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Missionaries Write of Conditions In China and Africa

MISS REAGAN TELLS
OF CONVENTION MEETLagos Nigeria, West Africa.
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Dear Friends:

On the sixth of April, Miss Anderson, Miss Elam and I left Lagos with 41 other delegates to the Nigerian Baptist Convention, which was held at Sapele this year. Since the launch was not large enough to accommodate us all, they towed a canoe which was at least 40 feet long. The trip took us 48 hours. The first night we stopped for about seven hours but the rest of the time we traveled constantly.

This was my first trip up the creeks as we call them here. In West Texas we would call them rivers. The luxuriant growth of ferns, palms, mangroves and other vegetation on the banks was very dense. I have seen no picture of dense tropical growth that exaggerates such growth as we saw along this river. Except in the heavily forested districts the undergrowth was such that you could not see beyond the bank. In several places the water lilies were rank and we noticed several kinds, and a variety of flowers. We did not see many birds but I noticed several wild ducks. At one place Miss Elam looked out and saw a crocodile swimming along by the launch. But by the time I got to the window he was out of sight, much to my disappointment.

All along the creeks we passed fishermen in their canoes, throwing their nets, examining their traps and fishing in various ways. I was most interested to see one fisherman with a long pole with a circular woven tray tied across one end. The tray was at least 24 inches in diameter. Pushing his canoe close to the bank he would slip this tray under the water and bring up small fish in it. The houses we saw along the creeks, at the various villages we passed, were built like the houses of African houses than any I have seen in the Yoruba land.

Of course on the launch everyone had to supply his own food and I thought that the different ones brought along enormous baskets of food. I later found out that members who were not going, sent gifts of food to the delegates to take on the journey. The delegates made us several gifts of food while on the trip. But towards the end of the second day food supplies began to run short. The launch had made up whole kettles full of vegetable stew which they eat with their rice, bread, potatoes, etc. We carried a small oil stove of one burner which came in as quite a help in heating water and the food. We arrived at Sapele before the supplies were finished for those who had plenty supplied those who had failed to bring enough.

I was amused to see one little boy go to his mother after having eaten quite a lot, and ask her for food. She told him to run about in his stomach. When he had done so she was evidently satisfied that he needed more for she gave it to him.

Visit at Sapele

Just 48 hours from the time we left Lagos we came alongside in Sapele. We passed the church and the school before we reached the wharf where we were to disembark. A crowd of people came to the wharf to welcome us as soon as they heard the boat had arrived. Dr. Dural came down in the car and took us three missionaries to the Mission house. Sapele church has about 1,100 members and about twenty-five or thirty outstations in nearby villages. They wish to have a complete high school and want a missionary in charge of that school. They want one so badly that they have erected, at a cost of \$4,500.00, besides labor, a six-room mission residence. They had just completed this before the convention and they planned for all the missionaries to stay there. They made a twelve-foot table and put it in the dining room; they put up curtains where they would help, and mats on the floor. Members who had chairs and tables to spare sent them down to make the house more comfortable. Of course we all took campbeds. They brought up an enormous iron tank and every morning women brought water from the river and filled it. Every day they sent around gifts of food, as for instance, a live sheep, a 20-pound bag of rice and fruit. Every day they sent something of this sort. They also did as much for native delegates. Every day a crowd of them came to salute us. Since none of us speak Sakeri and few of them spoke English we usually contented ourselves with saluting them. When people want to "salute you," and "Anadupe" means, "I thank you."

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MISS WALKER WRITES
ABOUT WORK IN CHINAKaifeng Honan, China.
Dear W. M. U. Sisters of
West Texas:

This is Sunday, February 10, and my heart is soaring to heaven over answered prayer. A husband and wife, cold, yes frozen Christians, for whom we have prayed and hoped so long, came back to the Lord; came from out tribulation and pledged to follow closely hereafter.

There was a reunion of church members today and 40 were present. We only have 45 enrolled; nearly all of these are now attending regularly and bring their tithes faithfully.

