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DISTRICT 17, W. M. U. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of District 17, held in Abilene April 2nd and 3rd, was the largest in attendance, the strongest in spiritual uplift and general good-fellowship of any meeting of the district. Four hundred and eighty representatives from the seven associations and visitors from within and without the district registered during the two days' session. General sessions were held in the auditorium and conferences in the woman's department of the education building of the First Baptist Church. Women of this church were hostesses.

The welcome extended by Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, Simmons University, was aptly responded to by Mrs. S. J. Osborn, Breckenridge. The watch-word, "That the World May Know Christ," was interwoven into the devotionals given by Mrs. Graves Darby, Cross Plains; Mrs. J. M. Cooper, Abilene; Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin; Mrs. George Green, Sweetwater, and also Mrs. Jack Moseley on the young people's program Thursday night. Special music was furnished by Simmons University Choral Club and Mrs. L. D. Howard, retiring young people's secretary, Professor W. J. Work, Simmons University, leading with Mrs. Alex Miller and Mrs. W. J. Work at the organ.

The in memoriam service was led by Mrs. W. S. Beam, Abilene, and closed with a beautiful solo, "Crossing the Bar," rendered by Miss Anna Morris, Simmons University. President Mrs. C. M. Caldwell brought a message of hope and counsel. Her theme was, "Stop, Look, Listen."

The presidents of the seven associations and all standing committees told of their year's work. Mrs. Ewing Leech, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Robert J. Jones, treasurer, gave reports of the year's achievements, receipts and disbursements.

Rev. W. C. Ashford made an instructive talk on the Co-Operative program and church budget. Mrs. W. T. Turner, Eastland, state personal service chairman, was introduced and brought a message of helpful suggestions.

Superintendent E. M. Collier spoke for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, outlining some of its hopes, plans and purposes. Rev. R. C. Pender, and Dr. J. J. Kellum, represented Buckner Orphans' Home, and the district following its usual custom made a cash offering for the Home. Mrs. Susie Dalton brought greetings from Baylor College. The district appreciated the presence of Mrs. William B. McGarity, superintendent of our training school, Seminary Hill. Mrs. McGarity brought greetings from the school and introduced District 17 Bible scholarship girl, Catherine Sullivan, who through spoken words of love and appreciation and her organ solo rendered on young people's evening, con-

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SIMMONS MEETING

The Trustees and President of Simmons University are calling a meeting of every former student and friend, to assemble in the Chapel at 10 o'clock Friday morning, May 8, 1931.

The interests of the University are to be presented and discussed, and it is our desire that every one who loves the school, honor the occasion with his or her presence.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 in the Simmons University Cafeteria.

J. D. SANDEFER, President
C. M. CALDWELL, Chairman
of the Board of Trustees

MOTHER'S DAY

The second Sunday in May has been set apart for special observance in honor of the home and motherhood.

The object of the day is to recall memories of mothers who have passed away; to brighten the lives of those who remain and to encourage men, women and children to honor homes and parents.

It is to be observed by some act of kindness to mother and father; by services in churches of all creeds; in young men's and young women's christian associations and in other organizations and by wearing a white carnation the badge of Mother's Day—an emblem of the purity, beauty and fidelity of mother's love.

Public schools observe the Friday and business houses the Saturday preceding the second Sunday in May.

The idea of Mother's Day originated with Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia and it was celebrated by a number of cities in the United States in 1910.

On May 10, 1913, a resolution passed both houses of Congress commending the observance of the day by congress and the executive departments of the government. In the same year, 1913, Nebraska made it a state flag day in honor of the patriotism of Nebraska's homes.

In 1914, congress authorized the president of the United States to designate by annual proclamation the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and to request the display of the American flag on public buildings and private homes.

The first national proclamation was issued by our illustrious and noble president, Woodrow Wilson, May 9, 1914.

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL, DISTRICT 17

At the annual meeting of District 17, April 2, 1931, the following recommendation was voted:

"We recommend that the district chairman of benevolence shall urge her associational chairmen to secure the co-operation of the women in the Baptist churches of their associations to raise \$1.00 per member on Mother's Day—second Sunday in May—to aid in charity work in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene."

What more beautiful memorial could be established to the memory of our mothers than the raising of this fund to be used in charity work alleviating the pain and suffering of many in our West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.

TRIBUTE TO A YOUNG MOTHER

"A woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands little children grow up to be strong and pure men and women, is a creator second only to God."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BEFORE WMU CONVENTION

(Published by request)
"STOP—LOOK—LISTEN!"

As we travel along the highways, our attention is often called to this sign—STOP—LOOK—LISTEN!. It seems to me in our journey through life, it would be well to heed these same arresting words.

The art of meditation is almost forgotten in this busy age. Our days and our nights are so crowded with business and pleasure that the very idea of getting off by ourselves for an hour of quiet communion with God seems almost impossible. We are so driven by our tasks that we have no time really to live. The world is so much with us that we forget the world. Some one has fittingly expressed it thus, "Throngs of men so press us that we have forgotten the Savior of men." David in speaking of the Israelites said, "They soon forgot His works; they waited not for His counsel." Oh! that we might realize the blessedness of waiting on the Lord. Isaiah's beautiful words of assurance are true—"They that waited for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with Eagles' wings; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

"To talk with God, no breath is lost
To walk with God, no strength is lost
To wait on God, no time is lost,
Wait on."

With all our haste and with the many tasks which engage us, our anxieties have been multiplied. We are worrying not only about today, but tomorrow and the days that follow. Many of us are dreading unbridged chasms ahead, long before we get to them. Let us remember the words of Jesus as he spoke to his disciples when they were on the storm tossed sea, "Why are ye so fearful, O Ye of little faith."

