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ALTO FRIO LAST CALL

The Alto Frio Encampment opens Friday, June 29th and closes Sunday, July 8th. This is one of the best encampments in the state. Our average attendance is about 1,000 on the grounds. We furnish free tents, free cots, and free wood. We have 150 tents and 500 army cots. We have no gate fee, of course, everyone is expected to bring his own bedding.

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The program this year will include study courses of the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Jesse Yelvington in charge of B. Y. P. U. program, E. F. Walker in charge of Sunday School program, and Mrs. M. A. Hayden, in charge of W. M. U. program. The books will be on the ground. From 10:30 to 11:30 every day we will have an inspirational address and from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening another inspirational address, making two each day, giving opportunity for every pastor and denominational worker who comes to have a chance to speak. From 11:45 to 12:30, Dr. I. E. Gates, one of the founders of Alto Frio, will preach. Every afternoon will be given to recreation, no study courses of any kind will be offered. Those who want to play baseball can do that, or tennis, or go fishing, or swimming. We have separate bathing pools for men and women.

The county seat town of Leakey is just two miles from the grounds where one can buy most anything they need. There will be a store on the ground and a barber shop, ice cream parlor, butcher shop. Mr. ad Mrs. A. O. Brock will have charge of the cafeteria and they have given the very best service every year. The meals are reasonable as well as good.

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THIRTY MINUTES

By Eldridge B. Hatcher

It is said that during the rule of Oliver Cromwell, England's great Protector, anyone walking along Cheapside in London at a certain hour of the morning "would have seen the blinds down at every house." At that moment the people of that street were engaged in the study of the Bible and in prayer.

Mr. Spurgeon, the world's great preacher of the last century, stated on one occasion that while living as a youth at Cambridge he dwelt in a house "where, at eight o'clock every person, from the servant to the master, would have been found for half an hour in prayer and meditation in his or her chamber. As regularly as the time came around, that was done just as we partake of our meals at appointed hours."

I remember visiting the Baptist training school for young ladies in Philadelphia, and the lady principal told me that during a certain half-hour period every day, every girl was in her room with closed door for Bible study and prayer and meditation, and the principal told me, with something of a thrill in her voice, and a new light in her eye, that the effect on the girls of that half-hour experience was wonderful.

"Girls come to our school," said she, "sometimes who are frivolous and lightminded but week by week I can see the enriching development of their spiritual natures under the influence of that sacred half-hour each day."

Curious it is that Christians should recognize the necessity for a daily dropping of all tasks and sitting down quietly—even three times a day—to partake of food for the sustenance of their bodily nature, but they seem to imagine that their spiritual nature can run without food. If we are willing to give one or two hours daily for bodily nourishment why should we begrudge giving a half-hour or the matter of spiritual nourishment?

Dr. Henry G. Weston was the president of the Crozer Theological Seminary and was one of the most eminent Baptist divines in the North. In his later days, among his students and brother ministers, he was a sort of patriarch. In the city of Philadelphia there was a young preacher who

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THE NEW BIRTH

An Article for Young People

By W. W. Hamilton

"Will I not be saved if I am sincere?" This question is one which Baptist young people are often asked, and the inference is that surely that is enough to ask of any one. The thought is not new. Proverbs tells us, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Saul of Tarsus declares that he had lived in all good conscience, and then found that he had been persecuting Jesus and that he was the chief of sinners. Many people say that they have a right to buy and sell and to drink bootleg whiskey. Does their sincerity change lawlessness and treachery to patriotism? Sincerity would not make ten ounces a pound. It would not cause three quarts to be a gallon. Believing that a wire is harmless does not prevent the volts from doing their deadly work.

Some women are sincere in their belief that they are justified in making merchandise of their sacred bodies, because as they assert they must make a living for themselves and some who may be depended upon them. Others to less repulsive degree, but with the same idea of sincerity, become parties to "charity balls" and to gambling games and to other such methods in order to make money for some "needy and worthy cause." It is the same false notion that the end justifies the means.

Will being sincere save us? Is sincerity the road to heaven? If we start in ten different directions, will we all land at the same place? If we want to go to Washington, and then start our journey toward the south pole, will we reach our destination? Jesus says that the broad way with its crowds leads to destruction, and that the way of life is straight and narrow and few there be who find it.