One day recently, during the quiet hour, the Father gave me a plan, at least I feel it came from Him, for bringing us along in more definite prayer, and more abundant love-offerings. Today the pastor, Reverend Ding, asked me to present this plan to the church; this made me most happy, so I stood up before the church, held up the heavy bags that had just been passed to take up the tithes and told them as earnestly as I knew how, that even though those bags were heavy, we had not really given the Father any money at all. The tithe is His very own, and when we bring the tithe, we only pay what we owe. We give nothing at all.

Please look! I hold in my hand this beautiful red bank; on the outside are these words, "Love Offerings for Jesus." Please begin today and every time Jesus specially hears your prayers or heals your diseases or makes you very happy, show Him that you love and thank Him, by bringing some money, any amount you like, to put into this bank. When there is enough, the church will choose two brothers or two sisters to go for a week or two to preach Jesus where He is not known. Will you do this?

The tithe that we have just brought is not enough to pay our pastor, our evangelist, our daily Bible school teacher, our church keeper, our two blind sisters, our Sunday School literature and other items, and still give the Gospel to others, as Jesus wants us to, so will you bring love offerings, to help send the Gospel to others?

And the response was blessed! Dear Saviour, what dear things He keeps doing for His church, all the time.

Mr. Fan is home from the Seminary to see his wife and four fine children here. He will have to stay another two years, to finish his course. It is too far to return home every year. I can see that he has been deeply taught of the Lord this past term. He is an excellent man and his heart seems really tender towards the Lord. He has been trying to train his wife here in our Drum Tower church in Bible teaching and every day serving. (She is the first little girl that the Lord let me have when I started out in Kaifeng.) She worked her way through school and since then has faithfully and lovingly taught our Daily Bible School, Sunday School class, for inquirers, church treasurer and pianist for all the services. Has had the children's work too, for several years.

These two are dear spiritual children that I feel the Father has given me; have studied not to study them; rather have left them often, to hard times and experiences, that they might thereby grow strong and learn the sweets of suffering for Jesus.

My heart yearns that they shall let Jesus live in their hearts and become flaming witnesses for Him.

Will you help me pray for them?
Your missionary,
Blanche Rose Walker.

MEETING AT WASTELLA

I have just closed a good meeting at Wastella church in Nolan county with Brother Graves Darby of Roscoe, doing the preaching. We had 61 additions to the church, 51 of them by baptism. It was one of the best revivals I have ever been in. The Lord was with us in the first service and on through the meeting. The meeting began the fifty Sunday in June and continued through the twelfth of July.

It was a great blessing to have Brother Darby with us; he is an earnest preacher and loves lost souls.

We are working 50 acres of cotton for a new church building; the cotton is fine. We met and worked it out during the meeting. There were twenty cultivators plowing at one time. It was a great hour of fellowship to gather in the field. The Lord is blessing us in a great way. We had a study course in B. Y. P. U. also during the meeting. The pastor taught the senior manual, his wife taught the intermediate manual, and Brother Darby taught the junior manual.—Willis Taylor, pastor.

Deeper Spirituality Is Chief
Baptist Need

Two Hundred Representative Pastors Study Present Denominational Situation

PREACHERS HOLD THE KEY

Leadership of Churches in Larger Program Can Be Had Through Proper Preaching and Enrollment

Now that the several thousand messengers who attended the Southern Baptist convention at Memphis last month are a practical unit in the belief that this session of the convention contributed greatly to the clarification of the denominational atmosphere, unification of the minds of those present, and the stabilization of the business affairs of Southern Baptists, how shall we go about carrying forward the work of the kingdom for which the convention has so successfully paved the way?

Several weeks before the convention the editor of the program wrote a letter to three hundred pastors throughout the South whom he knows personally, asking them to join him in daily prayer for God's guidance in the Memphis session of Southern Baptists. With this letter he enclosed a questionnaire asking these representative pastors to indicate if they found any great indifference toward missions, personal evangelism and stewardship on the part of their members, and, if so, what steps they would propose for overcoming that indifference. Nearly two hundred of these pastors responded, and in their replies the editor believes the way to larger achievements for Southern Baptists is indicated.