David tells us to commit our ways unto the Lord; "Trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass." One of our greatest troubles these days, in our individual life, is our failure to put first things first. The tasks of the world are seeking first place in our lives and affections. Our Savior gave the word which solves many a problem for us:

"Seek ye first His Kingdom and His righteousness all these things shall be added unto you." We are to first seek His Kingdom. God should come first in our lives, and if he comes first, the temporal things will be supplied to meet urgent world needs and opportunities; missionaries in foreign lands whose hearts are breaking because they are denied reinforcements, would be gladdened. Dr. Frederick Taylor in his inspiring book, "The Evangelistic Church," has for the subject of the first chapter, (Continued on page 3)

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W. M. U. EDITION

This issue of the West Texas Baptist is given almost entirely to the report of the year's work of the W. M. U. of District 17. The women of this district, as these reports show, have had a fine year's work, in spite of the unfavorable general conditions that have prevailed. The unsigned articles in this issue should be credited to Mrs. O. H. Cooper of Abilene, editor of the Woman's Department of this paper.

In this connection we wish to call the W. M. U. workers' attention to the clubbing rate with the Baptist Standard. We are offering both papers one year for \$2.00, the regular price of the Standard. During May we will continue to offer the West Texas Baptist one year for 50 cents. We would be glad to have the women of District 17 assist us in securing at least 600 subscriptions during May on the above special offer. The subscriptions for the Standard and West Texas Baptist may be sent either to the Standard office at Dallas or to our office in Abilene.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Editor's Note:—The following timely article was written by Dr. N. A. Moore, newly elected head of the Bible Department of Simmons University. Dr. Moore will come on the field June 1st and will spend the summer on the field for Simmons:

Southern Baptists face an increasingly grave situation in the present crisis of their schools of all kinds. The rank and file of our people do not realize how imminent is the danger that faces even our best established institutions of learning, and there is a probability that more of them will be lost, or hopelessly crippled in the next few years unless they find larger financial support.

A number of causes have brought us educationally to our present perilous position. For the last twenty-five years there has been a steady pressure of opposition toward all christian education from the great state and privately endowed universities. Church schools are looked upon as interlopers, and novices with no rightful place in the field of education. This influence reaches the christian college in many ways, but the most hurtful and difficult to meet is that of the standardizing agencies dominated and controlled by these secular, tax-supported universities. These regulations have found expression in our state boards of education until the graduates from our Baptist schools may find themselves barred from teaching in the best high schools, or even colleges which do teacher training work because of these regulations which have not been met to the letter by the schools from which they have graduated. Some of these regulations are wholesome and progressive, while others are arbitrary, and often administered in a way to embarrass worthy schools not on the accredited list.

I know a Baptist junior college that was ordered by a travelling auditor, or inspector of a certain standardizing association to drop the name "Baptist" from the bulletins of the school, before even an equivalent rating would be given in the official lists of accredited schools. The two most difficult things for Baptist schools to meet in this contest with tax-supported schools are those of prescribed equipment and endowment. We as Baptists are faced with this dilemma, we can make our schools standard or see them die; we have no other recourse.

Another of our difficulties is that of debt. Many

of our schools following the world war in trying to meet the great increase in attendance, launched expansion programs so that the thousands of our boys and girls be not turned back from the very schools which we had built to care for their educational needs at the time when they came to this period of training. We know the subsequent struggles to meet maturing bonds, and carry on operating expenses on decreasing incomes.

This has involved us in another difficulty. These handicaps of the schools and financial depression among our constituency have turned a large number of our Baptist youth to state institutions. This has hurt us further in decreased interest and financial support from the Baptist parents. It is difficult to get a Baptist deacon very much interested in helping our struggling Baptist schools when his children are being educated in some state university.

Another thing that appeared ideal in theory, but has proved not so in fact is the working of the cooperative program. Probably more than any other phase of our Baptist work our schools can not be lumped together and get our constituency to support them as a blanket proposition. There is an individuality, almost a personality, about each school that suffers if submerged with all the others. It is somewhat like the guaranty bank law enacted by several states a few years ago which proposed to make good the losses of any bank failure by taxing all the other banks. In essence it penalized the strong, well-managed banks for the shortcomings of the weak ones, thus imperiling the safety of all. These laws have in most instances been repealed, or are in the process of being repealed. It is becoming more and more evident that our four-year colleges and universities must find some plan whereby each can capitalize fully its local appeal, and its particular individuality to win financial support.

At another time, I shall have something to say as to what part the schools themselves can play in saving the situation.

Faternally,
N. A. Moore,
Head Bible Department,
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

GOD AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST PLAN OF WORK

"Jesus answering, saith unto them: Have faith in God." Mark 11:22.

At the risk of being misunderstood, I ask for space to raise two or three questions about God, and Southern Baptist plan of work.

My father was a Missionary Baptist. I have seen him give when it was "blood money" when our pastors would present the cause of Missions. I have tithed, and more, since I have been a Christian. I have never designated but a few dollars in my life, and then at the suggestion of some one of the leaders. I was in the Seminary at the time the 75 Million Campaign was put on, preaching to two half time churches in Hill county for the sum of \$110.00 per month. I pledged \$500.00, and paid it in four years—then gave more the next year than I had given either of the other years. I believe in the budget plan of finance; and am giving into our church budget each Sunday, sixteen and two thirds per cent of my salary, and not one cent of it designated.