1. Baptist young people know that the new birth is essential to the new life, and that without this heavenly begetting we cannot enter the kingdom of God. Physical life demands the travail of physical birth and even so that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Wild horses are not tamed by new and beautiful harness. Impure wells are not cleansed by painting

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GLEANINGS FROM THE HARVEST FIELDS

Word has come from Eric, Oklahoma that during the last year Rev. B. A. Etheridge baptized 314 and received over 400 into the church there. Rev. Etheridge is now in the Evangelistic work and has for his co-workers Rev. Jerry E. Cox and Mr. Clarence Johnston. They are now holding a Revival Meeting at Davenport, Oklahoma.

The following news comes from T. D. Carroll, Evangelistic Singer:

Have just closed a good meeting in Houston. Central Baptist Church. Pastor L. S. Richardson did the preaching, and believe me he did it in an acceptable way; he has a fine opportunity there and the people follow him in a good way. There has been 140 additions to the church since Jan. 1st.

Am in meeting now with the Church at Gilmer, Texas. Pastor J. C. Vandiver is preaching. We are having the best crowds I've seen this summer. All business houses close during the morning services. The Lord is giving us souls for our hire in nearly every service. Vandiver is truly a great preacher and he has a wonderful hold on the people here. We close our meeting and begin a meeting, July 1st with Bob Day preaching at Santa Anna, Texas. S. F. Martin, Pastor.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma, has made great stride. There are about 125,000 Baptists in that state, and this young and thrifty university has 801 students. It stands fourth among Southern Baptist Colleges in the number of its student body.

Do not forget the Baptist Young Peoples Union Convention which is

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to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, July 4-8. This immediately follows the World Alliance meeting in Toronto.

In Southern Baptist senior colleges and theological seminaries there were 1,013 ministerial students enrolled last year.

Many will motor long distances to attend the World Alliance in Toronto. Among these motorists will be Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Texas. Special attention will be given to the comfort of those arriving in Toronto by motor car.

Beacon Hill Church San Antonio is in the midst of a great meeting—Dr. Wm. Joyner, Pastor is preaching and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blankenship are leading the music. The meeting goes forward in a great way.

SENSITIVE PREACHERS

If a man has a rhinoceros hide he is likely to have a rhinoceros soul. Sensitiveness goes with refinement, but a minister cannot please everybody. If he tries to do so he will become a nervous wreck. A good minister should realize that he has but one Master, and that Master is Jesus Christ. He must learn to laugh at the difficulties in his way and to make light of his troubles. We picked up the following paragraph somewhere. It probably exaggerates the preacher, but there is at least some truth in it:

The preacher has a hard time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he has not had experience. If he has eight or ten children, he has too many. If he has none, he should have and is not setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming. If she does not she is not interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes he is a bore. If he speaks extemporaneously he is not deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he does not mix enough with the people. If he is seen around the streets, he ought to be home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some very poor family, he is playing to the grandstand. If he calls at the home of the rich, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, some one could have told him how to do better.

Watchman-Examiner

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ALTO
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LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Church:	S.S.	B.Y.P.U.	Add.
Southerland Springs	38	59	
Jourdanton	117	50	21
Poteet	63	11	1
Nixon	63	25	1
San Antonio Churches:			
Baptist Temple	431	125	2
Beacon Hill	349	140	12
Calvary	349	115	3
Central	108	68	
First Baptist	886	109	7
Harlandale	314	117	2
Immanuel	81	22	
Lakeview	100	54	1
Los Angeles Hts.	138	66	
Prospect Hill	210	40	
Pruitt Ave.	187	90	
So. San Antonio	165	120	1
San Jose	54	30	10
The Ave.	30		
Tabernacle	28		
Woodlawn	92	31	5
Alamo Heights	37	23	

"I hope you are not afraid of microbes," said the banker as he cashed the minister's check with soiled bills. "Don't worry," said the young man, "a microbe couldn't live on a preacher's salary."

A three-year-old girl was taught to close her evening prayer during the temporary absence of the father with "and please watch over my papa." It sounded very sweet, but the mother's amusement may be imagined, when she added, "and you had better keep an eye on mamma, too!"

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Shanghai, China

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Shanghai, China

Regarding the above, in Miss Malory's report she says, "You will recall that assurance has been given to the Foreign Mission Board that from year to year until their next furlough these forty missionaries will be particularly remembered in the Lottie Moon Xmas Offering, in the very confident hope that their salaries and return passage will thus be provided."

In this same connection, Mrs. Cox has this to say, "we have, set our hands to the plow, we must not turn backward. The remainder of the offering after the payment of the salaries, will be used for the support of native evangelists, Bible women and native workers. The Board's annual appropriation for this native work is \$500,000. Should our Union raise that sum, during the Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions, December 3-7—it would release a like amount, usually expended on this native work; to apply on the debt of the Foreign Board."