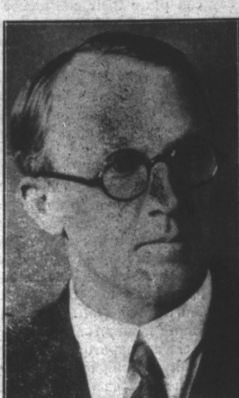
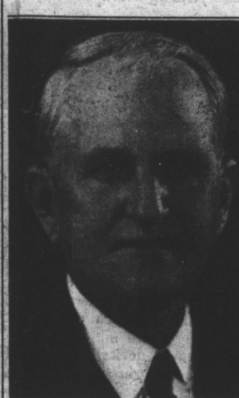
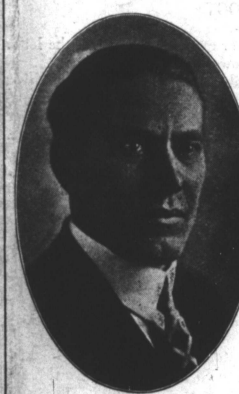
Many find no indifference. Approximately one-third of the pastors replying said they found a very fine spirit of interest and cooperation among their members. Among those who found indifference, worldly-mindedness and lack of information were listed as the dominant factors, while the lesser causes included lack of confidence, absorption in local church plans, lack of missionary vision and conviction, lack of training, failure of pastors to preach on missions and stewardships, lack of Bible reading, and too much emphasis on money in the neglect of the spiritual element in appeals for funds.

Since pastors are more familiar with their churches than anyone else, the editor readily accepts their analysis of the reasons why the cooperation of the members in supporting missions and benevolences, the editor asked them to indicate the steps they felt needed in bringing about a larger response from their churches. The four methods that received the largest vote of the pastors were, in their order, a new emphasis on evangelism and missions; a call of church members to prayer, Bible study and personal consecration; more means of stirring up the preachers to see their responsibility in the leadership of the churches along these lines, and a larger study of stewardship in the churches.

Need Deepening of Spiritual Life. Other suggestions from the pastors looking to the fuller enlistment of the general work of the denomination, included the deepening of the spiritual life of the church members; encouragement of the churches in taking more initiative in the determination of their responsibility in denominational support; quit tampering with the denominational machinery and go to work; elimination of special appeals and concentration of larger effort upon the Cooperative Program; more definite preaching of the Word of God upon missions, stewardship and personal responsibility; wider dissemination of information on the work of the denomination; better enlistment programs in the churches; provision of a larger percentage of the total gifts of the churches to missions; and the placing of larger responsibility upon the laymen of the churches for the collection of funds, leaving the pastors free for a larger study of God's Word and the deepening of their own spiritual life through prayer and meditation.

As a layman who has given ten years to denominational service and study of denominational problems and needs, the editor of the program is persuaded these representative pastors have put their fingers upon both the cause of the slump in the receipts from the

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Memphis, Tennessee, Encampment
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Winters, Encampment Teacher.JUDGE J. A. WHITTEN
Eldorado, President.DR. ELMER RIDGEWAY
San Angelo, Camp Pastor

We Are On The Right Track

The following facts concerning our schools give ground for much encouragement:

1. The Panhandle is seeking to endow Wayland College. Dr. Nunn led with a \$25,000 gift. Mr. Collier has donated a \$13,000 equity in a farm. Many of the churches have put Wayland in their budget and others plan to give her a direct public offering.
2. The churches, through their pastors, of this section have committed themselves to a similar proposition to Simmons. We are now receiving monthly remittances from some and others have invited us for offerings this fall.
3. Since the first of January Brother Milam has secured \$35,000 in pledges to the Howard Payne endowment and the nine associations composing the Brownwood district are pursuing an aggressive and promising campaign for a \$20,000 fund with which to pay this year's deficit.

4. The people of Greenville have already placed in one of the local banks the sum of \$25,000 with which to pay the floating indebtedness of Burleson College. This amount will be released as soon as friends outside of Greenville raise \$7,500 and the churches of Lamar county have already led the way with \$1,000.

5. The first month of the Marshall College endowment drive there was some \$30,000 pledged, and the dormitory that was burned will be replaced by a new brick one, ready for school this fall and without cost or debt to the denomination.

6. The women of Texas have agreed to raise \$10,000 annually for the next three years with which to take care of the running deficit of Baylor College.

7. Over \$115,000 in pledges have been added to the endowment of Baylor University, \$40,000 in pledges to the women's memorial dormitory fund and nearly enough money pledged with which to pay the indebtedness on Baylor at Waco.