I have said all this to say one thing. It is my conviction that somewhere Southern Baptists are making a mistake in their plan of work. Or some of the things I have believed all my life are untrue. Let me raise these questions, and ask Southern Baptists, our leaders, and all the rest, to stop and think. Here they are:

Is God's word, the Bible, true? I believe every sentence in it. Does God know all things past, present, and future? I have thought He did. Has God failed, or shall he fail, in his plans? I think not. Are Missions God's work? Rightly understood, most assuredly yes. Have Southern Baptists' plans been God's plan for Missions? I fear not. Do Southern Baptists love God and His Cause? Beyond any question, they do.

Two statements: If Romans eight and twenty eight be true, and we love God, our seeming distress is for our good, and God's glory. Let Southern Bap-

tists "Have Faith in God" knowing that: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Let us "tarry" until we find God's will, and then with Paul shout: "If God be for us, who can be against us." God lives, and victory is certain. But "Missions must be our Mission."

Waco, Texas.

J. C. McKenzie.

NEVER BEFORE ON THIS FASHION

by L. A. MYERS

With more than 227 conversions and others coming daily; with 35 acclamations and scores being reclaimed weekly, a revival is going on in a gospel mission in Fort Worth in a manner never before known.

Beginning December 6, a revival under the direction of Southwestern Seminary Students and Faculty has continued unbrokenly and at the present time promises undisturbed progress so long as there continues to be marked evidence of good results. With Rev. M. Hiner, associate with Rev. W. A. Hancock of the Practical Work-Department in charge, from 10 to 25 of the Seminary family open services each evening at the Fort Worth down-town mission, and here a two hour ministry begins for the man on the street.

Travellers are invited by "Won't you step in?" of many students, and they have been coming from 75 to 150 each evening. They have represented home deserters, law violators, the down-and-out, the multitude of employed, and the wayfarers of life. It is from this crowd that 250—Americans, Mexicans, Canadians, and Swedes—are drawn. They have stepped forward during intense moments to confess crimes against society, crimes against homes, crimes against the church, and daily they are going back to take their place as husband and father; they are going to the proper law officers to surrender; and they are going to the churches of Fort Worth and elsewhere to unite themselves with those of the Christian cause.

A System of Follow-Up

A check on those who have come is being kept by the students and it has been found that vast numbers, true to their resolution, have been getting back into the ways of right. The check reveals that the average age of those who have come is 45 years, and they are predominantly men. Of those who have had previous religious connection, large numbers have been Catholics and Jews. Among those who have confessed their sins, many could barely speak English, but they have seemed to understand the spirit and their actions have been genuine. There is a new thrill, nightly, for the Seminary man; nightly, the spirit seems to work in fashions heretofore unknown. In fact, all feel like asking, "Have you seen it in this fashion before?"

A young lad on surrendering to the law was told to go to each of those against whom he had committed a petty crime and confess. It looks as though he will avoid the penitentiary sentence. Another, if given the maximum sentence, must serve fifteen years in prison, but all are determined, according to their testimony, wherever placed to give themselves truly to the highest christian living.

TEMPTATION

We are never out of the reach of temptation. Both at home and abroad, we are liable to meet with allurements to evil; the morning opens with peril, and the shades of evening find us still in jeopardy. They are well kept whom God keeps, but woe unto those who go forth into the world, or even dare to walk, their own house unarmed. Those who think themselves secure, are more exposed to danger than any others. The armor-bearer of Sin is Self-confidence. Be not secure. We need a watchman for the night, as well as a guardian for the day. Oh, for the constraining love of Jesus to keep us active and useful!

—C. H. SPURGEON.

The New York Times now has more than 100 men whose salary exceeds \$10,000 a year. They have a pension system by which, after 25 years, a man can be retired on 50 per cent of his average annual salary for the past ten years. Six department stores spend nearly \$2,000,000 a year in advertising with the New York Times.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

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"The Lost Word." The first paragraph is as follows:

"It seems we have lost a word out of the Christian vocabulary; it used to be used in prayer services, but of recent years, we seldom hear it. It is the word CONCERN. It meant concern for souls, concern over the coldness of the Church. Our Lord was concerned about the lost. He said, 'I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.'"

When the rich young ruler went away, Jesus was sad because his invitation had been rejected.

Not only in his teachings did he emphasize the importance of giving the Kingdom the first place in our lives, but by his daily life, as he ministered to the multitude, healing their diseased and broken bodies, calming their fretful and care worn minds, healing their weary sin sick souls. It was all for the advancement of the Kingdom in the hearts and lives of men. He suffered the rebuff of his enemies, humbling himself, even unto the death of the cross, all for the sake of the Kingdom. He endured the agony of Gethsemane and hung on the cruel cross to establish his Kingdom. He drank the bitter cup and tasted death for our redemption.

Paul's first concern was the Kingdom. In perils of all kinds he carried the glad tidings of the Kingdom. He took no thought of his own safety, but dared everything for the sake of his mission. The Kingdom is the incentive of our own dear missionaries today. Nothing except their devotion to the cause of Christ can account for their willingness to leave home, children and friends to go into the heathen countries.

Let us ask ourselves, what is our first concern? Is it pleasure or wealth or position or power? Is it something that will gratify our selfish ambitions and desires? As followers of Christ, if we are sincere, our first concern must be the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Some one has said there are three looks in life that affect every one in a most vital manner; the inward look, the upward look and the outward look. The inward look is one each of us should take, even though it is discouraging. You remember Isaiah's words as he beheld himself within, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips, even as my father's were before me."

The upward look is one we must have if we would be victorious in our Christian life. The poet has beautifully expressed it:

"If you would win, look to Jesus,
If you would be pure and true, look to Jesus,
If you would live right, holy, look to Jesus,
In Him we see the right, the truth, the life, the way to glory."