I am very happy to have received letters from several women from various associations saying that they would be at Alto Frio for the Encampment. We are working very hard trying to make our program for the encampment one of the very best that we have had, and we hope and believe that we will be able to give you something new and helpful. Come expecting to enter into the work with us, as we want you to help us as well as to be of help to you.

Isaiah 54:2—"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Then the promise: "For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee . . . And thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord."

Enlarge

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation." "Thy tent" is your personal sphere of service, radius of usefulness, diligent development of talents. To stretch the curtains of thine habitation is to touch wider circles in organization, gifts and prayer. We cannot rest on our past achievements because our capacity

for larger and better service is everywhere apparent. We cannot afford to rest in our tents while only thirty per cent of our Protestant churches in America won a soul to Christ the past year. It takes 20.4 Baptists to win one follower to Christ. This is a challenge, that while it lacks the glamour of the distant scene, comes to us never-the-less. Step into the ranks of personal preparation through study. Develop a responsive mind, adaptable to changing thought, needs and conditions. Enlarge your conception and appreciation of Christ and His program. Your service is limited by the breadth of your vision. See surging humanity . . . lift up your eyes to far away places and pray.

The first active step of any leader is the completion of a full graded Union in her own church. The second step is to enlist fully the women and young people of the church in the arresting program of missions. Some idea of the magnitude of the task is realized when you see the comparatively small number of the church who are enthusiastically enlisted in the missionary program. It is not enough to enlist these members, they must be assimilated. Each individual should be given a cordial welcome, personal attention, a period of training, a definite task, or place in the ranks, and linked with the church and denominational program. Has any woman among us tact, has any grace of manner, has any executive ability, or a financial gift, has any economy, has any beauty or social magnetism, has any that Kohinoor of gifts-common-sense, has any the stable culture gained from successful home making, has any club training, has any faith in prayer, has any pity for the wretched, has any power to read ordinary English well, has any musical talents, has any a blameless life? Let her give these to the missionary organizations of her church."

This program of enlargement must stretch out to neighboring churches, organizing, mothering, fostering. It must also include the by-products of christianity—home, child life, world peace, world wide educational movements.

Spare not—spare not ourselves. We cannot spare ourselves if we reach the high mark that has been set. Some practical suggestions are

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CHILDRENS PAGE

WONDERFUL CAVE OF UV

Oravla and his two sons gazed in wonder at the chest as the tiny lid swung open. Feeling sure that this final chest would reveal to them the mystery of the other chests, they peered eagerly in. Directly in the center of the box reposed a tiny box of solid gold, no larger than an ordinary ring box. Hastily they snatched the box from its resting place and began looking for its lock. To all appearances there was no way to open it, as it seemed to be a square piece of solid gold.

"Well," began Yrneh, "I believe we have come to the end of our adventure. I can't figure a way to open this can you?"

"I would hate to break it open by force, it would be sure to crush whatever is inside," replied Oravla. "I'm sure, however that the smithy down in the valley could open it for us. We might try him anyway."

"Let's be on our way then," said Yrneh, as he began stacking the chests in a row nearby, "but Essej will have to stay and watch these chests till we get back."

"Say," began Essej, "Why can't

you stay here instead of me? Oh, well go ahead I'll stay, but hurry back."

Oravla and his son were soon lost to the sight of Essej as they made their way down the mountain. After a good forty five minutes of alternately walking and running they reached the smithy's shop. Dark and gristed the smithy was, but with a kindly twinkle in his eyes. As they came within speaking distance he chuckled and said, "Why all the excitement? Don't you know that it isn't good for you to exercise so strenuously in hot weather. Do you want to get a sunstroke?"

"Look, Look," shouted Yrneh without paying any attention to what the smithy had said, "Look what we found. What do you reckon is in it?"

"Mr. Smithy," interposed Oravla, "Would you mind melting this piece of gold so that we might see what is in it?" While you are doing it we will tell you how we got it."

"Be glad to do it Mr. Oravla, Be glad to do it," replied the smithy as he took the gold box, placed it in a crucible and placed it in the flames of his furnace. As the three stood watching the mettle gradually melt

Oravla told their adventures.

