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MORRIS ACCEPTS POSITION AS SIMMONS FIELD SECRETARY

Jones-Sweetwater Ass'ns. Will Cooperate in Work of Associational Missions

As a result of a meeting of representatives from the Jones County and Sweetwater Association at Anson Tuesday afternoon, plans were perfected whereby these two sister associations will cooperate in mission work beginning January 1. According to Rev. J. P. King, who was one of the representatives from the Sweetwater association, and who is also a pastor in the Jones County Association, both the present missionaries in the Sweetwater association, Rev. W. D. Owens associational missionary, and Rev. Siparro, Mexican missionary, will do mission work in the cooperating associations. Brother Owens will serve as director of missions in the enlarged field. Both associations are to keep their present associational organizations intact, and the missionaries are to divide their time equally between the two associations. Workers conferences will be held in each of the two associations as heretofore, but it is expected that there will be a hearty cooperation between the two bodies in the carrying out of these monthly programs. The missionaries will make monthly reports to both associations.

In view of the changing status of associational missionary work and the fact that Simmons University with her large group of young preachers and missionary students, is easily accessible to the whole territory, a plan of cooperation could be worked out whereby both associations could be mutually benefitted, and the agreement reached Tuesday is a culmination of activities begun several months ago.

ABILENE NURSE WILL GO TO BRAZIL FOR MISSIONARY WORK



Miss Lovelle Thompson

Miss Lovelle Thompson, director of nursing at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, has resigned effective January 1st to resume her studies in Howard Payne college where she expects to receive her B. A. degree at the close of the present school year. Following her graduation Miss Thompson will go to Brazil with Dr. A. B. Deeter and family, who are spending their furlough in Abilene. Miss Thompson expects to work with the Deeters in the state of Sao Paulo where Christian nursing has not been introduced. Her plans are to train Brazilian young women for nursing service.

Miss Thompson has been with the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium for the past eighteen months, where she has made a phenomenal success in placing the school of nursing on a highly scientific basis, and by her Christian efforts and example, has brought the standard of nursing to a degree of Christ-like service to West Texas. If Baptist hospitals had more such teachers and directors in their employ, the confidence of the denomination in these institutions would be greatly increased.

Miss Thompson's successor has not been selected at this time, but every effort is being made to find one, who will carry on the work started by Miss Thompson. Friends of Miss Thompson and the institution she has served will follow her career with prayer and interest.

SUPPLYING THE MINISTRY

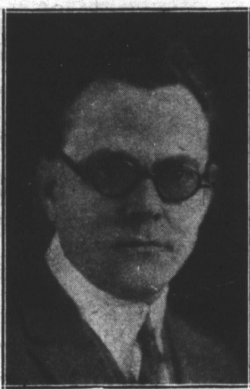
The West Texas Baptist received a card recently announcing the birth of Carroll Jennings Jackson, born to Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Jackson, Mangum, Okla. Another card announced the arrival of a son to Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Rodgers of Miles. Recently, Millard A. Jr., arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene. In all three instances the new arrivals are only sons in the families. We feel sure it will be the fond hope of the parents that these youngsters will be recruits to the ministry.

A COPRECTION

In the last issue of the West Texas Baptist an article on "Christian Education" by Rev. Geo. F. Brown of Midland appeared. A typographical error in the article made the writer say, "Christian civilization is possible without Christian Education." The sentence should have read, "Christian civilization is impossible without Christian Education." We regret that we caused the writer to say the very reverse of what was intended.

The first services in the new educational building of University church, Abilene, were held last Sunday. This is one of the remarkable building enterprises we know of, and we hope soon to have a cut of the building with a story on its construction.

COLORADO PASTOR LEADS CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IN PROGRAM



COLORADO.—The accomplishment of something which former pastors dreamed of and possibly longed to see for many years can be listed among the deeds of Rev. William C. Ashford, A. B. Th. M. pastor of the First Baptist church of Colorado, who succeeded in bringing the members of the church together in one common effort to erect a fitting house of worship in Colorado.

Coming to Colorado last December from Abilene, where he was Simmons University evangelist for some time, Brother Ashford went to work to organize the church for completion of the building program then in its infancy. The great success with which he met is pictured in the beautiful new Baptist church which was formally opened Sunday November 25.

William Curtis Ashford was born in Greenville, Miss., August 27, 1886. He was licensed to preach by the Bethel Baptist church near Indianola, Miss., and was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the First Baptist church of Shaw, Miss., in March, 1908. Entering Mississippi College in the fall of 1907, he spent two sessions there, leaving when the condition of his health necessitated the giving up of college work.

In 1911 he entered Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., spending 11 months there, later returning to Mississippi. He held his last pastorate in that state in Natchez.

Brother Ashford entered the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth in 1915, and graduated with the Master degree in Theology (Continued on Page 4.)

SIX REASONS CALL FOR ALL TO GIVE

No One, Rich or Poor, Should Be Overlooked In Christmas Thank Offering

SHOULD BALANCE RECORD

Thousands Who Have Robbed God In Past Should Be Led to Bring Special Gifts to Offset Past Failure

Every Baptist man, woman and child in the South should be enlisted in the Christmas Thank Offering with which to lift the burden of indebtedness upon the various Southwestern boards and institutions for the following reasons:

1. Because of the individual's love for Jesus Christ who redeemed him with his own precious blood.
2. As a mark of each individual's appreciation of God's continued blessings upon him from day to day.
3. Because of the great needs and the still greater opportunities confronting Southern Baptist boards, institutions and agencies. Just at the time when God has opened wide the doors of opportunity for service throughout the homeland and around the earth and called forth the trained young people by whom he would send the saving message of the gospel to a lost world, Southern Baptists have tied the hands of their mission boards and other agencies by refusing them an adequate financial support.
4. Do Too Little for Missions

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STUDENT NURSES WANTED AT BAPTIST SANITARIUM

The next class of student nurses for the training school of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium will be accepted in January, and the institution is expecting a large class for the year. The standards of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium are such that no parent need object to allowing their daughters to prepare for this great life of service to the suffering. Young women of clean Christian character, 18 years of age or older, with high school education are eligible. The pastors of West Texas are urged to assist in securing exceptional young women from their churches, who may go out and bless the world in ministering to suffering humanity. A letter addressed to Superintendent of Nursing, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene, Texas, will be given due consideration.

SAM MORRIS, "FIGHTING PARSON" RETURNS WEST AS SECY-EVANGELIST



Rev. Sam Morris, for the past two years pastor of the First Baptist church of Weatherford, has been appointed secretary of the Alumni Association and field representative of Simmons university to serve for an indefinite time. Rev. Morris will perform his new duties in addition to those as president of the Alumni, which office he has held for the past year.

The new office has been furnished by friends of the institution. President J. D. Sandefer stated last week, and will call for no additional expenditure on the part of the university. The work of Rev. Morris will specifically relate to the \$1,500,000 program which was initiated last spring, but which has been delayed on account of the Greater Baylor campaign.

Rev. Morris has already begun his work and he closed his work with the Weatherford church last Sunday. He spoke Friday in Merkel before the business men in the interest of Simmons and has already arranged a number of speaking dates in the pulpits of Baptist churches over West Texas. He will move with his wife to Abilene this week and make his home here.

The duties of the new field man will be three fold. He will work toward a more perfect organization of the Alumni association, he will speak in churches when invited and contributions will later be taken up for Simmons. (Continued on Page 4.)

Pres. Sandefer Commends Worker to The Alumni And Friends of Simmons

By Dr. J. D. Sandefer

As set out in other articles in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, an honored graduate of Simmons, has accepted leadership on the field of all former students. Brother Morris is one of the outstanding young preachers of Texas. He is consecrated and devoted to every cause fostered by our state and South-wide Baptist conventions. His work will be constructive for all our Zion program. He is a soul-winner. He will hold some meetings where invited. He will not impose on any pastor or any church, but will relate himself to our workers in every way that is becoming our ministry.