From the facts above it is evident, as Dr. Finney pointed out, "that more money has been given and pledged to Christian education during the past twelve months than was ever subscribed in a like period by Texas Baptists."

Officially there was no change of school policy at the last Mineral Wells convention. But practically there was. Prior to that time the schools had depended upon the convention to finance them. Now they are seeking to finance themselves. That is why the above mentioned campaigns were launched.

The success of these campaigns is promising. Let us be encouraged by it. We are on the right track. Each school is making its own appeal among its friends and basing that appeal on the merits of the school.

When it first became evident at Mineral Wells that the school men were going to take this action some of the brethren objected for fear it would hamper the state work through the budget. But their fears were without foundation. New churches are being added to the budget every month, all expenses are being paid without borrowing money, and we are paying \$20,000 per month on the board's indebtedness.

There is nothing so encouraging as success. Let's keep the good work going. This change of school policy was one of the best moves Texas Baptists have made in recent years. We believe this is the best solution of our present school situation.

The best advocate of foreign missions is a returned missionary. He is most effective when appealing to people with whom he is personally acquainted and who are most familiar about his work. If he is from Africa he can usually get more money when he pleads for African missions than when he makes a general mission appeal or speaks of missions in China.

The same great truth underlies the Christian education appeal. The best advocate of Christian education is one of our school men. He can make his strongest appeal and usually secure a heartier response when appealing to people adjacent to his institution and making a direct appeal for the support of Christian education by contributing to his school.

In my judgment that is why these individual campaigns have been able to do more toward the support of our schools than have the general appeals of recent years. They bring the cause close to the people by linking the schools to their constituency. We are on the right track.—Rev. Sam Morris.

Nineteenth Annual Session
Offers Attractive ProgramNINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF PAISANO ASSEMBLY
JULY 26 TO AUGUST 4

Location
The location is ideal. It is situated in the picturesque and historic Paisano Pass, which is a part of the beautiful Davis Mountains. Mid-way between Alpine and Marfa, Texas. It is on the Southern Pacific Railway and on the Mexican Border highway from San Antonio to El Paso, Texas.

Railway Rates
Cheap railway rates from all parts of the state to Alpine or Marfa. See your local railway agent.

Coming By Auto
Consult your local chamber of commerce, auto clubs, maps, etc.

Climate
Owing to high altitude, over five thousand feet above sea level, the weather is wonderfully cool and invigorating throughout the summer. The nights and mornings are sometimes really cold. Warm coats or wraps as well as plenty of warm bedding are necessary for comfort. Bring these with you.

Camping
There are plenty of fine groves and an abundance of good pure mountain water which is piped to convenient places over the ground. Bring tent and bedding.

Eating
Under a large shed, cafeteria fashion, good wholesome food is served three times daily.

Preaching
Preaching every morning by Dr. I. E. Gates of San Antonio, and every evening by Dr. George Truett of Dallas. Dr. J. B. Tidwell, great Bible expositor, will speak daily on authenticity and inspiration of the Bible. Daily classes in B. Y. P. U., Sunday school, and women's work.

Singing
Fine gospel singing under the leadership of Robert Jolley.

Breakfast
6:30 to 7:30—Breakfast.
7:30 to 8:00—Prayer Meeting, Rev. Geo. Brown, pastor Midland, Texas, leader.

Sunday School
8:00 to 9:00—Sunday school classes, Sister T. Y. Casey, Pecos, Texas, director.

Inspiration of Bible
9:00 to 9:45—Inspiration of Bible, J. B. Tidwell, Waco; requested to repeat lectures on Genesis.

Prayer
9:45 to 10:45—B. Y. P. U., Brother T. C. Gardner, director.

Women's Work
9:45 to 10:45—B. W. M. U., Sister A. N. Mankin, director.

Song Service
10:45—Song service, Brother Robert Jolley, leader.

Prayer
11:00—Prayer, Dr. I. E. Gates, San Antonio.

Dinner
12:00—Dinner hour.

Rest
Afternoons open for rest, visiting, getting acquainted and recreation.

Sundays and Denominational Day
Unless outstanding brothers or sisters come in. Then it will be announced at morning service.

