledge Jesus as a personal Savior, ascribing honor and majesty to his Redeemer as only a negro can.

I've heard a negro preacher ring a message that was thrilling in its effects.

I've heard white folks claiming to be christians deny the same race the right to worship in church capacity.

I've heard that somewhere in a Book that it reads, that God is no respecter of persons—See if you can locate such book and find such teaching.

—Contributed.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report

RECEIPTS:	EXPENSE FUND	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$138.79
July 10, Big Spring Association		2.15
July 12, Jones Association Love Gift to Miss Hawkins		1.25
July 19, Refund from Bible Scholarship fund		29.15
Aug. 9 Dallas Office		30.00
Aug. 26, Sweetwater Association		3.00
Sept. 10, Fisher Association		5.65
	Total	\$209.99

DISBURSED:		
July 13, Miss Hawkins		\$ 1.25
Aug. 7, Presidents expenses with State Con-Secy.		20.08
Aug. 7, Stamps, cards, telephone calls for Pres.		3.80
Aug. 7, Half of Pres. expenses to State Convention		30.00

October 1, Balance on hand	\$ 55.13
	\$154.86

RECEIPTS:	BREEDLOVE LOAN FUND	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$ 45.50
July 1, Sweetwater Association, First Church, Abilene		131.95
July 29, Sweetwater Association, First Church, Abilene		100.76
Aug. 26, Sweetwater Association, First Church, Abilene		123.55
Sept. 30, Sweetwater Association, First Church, Abilene		116.72
	Total	\$518.48

DISBURSED:		
July 3, Simmons University		\$177.45
Aug. 2, Simmons University		100.76
Sept. 1, Simmons University		123.55
Sept. 30 Simmons University		116.72
	Total	\$518.48

October 1, Balance on hand	\$00.00
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RECEIPTS:	BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$ 25.95
July 10 Big Spring Association, Midland \$1.50,		
Big Spring First Church 1.00, 3rd, 70		3.20
July 20, Big Spring Association		2.50
Aug. 30, Big Spring Association, Greenwood Church		2.00
Sept. 5, Mitchell-Scurry Association		4.00
Sept. 30, Big Spring Association		5.00
	Total	\$ 42.65

DISBURSED:		
July 13, Refund Expense Fund		\$ 29.15
Oct. 1, Balance on hand		13.50

RECEIPTS:	WEST TEXAS BAPTIST SANITARIUM	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$ 00.00
Aug. 23, Fisher Association part on room for nurses home		38.00
Sept. 10, Fisher Association part on room for nurses home		24.75
Sept. 30, Sweetwater Association, First Church Abilene for Charity fund West Texas Baptist Sanitarium		23.50
	Total	\$ 86.25

DISBURSED:		
Aug. 23, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium		\$ 38.00
Sept. 10, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium		24.75
Sept. 10, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium		23.50
	Total	\$ 86.25

October 1, Balance on hand	\$00.00
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RECEIPTS:	BAYLOR BELTON ENDOWMENT	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$ 20.00
July 19, Mitchell-Scurry Association		5.00
Aug. 23, Mitchell-Scurry Association		1.00
	Total	\$ 26.00

October 1, Balance on hand	\$26.00
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RECEIPTS:	VAN NESS FUND	
July 1, Balance on hand		\$ 12.00
July 1, Haskell Association		12.00
July 13, Jones Association		12.50
Aug. 30, Big Spring Association		7.50
Sept. 4, Mitchell-Scurry Association		1.50
Sept. 4, Big Spring Association		2.50
	Total	\$ 48.00

October 1, Balance on hand	\$48.00
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BALANCES:		
Expense Fund		\$154.86
Bible Scholarship Fund		13.50
Baylor Belton Endowment		26.00
Van Ness Fund		48.00
Breedlove Loan Fund		.00
State Executive Board Scholarship		.00
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium		.00
White Cross		.00
	Total	\$242.36

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Personal Service Report For the Abilene District

Quarter Ending Sept. 30, '26.

Big Spring—Devotional Services 4; Visits 210; Conversions 7; Pieces good literature 330; Garments 62; Baskets of food 74; Hours of nursing 31; No. engaged in personal service 75; In outside charity 25; Mrs. Flora Ranyon, Coahoma, Chairman.

Fisher—Services 8; Visits 81; Good literature 2; Hours of nursing 110; Engaged in personal service 10; Mrs. A. M. Josey, Sylvester, Chairman.