I am expressing the hope that those who believe in this institution will invite Brother Morris into your churches, and into your councils. He has the full endorsement of our board, and his time and energies are contributed to the institution and all of our causes by good friends. His services to all these causes are, as I have said, without cost to our board. We are happy to have him link his life, for the present, with that of his Alma Mater, and it is our prayer that his services and the services of others who believe Simmons university worthy of perpetuation may prove a boon to every Baptist program in Texas or out.

I set out in an article in the last issue of the West Texas Baptist that our board is carrying some heavy obligations, and that they announced a program, last May, for one and one-half millions of dollars covering a five-year period. The monies coming to the university during this time from any source, unless specifically designated otherwise, will be applied on the liquidation of our debt, on our endowment fund, and for providing additional building and equipment commensurate with the growth of the university. Our program, though announced in May, was not pressed until after our convention in Mineral Wells. It was the feeling then that following the time, December 4th, set for the completion of the Greater Baylor campaign, we must ask our friends, especially in the West, for an offering through the churches. This is the first movement of this kind in the history of Simmons university. Our board is carrying personally all the debts that have ever accrued on this institution.

We feel that there are those who, in addition to what they do for other causes, will be glad to help lighten this burden. There is one common conclusion reached now, I think, by practically all of our denominational leaders touching our schools. That is, our schools that survive the present crisis will survive as a result of the devotion of those who live, in the main, in the territory contiguous to them, and in addition thereto, contributions made by the alumni and former students. The program of Simmons university has been made clear to all who are interested in the vital life of the institution. No one familiar with the policy pursued by this university during its past history, and who is familiar with present school conditions and the activities of the other schools seeking to save themselves, can find occasion to complain at the course announced by our board.

I am receiving many letters from different sections of Texas, manifesting a concrete interest in the life of Simmons university. It will be impossible to effect what is usually thought of as an organization to put over our program. We are simply announcing it, and putting it on the hearts of our people, and asking for that Divine leadership that all of us feel is whether or not this western Baptist university shall survive or perish will be determined by the reactions to these appeals that are going out from our offices.

New Field Secretary Gives Reason For Support of the Simmons University Program

Does Simmons merit the consideration and support of West Texas Baptists? Does her enlarged program calling for one and one half millions of dollars deserve the support and attention of the Baptist pastors of West Texas? Does her past record justify her claim upon the West? I think it does.

Headed by one of the greatest college presidents in the South, Simmons has developed a great educational plant. It is a reasonably young institution. Within the past ten years has come most of the growth in equipment. During that time eight new buildings have been erected. The Science Hall at the cost of \$188,000. Ferguson Hall for men costing \$160,000. The Caldwell Fine Arts building costing over \$100,000. The Marston Gymnasium which cost \$30,000. Then there is the Cowboy Corral, the remodeled library building, an adequate cafeteria and a new chapel with a seating capacity of nearly 2,000. Her endowment stands today at about half a million dollars. Her enrollment which was 600 in 1918 was over 1400 last year and looks now as if it would reach 1600 this year.

Scholarship Stressed

Simmons stands for scholarship. She holds membership in the Southern Association of secondary schools and colleges. She also holds membership in the American Association of Colleges. A Master's degree is required before a person can hold even an associate professor's position. She has as the heads of her departments, instructors who hold Doctor's degrees from leading institutions. A degree from Simmons will be accepted at face value by all institutions of higher education in this country. She is the only school with university standing and recognition in this great western section.

A Spiritual Atmosphere

Simmons is permeated by a spiritual atmosphere. Scholarship and orthodoxy are the two ideals held up by Simmons. Her scholarship is everywhere recognized and her orthodoxy is nowhere questioned. Named after a great Christian minister, founded upon the Bible and supported by men and women who love Jesus Christ, she stands for the fundamentals of faith. Each day the faculty and student body assemble for the reading of God's Word and worship. A revival meeting is conducted each year in which faculty and students engage in the great work of soul saving. Every student is urged to attend the church of his choice on Sunday. From this warm atmosphere many ministerial students go each Sunday into the country "round about" to preach the gospel of the grace of God. She is the spiritual dynamo of West Texas Baptists.

A Sacrificial Spirit

Simmons has a great spirit. It is the spirit of sacrifice. Many students work a part or all of their way through. Those who are supported by their parents are taught to save and economize. There is no extravagance taught or practiced by Simmons. Her instructors serve on salaries that are small compared to other walks of life. President Sandefer could have left Simmons and gone to a state institution with an increase in salary. Several members of the faculty have stayed with Simmons when they could have received much larger salaries in other schools where they were wanted. The trustees have borne the burdens and have contributed liberally to the needs of Simmons. In fact, Simmons is what she is today because of the blood that has gone into the institution from those who have borne her burdens.

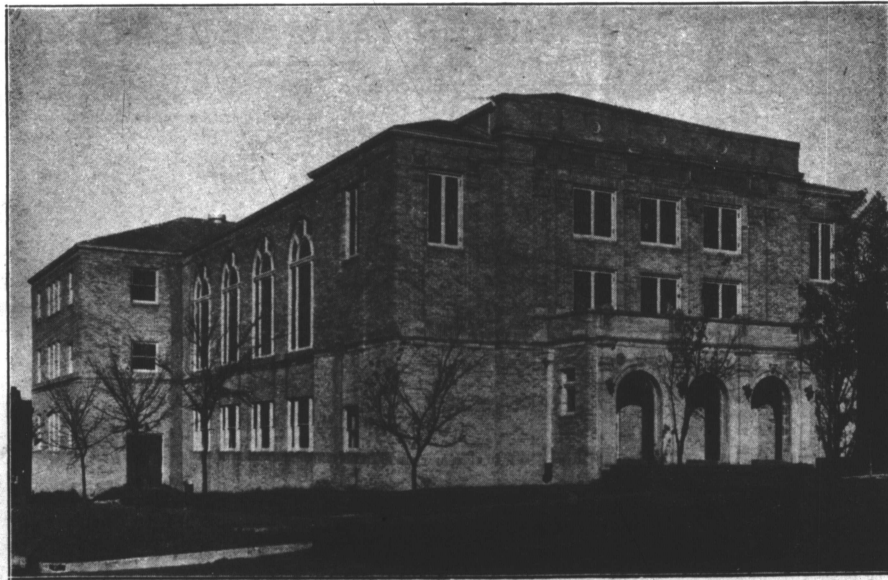
A Motive of Service

Simmons is actuated by a great motive. It is the motive of service. She lives "not to be ministered unto but to minister." The sacrifices made by her trustees and faculty as well as by those who, "unknown have placed bricks in her walls" were made in order that she might serve this great section of Texas. She has been supported for the good of the children who have come from farm and ranch, from shop and bank and business homes. If she has profited much it is because she has served much.

Simmons is making a great appeal. It is an S. O. S. call. Bearing the only indebtedness she has ever known, left on her by the \$75,000,000 campaign. She has tried to keep pace with the expanding population of West Texas, she has gained the recognition of scholarship, she has combated the keen competition of other institutions and she has served uncompromisingly. But she has gone as far as she can on her own power. That debt must be paid. She must have more endowment. She must have greater equipment. She must have a greater and more stable financing, if she is to continue in her present position of leadership.

This appeal, though addressed mainly to the people of West Texas, is not circumscribed by a territorial line. It is to any one who reads these lines and appreciates her scholarship, her sacrificial spirit, her ideals of service and her position of leadership to the extent that he, or she would like to contribute to her wellbeing by sending a check small or great to her president. This appeal is made in the name of Him "whose we are and whom we serve."

Colorado Church Completes New \$51,000 Building



New First Baptist Church Building, Colorado, Texas.

The new \$55,000 church building completed recently by the First Baptist Church, Colorado, was used for the first time by the local congregation on November 25. The opening services were participated in by the various churches in Colorado.

This new and commodious brick structure stands on the same site where Baptists first worshipped in Colorado back in 1881, after the Baptist congregation had been founded here by a George W. Baines as a mission station. The first building was used by all denominations, and was retained by the Baptists when the other churches built homes of their own.