Men's Prayer
6:00 to 6:00—Men's Prayer Meeting to be decided after coming on the ground.

Supper
6:00 to 7:00—Supper.

Young Peoples
7:00 to 7:40—Young Peoples Vesper Service, Robert Jolley, leader.

Song Service
7:45—Song service.

Prayer
8:00—Prayer, Dr. G. W. Truett, Dallas, Texas.

Director
Brother Robert Jolley, musical director.

Director
Sister Sam Means, pianist.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST PARSONAGE OPENING

Tabernacle Baptist pastor, A. Reilly Copeland, Waco, Texas, announces formal opening of the beautiful, new, modern, eight-room brick parsonage at home, Monday night, July 22, at 8 o'clock. The pastor and family invite all members and friends of the church to be their guests at that time and inspect this attractive home which is said to be the most complete church parsonage in Central Texas. (Orchestra music and refreshments.) Reverend Copeland has been pastor of the church since 1922. Each year the church has grown in interest, numbers and enthusiasm. Besides the many church activities under Pastor Copeland's leadership, they have held thirteen church revivals, the pastor conducting five of them. The fall revival will be held under a large tent, led by the pastor and two noted gospel singers, assisted by local workers.

REVIVAL AT TRENT

Trent Baptist church has just closed a successful revival which closed July 7, with Rev. E. T. Miller of Memphis, Texas, doing the preaching, and Mr. Ewell Bone and Miss Evelyn Jordan were in charge of the music. About thirty were added to the church, of which twenty were by experience and baptism.

Brother Miller is one of our best pastor evangelists. He is a great help the pastor with his problems. Brother Bone is one of our singers, and we recommend him to any brother who wants a good singer for a meeting.—R.M. McGinnis, pastor.

The encampment will begin its twentieth session on Friday evening with Dr. Robert Greene Lee of the Bellevue Baptist church of Memphis, Tennessee, preaching. Dr. Lee and Mrs. L. E. Payne will be with us from the very beginning and it is expected that there will be a large attendance from the very first service.

The work of the encampment will be carried on this year, as it was last. All who attended last session were deeply impressed with the program. It will be different in that it is to be purely a demonstration type of program. That is to say: Every day will be Sunday and the work that is carried on in our church on Sunday will be demonstrated each day of the encampment. Men like Dr. Wallace Bassett of the Cliff Temple Baptist church of Dallas; G. S. Hopkins, state Sunday school secretary, of Dallas; Dr. E. Godbold, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and others were present throughout the last session of the encampment and were very high in their praise of the type of program. Leading women of our state W. M. U. were present and also spoke of the program in the highest terms. Miss Grace Conn, associated with Mr. T. C. Gardner in the state B. Y. P. U. work, was there and directed the B. Y. P. U.'s throughout the assembly and she too is enthusiastic about the type of work done last year and is being offered again this year.

Your Sunday school, your B. Y. P. U.'s, your W. M. S. and all other church organizations should be well represented. The organized classes, your song leaders and pianists should also be there. Why not take definite steps to see that they are? It will do your church untold good. It is the purpose of the program committee to put on a well-rounded church program—demonstrating each phase of the work—even the Budget Plan of Finance.

Athletics
There will be special efforts made this year to make it possible for all to enjoy themselves. Not all will care to play in the water; not all will care to play tennis; not all will care to play croquet, or pitch horse shoes or play marbles nor any other one thing. So, the committee is seeking to look after all these likes and dislikes and provide games for all. Most of the afternoon will be given to play.

Coach Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons University will be on the grounds from the very beginning and he will have helpers to see that when playtime arrives there will be plenty doing.

Camping Equipment
It will be best perhaps to bring your cover. You may bring your cots and other camping equipment but in case you do not care to do so, the People Furniture Company of San Angelo will have an abundance of cots, tents, stools, tables, pots, pans, stoves and other such like to fit you out for a good time in the camp. As to places to camp—you cannot find better in all the land. There are thirty or forty acres of live oak and pecan trees and on much of the ground on which these grow, the sun never shines. A more beautiful place to spend your outing, to swim, boat and fish, would be difficult indeed to find.