Haskell—Services 10; Visits 85; Hours of nursing 5; Mrs. L. E. Frazier, Rochester, Chairman.

Jones—Services 12; Visits 238. Conversions 30; Bibles 8; Good literature 17; Garments 19; Baskets of food 4; Hours of nursing 396; Engaged in personal service 34. Mrs. J. J. Gentry, Lueders, Chairman.

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Sweetwater—Services 2; Visits 3646; Conversions 20; Bibles 26; Good literature 1126; Garments 522; Baskets 86; Hours of nursing 362; Engaged in personal service 452; In outside charity 30. Mrs. T. W. Farris, Sweetwater, Chairman.

Haskell's report came in first and all on time except Big Spring. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Chairman.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

J. C. Parks

Rev. J. L. Mitchel has resigned the care of the church at Avalon. We regret to lose this good man from our Association.

Rev. J. J. Gentry of Lueders has been called to the church at Hiltson. We do not know whether he will accept or not.

We took the collection at four more churches Sunday. Rev. J. M. Reynolds preached at Highland Home Sunday night to a well filled house of enthusiastic Missionary Baptists; the collection was good.

Brother Reynolds took the collection at McCauley the week before.

Rev. D. G. Reid, pastor at Roby, had a splendid day with Pastor C. F. Bryant and the Sylvester Church Sunday; the collection was good.

Rev. C. F. Bryant was with Pastor A. D. Williams at the Royston Church Sunday night in the interest of the Roundup.

The church at Plasterco is progressing nicely under the leadership of Rev. Phil J. Little; the collection there Sunday night was good.

The churches at Spring Creek and Cross Roads under the leadership of the pastor, I. J. Duff, are taking care of the cooperative program through the general budget.

Conrad Smith filled the pulpit at Roby Sunday in the absence of the pastor, D. G. Reid.

Alfred Heeler preached at Lone Star Sunday afternoon.

Our Fifth Sunday Meeting will begin at Highland Home Friday night. Our general subject is Stewardship and Missions.

The fifth Sunday meeting at Highland Home was considered one of the most constructive of recent date. Rev. A. D. Williams started the meeting off right Friday night with a good gospel sermon. The crowds and the interest grew with every service. The climax was reached Sunday night when Brother C. F. Bryant preached and two fine boys were converted and joined the church for Baptism. In the absence of Mrs. Guy McNeal the W. M. U. President our former President Mrs. C. G. Campbell took charge and led in a splendid program.

Rev. Vernon Shaw has accepted the care of the Liberty Church and has been called to the Bethel Church; we do not know his decision.

Rev. I. J. Duff supplied for pastor Reynolds at McCauley the fifth Sunday night.

Rev. Vernon Shaw preached at Avalon the fifth Sunday night; Avalon is pastorless.

SANITARIUM NOTES

As this issue of our paper is a special issue for the Women's Missionary Union, I want to say the Sanitarium is always in need of linens. Just now the one great need is for all to get in on the debt paying proposition. On December 1st we must have \$7,500.00 on our indebtedness, if we are to continue our work as heretofore. The women of the Lubbock and Cisco Associations are pledged for \$100.00 each on the debt. I am hoping that our women in Sweetwater association and all this district, each association shall do as much or more. As rapidly as each amount is arranged for let me know at once.

Our charity work which has been fostered in a large way by the good women will stand as a record in this blessed feature of our wake in ministering to suffering humanity.

Our present plan is to reach every church in West Texas possibly for at least \$1.00 per member by December 1st. We feel sure the women will do their part on our debt, that must be met at that time. Without attaching any blame to anyone only to explain, we make this statement: Our indebtedness is the result of not receiving out of the 75 million what was expected. Now we must take care of this debt, if we are to succeed. We have had in two years some two thousand patients about ten thousand dollars of this service has never paid the Hospital one cent. About one half was real charity; the other half should have been paid. But in the name of the Saviour we shall carry on. We know that in the largest way our success is in the hands of the mission societies in West Texas.—S. F. Baucom.