This first church was swept away by a cyclone in 1884, and after that the Baptists of Colorado worshipped in a little frame house near the present site. The building which they worshipped in until the erection of the new one began was built about 1895, and torn down in 1927.

A few looks into the early history of the church reveal that the first Women's Missionary society in it was organized in August, 1884, by Rev.

W. A. Whittle, then pastor, and Mrs. Joe Smoot, prominent grandmother of Joe Smoot, prominent Colorado banker and active member of the Baptist church, being one of the trustees. The oldest organized class in the Sunday school of the church is the Althean, composed of a group of older women with Mrs. M. C. Ratliff as president and Mrs. Carrie Gustine as teacher.

Member Since 1883
The present member of the church who has been a continuous member longest is Mrs. H. B. Smoot, who joined in June, 1883. Mrs. G. W. Smith of Colorado also joined on the same date with Mrs. Smoot, but she lived away from Colorado for about eight years in the nineties. F. M. Burns of Colorado has been a member since about 1885. Twenty of the first Sunday school of the Baptists was established in 1881, and was present members joined before 1900, held in a dug out. S. H. Sherwin, whose son, J. D. Sherwin, is in business in Colorado, was the first Sunday school superintendent.

General contract on the church building was handled by the Colorado

Construction Company, to whom the contract was let on last February 28. W. W. Whippley of Colorado was supervising architect.

The finance committee for the building of the church included: J. A. Sadler, J. H. Smoot, F. B. Whippley, G. B. Slaton, J. H. Greene and Dr. T. J. Ratliff.

The building committee was: J. L. Bowen, W. W. Whippley, T. E. Russell, O. Lambeth and J. C. Hall. The new building is expected to be sufficiently large to care for the Sunday school and church membership for years to come. It will amply care for a standard Sunday school of 600.

The early records of the church were destroyed in a fire in 1911, but the order of succession of pastors in the history of the church has been something like the following: Rev. W. E. Tines, Rev. W. A. Whittle, Rev. E. Z. Golden, Rev. A. J. Tant, Rev. J. C. Burkett, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. B. H. Carroll, Jr., Rev. G. M. Harrell, Rev. Holmes Nichols, Rev. B. Broom, Rev. W. L. Williamson, Rev. W. C. Garrett, Rev. John Pierce, Rev. M.

C. Bishop, Rev. D. W. Morgan and Rev. W. C. Ashford.

Church Description

Entering the foyer, the main auditorium is reached by two flights of steps either to the right or left. The auditorium is beautiful indeed. The large windows are of stained glass. The double doors in each end of the room also have half of the panels of stained glass. The portion of the auditorium just over the foyer is divided from the rest of the auditorium by accordion doors, making two large class rooms. Just over these rooms is the gallery, which also can house two large classes. The plastering of the auditorium is painted a very light cream. The woodwork is finished in natural colors as it is throughout the building. The baptistry is on a level with the choir loft and on either side are the organ chambers. The organ grill is painted white, which, with the paneling in natural wood finish, presents a very pleasing effect. The choir rail drapery is of mulberry color in velvet and blends beautifully with the light fixtures and rail finished in gold. The choir loft has a seating capacity of 40.

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A PROGRAM OF FAITH

By Sam Morris

The progress of Simmons University, under the leadership of President Sandefer, which outstrips that of any other Baptist institution in Texas over the same period of time, has been the fruit of her personal appeal to those who know her best and love her most. She has no great denominational drive back of her enlarged program today. It is a program of faith. We are leaving her future to her Lord and her friends. We believe that God can and will put it into the hearts of those who know her needs and love the things for which she stands to support her program. We are not seeking to carry out this program by means of organization, through the denominational appeal or by the strength of the arm of the flesh. We are leaning on the arm of the Lord. If He wants Simmons to continue and grow He can put it in the hearts of men and women everywhere to respond to her call. If He doesn't want her to continue and grow then neither do we. Simmons stands for the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible; she is dedicated to the Glory of Christ; she seeks to serve Him by winning and training the youth who come her way and with Him we are willing to trust her future.

THE SIMMONS PROGRAM

As announced in the last issue of the West Texas Baptist, President Sandefer and the Board of Trustees of Simmons University are asking the churches and individual friends in this section of the state to unite in a financial program looking to the relief of the serious condition due to the large indebtedness of the trustees of the institution have been carrying since the 75 million campaign. This is the first time this institution, during her thirty-seven years of service to the Kingdom of God, has called upon the churches in her territory for a program of this sort. This step was decided upon after the president and his board had reached the conclusion that the ultimate welfare of the institution depends upon a program of this kind.

This enlargement program for Simmons was first launched last June at the university's annual commencement exercises. At that time President Sandefer announced that his board of directors had endorsed his plans looking forward to the raising within a period of five years, of \$1,500,000 for debt paying, endowment and enlargement. At the beginning of the fall session President Sandefer called a number of West Texas pastors together for a further consideration of this program. In view of the fact that the Greater Baylor campaign had been launched during the past summer, it was unanimously agreed that any sort of Simmons program looking to the raising of money would be postponed until after the meeting of the state convention at Mineral Wells. In this way the Baylor campaign was given right of way in this section.

The plan on which President Sandefer has launched the Simmons program, will, we believe, receive the endorsement of our Baptist brotherhood in general. President Sandefer has maintained for several years that the salvation of our schools in Texas depended upon the use of the local appeal. That his point of view is correct is now generally conceded by those who have made a study of our educational situation.

We had just as well face the serious fact right now that every one of our Baptist schools in Texas are facing crises that threaten their very existence. These schools are making earnest appeals to their local constituency to come to their relief.

During the month of December President Sandefer is asking the pastors in this section to place the cause of Simmons before their churches. No intensive campaign has been organized. All that is being asked is that the serious condition of the institution be placed before our people and allow them the privilege of helping relieve the burden. If the past thirty-seven years of service to the cause of Christ merits the support of our God-loving Baptists in West Texas, we believe our people of the West will respond to the appeal.

SIMMONS ALUMNI PROGRAM

The management of Simmons University feel fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Sam Morris, for the past two years pastor of the First Baptist church, Weatherford, who is taking the work of alumni and field secretary. We say without hesitation that Brother Morris is one of our most promising young preachers. He is making a great sacrifice in giving up his work with a great church to assume this field work, but he feels the challenge of a call to help place his alma mater on a sure foundation at this very stressful time in her history. This issue of the West Texas Baptist will probably fall into the hands of a number of alumni and ex-students of the university. We are urging these ex-students to give Simmons earnest consideration at this time. The future of any denominational institution is largely in the hands of its alumni. A great alumni organization will make possible a great institution. Without such support no institution can hope to reach its greatest degree of usefulness.

It is gratifying to know that Brother Morris' service for the university has been secured without cost to the institution. His salary and expenses will be paid by some loyal friends who have been led to believe that he will be able to render at this time a service that will be of untold benefit to Simmons. This arrangement means that every dollar paid to Simmons through the labors of the field secretary will go directly to the institution. We feel confident that not only the alumni but every friend of Simmons will enter heartily into the Simmons program, which it is hoped, will make secure for all time to come an institution that has played a telling part in the development of a great Baptist Zion in the West.

A REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Right now our people everywhere are confronted with the task of selecting Christmas gifts for their loved ones and friends. We can think of no gift that would mean more than a year's subscription to the West Texas Baptist and our state paper, the Baptist Standard. From now to January 1, we are going to make a very liberal subscription offer to our readers. Here it is: For \$1.00 we will renew your subscription to the West Texas Baptist for one year and send the paper one year to your friend or loved one. Think of it, both subscriptions one year for \$1.00. This means twenty-four visits during the year, each a reminder of a Christmas remembrance. This offer applies to both new and renewals; up to January 1, two subscriptions for one dollar. Send us your subscription at once, then drop your friend a Christmas card stating that you are sending the West Texas Baptist one year to them for a Christmas remembrance. To those who desire both the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard, we will send both papers one year for \$2.25. Send your subscription at once and the Christmas issue of the West Texas Baptist will be sent wrapped in a Christmas wrapper.