When we look outward, we see sin, sorrow, suffering and death. We see opportunities for service. We see responsibility confronting us. The Master says to each of us—"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields which are already white with harvest. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let us look upon the fields. If we do not look, we will

not realize the need, if we do not realize the need, we will not act, if we do not act, we cannot reap, if we do not reap, we cannot rejoice.

Oh! this morning that we might have the eyes of Jesus. The eyes of Jesus were far-seeing eyes. He could see around the world and take into vision men beyond his neighbors and his countrymen. In the parable of the Good Shepherd, Jesus sees beyond the little fold which held the Jews. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold," said He. Let us look beyond the shores of our great America and see the "Other Sheep" of other nations, who are as dear to the heart of Jesus as we.

The eyes of Jesus were nearsighted eyes, too. He could see the needs of his own people. Hear him as he looked upon His own city just before his death, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you under my wings and ye would not." The eyes of the Lord never overlooked the individual. We recall many instances of love and mercy where only one was the debtor. He noticed the taxgatherer behind the desk. He saw the little man up in the tree. He heard the appeal of a solitary woman with her spiritual need. Most of the great things he said were to individuals.

The eyes of Jesus were deep seeing eyes. Beneath the surface of seeming bad, he could see the good—where the world saw only the dross he could see from within a few grains of pure gold. Beneath the denying lips of Simon he saw Peter—Beneath the surface of an ill-clad woman dropping only two pennies into the temple treasury, he saw a devoted widow giving her all to God.

In a recent number of the Home and Foreign Fields was an article entitled "Taking the Long Look Ahead." The writer visualized Jesus when the whole world seemed set against Him, rejected by his own people with only a small handful of unknown disciples, no money, no powerful institutions, no material resources, despite all of this He took the long look ahead, saw past defeat his victory, past the little band of followers a great multitude, past the weakness and insignificance of his movement, power that would at last overcome the world. He has not yet achieved His purpose of salvation, but he will not fail or be discouraged until he accomplishes that for which he came.

We need to take the long look ahead viewed in the light of today, the outlook of Missionary, benevolent and educational enterprises is discouraging. The new year into which we are entering gives promise of slow and uncertain business recovery. The debts on our Board are heavy and grievous, Missionary enthusiasm is low, cuts in our appropriations at home and abroad have been made and still others may be made. It would be easy to lose heart and quit, but it would be treason to Christ and the cause to which he has committed us.

Dear women, if we have Christ's spirit and are truly loyal to Him, we will take that long look! First, we will look at the long road which God has led us over and blessed our organization. Then we will look at the glorious highway that stretches before us, inviting us to go into all the world with the message of salvation. As we ascend this mountain of vision, we shall get away from the valley that hems us in and shuts off the distant

vistas, and in so doing we shall throw off our pessimistic view and catch step in the great forward march to win new victories for our triumphant leader.

Someone has said that a nation that would fulfill its high destiny, must believe that it has a mission and must conscientiously and constantly seek to realize that mission. The same is true of the individual.

Today as women of the Woman's Missionary Union, we need a new self-discovery, self appraisal and self determining.

In the April Royal Service, Mrs. W. M. U. is portrayed as journeying among the stars. A voice tells her that these are they who are turning many to righteousness. At last there stood before her a star which seemed to shed for her a more satisfying light than all the others. A voice whispers to her:

"This is your star."
"Mine," she exclaims in surprise. "I have never been a missionary to go to distant places, to turn many to righteousness."

"Yes, this is your star. Are you not a faithful member of the Woman's Missionary Union?"

"Yes," she answered.
Then said the voice, "You share in all of the work of those in every land who are turning many to righteousness."

On examination, she found the five points of her star were the aims of the Woman's Missionary Union:

Prayer, Study, Personal Service, Stewardship and Education of Young People.

Let us today get this same vision. If we are faithful to the aims of our organization, we too, are helping to turn many to righteousness. Because the needs of the Kingdom are so overwhelmingly urgent, a clarion call comes to us today. It is the call of the unfinished task. Startling figures tell us of the millions of pagan lives yet untouched by the Gospel of Christ and of those unnumbered thousands in our own land who have not accepted Him as Lord and Master. It is the call of the open door.

Dr. Mott, who recently returned from a trip around the world, said, "The doors of opportunity for Christ are wide open." Our own missionaries tell us that never before have the Heathens been so eager to hear the message. The barriers of age old customs are giving away and in their stead, a deep longing for the true God is in their hearts. These calls from the distant lands are not new ones, but renewed ones. They have been calling for thousands of years. Often when the light shines in, they ask us with pathos, "Oh, why did you wait so long?" Our missionaries are calling for us to stand by them. At the close of almost every appeal, we hear these words, "Pray for us." The call is of far greater importance when we remember that it is the voice of the world's Redeemer, who, in his intercessory prayer fervently asked that the world may know that thou hast sent me.

The call comes to you and to me, who are stewards of grace. Shall we heed it?

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well is a beautiful illustration of gratefulness and love. Jesus had forgiven her sins and she immediately left her water pots and went her way into the city to tell others of the won-

derful things Christ had done for her. Shall we do less than she? Are our hearts responsive to our sisters from many lands? What contributions are we making that they too might know our Lord? Are we concerned today about the great numbers of unenlisted Christians in our own Churches? Does it stir our hearts when we read statistics and see that 1300 Southern Baptist Churches gave nothing last year, to Missions? Does the cry of twenty-two million unsaved souls within the borders of our own Southland challenge us to reconsecrate ourselves to our task?

Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

This wonderful magnet. It is our privilege to lift Him up.

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It was in Christ that he found the depth of love, strength of purpose and power of achievement that marked his wonderful life.

We remember how Elisha asked that a double portion of Elijah's spirit be given him. He recognized Elijah's greatest asset was spiritual power. Are we as wise as Elisha—do we recognize our greatest need? Do we pray when we do recognize it, that a double portion of the Master's spirit may fall on us?

Cromwell's Ironsides, the greatest fighting unit in history, spent much time in prayer before a battle and then fought like demons. The spirit of the Ironsides is what we need today. We need to pray, then go forward in His name to fight the good fight of faith and to bring the knowledge of the love of God to men.

May we say with the poet, "Jesus only is our Captain,
With His banner we will fight
Fully clad in God's whole armour
All our foes will put to flight.
We must fight the world of sin
We must fight in the strength of Jesus,
In His name, we are sure to win."

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: The Seventeenth District of the Texas Woman's Missionary Union has been so hospitably and so charmingly entertained by the First Baptist Church and the citizens of Abilene:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we express our highest appreciation to the First Church, to the pastor, Dr. Jenkins, Simmons University and its president, Dr. Sandefer, for the delightful courtesies extended to us throughout this convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Woman's Missionary Union expresses its deepest appreciation to the transportation committee and to the pages and ushers for their never failing courtesies, to the speakers, musicians and artists whose inspiring themes contributed much to the success and pleasure of the meeting. To the press whose representatives gave such splendid co-operation in reporting the programs of the convention; to Mrs. Murray and her corps of helpers for the two delicious luncheons, and to our efficient officers, department chairmen, committee members, special hostesses, program chairman and to each and every one who contributed to the success of this convention in any way, we express our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Mrs. R. Q. Lee.

Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, District No. 17

WATCHWORD—"BE YE STEADFAST." 1 COR. 15:58.

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Co-Operative Program	\$2,830.12
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	1,375.16
Home Mission Thank Offering	545.36
B. O. H. Cash	2,357.72
B. O. H. Boxes, value	2,559.22
Missionary Boxes	119.35
Old Ministers, cash	62.25
Old Ministers, boxes, value	173.40
Associational Missions	505.94
City Mission	346.47
Charity	2,319.88
Miscellaneous	1,653.55
District and Associational Expense Fund	297.45
Scholarships	175.92
Baylor College Endowment	24.48
Memorial Dormitory, Baylor U.	122.89
Baylor Maintenance Fund	121.25
Baylor University Endowment	7.50
Local Church Work	34,764.09
Simmons University	954.91
Silver Anniversary Fund	914.48
Love Gifts	418.23
Breadlove Student Loan Fund	267.68
First Baptist, Abilene, Loan Fund	492.26
African Relief	21.50
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Cash	348.88
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, linens	267.94
Christian Education, Foreign Student	95.99
Howard Payne College	10.00
Bible Chair, New Orleans	15.25
State Missions	144.64
Lockett Fund	328.10
Young People's Work	81.25
Building Fund	478.00
Pastors Salary	20.00
Box to Training School, Seminary Hill	25.00
Lueders W. M. S. House	137.50
Lueders, Lillias Hut	9.00
Lueders Encampment Fund	52.25
Boys' Encampment Fund	25.00
Mexican Missions	125.75
Missions in China	50.00
Total	\$55,736.61
Young People's Financial Report	
Y.W.A. G.A.	
Co-Op. Program	\$259.17 \$79.21
B. O. H. Cash	11.40 3.43
B. O. H. Boxes	7.65 26.25
Missionary Boxes	1.00 2.65
Lottie Moon Offering	35.55 29.91
Home Missions	11.40 5.80
Association Missions	26.92 3.61
City Missions	6.23 .64
Charity	10.80 7.67
Miscellaneous	11.33 .80
Building Fund	44.80
Lockett Fund	29.97 3.27
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Simmons University	97.34	8.61
Love Gifts	8.68	1.98
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	31.84	2.78
Local Church Work	1,591.34	773.68
Totals	\$1,989.02	\$956.29
Co-Op. Program	\$30.65	\$86.86
B. O. H. Cash	1.65	
B. O. H. Boxes	43.00	1.60
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Home Missions	3.76	1.49
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Local Church Work	210.71	352.45
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BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR DISTRICT 17

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REPORT OF FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY

Mrs. D. G. Reid, President

During the past year we, as an association, have followed as nearly as possible the State plan of work. We have at present only five active missionary societies. We believe that each of these has grown, perhaps not so much in numbers as in the things that count most—mission study, Bible study, and a strengthening in prayer-life.

The interest in our young people has grown and at present there are in our association two Y. W. A.'s, two Intermediate G. A.'s one Junior G. A., and three Sunbeam Bands. These organizations are very fortunate in having consecrated, efficient leaders and as a result they are trained in giving and in putting over the things that these organizations stand for.

We have at present some splendid pastors in our association who, by their great interest in mission and other general work, have greatly influenced our ladies in their society work.

Owing to the general depression over the country, the majority of the Mexicans have moved away but the church building and furnishings are being taken care of and it is hoped that we can help the Mexicans get a pastor who will go on with the work.

We feel that our W. M. U. work has been greatly hindered by the going of Mrs. Clark to another field of labor. She had led as president for several years doing it in such an efficient way we now find ourselves at a loss without her.

There has been an increased interest in mission study not only in the missionary societies but in all of the young people's organizations. We regret that several of our societies in the rural districts are inactive at present. Crop failures have brought many to face financial circumstances that have placed them in a position impossible for them to have church services. However, the strongest societies have gone to these rural places and have rendered missionary programs. It is hoped that the return of normal conditions will find all societies active again in the Lord's work.