Where Christoval Is
Christoval is a beautiful little inland town just twenty miles south of San Angelo, Texas, on the South Concho river. It is a thriving little town with the Baptist encampment grounds hard by. The road leading from San Angelo to Christoval is hard surfaced and you will enjoy the drive as well as other drives on the highways of the "Concho Country."

Mineral Wells
Within the limits of the little city of Christoval there is a bath house with competent persons in charge. Baths are given in hot mineral water and it is noted far and wide for its healing properties. People come long distances each year to rest and recuperate from the strain of their daily toils. You too will be greatly benefitted if you partake of the healing fountains.

ROOM FOR SINNERS

By Fred Clark, Rotan, Texas

"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear." A preacher is not any more saved than a backslidden Christian, both are saved by the grace of God through their faith in Christ. There are some whom others believe to be unsaved, but they are on their way to Heaven, they are saved. There are some whom others believe to be saved, but they are not, they are on their way to torment.

The righteous are those who are saved. But they are not saved because of their own righteousness, for they have no righteousness of their own. They are saved because of the righteousness of Christ which they are imputed unto them. And they are scarcely saved, that is they are just saved, they have no majestic sweep to their entrance into Heaven, and they have no surplus of righteousness to their credit. The righteousness of Christ is imputed unto them because of their faith in Christ, following their acknowledgment of their personal guilt before Heaven and earth that they were lost sinners without room in Heaven.

Saved sinners are the righteous who are scarcely saved, and there are none higher nor better than saved sinners. Multitudes of saved sinners will receive a reward in Heaven, but they are not saved on account of the waiting reward, and their salvation does not have anything to do with their salvation, and their salvation does not even guarantee the reward. No Christian can claim the right to be saved on the ground of his expected reward, the reward of the believer is not a debt to be paid in Heaven, it is purely the administration of glory which Jesus said he had given to his people.

But where will the sinner and the ungodly stand? If the choicest and best of Christians are barely saved, what chance has sinner and the ungodly? There is a man who from his cradle was cared for by parents who loved the Lord, and who prayed for the baby boy and who dedicated him to the mercy and care of Jehovah in the name of Christ. This baby boy was put on the Cradle Roll of the Sunday School; grew up "in the church," and at an early age, seven or eight or nine, was saved. He came under conviction for sin, repented; he found Christ and was planted by the Holy Ghost in Christ. He joined the church and was baptized. This same boy grew up with the strictest watch-care, of those who pray, to guide and help him. Early he became a preacher, felt the definite call of Jehovah and through the Holy Spirit, and devoted a life of fifty years to a full, active, glorious ministry. When he went to Heaven he was received as a saved sinner. His final reward, and his joint inheritance with Christ, the Savior, were awarded him after he had bid this world farewell and had breathed his last breath in this life, and was ushered through the Gates of Heaven. When the thief on the cross was dead he was received in Heaven as a saved sinner, the same as the preacher.

When the publican in the Temple quit this life he was received in Heaven as a saved sinner; when Moses was lead of Jehovah to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho among the mountains of Nebo, and Jehovah had laid the aged law-giver's body to rest, Heaven received him as a saved sinner. For three wonderful years Peter

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LET US PRAY

1. For a missionary spirit—That the church may see the whole world's need of Christ, and may be ready for any sacrifice in order to make Him known to all mankind.
2. For a spirit of prayer—That Christian people may learn to pray as Christ prayed and taught His disciples to pray; and that an ever increasing number of intercessors may be raised up until the whole church is awakened to prayer.
3. For a spirit of sacrifice—That the church may be willing, at whatever cost, to follow and to bear witness to the way of Christ.
4. For a spirit of unity—That the whole church of Christ may desire and experience a new unity in Christ.
5. For the gift of interpretation—That the Church may learn to preach the eternal Gospel by word and life in terms that the men and women of this age will understand.
6. For courageous witness in moral questions—That the witness of the Church in the moral questions of our day may truly reflect the mind of God and may be known and felt throughout the world.
7. For a spirit of service—That a great number of men and women may offer themselves unreservedly to do Christ's work at home and abroad in our generation.
8. For the completion of our own conversion—For the removal of all hindrances in our own lives to the manifestation of God's redeeming love and power.—*Missionary Review.*

THE MAKING OF "BEN HUR"

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll the agnostic, was riding along in a train. General Lew Wallace, happening to pass the compartment of Ingersoll, was invited to come in and sit for a chat. General Wallace answered, "All right, Colonel, what shall we chat about?"