Sunday the 31st I was with the First Church, Sweetwater. Things are going in a great way over there. The pastor and his good wife are making things hum and the folks like it. Some of the records being made will lead the state. For instance, an average of a member for every day since he began work there eleven months ago and he has had no regular revival meeting in his church as yet. He has the kind of a budget I like paying all local expenses and the interest on a forty thousand dollar debt, also sending fifteen hundred dollars to the Dallas office and standing ready to do their part in special collections if it is deemed wise to do so. A budget that budgets and elastic enough to take in all the Master's interests. I was with Brother Parks at Roscoe the 24th. It is always a joy for me to be with his sort, a Baptist and he knows why. We will all be glad to welcome D. W. Morgan who comes to Colorado. With regret we hated to see M. C. Bishop and his good wife leave that field but we are glad we still have them on our field located at Post. S. F. Baucom.

WOMEN AND ORGANIZATION

It might be thought that the great mind of man was the all important factor in the development of the great church organizations of this country, but we are constrained to think otherwise. The major part of all training classes, at the forefront of Sunday School teaching, right in the lead in B. Y. P. U. work, and besides a great W. M. S. program, the women of our churches are standing shoulder to shoulder in matchless fashion.

Even the great business men of the country are willing to call church methods a form of useless red tape, when in their own particular sphere of business they are using all the red tape known to modern industry and commerce. It is the compelling influence of our women that shapes the destiny of religious affairs mostly in our churches today. In nearly every church there are three or four consecrated women willing to lay themselves out for the work of the kingdom where the services of one man may be enlisted.

She not only does her own work in our organization, but everywhere else she is not found wanting. Our Sunday Schools would be in wretched condition but for her untiring activities. Her work is greatly appreciated, as it makes for the increase of the Kingdom in a great way.

Preliminary Plans For the Christmas Offering

New Year's day often registers a resolve to get ready early for Christmas and many people wisely carry out such a resolve. But there are many ways of "getting ready for Christmas"—the chief one being through prayer and study of God's Word concerning the real meaning of Christmas. Thus among Christians consciousness of a call for sacrificial giving for the publishing of the Glad Tidings rather than for selfish receiving at Christmas time. Thirty-eight years ago the Woman's Missionary Union gave expression to this "consciousness" by raising its first Christmas Offering for China. All through the intervening years the custom has been observed, resulting last Christmas in an offering of over \$306,000.

And now again the blessed day draws near and once more all W. M. U. members are urged to bring unto the Christ their choicest Christmas gift. To encourage them thus to do, it is suggested that as a part of the regular November program or at some Sunday or Wednesday evening service, the need for the offering be impressively set forth. It might be well to have a large chart or poster of the candle design (see page 27) displayed prominently in the place of meeting, preferably for one or more times before the explanatory service night. Upon that occasion, call attention to the fact that, when the offerings are brought in during the December Week of Prayer, openings will be made at the points of the star thus letting the light shine through the darkness. Have all repeat the slogan: "Starlight in Lands of Night." Then have all but one of the lights in the room put out, preferably using a candle for this one light. In its steady but small glow let some well informed member of the church—preferably the pastor—explain how sure but still small because of inadequate numbers and equipment is the missionary work on foreign fields. This should be followed by earnest prayers and some song as "Send the Light." Then there should be distributed the Christmas Offering envelopes and alabaster boxes, explanation being made that the boxes will be daily reminders for sacrificing for the offering which is to be brought in the envelopes at the time of ingathering, on or near December 3. From the state W. M. U. headquarters the boxes may be obtained for the asking, these state headquarters also supplying all W. M. U. organizations with their respective envelopes and Week of Prayer literature. Please write for yours if everything desired is not received early in November, for the Week of Prayer really commences on the fifth Monday—namely, November 29.—Home and Foreign Fields.

Report on Benevolence

At the recent meeting of the State Executive Board of the W. M. U. Drs. Truett and McConnell made earnest plea that the women of Texas get behind our hospitals, colleges and orphanages and make great institutions of them. Most impressively did they urge special prayer that not only the bodies of those coming to our hospitals be benefited, but that God's blessing may rest upon their souls, and through them extend to many others as they go out.

Certainly no other feature of our W. M. U. work is more far reaching than that of Benevolence, including Hospitals, Ministerial Relief and B. O. H. These are always appealing, and sweetly so, since by nature we wish to feel that some there are who look to, and depend upon us. At no time of the year is there more call for attention to these objects of benevolence than during the fall and winter months.

As the cold and inclement weather comes on we realize that not only for ourselves and our families must we provide fuel, raiment, food, etc., but also for the hundreds of dependent orphans in B. O. H. The many charity patients who come to our hospitals and the dear aged widows of ministers, and aged ministers themselves, who are no longer able to carry on their ministry nor to provide for themselves, we must be ready to assist also.