We regret we did not meet our apportionments in full due to so many inactive societies. Most of the active societies observed the three seasons of prayer and made a free-will offering each time.

We have no doubt fallen far short of our privileges and opportunities but we are looking forward to better things in the Kingdom work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene, President

As we come to the time when we must give an account of our stewardship, we feel we are a very small part; but we realize there is work in God's kingdom for all, and we pray for wisdom and courage to fill our place in a manner well pleasing to Him.

We are happy to have you in Abilene for this district meeting. We know the inspiration you bring will mean very much to the Lord's cause in our association.

After returning from our annual meeting at Stamford last spring we were ready to work harder and pray more that greater things might be accomplished in the coming year.

The "dynamo" of our work still centers in our all day "Quarterly" meetings, and "Committee Conferences," for here is planned all local work. All four of our quarterly meetings were well attended and reports showed that all societies were doing some beneficial work. Through these quarterly meetings and the meetings we hold in connection with the monthly workers' conference, our entire program is presented to all the churches in our association.

Monthly missionary programs and weeks of prayer are growing in interest. Immediately following the convention plans were launched for the "week of prayer," and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Eugene Saltee and Mrs. Christine Chambers with us, and through the efforts of these two faithful workers we were able to make our offering the best ever.

Personal Service has had a marked increase over last year. Our organized personal service is coming into its own. Some societies are doing a great work among the Mexicans, Negroes, and at the jail. Some are having results from their cottage prayer-meetings.

Just after our annual meeting last fall we had an all day conference, with workers of our association present, and there we prayed and planned the years work.

Mission Study has gone forward through the year. Stewardship of talent and possession is always stressed and as a result many new titers and workers are secured. Periodicals for information are being stressed as never before. Interest in our benevolence continues. B. O. H., Old Ministers, and the Sanitarium have been remembered. Besides the offerings of cash and linens, a baby incubator has been donated by two of our ladies to the hospital equipment.

Our annual meeting, held in Sweetwater First Church was well attended, and a warm spirit of loyalty and

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Plan for it now!

Prepare for it!

Pray for it.

Begin now to save so you will have ten dollars for a meal ticket. Pack your cot and bedding and come to Lueders Encampment and see what Lueders holds in store for you.

Girls from all this section, speakers of finest distinction, no matter whether you are most interested in B. Y. P. U., Sunday school or Missions, you will find the course you need and splendid teachers to instruct; Miss Conn to conduct the recreational work. Remember what fun is in store for the girls in the Y. W. A. hall, one and all.

Mrs. G. G. Flournoy of Stamford who was hostess in 1920 will be hostess again. Fellowship—Friendship—Frolic, and His Spirit over all.

GREETINGS FROM CALLAHAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. John Cook, Putnam, President

We have only one county in Callahan Association. There are fifteen churches, two of them full time, Baird and Cross Plains, the latter the only church adopting the unified budget. We have eight societies in our association, only six of them are active.

The Clyde Society is sending \$5.00 a month (\$60.00) this year to a native missionary in China to help Brother Moore in his work there.

The Baird Society has greatly helped Brother Raymond Torres in his work for the Mexicans in Baird and other places. Now that Brother Torres is ill and no longer able to do missionary work the Baptist ladies together with their pastor, Brother Joe Mayes, continue to help the Mexican work at Baird. The Cross Plains church leads in the work with the junior organizations.

Our monthly workers' conferences are most helpful. We hope to soon start a circulating library. We have not quite reached our apportionments and we are slow on reporting but we expect to do better. This year we voted to send a gift to Simmons University, an item which has not heretofore been included in our apportionments. Last May in addition to a nice sum of money we observed our annual custom of three successive years and sent 800 handkerchiefs to Buckner Orphans' Home. We also sent eggs and poultry to the Home.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was good considering the financial depression that is still upon us. We wish our offering for Home and State Missions could have been better.

We have written for names of beneficiaries of the Relief and Annuity Board and expect to adopt at least one aged minister, living in our association.

The W. M. U. of Callahan County Association deeply realizes its loss in the home-going of its true friend and loved moderator, "Uncle Hick" Burnam, as we loved to call him. He was a good booster for our work and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His influence will long remain with us and strengthen us to go forward.

We sum up our year's work in the words of the poet:

So much to do! So little done!

So much to win! So little won!

We pass our lives in vain regretting.

In loud complaints and idle fretting.

Instead of getting down to work

We step aside from cares that irk,

And wonder why we can't succeed,

Just two swift kicks is what we need.

Now, just suppose the pioneers

Instead of striving all their years,

Had stood aside and made complaint

With lame excuse and courage faint,

This happy land so glad and free

Would not be filled with joy and glee.

The blessings that we now enjoy,

The rapture pure without alloy,

The blessings of free press, free speech

Would still be far beyond our reach.

We've all of us, this thing to learn,

We never get unless we earn.

We cannot reap unless we sow

The ages' wisdom proves this so.

Then let us show that we're alive,

Let's study, work and strain and strive;

That we may say at set of sun,

So much to do, but something done!"

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that all missionary societies in District 17 adopt a uniform schedule for study, prayer, giving, said schedule to conform to the one outlined in "Things We Should Know," page 29. We would especially stress the payment of all apportionments in the month so designated.

2. We recommend that the local societies of the District be urged to study "Things We Should Know." Upon examination after study of the book, a seal is awarded to be attached to the Home and Foreign Mission Certificate.