"Sounds kinda fishy to me," muttered the old smithy, "But I guess its alright because here is the piece of gold to prove it." Its all melted now, lets pour it out and see what we have." Taking a pair of tongs the smith carefully lifted the crucible from the fire and slowly poured the molten mass into another vessel. As the last glittering drop was poured out there was revealed in the bottom a tiny key.

"Aw! Is that all there is after all this trouble," grumbled Yrneh.

"Don't be too hasty in your complaints," interposed the smithy. "There is something peculiar about this key. Why didn't it melt when the gold melted? It looks very much like platinum."

"Maybe that kid brother of mine is right," said Yrneh, "He believes that all this is going to lead to some enchanted princess and that consequently all these things are magic or enchanted—or something."

Oravla, who had been studying the little key closely for a moment picked it up and moving to the door so that he might see better said, "I believe that there is something printed on

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the handle in tiny diamonds. It is so small I can't be sure. Yrneh you have young eyes, see what you can make out of it."

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that every member of every age and every organization attend the meetings regularly. Our presence is a distinctive contribution. Spare not in presenting fresh, winsome, enjoyable programs. No person should have to attend a missionary meeting from duty alone. Magnify drawings, posters, pictures, charts, parallel study, poetry, unique presentations of old subjects, flowers, pleasant surroundings. Most missionary meetings need enlivening; they lack enthusiasm, a whole-some optimism, and a warm human appeal. They must be throbbing with life-vital. To do this will require a willingness to "spare not."

Lengthen—no church can afford to limit its vision to the nearby and ignore the command to go into all the world. History bequeaths to us the fatal error of the early Christian era in retarding its extension to assimilate new converts. The result was that "it fell into a sleep so deep that only now after a decade and a half of centuries is it beginning to awake." While assimilating new members we must not falter in our zeal nor lag in our mission efforts. Mission means sent forth. When the sun forgets to shine and send forth its light and warmth and shed summer upon the face of the dying winter, to throw its influence abroad over the earth, then will divine love in the human heart forget its mission.

Strengthen—the knowledge that the mission program is of divine origin, that it can not, will not fail, gives us the strengthening note of encouragement necessary to go on. It relates the individual tasks to the entire mission of Christ. Let us look above for our help and not depend altogether on human instruments. "If we had prayed more we need not have worked so hard." Our Father has immeasurable resources. He alone can transfigure the commonplace. He alone can make organization throb with living energy and love.

From Mrs. Cox's address on "Our Anniversary Crusade."

MISSIONARY MEN AND THINGS

Southern Baptists are at work in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Africa, Italy, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Palestine and Syria. In these countries they have 1,275 churches with a total member-

ship of 146,072. Six hundred and seventy-five of these churches are self supporting. Last year their missionaries baptized 12,542. The debt on the Foreign Mission Board is something more than \$1,000,000. For the payment of this and other debts it has been arranged that a great thank offering will be taken next Christmas. It is hoped that this offering will reach \$2,000,000. It may interfere with other Christmas gifts, but any sacrifice is worth while to pay the denominational debts.

ALTO FRIO

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The grounds are being put in shape and the tents will be stretched and the wood will be placed near these tents and everything will be ready for occupancy as soon as you drive up. I am looking for a larger crowd this year than usual. One visit to Alto Frio will convince you that we have about the finest place for an encampment in all the Southwest. Some of the most beautiful scenery in Texas is within a few miles of the grounds. Make your plans to come. Write me at San Antonio, Texas, to reserve a tent for you and some cots.

I. E. Gates

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the pumps. Ox carts are not changed into automobiles by being locked up in garages. Pigs are not made clean and attractive by having a parlor for their pen. Goats do not become sheep by keeping company with them in green pastures. (John 3: 6) (1 Cor. 2: 14; Gal. 6: 15).

2. Baptist young people know from experience that the new birth imparts a new disposition. Things that the old nature loved, the new will hate. There will be hatred for sin, and this declaration of war

The farmer calls it God. against evil will continue and will become more intense. We are not born six feet tall and weighing a hundred and eighty pounds, but we do have life and the possibilities of growth. Birth from above disposes us toward holiness and obedience and usefulness and missions and worship and self-denial. The unclean bird

seeks for decaying food and finds satisfaction in such, but who wants to be of that kind of feather? (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 John 3:7; John 10: 14; Matt. 7:21).