"Lots of things," answered Ingersoll. "Is there a future life? I don't know, do you? Is there a God? I don't know, do you? Was Christ the Son of God? I don't know, do you?"

Ingersoll paused and looked keenly at General Wallace. The general was embarrassed by the abruptness of the questions. He replied: "Really, Ingersoll, I have never given much thought or study to the questions you propound. I had a Christian training, and I have always accepted them tacitly."

"Indeed!" answered Colonel Ingersoll. "Why man you surprise me! They are vital issues. I have studied the subject thoroughly. Every man ought to. Now, take my advice and look into the matter. You will find that you will agree with me."

General Wallace says: "I went from this interview embarrassed and mortified. I had not felt competent to discuss such an important matter with such a learned thinker. I made up my mind that I would never place myself in such an embarrassing position again. I plunged into study, reading every authority available. After years of study, instead of agreeing with the great agnostic, I wrote Ben Hur. It is my reply to him."—*Canadian Baptist.*

SETBACKS

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years paying the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged and then she died.

Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him. Entering politics again he ran for congress and was badly defeated. He tried to get an appointment in the United States Land Office and failed.

In 1856 he became a candidate for the vice presidency and was again defeated.

In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

One failure after another—bad failures—real setbacks. In face of all of this he eventually became one of the nation's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a series of setbacks like that doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life?—*Shel-Bee News.*

BELIEF IN MIRACLES

An old Christian, sitting in a store, was arguing with a skeptic about the matter of the miracles, and the skeptic, who was whittling away, said that the reign of law prevented miracles. The old fellow argued that personality was higher than law, and a man could do things because he was a person.

The skeptic said, "I can demonstrate. You hold in your hand the best proof in the world that law reigns. If you let go of the knife you are holding, no power can suspend the law of gravitation. It will fall down."

The old Christian said, "Now watch this jackknife," and he flipped it up and it stuck in the ceiling. He said, "I let go of it and it did not fall down."

Said the skeptic, "Oh, but you did something to it."

"Yes," said the Christian, "that is what God does."

The whole philosophy of the supernatural and miraculous is in that, the will of man and the will of God. That is what diverts and changes the ongoing of nature, and God can come into His world whenever He chooses.—*E. Y. Mullins.*

When people think that we are better and wiser than we are, we can do one of two things. We can struggle to live up to what they think, and do our best to reach higher and higher, or we can be pleased and lattered and let them keep on being mistaken—until they find out their mistake.—*Exchange.*

STRANGE "CANT"

You can't cure hame with a hammer,
You can't weigh a gram with a grammar,
Mend socks with a socket,
Build docks with a docket,
Nor gather up clams with a clamor.

You can't pick locks with a pickle,
You can't cure the sick with a sickle,
Pluck figs with a figment,
Drive pigs with a pigment,
Nor make you watch tick with a ticket.

You can't make a mate of your mater,
You can't get a crate with a crater,
Catch moles with a molar,
Bake rolls with a roller,
But you can get a wait from a waiter.

You can't raise crops with a cropper,
You can't shave your chops with a chopper.
Break nags with a nagger,
Shoot stags with a stagger,
Nor pop to a girl with a popper.

—*Boston Transcript.*

A PIECE OF CLAY

I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were passed;
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it still it bore,
And I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him nevermore.
—*Author Unknown.*

THE ELM AND THE MISTLETOE

Several years ago, on the banks of a stream in southern Indiana, stood a magnificent elm, tall, with widespread branches, vigorous, luxuriant, graceful. Among the foliage on one of the higher branches appeared a sprig of mistletoe nodding cheerfully in the breeze. Today that tree is a gnarled, broken and dying thing with masses of mistletoe clinging to its remaining branches and drawing away the remnant of vitality yet in that once beautiful tree. Men's lives are often like that tree. They burgeon and spread with rich personality and promise. Some parasitical vice of thought or speech or conduct fastens upon them, small at first and hardly worth notice. Give it time and at last it will strip them of their beauty, devalue them and break them. A nation is often like that tree. It springs into splendid being, the admiration of the world. Some antisocial tendency, or parasitical group so insignificant as to seem negligible fastens upon its life. Later, historians moralize about the way in which that pet error brought the nation to ruin.—*Exchange.*

AN APOLOGY

The editor of a small town newspaper explains the loss of the letter "s" from his composing room as follows—

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ROOM FOR ONE MORE

Bishop Bratton, at a dinner in Jackson, was genially patronized by a millionaire.