3. We recommend that the District Chairman of Benevolence shall urge her associational chairmen to secure the co-operation of the women in the Baptist churches of their associations to raise \$1.00 per member on Mother's Day—second Sunday in May—to aid in charity work in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene.

We also recommend that the District Chairman of Benevolence shall be general chairman of the linen supply for the Sanitarium. It shall be her duty to remind her associational chairmen when their apportionments of money for linens are due, urging these chairmen to notify their society chairmen to send their money to their associational treasurers.

4. We recommend that we stress the payment in October of 50 cents per member for District and Associational dues to be divided equally between District and Association.

5. We recommend that District 17 apportion \$300.00 to her seven associations to be used in keeping a Bible Scholarship Girl in our Training School, Seminary Hill. This girl preferably to be a graduate of Simmons University. If no graduate is available the selection of the girl shall be left to Mrs. William B. McGarity, superintendent of the Training School.

We further recommend that the \$300.00 scholarship be a gift to the girl who if after graduation shall give her life to some phase of mission work. Otherwise, she shall be expected to return without interest the \$300.00 that it may be used for another scholarship.

6. We recommend that District 17 shall accept an apportionment of \$60.00 to be sent to Buckner Orphans Home to be used in supplying a girl and a boy in the Home with their June graduation clothes.

7. We recommend that we especially stress this year the payment of the Rosabel Breedlove Student Loan Fund looking to the early completion of the amount of \$20,000 originally set as the goal for this fund.

8. We recommend that Miss Lethia Saunders of Coleman be employed as Young People's Director in the Mission Study Course Work at Lueders during the encampment there. Her compensation to be \$3.00.

9. We recommend that the apportionments for the two new scholarships created for achievement year, 1931, the Mary Hill Davis Scholarship, for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, and the Louisville Training School, Louisville, Ky., be paid from the Associational treasuries.

10. We recommend that the deficit on the Bible scholarship Fund for the Training School, Seminary Hill, be paid from the District Treasury.

Committee. Mrs. O. H. Cooper.



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INSPIRATIONAAL TALK ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS

Mrs. Graves Darby, Cross Plains,
District Chairman

I have been your Periodical chairman now for a year. During this time we have endeavored to get the women of our District to subscribe to our various periodicals. In a small way we have succeeded but in a greater way we have failed. Just how many are really taking the religious magazines they should take?

As you know we have a quota on the Periodicals for each District yearly; given us by our State Periodical chairman and she sends this to the District chairman of Periodicals and the chairman then divides this among the Associations in her District. There are seven Associations in District XVII.

This year we have for our District—quotas on "Royal Service" 525, "The Window" 40, "World Comrades" 90, "Home and Foreign Fields" 95 which is added this year and the "Baptist Standard" as last year, one in one-half the homes of active members of the local missionary society. And of course we must not forget our own "West Texas Baptist." How splendid would it be if every West Texas Baptist Home had this paper as a regular visitor. Our quota for this is to be 1 in one-half of the homes of active members of local societies.

Each associational chairman has her quota for this year. How I urge each one to do her best to get readers for these various Periodicals. We are going to read and why not read what we should read.

Please send the reports on time. Not too early, not too late. The local Periodical chairman should send her report in to the Association Periodical chairman by the 5th of each month after the quarter ends. Then the associational chairman sends hers to the District chairman by the 10th so as to give her time to get her report to the state chairman by the 15th.

The age in which we live is an age of literature. People are reading as they never read before. But are they reading the literature they should? We all wish for "high living" but we can not have "high living" without "high thinking" and to have "high thinking" we must read the very best literature.

There is nothing that influences one's life more than reading. It has been said that the printed page has more power and influence over one's life than a sermon. At any rate you will agree that it has a marvellous and exerting influence.

All through the ages we know that the educated used their intellectual power to take advantage of the ignorant.

Not as many books are read today perhaps but there are more magazines, papers and leaflets read than any time in history.

We represent missionary societies and the name implies that we love missions. But how are we to know if we do not go unless we read. We can not have that personal interest in missions unless we know the need and conditions. Are we not more vitally concerned about those in our midst? As a rule we are and it is because they are so near we know all about them.

There is no reason why we should not be informed and capable of doing

greater good than ever before when for such a small amount of money we can have first hand information. May we not be mentally lazy but anxious to improve ourselves as to needs—besides growing more spiritual each day.

We need to realize more fully the tremendous power of the printed page. A close examination of the material in many of the news stands all over the country will reveal that our homes are being flooded with a class of literature that is unwholesome and demoralizing to the youth of our land. Certainly if we allow these periodicals, with their appeal to the baser elements of human nature, to come into our homes we need not be surprised at the fruits of the harvest in the lives of our younger generation.

Lord Byron said, "Words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, yea millions, think."

By means of our missionary literature we hope to inspire our women to think.

It is impossible to send enough field workers and state officials into all our vast territory, so the only means we have of informing our constituency in many sections is through the printed page.

A timid woman was on the program to tell a mission story. She was a subscriber to "Royal Service" and glancing on the page where leaflets are listed she saw where she could obtain a "mission story" for only five cents. She ordered it. It reached her in due time. She told the story so effectively that the women who heard were just full of love and enthusiasm for missions.

In this and many other ways missionary literature can be circulated and the ranks can be strengthened all along the line, because, "where thought is produced there is likely to be action," said a recent writer in our "Home and Foreign Fields."

It is my earnest prayer and hope that all of you will resolve to read our Periodicals more.