November is Sanitarium Month in our Abilene District and special donations are requested, to help meet a payment which must be made. Such an appropriate month it is for making a special hospital offering—in thanksgiving for the splendidly equipped Sanitarium to which we may entrust our dear ones needing the care and attention afforded there, and thanksgiving that the rest of us are in the enjoyment of a reasonable degree of health and strength. It would help greatly for each and every church to send any offering to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium without delay.

Auxiliaries throughout the district are finding much pleasure in "adopting" one of our aged ministers or ministerial widows and doing things to add to their comfort or pleasure. The benevolence chairman at Colorado writes that they have been enjoying one of the aged widows for about a year, and adds "She is the dearest old lady. She is doing much more for us than we are for her." Just recently these Colorado ladies have taken into their care an aged minister also, and expect to find blessing in looking after both of these beautiful characters. The ladies of

First Church auxiliary of Big Spring are enjoying an aged widow and the T. E. L. class of this same church have adopted another to whom they hope to send cheer and comfort from time to time. Other auxiliaries are engaged in this work and we doubt not that in each case the auxiliary ladies realize a richer blessing than they bestow.

Especially during November and December do the hearts of all loyal Texas Baptists turn to B. O. H., and we find ample opportunity for helping toward the development of its hundreds of boys and girls into men and women who will go out from its shelter to take part, as capable Christian citizens, in the affairs of life. Many and great are the needs in such a large family. Babies, and boys and girls of all sizes are to be clothed and fed, doctored, taught and trained, so necessarily, large and many must be the offerings sent in. Let checks be sent promptly. Upon free will offerings alone does the work depend, and Drs. Hal and Joe are praying that the needs of the children be supplied.

Generous Christmas boxes will help much, and oh! let's see that these boxes are prepared and sent in time to be real Christmas boxes,—not a week or a month late in arriving. Not one disappointed child should there be in the Home when comes the longed for time for Santa's visit. Above all, the urgent request for prayer should be remembered. Prayer for the material, but especially for spiritual, prosperity of these children and future active citizens, and also for our Sanitarium work and for our dear aged ministers and widows. Pray earnestly, give generously. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Mrs. K. S. Beckett.
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THE CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

CONTEST NO. ONE. The West Texas Baptist will give ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH to the Associations (not including the Sweetwater Association) that send in the largest number of subscriptions to the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard between October 1, and January first. This contest will be placed on a percentage basis. The association sending in the largest number of subscriptions, based on the number of Baptists in the association as shown by the last minutes of the association, will receive the prizes. This will give the smaller associations an equal chance with the larger ones. The prizes in Contest No. One will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$30.00; third prize, \$20.00.

CONTEST NO. TWO. Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene has authorized the West Texas Baptist to offer an additional \$100 in prizes to be given to the individuals in these associations who send in the largest list of subscriptions to the Standard and West Texas Baptist during the contest. This contest is open to any individual living outside of Taylor County. Folks, here's a chance for you to help your association win the \$100 associational prize and at the same time have a chance to win a nice individual prize for yourself. We are going to have a chance in this second contest to see who is the champion subscription "rustler" in West Texas. The prizes in this second contest will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$20.00; third prize, \$10.00; four prizes of \$5.00 each.

CONTEST NO. THREE. Prizes of \$100 will be given to the individual in Taylor County who secure the most subscriptions to these papers during the contest. A good business man in Abilene, Mr. C. W. Clark of the Abilene Laundry Company, is offering an attractive cash proposition extra to Simmons University students who participate in this contest. This will give the students an opportunity to make some expense money whether they win a prize or not, and at the same time they will have a chance at the Cash Prizes. This contest is open to any one living in Taylor County. The cash prizes in Contest No. Three are as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$25.00; third prize, \$15.00; fourth prize, \$10.00.

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1.—For each subscription sent in for the West Texas Baptist for one year, 2,000 units will be counted for the association or individual from which the subscription is sent. For each subscription of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) for the West Texas Baptist one year and Baptist Standard one year, either new subscriptions or renewals, 3,000 units will be counted for the association or individual sending in the subscriptions. For example if five \$1.00 subscriptions are sent in for the West Texas Baptist and five \$2.25 subscriptions sent in for both the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard for one year, the association or individual sending these in will receive 25,000 units in the contest.