During the next two weeks our mailing list will be revised and all delinquent subscriptions will be dropped. If you have already sent in your renewal your subscription figures will be moved up at that time.

STATE MISSIONS

J. C. McKenzie

I am one of the old fashioned missionary Baptists that believes the main business of every redeemed person in all the world is to witness for the Savior. I do not believe that Baptists ought to build and maintain any school, hospital, or any other institution, either local or denominational, that does not have the witnessing for Christ as its main objective.

I doubt if there is one Baptist in a thousand in the Southern Baptist Convention who has as any adequate idea of the size, opportunities, and responsibilities, of what is perhaps the greatest State Mission field among Baptists.

The Concho Valley Baptist Association is indeed a "District Association." It is composed of all the Baptist churches in seven counties, and parts of two others. It is some 150 miles, as the bird flies, across it from the S. E. to the N. W. It is as large from the N. E. to the S. W. as some eight or ten thousand square miles of territory. There is no need, and as far as I know, any demand, for this association to be enlarged.

We have seven full time churches. There is but one of these that is really able to take care of its own local work in worthy fashion. In fact, two or three of these churches have been assisted this year by our Association Board in paying their pastor's salary. We have one three-fourth time church; five half time churches; and some twelve one-fourth time churches. All these have about five thousand members, with fully one half of them belonging to the First Baptist Church at San Angelo. The association tried to get along without a missionary this past year. It sought to supplement the weak churches, thus relieving the State Board of any obligations in this section. They have seen their mistake, and have a missionary on the field this year.

If Baptists will take care of this section for a few years now all this

vast empire will be a Baptist stronghold. This section is known as stockman's paradise. The grass was never better, nor the cattle fatter. Great sections of this territory is being farmed successfully now. Just one example will show the wisdom of taking care of this section at this time. A few years ago Ozona was a part of this association, and was securing mission aid, and was supporting a Foreign Missionary. In this field, an adjacent to it, are to be found the largest oil fields known to man. We are furnishing the oil that is making the state university one of the richest schools in all the land. The Yates field is in our association, and the famous Yates pool—the oil men say the largest in the world—is adjacent to it. Also the Crane field is within twenty miles of our western border. There is no real Baptist work being done either in Iran—the Yates field—or at Crane City. If these oil fields are taken care of during the next few years it will mean a great deal to the Baptist cause.

The association ought to be divided and at last two men be employed as missionaries, but for the present all we can hope for is that we supplement some of the weaker churches, and help to keep one man as missionary. All our churches, excepting three, have good pastors. These three are considering good men, and I am almost sure will call them. The largest salary paid any of these men—excepting the pastor of the men—accepting the pastor of San Angelo, is \$2400.00 and a home. There are college and seminary trained men too. Some of them are. They are good preachers, and are as true to our Denomination as can be.

Besides all this we have a hospital here at San Angelo that has never had a dollar state aid in its life. But this section just can not care for the work in this section alone. State Missions must help us.

San Angelo, Texas.

LATE DR. MULLINS IS PRAISED BY STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS

Dr. Charles H. Dorsett, Winters, Tex., Student in Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"Our president is dead."
 The words were spoken in a hushed silence in the last morning class of November 23. They came almost in a whisper, as words might come in a meek, humble and faithful prayer. Soon they had reached the ears of every student in the seminary. Always the same words: Our president is dead. Before his death the reports had always been "Dr. Mullins is so and so." When death came it was not "Dr. Mullins is dead" but "Our president is dead." Members of the faculty and student body alike claimed him in death as their own.

Saturday morning the seminary "family" composed of faculty members and students, gathered in Norton Hall chapel to pay tribute to their dead leader. No program had been arranged. We wanted it, as Dr. Sampey said, "to be a time when anybody can say what he pleases." Naturally each speaker was limited to only a few words but even with limitation, words of praise and honor and love were poured from the hearts of faculty members and students for more than an hour and a half. Each one present had some new word of tribute to add to the thousands already spoken. Great dignified professors joined their students in weeping as little children might weep for a lost father. It is impossible in this short article to repeat even one sentence from each speaker. Permit me however, to give you the words of only one speaker—my friend and fellow student, John Cristea, of Rosia-Sleis, Roumania. Of course you are familiar with the awful persecutions suffered by Roumanian Baptists in recent years and the influence and effort brought about their cessation. This young preacher-student brought tears to the eyes of everyone present when he said in broken English: "I want to pay my tribute to Dr. Mullins. He means so much to me and my people. We have two Saviors—Jesus Christ and Dr. Mullins. He got me out of jail where I had been imprisoned, because I believed in Jesus Christ, and brought me to America." Here his voice choked. His heart held words he could not speak. Then broke only he concluded with the words that expressed the feeling of each one present. "I loved him."

Services were held Sunday morning at the beautiful Mullins home for the family. Naturally it was not the privilege of the writer to attend this service. One word spoken there by Mrs. Mullins has been brought to me. I pass it on to you to show the fine courage and beautiful spirit of the life time companion of this princely man. Mrs. Mullins said, "It is a time of sadness, but, too, it is a time of gladness. He has attained the great goal to which he has been climbing all these years."

Broadway Baptist church was packed full of friends and admirers long before the public service began. For two solid hours a stream of people, person against person, filed by the lifeless form of this great soldier of Christ. Thousands of flowers made the church appear as a beautiful garden. Everything was done that human hands could possibly do to make the home-going a beautiful occasion.

Most of the speakers used notes in the delivery of their almost unparalleled addresses. A notable exception was our own Dr. Truett. Characteristic it was of him that his words of tribute were preceded by "I have no prepared speech. I want to say just what is in my heart." I have never heard before so many fitting words as Dr. Truett brought. No one wondered why he should be selected to make the concluding and principle address, even above the great Dr. McNeil, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

It was the privilege of the writer,

day the president of the Baptist World Alliance said, "I've known him for many years. Truly I may say he is the greatest man I've ever known." In those words you have the man. He was held in the highest esteem from the dawn of the dawn. To the world it was the dawn of another day. We determined there beside this mighty man of God, that it would be the dawn of a life of service for us. To Dr. Mullins—our friend, our leader, our president—it was the dawn of something more. To him it was the dawn of Life Eternal.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

By Chas. D. Owen, Missionary

Our monthly workers conference at Ovalo church, December 3 was in some respects the best we have had in more than a year. Dr. L. E. Scarborough of Sweetwater Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, delivered a great address on the Baptist program. Other inspiring addresses were made by Rev. R. M. McGinnis, Rev. S. F. Baucum, Walter Jackson and Dr. R. N. Richardson.

Next meeting will be with Elmdale church, January 7, 1929.
 The B. Y. P. U. workers of our association will meet with Merkel church on Sunday, December 16, 2:00 p. m., to perfect their associated B. Y. P. U. organization. An interesting program will be rendered. We trust that every Senior, Intermediate and Junior B. Y. P. U. in the association will be represented. Help make it go over.

PROGRAM FOR B. Y. P. U. MEETING OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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2:00 P. M.—Devotional, Melton

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2:30 P. M.—Demonstration of Juniors by University Church.

2:50 P. M.—Special music, by Lamar Street Church.

2:55 P. M.—Why An Associational

B. Y. P. U., Earl Slaughter.

3:05 P. M.—Business session, complete organization of Sweetwater Baptist Association B. Y. P. U., M. B. Sasse, chairman.

TEXAS B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

It was conceded by many that our recent state B. Y. P. U. convention held at San Angelo was the greatest in its history. There were about two thousand messengers present, from every section of the state. The sermons and addresses were of the highest type and inspired the hearts of the people for a greater and more efficient service in the Kingdom. The spiritual tide ran high. Optimism

was the prevailing note throughout the convention.

The music led by Professor McKennie of Southwestern Seminary was quiet inspiring and was a great factor in making the meeting a success. The Intermediate sword drill conducted by Miss Grace Conn of Dallas, gave quite a thrill to the convention. There was twenty-two in the contest, representing Intermediate Unions from every section of the state. Miss Annie Catherine Donaldson of Polytechnic church of Fort Worth, won first place and received a beautiful loving cup as reward. A young lady from Bryan won second place and Miss Eloise Inman of Winters won third place.