Great interest is being manifested in the revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, which began April 19. There were 31 additions to the church during the first week. On Sunday Dr. W. R. White, who is doing the preaching in the meeting, conducted six services during the day. Monday morning he preached at 10.00 o'clock and after services went to Haskell, Texas and attended a workers' conference, returning in time for the evening service. The meeting will continue through next Sunday.

Rev. C. D. Owens has been called as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Point Isabel, Texas, and we understand he is accepting the work. He was recently with the church in a revival meeting.

FIELD NOTES

On account of the illness of Brother Whittaker, Brother Clarence Howell of Simmons University conducted services at the West Side Baptist church last Sunday. There was a young lady saved at the morning service, and an elderly lady joined the church for baptism at the evening service.—W. R. Derr.

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The New Mother's Day

MAY 10, 1931

E. M. Collier, Superintendent West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

The Maternity Center Association in New York is waging an educational

1. To direct the attention of the American people to our deplorable maternal death rate—the highest in any civilized country in the world, and,

2. To make Mother's Day, this year, mark the beginning of an attempt to get adequate maternity care for every mother.

This is being done, because

1. The public does not know what adequate maternity care is, or why it is necessary.

2. A way has clearly been found through adequate maternity care to save the lives of 10,000 of the 16,000 mothers in America who die each year, according to Louis I. Dublin statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who studied the records of 4,726 mothers cared for by the Maternity Center Association and found that the mortality rate among them was only 2.2—less than Denmark's—one-third the rate for the United States as a whole.

3. There is no community in this great country where adequate maternity care is available to every mother at a price she can afford. No provision has been made to supplement on a community wide basis the difference between what she can afford and what the service costs.

The United States death rate is the highest among 22 nations; per 1,000 live births we lose 6.5 mothers; England and Wales, 4.1; Denmark 3.1.

Every member of the W. M. U. has been asked to contribute \$1.00 to the Hospital for charity work. I would like to ask our ladies each give \$1.00 this year on Mother's Day, and this money to apply on the services rendered the New Mother that is unable to pay. The above figures indicate that it is almost criminal to ask any mother to be delivered at home. We have one of the most modern maternity departments in West Texas. The Mother and Baby are in the hands of trained nurses that know how to keep the Mother comfortable and to give the Baby a fair chance to live and be strong. Just two hours ago, a young mother was brought to this institution who could not employ a doctor or buy clothes for the baby. Her husband has been out of work for many months. Of course, the mother did the right thing by coming to the hospital, and the money sent in by our W. M. U. should be used in caring for cases of this kind. Every mother should have a strong and healthy body. We appeal to every member of the W. M. U. to make a sacrifice some way to send in their dollar to provide hospitalization to unfortunate mothers. The money sent in will not be used in any other way, unless designated. I realize that it will be hard for many of our good ladies to give up a dollar at this particular time, but if they could only see and know the circumstances of a great many of the people that have to come to this institution that haven't even the cash to buy their medicines, I am sure that every one would see to it

that her dollar got to the Hospital to provide for those that need this maternity care.

A number of our churches have seen fit to send in a linen shower. We are very much in need of face towels. We use hundreds of these every day in operations and dressings. There are scarcely one-half of the patients admitted to this institution that can pay the full cost of their hospital care. We want to continue to be able to serve every patient that seeks admission to this institution. Every employee of the Hospital is making a heroic effort to keep down expenses. Many of them are working almost night and day that we may keep our payrolls to a minimum. I am sure that the Lord will bless every Mother that will send in her dollar to care for some New Mother, whose husband may be out of a job, and many living on the Red Cross that will come to this institution within the next four or five months.

Will you do your part to help your Hospital to take care of these cases as they come?

FIELD NOTES

By W. R. Derr, Field Representative Baptist Sanitarium

The Rev. R. E. Day has been serving the First Baptist Church of Big Spring for the past five and one-half months. During this time there have been 216 additions to the church. 104 of whom have come for baptism. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 265 to more than 400.

Brother Day is a good leader and a real pastor. Not only does his membership love him, but he has found a place in the hearts of the people throughout the Association.

Rev. C. D. Owens, former Missionary of the Sweetwater Association, has accepted the call to the work at the First Baptist Church at Port Isabel. He and his family will leave in a few days to take up the work at this new field. Brother Owens has done a great work in this Association, and his presence will be very greatly missed.

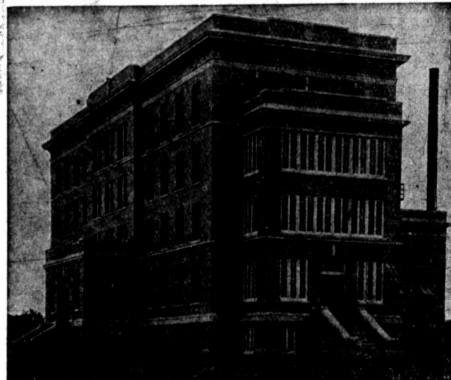
At this present time Brother Owens is in a training school with the church at O'Brien.

Rev. Scott Cotton, American pastor on the Mexican Baptist Church of Big Spring, tells us that the work with this church is coming along nicely. There have been twelve additions by baptism since the 22nd of February. There is one other awaiting baptism at present. Brother Cotton serves as a Missionary to Cuba for some eight years. He understands how to deal with people that embrace the Catholic faith.

Brother Joe Mays tells us that the work is progressing nicely at Baird, in the Callahan Association. Their next Worker's Meeting will be at the Cottonwood Church on May 5th.

The writer presented the work of the West Baptist Hospital to the West Side Baptist Church of Big Spring, on Sunday night, April twelfth. There was a fine crowd present at the service. Brother E. L. Wittaker is the pastor of this church and he is doing a good work with this people.

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