2.—All subscriptions must be sent to the West Texas Baptist within one week from the time they are secured by the solicitor. The new and renewal subscriptions in the contest will count the same in units, but all subscriptions sent in should state whether they are new or renewals, so that the proper entries may be made on the subscription books.

3.—The Association winning the \$100 prize may use the money for any purpose that the Board of the said association, in session, may designate it.

4.—Subscriptions solicited by workers in an association that go to addresses outside of the association may be counted as units for the association, if so designated when sent in.

GET IN THE CONTEST NOW

Brother, Pastor or Missionary, at the first meeting of your Association get the Association to enter the contest. In the meantime start now to soliciting subscriptions for the contest. Remember you have a chance to help your association win in the contest and at the same time you have a chance to win a nice individual cash prize. We believe we know the spirit of West Texans well enough to know that this is going to be some "fight for first prizes, both in the associational and individual contests. Write the West Texas Baptist for Sample Copies of the paper during the contest and they will be promptly furnished.

THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

ABILENE, TEXAS

GOOD REPORT FROM DRASCO INTERMEDIATES

Hello everybody: Yes we are on the map. You didn't know it did you?

We have never been noticed before but look out once we're started we're hard to stop.

We have no one to put on the brakes, for Jesus is leading and we need no brakes.

We have twenty-eight members in all; and not a one of them is going to stall; so look out we're going to be A1 with you all.

On October the 10th our Union was reorganized with two good Christian ladies as our leader, Miss Zora Mitchell and Miss Minnie Daniel.

So: With these fine leaders and our pastor one of the best.

Members are going to do our best.

Following our leaders and trusting in God.

We shall train ourselves for the army of God;

The Gospel we'll preach by our words and our deeds.

Oh, that each gospel will be a type of him.

As sinners read the gospel through us.

May they plainly see him who died on the cross.

For every sinner that's lost.

May the D. D. B. Y. P. U. ever be ready His message to sing.

Or tell the glad story of Jesus their king.

May each member find Jesus' as savior and king.

And then their lives to the dear Master bring.

To be used in His service wherever he leads.

Our union is starting out in a wonderful campaign. We have a nice B. Y. P. U. room and a piano, good leaders, the best pastor ever, and a B. Y. P. U. Deacon. Did you ever have a B. Y. P. U. Deacon for your union? If not elect one. It is through him we are being so wonderfully blessed. Some day we Intermediates will take the place of the grown up.

We need them to supervise us. To lead us. To guide us.

So let's begin by calling on them and they will do the rest.

Would like to hear from any union that reads this or any church member, big or small, that has a word of advice in regard to the success of our Intermediate union.

Address letter to:

D. D. Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

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West Texas Baptist

Abilene, Texas

IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

Editor West Texas Baptist:

Your subject under discussion—"Is the world growing better?"—to mind is one of the most misleading questions of today.

To my way of thinking there is no Biblical promise of this world growing better until after the Second Coming of Christ. Does a man born into this world even become a better man until Christ has become enthroned in heart? Even so must Christ sit enthroned in the world.

Doesn't the Apostle Paul tell us then there is a constant warfare going on against the Spiritual One led by the Prince of Darkness.

We are warned by the Apostle that wickedness in High Place will become more flagrant. Every day you hear some one say, "Well I really don't approve of the way my children are doing but Mr. and Mrs. Big Money's children do that so I just can't see why mine can't." Men's eyes are beholding the wonderful works of men, and instead of having an eye singled out to understand what is best for himself alone, he first converts and then takes possession of things that are harmful to his body or soul. It is not always money, houses or land but pleasure that lure us into wrong living.

It seems to me we are living in an age of "Leansoul Nero" and "Fat Appetites," neither the one nor the other as good for the betterment of man kind.

With all this in view I believe that there is as many or more that are truly redeemed as in any age past and gone. The Saving Grace of God is just as visible and forceful as in the past. All of this seemingly excessive lawlessness is a fulfillment of Scripture for we are plainly taught children will turn against parents, parents against each other and every man's hand will be against his neighbor; that Satan will even try to deceive the very Elect. But Christ has told us plainly the reward for steadfastness. "To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with me in my throne."—Mrs. E. T. Fairley, Hamlin, Texas.

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REPORT OF OUR DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER

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of our church members were concerned about missions, was because as children and boys and girls they did not study missions, were not taught that Jesus was depending on them to give or send the gospel to the rest of the world and were not taught to give to missions or pray for missions.