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3. Baptist young people have learned from the Bible that this wonderful change is effected by the Holy Spirit. "It is not by human descent, nor through any impulse of our own nature, nor by the will of any human being, but it is of God. It is as mysterious as the wind, which blows where it wills, and we cannot tell of its coming or its going except by results. There is the union of the human and the divine, and by the message of truth the Holy Spirit begets us, and brings us by this heavenly birth into the family of God. It is not strange then that the sinner are warned against resisting the Spirit, for no one can come to God without being divinely drawn. If any one does not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within him, then he does not belong to Jesus and has not been saved. (Rom. 8:9; John 1:13; James 1:18; John 3:8).

4. Baptist young people rejoice in the response of the convicted soul to the message of the gospel and to the offer of salvation. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, and as those bitten and dying found healing in the look, so does the lost man or woman respond to the uplifted Christ. Poisoned by sin, hearing the good news of the remedy, realizing how sorely help is needed, and looking in repentance and faith, the lost soul receives pardon and power and peace. Spurgeon heard the truth, and found there was life in a look to the Crucified One, and as the jailer heard and believed and was saved, so may any be saved today. Jesus has promised that no one who comes to him will on any account be turned away. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life without money, and without price. (John 5:14; Acts 16:31; John 6:37; Rev. 22:17).

5. Baptist young people are confident that the new birth will be confirmed by Christian conduct. A Baptist church with its voluntariness and

autonomy and individualism and freedom of conscience is always to be pitied when unsaved people have the privileges of its fellowship. It is a spiritual democracy and presupposes the loyalty and love and life of new-born souls.

(1) The new birth will be confirmed by public confession, and by joyous obedience to the commands of the Saviour.

(2) There will be the changed attitude toward sin and toward holiness, and instead of living as a grub in the mud there will be the life of a dragon-fly on wings and in a new realm.

(3) Devotion to God and to Jesus and to the Bible and to the church and to the Kingdom will be manifest, and Christian fellowship and worship will not be a bitter dose, or a grinding duty, but a constant delight.

(4) The new-born soul will think of others and will love them because Jesus loved them, and will seek their highest interest because of the desire to serve in the name of him who came to minister.

(5) The ideal of the new-born will be to be like Jesus, to have the mind of Christ, to manifest the spirit of the Saviour, and to follow in his steps. As Baptist young people, we have within us a hope which is sure and steadfast. We are not so near-sighted that we see only the pleasures of the passing moment. Our vision reaches to the heights and to joys and rewards of the better life. We cannot be deceived by the offer of the counterfeit, and are confident of the real and the true which the false seeks to displace. Instead of the ten-cent glass and brass ring, we expect God's glorious diamond. Rather than live on the trash out of the garbage-can, we prefer a seat at the table which our Lord prepares for those who love him. It is a great thing to be a Christian! (Matt. 10:32; John 3:21; Luke 19:10; 1 John 3:2).

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had begun the habit of spending the first half-hour of the day in Bible study. Dr. Weston was made acquainted with this fact and wrote to the young preacher the following letter:

"The blessing of the New Year be on you and yours. I cannot refrain from taking a moment to say how delighted I am at your adoption of the custom of devoting the first half-hour of the day to the reading of the scripture. If I have attained anything in my long life, I think it is largely owing to my adoption of that habit at the commencement of my life as a pastor.

"That first half-hour determines very largely what a minister will be. Study the Bible: not commentaries, expositions, not even the lexicon and concordance, but just the Bible, saying, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.' Commentators are well enough in their way; but give that half-hour to the Bible, without note or comment, and the Lord will greatly bless you. Christ's words at the beginning of his ministry ought to be our motto: 'Man shall not live by bread alone (made by the best bread-maker possible), but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'

"Yours in love of God's Word,

"Henry G. Weston."

Let no reader of this article wonder why his religious life travels such a low level, if he neglects the daily partaking of his Bible food. That marvelous book spreads the table,—the only table where the Christian can secure the necessary nutriment for the soul. Other literature may build up the mind, but only in the scriptures do we find the banquet hall for God's tempted, struggling reach' developments for our Christian lives if we desire it,—that is, if we desire it earnestly enough to be found in the Bible dining room day by day.

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Dallas, Texas, June, 1928.
Some Suggestions

For the purpose of providing a channel for greater co-operation among Texas Baptists the following suggestions are made:

Organize the Texas Baptist Convention by securing the co-operation of the more than two thousand Baptist Churches in Texas not now co-operating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Objects of New Convention

FIRST: Promote and magnify missions and evangelism in Texas and around the world in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECOND: Support Hospitals, the Orphans Home and the Ministerial Relief Fund for Southern Baptist Preachers.

THIRD: Re-inforce the Baptist General Convention of Texas in the payment of its debts and the maintenance of its Schools.