There were twelve banners awarded for different phases of the work. This scrib, had the pleasure of receiving one of those banners in behalf of Sweetwater Association. This

banner was for largest attendance at convention. The convention will meet next year at Longview. Inspiration from last meeting will lead many to go to Longview from this association.

CHAS. D. OWEN,

Missionary Sweetwater Asso.

The Volunteer Mission band of Simmons university is doing some fine work this year. The band gives from two to three programs each Sunday. On a recent Sunday three programs were rendered, at Oak Grove, Roscoe and Champion. Several young people dedicated their lives to Christ at these services; one young man surrendered to the call to preach. Any church desiring the services of this fine group of Christian workers should get in touch with Fred McPherson, Simmons university, Abilene, Texas.

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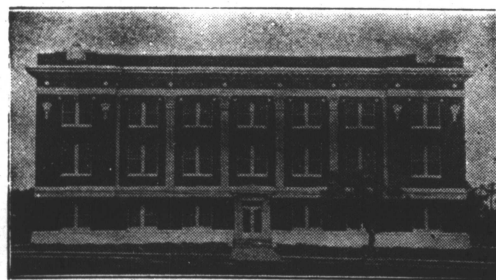
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Why I Came to Simmons As Field Secretary

I was asked the other day how I came to leave a church where I was loved and appreciated and take up the work with Simmons. There are several reasons that I named. I love her ideal of scholarship and orthodoxy; I appreciate the record of her past; I have faith in her future; I believe in her policy; I honor her sacrificial spirit; she is my mother, educationally speaking, and I want to help her serve the people of her section and the world.

My work calls for the organization of Simmons graduates and ex-students. I am here making the request that those who read this article help me by sending me your name and address if you are a graduate or ex-student of Simmons. I shall also appreciate your sending me the names of any Simmons men or women in your community. The greatest task before me is to locate in the different communities the Simmons men and women. This is my greatest task and you can greatly help me with it.

I plan to speak every Sunday somewhere. If it is in keeping with the plan of the pastor and the wish of his church I shall be glad to take a public offering for Simmons. However, we take it for granted that the pastor and his church know what is best and if it is their wish she shall speak concerning Simmons and the following week privately solicit funds. Moreover, we want it thoroughly understood that when we take an offering for Simmons each donor will have the privilege of designating his offering to any other school if he wishes. Thus as I represent Simmons I shall be seeing after the interest of every other institution in Texas at the same time. We are not seeking to embarrass any one. All we seek is to place Simmons in the hearts of her friends and we believe they will respond to her needs. If they do not, we have no right to ask others to support her. We are willing that she shall survive or perish among her friends.

It is our plan to hold some revival meetings. A free will offering will be taken at the close of the meeting. The contribution will go to Simmons. I shall have no singer with me but in case the church desires it I can suggest one from among those of my friends with whom I have labored.

We feel that the program of Simmons and the work that I am to do for Simmons will in no way hamper the denominational program of budgeting the churches. We believe the budget is the best plan of denominational finance but Simmons can't wait two or three years until that plan is perfected. The twenty thousand provided by the budget is not sufficient for her running expenses. It makes no provision for her debts at all. Moreover, Simmons or any other school can not receive any of the money provided for in the budget until \$661,000 of other items have been taken care of.

Those who desire to communicate with me concerning any phase of my work may address your communication to me in care of Simmons University.—Sam Morris.

ELIASVILLE CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICES

Men's Club, Presbyterian Church of Eliasville met December 3, 7:00 p. m. to enjoy a big feast and program. President G. E. Newell in charge.

The Baptist orchestra was invited to play for the occasion.

The orchestra furnishing the music while they ate and they ate while the orchestra furnished music. But there was an abundance of turkey, dressing, various kinds of gravy, salads, pickles, cranberries, cakes, chocolate and coffee, so we got our share. While the eats were as fine as could be the program was still better.

Subject, "The Home."

First speaker—"The Ideal Home, or Home God Intended," H. W. Cunningham.

Second speaker—"The Home of Today," Rev. L. A. Cunningham.

Third speaker—"Making the Home Accord with God's Plan," Rev. Anderson. All of the speakers stressed the fact, or need, of the "family altar" in the home.

The Cunningham-Davis male quartet surprised the audience with a quartet and the orchestra gave as a closing number a Medley march, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again, Sweet Bye and Bye."

Having been reared in the Eliasville community and upon returning after an absence of about 10 years, it was a great joy to find the various denominations dwelling together in heavenly places in their cooperative services each Sunday, 7 p. m.

Each church meeting in their own building in the morning hour for their services, but the various pastors take their turn, one Sunday night per month in the cooperative services. Each church having one of these services every month.

As a result of these cooperative services, it is no trouble for a Parent-Teacher, or any other community organization to put over a program. We would be pleased to have the editor come over some Sunday morning and meet with us and speak for all in the evening service, or if you can't come, substitute President Sandefur. In fact the majority of Eliasville people would be glad to hear Dr. Sandefur any time, anywhere and upon any subject political or otherwise.

Any preacher desiring and appointment with the Eliasville Baptist church in the near future may write Geo. T. Adams Eliasville, Texas.

A. N. Davis.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Did you ever think you would like to have lived when Christ was upon the earth, and have had the privilege of entertaining him in your home?

An even greater privilege than that is ours today—that of remembering Christ with a Christmas present, and inviting Him to spend the holiday season as a guest in our hearts and in our homes.

For our encouragement, the Bible assures us that Christ counts a contribution to one of his causes as a contribution to himself, so when Southern Baptists make a Thank Offering of \$2,000,000 this year for the benefit of the various Southwestern boards and institutions they will be making a Christmas present to Christ himself. If that offering is made in a spirit that is acceptable to the Lord he will come into their hearts and make them supremely happy.

There is no question about the ability of the nearly 4,000,000 white Baptists of the South to give this amount. If everyone cooperated the sum could be raised without inconvenience to anyone. Many are indifferent and will not help, while some belong to pastorless churches and will not hear of the matter. It remains for those who do hear and are interested to do something extra to make up for those who are not enlisted.

DR. W. H. KNIGHT WILL RETURN TO SEMINARY

By L. R. Scarborough

I am happy to announce that Dr. W. H. Knight, pastor of the First Baptist church, El Dorado, Arkansas, has accepted the professorship of missions in the Southwestern Seminary and begins his work January 1st.

Dr. Knight was professor of Missions here years ago. He gave up one position to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For a number of years he did an outstanding work in soul-winning and kingdom-building. He was called from there to the First Baptist church at El Dorado, Arkansas, where now for sometime he has served with marked ability and success, and we are happy that he comes back to the Seminary to take up this position. He will also in the Department of Evangelism teaching the classes in Evangelism in his absence.

For the present Dr. Knight will give much of his time to evangelism, holding meetings all over the country. He is one of the outstanding preachers of the South and a great soul-winner. His record in his pastorates shows that he baptized more people than almost any other pastor in the South. He was counted as a great leader in the two states where he served as pastor. He will hold great meetings and do a constructive, kingdom-building work wherever he goes. Pastors desiring his services in revivals can take the matter up with him at El Dorado, Arkansas, till January first; after that Seminary Hill, Texas.

He will fill the professorship in the Seminary recently vacated by Dr. W. R. White, and we are sure he will do a great work in teaching Missions and stirring the missionary passion in the life of the great Seminary. We count ourselves fortunate in getting such a distinguished pastor, teacher and soul-winner to connect himself again with the seminary.