As soon as Southern W. M. U. was organized she adopted the Sunbeam Band which had already been organized as her child to meet this requirement, but it was years before she realized this training must be carried all the way through Junior G. A. (girls 9-12) and Intermediate G. A. (girls 13-16) and Y. W. A. (for young women seventeen and above);

there was to have an efficient W. M. U. in the future. Also if the church's were to do their part for Missions, not only these organizations must be fostered but the boys must be trained in similar organizations. Junior R. A.'s (boys 9-12) Intermediate R. A.'s (boys 13-16).

Our women in Abilene District have not realized very fully yet just how important these Junior Missionary Societies are, but interest is growing as this report shows. However when we realize there are 216 churches and that every one should have from four to six organizations for the Missionary training of its young people we realize we have just "touched the hem of the garment." It is true there is not more than one W. M. U. to every three churches, not a third as many as there should be. But these sixty or seventy W. M. U.'s would have two hundred and fifty or three hundred young people's organizations if they were all full graded W. M. U.'s as we hope some day they will be. However we are proud of the forty or fifty organizations we do have. Since all do not report it is impossible to tell just how many organizations we do have. But eight Y. W. A.'s, with a membership of 122; five Junior G. A.'s with a membership of 76 three Intermediate G. A.'s with a membership of 50; two Junior R. A.'s with a membership of 20; one Intermediate R. A. with a membership of 44, and 11 Sunbeam Bands with a membership of 328, reported this quarter. A total of 312 young people being trained in Missions. Think what it would mean to the future of the cooperative program if it were all the young people of the District, say if fifteen thousand young people were getting this missionary training. Then the debt would be lifted from the Foreign Mission Board and no Missionary would be called home, but many more would be sent out when these young people become the adults and the Home and State Mission Boards would do much more than they do today with no debts and our Baptist Schools, Hospitals, Orphanages and Old Ministers would be looked after properly. There is only one explanation to the Baptist deacon or Baptist layman who is not giving to Missions according as God has prospered him and that is nobody took the trouble or put forth the effort to teach him the Bible from a Missionary viewpoint or to teach him about Mission work and its triumphs and the great principle of stewardship. Who will be at fault if those fine children in your church or those fine boys and girls and spirited young people in your church failed in the future to do their part for Christ's great world program? My dear W. M. U. sister will you be held blameless in the Master's eyes? He has placed them in your midst that they may be properly trained for his Kingdom work. But if you fail to teach them Missions, can we hope that they will be Missionary Baptist?

Both Isaiah and Malachi clearly foretold the coming of "Elijah" and represented his mission as a "throwing up of a highway in the desert for the Lord." And John was truly similar to his Old Testament type. Both were Nazirites. Both were hermits of the desert. Both were hounded to death by wicked queens.

The angel Gabriel announced to the priest, Zacharias, that his aged wife was to have a boy named John, who was "to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for Him." The word of the angel was fulfilled by a miracle, and the boy was in the desert until his appearing to the children of Israel.

When John came preaching in the wilderness he said, "The axe lieth at the root of the trees." John did not use a pen-knife or a pair of scissors, but an axe. He was a whale of a preacher, not a graceful little minnow. He did not believe in "regulating" sin. The way to get rid of sin is to cut it out by the roots. Compromise with the devil and you are lost. John was a fearless preacher. Nobody had any strings on him. He had not borrowed any money. He even went after Herod on his throne.

The great hour of the ministry of John the Baptist came when he baptized Jesus and introduced Him to his own disciples. This was the climax and goal of his life work. Pointing Jesus out, John said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." No preacher's work is a success unless it points to the "Lamb of God."

Not long after this John was put into prison by Herod because John said it was not lawful for Herod to have his brother's wife. And finally the wicked woman succeeded in getting his head.

Jesus said that there never had been a greater man born of woman than John the Baptist.

That he lost his head was a small matter. True greatness consists in doing the will of God. John the Baptist did that. When we gaze upon the noble character of this mighty man, as upon some granite mountain for solidity, let us pray: "O God! let me be a real man like John the Baptist."

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BIBLE SKETCHES

By J. N. Campbell

John, the Baptist, opened the New Testament. He was the first Christian preacher. By the same token, he was the first Baptist preacher.

John the Baptist was the Herald of the King. It was his mission to prepare a penitent people to receive the Messiah when He should appear.

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