The reason for the above movement comes from the fact that our mission work in Texas, under the State Board, has been greatly reduced and with the heavy debt now resting on the Baptist General Convention of Texas there seems to be little hope for missions in the future.

Most people know that missions and evangelism has been the driving force that made Baptists great and without that spiritual power Baptist will die. All who are interested will

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GETTING THE AUDIENCE READY

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I have in mind the public "preliminary" service. There are three methods of reading the Scriptures in such services. One is to read verse by verse with comments sprinkled along the way. But this is not the most effective way. The Bible was not written to be treated in such fashion. If, in the verses, we have God speaking, then it is hardly fitting that he should be interrupted after each verse with statements from the speaker.

Happy the preacher who in opening his Bible for a public reading is able to read through to the end without comment or break of any kind.

"But what about the difficult verses which the audience will not understand?"

Yes, and what about the many portions of Scripture which can not be understood without understanding also the connection or setting of the passage? In most cases preachers today simply read their Scripture portion without comment or explanation. But most of it falls upon listless ears.


The third way, I think, is the best. Let the preacher clear away the rubbish and the mists about the passage before he begins his reading. If he has a chapter or a half chapter to read let him spend as much time in laying the track for his reading as he gives to the reading itself. Let him raise all manner of interrogation points in the minds of his audience regarding the passage. Let him arouse their curiosity and eagerness for him to begin his reading.

Suppose he is to read the 13th chapter of Genesis which gives the separation of Abraham and Lot. Shall he arise and plunge into the reading without indicating to his promiscuous, mind-roving audience when and where and why and how the scenes of the chapter came about? As he moves along down the chapter their minds will be cavorting about in every direction, while here and yonder a lone pilgrim may be seen trying to keep up with the reading.

But suppose he announces that he will read a story in which its two characters, Abraham and Lot, will be presented as types—Abraham as the type of the spiritual believer, and Lot as the type of the worldly believer. Let him in a sentence trace the

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history of the two men up to the beginning of the story. Let him inform his audience that a dispute arose leading to a separation—the dispute being between the herdsmen of the two men about land and cattle. Let him indicate the noble and grateful part that Lot ought to have played with his kind uncle. But alas, while Abraham put God above worldly things in his daily life, Lot put worldly things above God. Yet both were believers.

By this time the audience ought to be keen to hear the story and to watch every verse and word as unfolding the two characters as already suggested by the preacher.

People need preparation for viewing a masterpiece of any kind. Teachers who take their music pupils to hear Paderewski, take them through a course of instruction many days beforehand to put them in the proper attitude of mind and soul to catch the real spirit and message of the great performer.

Shall travelers study guide books before visiting the famed city and shall the aspiring artist make previous preparation before going in to behold the great painting, and yet an audience be brought suddenly face to face with one of the masterpieces of the inspired word without any preparation?

No; let the Scripture as far as possible stand by itself when read. Let it be presented as a connected story, as a picture in itself, but let the preacher set the souls of his audience aglow with expectation as he begins to read.

Occasionally let the preacher make his entire preaching period a setting with a Bible passage as the diamond at the center. If he usually preaches half an hour, let him select a story and devote twenty minutes to the general framework of the story and ten minutes to its reading.

Suppose he decides upon the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of John which tells of the raising of Lazarus. That could be read in less than ten minutes. But if he prepares his audience properly he can not read it

rapidly, for they will be eager to catch every word. At the same time he must read very distinctly, for some of the old people may miss an occasional word, and not one word can be spared.

How shall the preacher prepare his listeners? There is the challenge for his art. His audience must be like a family that has just heard that a most wonderful raising of a dead man has taken place. The dead man is well known to the family. They are familiar with his family, and with his town and the wonderful being, who raised him from the dead. They have all manner of facts about the marvelous occurrence, except the occurrence itself. It is that which they are now hungry to hear about. A messenger dashes into their door and proceeds to tell them the wondrous story and they sit open-eyed and open-mouthed as he gives the facts.

—Expositor.

A MAN'S PRAYER

Lord, teach me that sixty minutes make an hour, sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents a dollar. Help me, Lord, so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience; without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Help me, Lord, that I may earn every Dollar on the square and that, in earning them, I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, and reveal to me my own. Guide me, Lord, through the day so that each night when I look across the table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal, keep me young enough to laugh with little children and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age. And when comes the day of darkened shades and the smell of flowers, the tread of footsteps in the front yard, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple —“Here Lies a Man.”

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