NEWS NOTES FROM SANTA ANNA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

For several years the members of the First Baptist church have been looking forward to the time when they could seat their church with new pews. That wish materialized on November 11. That day was set aside as Rally Day and Dr. Elmer Ridgeway, pastor of the First Baptist church of San Angelo, was invited to preach the rally sermon. Dr. Ridgeway came and preached on the text, "Why I Love the Church." The sermon was touching and very forcefully delivered. After the sermon Bro. E. F. Martin, pastor, asked for donations and quickly got a response. About twenty-one hundred dollars of the twenty-four hundred needed was either paid or pledged and it is considered an easy matter to raise the balance from the members who were not present that day. The contract for the installation of the seats has been let and we expect to have our new pews ready for use in about ninety days.

On Monday, December 3, the Coleman County Workers' conference met with the First Baptist church of Santa Anna. The meeting was well attended, most of the church in the county being represented. The ladies of the church served an appetizing meal at the noon hour. All present had an enjoyable time and went away with an inspiration to serve the Master better.

Pastor W. H. Hughes and the Leeland church celebrated their anniversary on November 11. The church is going forward in a fine way. The Sunday school expects to reach the standard soon.

BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS PAY OFF OLD DEBT

By Liberal Love Offering Churches Relieve Their Foreign Mission Board In A Day

EXAMPLE FOR AMERICANS

Southern Baptists Can Raise \$2,000,000 Cash in Christmas Thank Offering If Members Catch the Same Spirit

By M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil

The Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist convention is located in Bahia. Brother Thomas L. Costa is the general secretary and treasurer and the writer of these lines is a member of the board.

In our Brazilian Baptist work we use the budget system but we also have regularly every year special days for thank offerings for several causes. Foreign Mission Day comes the first Sunday in September.

This year when the editor of O Jornal Baptista, our Brazilian national Baptist paper, began to write about the special day for foreign missions he made the suggestion that all over Brazil we make a special effort this year to raise enough on this special day to pay off the large debt which came over from the previous convention year. The debt amounted to thirteen Contos de Reis and had increased a little up to date. The foreign mission secretary like the plan suggested and got behind it at once. Brethren all over Brazil were asked for special articles and one was run in the paper each week right up to the very day. In all the fields a great interest was manifest.

When the day came, the second day of September, it was really observed and became a great success. Just last night I was with the secretary and he showed me some figures which indicated that he will report to the denomination in a few days that the entire debt has been wiped out and the regular remittance for October has been sent to Portugal and it has already put new heart in the thousands of Baptists all over Brazil.

Look to America to Follow Pace

Now to be sure, our debt on the board of the Brazilian convention is very small in comparison with the "magnificent" debts on our boards of the Southern Baptist convention. But, here in Brazil our work as yet is small and our people cannot yet attempt the large tasks like the brethren to the north carry so willingly. May we not believe that this fine spirit of sacrificial giving here in Brazil is just a foreshadowing of the fine sacrificial giving of our great Southern Baptist brotherhood in the coming Christmas Thank Offering all over the South?

The messages that come in of fine giving are very stirring. The First Church, Rio, set out to raise 700 milreis. Before the giving concluded they had given 1,750 milreis. In Recife the Capanga church went 1,400 milreis. Here in Bahia a little church of forty-eight members gave 1,000 milreis. Yesterday we got a report from a small country church in the extreme south of Bahia state that sent in 224 milreis. Another little country church that for years has been nearly dead, but is reviving, sent just nine and one-half milreis, less than two dollars—and this was a love gift. One church has been so cold this year that it sent not one milreis on the budget, but it sent a love gift for foreign missions.

Oh, brethren, let the people and the churches make spontaneous love gifts for the causes they love best—and they will pay the monthly grocery bills (Cooperative Program budget) with much more joy and promptness. Spontaneous love must prompt voluntary giving or it will cease to be voluntary and stop.

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED BY CHURCHES

Pastor Dodd Sees That His Members Are Acquainted With Cooperative Program Causes

Believing that information about each one of the seven objects embraced in the Cooperative Program will convince individual Baptists of their duty to support the program with their contributions, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist church, Shreveport, La., in preparation for this year's every-member canvass, saw to it that every member of the church who attends services had the needed knowledge about every phase of the general work of the denomination, state and Southwide.

To get this information before the people the pastor preached upon these objects from the pulpit and was reinforced in this effort by a definite presentation of a separate subject each week for seven weeks before the canvass was taken. Measles of communication employed included three-minute speeches each week before every department of the church, discussion of a separate subject each week at prayer meeting, and brief presentation of essential facts about each cause in the church bulletin. Included in the discussion of each individual cause each week was the setting forth of the percentage of each dollar given that would go to the special object under consideration.

Schedule of Presentation Given

The schedule of objects as Dr. Dodd had them presented throughout his church each week was as follows: October 15-21, Orphans Home; October 22-28, Old Ministers; October 29-November 4, Hospitals; November 5-11, Christian Education; November 12-18, State Missions; November 19-25, Home Missions; November 26-December 2, Foreign Missions.

With such a systematic presentation of the individual objects embraced in the Cooperative Program followed in all our churches Southern Baptists would soon become possibly the best informed people anywhere upon the character and extent of their cooperative work. And there is every reason to believe that there would follow the fuller information thus imparted a correspondingly larger financial response to the needs of the work. So must it be.

News Notes

Joe R. Mayes, Baird: Our thanks offering amounted to more than \$500 a good lot of renewed interest. We are planning for a Christmas drive. At our workers conference today at Putnam we perfected our organization to put on the Simmons program, and we are planning to reach the entire association.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church, Rule, was well represented at the state convention at San Angelo last week. The work there under the leadership of C. E. Ball continues on the upgrade. A new pastor's home, costing \$5,500, will be built right away.

The First Church, Sweetwater, continues to enjoy a prosperous spiritual condition. The church finances are in a good condition, the attendance on the Sunday school and church services is large and souls are being saved every Sunday. Pastor Chas. T. Whaley has been wrestling some lately with a severe cold, but is getting straightened out again.

The Mann church, Runnels county, has called Rev. R. C. King of Abilene as pastor. We understand he is accepting the work.

The new pastor, Rev. C. A. Baskin, is getting a fine start on the field with the First Baptist church, Aspermont. The church is building a new house of worship, to cost \$15,500, which will be ready to use by the first of January. A new B. Y. P. U. has been organized and is striving for the A standard.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins arrived from Midland Monday where he assisted Pastor Geo. F. Brown and the First Church in a splendid meeting. There were 64 additions to the church. Writing about the meeting, Pastor Geo. F.

Brown says: "It was a real revival among the members and the deepening of many spiritual lives. Words would fail me to express my joy at having Dr. Jenkins with us these two weeks. He is a great preacher and a great soul. His coming has meant much to us out here."

Work is to be resumed right away on the large educational building for the First Baptist church, Abilene. The church has adopted the policy of "paying as they go." The present contract calls for an expenditure of over \$30,000, all of which has been subscribed.

The revival held last week by University Baptist church, Abilene, closed Sunday with thirty additions. The preaching was done by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Seminary. Professor E. L. Carnett of the gospel music department of the seminary, led the singing.

A religious census of the Runnels County association, followed by a simultaneous revival meeting in every church in the association, and a vigorous budget campaign in every church in the association, is the program outlined by Missionary John M. Riddell at the regular monthly workers conference last week. A meeting of the pastors of the association was held at Winters Monday to discuss the plans.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ON AIR OVER WBAP

For some time Southwestern Seminary has been broadcasting on a regular schedule over WBAP, Station of the Star-Telegram-Record, Fort Worth. The program has been enlarged allowing for an increase in hours on the broadcasting schedule.

Sunrise Boys Added

School of Sacred Music over WBAP is on the air each morning from 8:00 until 9:00. The artists known as the Sunrise Boys are: Norvell E. Slater,

pianist and baritone soloist; Jimmy V. Harris, xylophonist and pianist. Already the boys have received a most favorable reception from hearers two thousand miles distance. All programs are divided into two groups, sacred and semi-sacred. The religious numbers and the favorite old folk songs have brought many letters of commendation.

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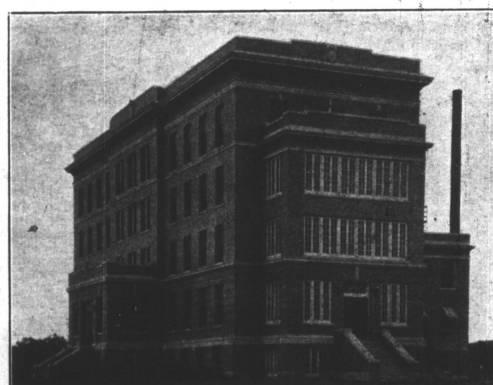
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Some Corrections Regarding The New Baptist Convention of Arizona

In the issue of the West Texas Baptist dated November 29, 1928, there was an article by the president and executive secretary of the Northern Baptist convention known as the Arizona Baptist convention regarding the new convention recently organized by the Southern Baptists of this state. In fairness to the general public and the Baptists of this country in particular I feel that this joint article by Brethren Day and Starring should be replied to since it is a reflection on the work of Southern Baptists of this state. Southern Baptists of Arizona want to play the game fairly.

People who have never been in these border states can not understand conditions. Therefore people in general need both sides of the religious issue among Baptists. There is a difference between Northern and Southern Baptists. This difference is more easily felt than seen. It needs to be remembered that Southern Baptists of Arizona have done nothing to have for conscience sake. Southern Baptists of Arizona have been misrepresented. On should not believe everything he hears or reads.

Brethren Day and Starring say, "With hardly an exception these organizations are small, struggling churches formed as a result of division over personal and petty matters such as might divide a congregation in Oregon or Maine. Doctrinal questions could not be involved as Arizona Baptist convention and every affiliating congregation stands solidly for all the fundamentals of our historic Baptist faith. The divisive movement in Arizona, erroneously named 'Southern', has been an arrested movement for nearly three years. Several attempts have been made to split our churches but without success in a single case."

This is not a fair representation of the work of Southern Baptists of Arizona. Our Southern churches have not been organized because of personal and petty matters. Personal matters have not played any part in our great work here. Our work is not divisive. We do not split churches. Our New Testament Baptists have quietly withdrawn from the Northern convention because of doctrinal reasons. It is a well known fact that the Northern convention is filled with modernism. Their schools are infested with modernism. Destructive criticism everywhere is rampant in the North. New Testament Baptists or Arizona have refused to put their money into these institutions infested with unscriptural teachings and practices. Brethren Day and Starring say, "Only one doctrinal point has been seriously advanced by

those who have sought to divide our churches. This has been the question of the administration of the ordinances of Baptists and the Lord's Supper." This is only one of the doctrinal issues. However, this is a sufficient reason for those who believe the New Testament to contend for a separate existence. I repeat again, our work is not divisive. I will illustrate: A few days ago now I went to Casa Grande, Arizona, and preached to a group of New Testament Baptists. These Baptists could not further cooperate with the Northern convention conscientiously. They signed a resolution stating why they were withdrawing from the Northern convention. They did not divide the church. They simply quietly withdrew. And by the way their congregation already is larger than the Northern. After they had taken this step of severing their relation with the Northern convention, I preached to them at their invitation. I had a perfect right to do this. I violated no rules of ethics by doing so.

The Northern convention has represented the fact that Southern Baptists have come into this territory. The Northern Baptists here, advocate allocation of territory to religious bodies. This is unscriptural. Christ said: "The field is the world." We have a perfect right to go wherever a man is found and preach the New Testament message to him. The expression out here is often heard: "This is our territory." However Southern Baptists do not say it. We believe that we and all others have a right to go anywhere. If we do not preach our message no one else will do it for us.

Southern Baptists of Arizona are here to stay. Brethren Day and Starring speak of our churches as small and struggling. It is true that most of our churches are small, but thank God they are orthodox. And they are unified and growing. They are spiritual and liberal. No reasons formed against such churches shall prosper. God is with us. This is worth more than numbers. The numbers will come later if we are true to God. God is blessing our work. Other churches will come from the convention soon. The Northern churches are divided, not because we have sought to bring division into them, but because the people are dissatisfied with their alignment with the Northern convention.

Our convention is not erroneously named "Southern." Brethren Day and Starring say. It is "Southern." Arizona is a distinctly Southern state. Time will prove the wisdom of the step taken by the Southern Baptists of this state.

COLORADO CHURCH COMPLETES NEW \$51,000 BUILDING

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capacity of 45 and the entire auditorium 700.

To the rear of the auditorium on the same floor is the business office, the pastor's study, the dressing rooms, each with a large window. The department with the assembly room will accommodate some 108 pupils.

On leaving the main auditorium, to the rear and left is a flight of stairs leading up to the senior department, which has seven rooms accommodating more than 100 pupils. There also is a large class room and a smaller room on this floor. Each of these rooms have a large window.

On each side of the foyer and to the front of the basement are two large class rooms, making the total number of class rooms 28.

The building, when equipped with pews and an organ, will represent an approximate expenditure of \$70,000.

The entrance to the building is practically level with the ground, being only two steps up on entering the foyer. Passing back and down four steps the basement is entered. It is a large, commodious room to be used for social gatherings and to house the primary and junior departments. The basement auditorium is plastered and painted a light cream.

Out of the basement to the right the kitchen is entered. In each end of the kitchen is a beautiful cabinet finished in white enamel. It is piped with gas and wired for electricity. Two cook stoves will be installed, one gas and one electric. A large white enamel sink with drain boards is seen on the right on entering the kitchen.

From the kitchen, to the rear, the furnace room entered. Two large furnaces, of the latest design, are installed for heating the entire building with hot air. Either coal or gas can be burned in them.

SAM MORRIS "FIGHTING PARSON" RETURNS WEST AS SECY-EVANGELIST

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mons, and he will occasionally hold revival meetings, the proceeds of which will go to Simmons.

Rev. Morris, better known throughout this section several years ago as "the fighting parson," was graduated from Simmons in 1926, taking a B. A. degree and work on a M. A. degree. While in school, besides pastoring churches, he was active in debating, played four years of football at right tackle, and was an honor student.

In the two years he has been at Weatherford, the church has added nearly 800 members, and has had a baptismal service every first Sunday in the month. The church has also been cleared of a large debt in his period of service. The Weatherford church has so far refused to accept his resignation, agreeing to let him work for Simmons for four months only. He stated, however, that this would not affect his decision to accept the Simmons position.

Rev. Morris will speak at churches on invitation and any West Texas pastors who want him to speak in the interest of Simmons will communicate with him through the university, where his headquarters will be located.

SIX REASONS CALL FOR ALL TO GIVE

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Baptists do all too little for the support of missions and benevolences through their regular gifts, and should welcome this Christmas Thank Offering as an opportunity to bring up their arrearages in this direction. According to a careful estimate prepared by Dr. E. P. Aldredge, statistical secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board there are only 200,000 out of a total of nearly 4,000,000 Southern Baptists who tithe their income with God. Of the remainder, it is found that approximately 1,500,000 contribute with some degree of regularity to missions and benevolences but give less than one-tenth; about 500,000 give occasionally but rarely; while something more than 1,500,000 never give anything to missions and benevolences, or the program for making Christ known to the lost millions of earth. Surely the regular givers will welcome an opportunity to do something extra for God at this season, while the irregular ones and the non-contributors should be reached and enlisted in making at least one special gift at this Christmas season.

5. Hundreds of thousands of Southern Baptists are indulging themselves all too freely in the comforts and luxuries of this life, and need to be called back to a new sense of their dependence upon God and a sense of sacrificial devotion to him and his kingdom.

Will Clear Track for Progress

6. Lifting these debts to a considerable degree at this time will largely drive the debt complex, with all its hurtful reactions, out of the Southern Baptist system at this time and clear the track for the loyal members of the denomination to go forward to new and larger achievements for their Lord.

Christmas is a season for manifesting the spirit of Christ, and the Christ spirit is unquestionably one of self-denial and genuine sacrifice. Every Baptist ought to be challenged at this time to make a sacrificial gift for Christ and His cause—the rich giving out of their abundance and the poor giving of their poverty, but all giving for the glory of God. Such general and generous giving on the part of all Baptists this season would start a spiritual revival in the churches at Christmas time, and all churches need nothing quite so much as they need to be spiritually revived.

COLEMAN COUNTY WORKERS

Coleman county "Worker's Conference" convened with Santa Anna church December 3. Every speech during the day was of high order.

The meeting was inspiring, encouraging and missionary to a marked degree. The brethren do not underestimate our denomination difficulties but they have faith in God and in each other.

Among the visitors was W. B. Holland of Norton and D. M. West of Bronte, both ex-pastors of the Santa Anna church.

Rev. J. J. Kellan of Dallas, brought a good message on "Baptist Objectives" for 1929.

Our next meeting is with First Baptist Church Coleman, January 7, 1929.

J. R. McCorkle.

Evangelist Whoopemup and The Drouthy Ridge Church

J. O. Heath, Reporter

It has been some weeks since Evangelist Whoopemup held his great revival with the Drouthy Ridge Baptist church. The big meeting, creating a wonderful sensation, closed in a blaze of personal glory for Evangelist Whoopemup. The meeting was pronounced a phenomenal success. Dr. Whoopemup converted the people in large numbers, received them into the church in wholesale, got an immense collection for himself, and then went his way to repeat his evangelistic triumphs in other places.

As a close observer and careful reporter, I would suggest to any aspiring novice who may be coveting the green fields of evangelism that of study Evangelist Whoopemup. There is a remarkable man. He tells the same stories, delivers the same sermons, relates the same blood-curdling incidents and uses the same cuss words in all his meetings. There is no way of computing how much money Evangelist Whoopemup has been paid for his old sermons and jokes. Yet in Drouthy Ridge those time-worn sermons and jokes produced a stir that raged like a mad whirlwind for a brief season. It is presumed that the Drouthy Ridge church did not know that those sermons were decrepit by reason of age.

Far be it from me, though, to doubt the greatness of Dr. Whoopemup. Certainly I would not question his right to cuss in the pulpit, nor would I deny him the exquisite joy he gets out of meddling with those sacred relations which exist between the pastor and the church. When I consider that Dr. Whoopemup was under promise to give Drouthy Ridge a great meeting, I do not find it in my heart to criticize his able, fearless and adroit evangelist for taking things into his own hands. Of course, as it respects this meeting, I am merely an onlooker. My position is that of a humble reporter, made modest and solemn, by the confessed greatness of this famous evangelist. I am now at a serious point in this report. For over and over Dr. Whoopemup intimated that he was a great evangelist and he produced many testimonials to prove that his statements concerning himself were true. In those high moments of self-adulation Evangelist Whoopemup was really worth seeing. He seemed so brave and intensely pious when declaring the mighty works that he had done for the Lord. This congregation was profoundly impressed as he told of the many religious exploits that he had performed and of the countless trophies he had laid at the feet of his Master.

I fully realize that I should feel lowly in the presence of the shadow of this powerful evangelist, who so mightily moved old Drouthy Ridge. It was indeed, a moving meeting. It moved our pastor, shook evil winds out of their hidings, and brought about an upheaval in our church that has been tossing us to and fro ever since. It is difficult to believe that such unpleasant and tumultuous results would immediately follow a meeting held by this high-powered and highly paid evangelist. But Drouthy Ridge is full of such results. The fact the condition of our church is deplorable. We are without a pastor and in the disturbances that we have had, Brother Hardtopple has landed in a place of leadership. Verily we are in affliction and reproach. The spiritually minded are deeply grieved, the carnal hearted are giving themselves to the world, the flesh, and the devil; while the spiritual effects of Dr. Whoopemup's great revival have entirely disappeared. This is Drouthy Ridge just after Evangelist Whoopemup's big meeting.

Deacon Concern of the Drouthy Ridge church, has made some remarks and has asked me to include them in this report. He said that the Drouthy Ridge meeting furnishes conclusive proof that Baptist churches will have to return to a saner, less mercenary, and more spiritual evangelism. He said he favored discontinuing the professional evangelists altogether. He said the pastors should hold their own meetings and personally examine all who came for membership in the churches. For Deacon Concern said, he noted that while Evangelist Whoopemup was

loud and severe in his denunciation of sinners in the church, he was not in the least careful in receiving people in the church. The deacon said that just any one could come in the church during a Whoopemup revival. Now understand that I am only a reporter, reporting what Deacon Concern said.

Note: As we are without a pastor I will tell you in my next report about the efforts that the Drouthy Ridge church is making to call one.

Note again. These reports are written exclusively for The West Texas Baptist and you are earnestly solicited to subscribe for that fine paper, that you may have the rare privilege of reading about the thrilling happenings at Drouthy Ridge. As has already been said, the next report will deal with the calling of a pastor. Don't miss that number.

Megargle, Texas.

HAMLIN CHURCH HOLDS SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The School of Missions is history in the life of our church, but like other history it will live on well attended. The church will on Monday night and from the very first service interest in the services increased.

We enrolled three hundred and fifty-one people during the five evening services. Each class was well attended. The church will never know what this school has meant to our people. It not only touched the lives of our adult members, but in years to come we expect to read about some of our boys and girls on the mission field who felt the touch of God during these few days.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Brother Moore brought to us one of the most effective spiritual messages we have ever heard. People were happy and at the close of the service three young ladies joined the church for baptism and three others came by proxy.

It was truly a great hour and as this closed Brother Moore's services with our church, we all feel like God in his goodness sent him our way. He will go back to China in February but his influence will live on in our lives here. We will follow his work in China with a keener interest and will be more fervent in our prayers for him in his work with the Chinese. We thank God for him.—Bulletin, First Baptist church, Hamlin.

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COLORADO PASTOR LEADS Constructive Work in Program

(Continued from page 1) from the institution in 1919. After this he spent two years with the First Baptist church of Wichita Falls, as associate pastor, being with them through the building of their \$450,000 church plant.

On leaving Wichita Falls, Mr. Ashford entered Simmons University, graduating with Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. After that he entered evangelistic work, later becoming university evangelist, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his coming to Colorado.

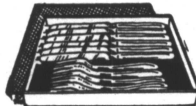
He served for some months as first lieutenant and chaplain during the World War.

Brother Ashford was married to Miss Elizabeth Ringold of Lynn, Miss., August, 1909. They have two daughters, Misses Lucille and Beulah, who are students in Colorado high school.

Many Coloradans have expressed the belief that no other man could have secured the cooperation and had the unusual success that has rewarded Rev. Ashford's efforts in the church here.

Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., president of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, reports for the school year closing August 31, an enrollment in the day school of 1,089, in the evening school, 1,207, a total of 2,296. Of the 205 who were graduated from various courses during the year, 91 were women and 114 were men. The student body represented 42 states of the United States and 26 foreign countries. Twenty-seven evangelical denominations contributed students for this strictly interdenominational Bible training school.

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OXINE CHURCH HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICES

The editor spent a very enjoyable day Sunday with Pastor J. E. Nicholson and the Oxine church in Runnels county, the occasion being the dedication of the church building at that place. At the eleven o'clock hour we preached the dedication sermon. This was preceded by an interesting history of the church, given by Brother Martin, one of the charter members. Dinner was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon the Simmons program was presented and a nice offering was made.

During the summer of 1923, Rev. M. A. Quenlin, then missionary of the Runnels County association, pitched his gospel tent in the Oxine community. The community was a typical missionary field, there being no

church organization of any kind. A great ingathering of souls was had that summer and the summer following. A church was organized with a Sunday school of which Brother Martin was superintendent. Rev. O. F. Smith was the first pastor and served the church for several months. Missionary Quenlin became missionary pastor. The present church building was started in December, 1925. Beginning in 1926 Brother Quenlin began as pastor and served one year, and he was followed by Brother Ben Thompson. The present pastor, Rev. J. E. Nicholson accepted the care of the church last May and during the few months has led the church in lifting the last of the church debt. The last note of \$555.80 was paid off in November.

Pastor Lee of the First Baptist church, Crockett, has declined the call of the First Baptist church, Winters.

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