"I never go to church," the millionaire said. "I guess you've noticed that, Bishop."

"I have noticed it," said Bishop Bratton gravely.

"I guess you wonder why I never go to church, don't you?" the millionaire pursued. "Well, I'll tell you why, Bishop. There are so many hypocrites there."

"Oh, don't let that keep you away," said Bishop Bratton, smiling. "There is always room for one more."—*Exchange.*

SEEING THE GOSPEL

When the light of the world (Matt. 5:14) "Have you ever heard of the Gospel?" asked a missionary of a Chinaman, whom he had not seen in the mission before.

"No," he replied, "but I have seen it. I know a man who used to be the terror of his neighborhood. He was an opium smoker and dangerous as a wild beast; but he became wholly changed. He is now gentle and good and has left off opium."—*D. L. Moody.*

Had a great tent meeting in Oden, Texas. There were thirty-seven additions, and between forty and fifty signed to tithe who had never done so before. God is giving us a great year.—*R. G. Baucom.*

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

By Fred Clark

We are looking forward to the meeting of our association, which meets with the Dowell church beginning at 9 o'clock, Thursday, August 29, before the first Sunday in September.

Our general missionary, Rev. A. L. Johnson, is living in touch with all the churches and holding revivals in the meantime. Our Workers' Conferences have been very fine this year, meeting each month on Monday following the first Sunday.

The Fisher county ladies are the finest workers to be found on earth, except where others are just as fine. They serve the biggest and best dinners for all meetings to be found, except where the kind of dinners are fixed in other counties.

All the churches in the country are getting ready for their revival meetings. Brother Johnston is holding one now, July 22, with the Cannon church; Brother Dodd is assisting. They are a great team.

Dowell has arranged for Brother Reid of Roby to hold their meeting. Brother Sam Morris of Simmons University is holding a great meeting with the Roby church now.

Evangelist Joe Jeffers is to hold the meeting with the Rotan church this year.

Our Mexican Baptist work has done remarkably fine this year. Brother Johnston, our general missionary, has backed them up right along, with Mexican preachers doing the preaching and assisting Missionary Johnston. The Mexican Baptist work alone in Fisher county is worth a great deal more than has been paid altogether on associational missions this year.

I am sure that Fisher county has greater standing with Heaven on account of our associational work.

MITCHELL-SCURRY ASSOCIATION

Our work in the Scurry and Mitchell Association moves off in a great way. Our pastors and workers have entered the field of evangelism to win.

Some few weeks ago the Westbrook church and Pastor J. E. McDermott, with the pastor from Canyon City doing the preaching, enjoyed a glorious revival, baptizing more than forty. Several came by letter.

In June the missionary, with Rev. E. N. McGuire and his good church at Loraine, had the privilege of leading thirty-nine to accept Christ, twenty-two following their Lord in baptism.

Just a few days back Brother Willis Taylor and his faithful church at Wastella, with our beloved pastor, Graves Darby of Roscoe doing the preaching, climbed to the heights of victory with some seventy-five professions of faith and fifty-two for baptism.

The writer closed a good meeting with Pastor C. G. Sewell and church at Champion, Sunday, with fifteen additions to the church at the close of the meeting. This noble young preacher tended his resignation to take effect on the first Sunday in August.

Some good church in reach of Simmons University would do well to secure this good man and his noble companion as helpers in building a great church.

This week we have several mission meetings going. Brother A. D. Leach at Landers, J. E. McDermott at County Line, A. C. Hardin at Silver, T. L. Nipp and Brother Todd at Pleasant Hill.

W. C. Ashford of Colorado, will join heart and hands with T. L. Nipp and the saints at Union next week in a soul winning campaign. The missionary will be with our beloved E. T. Powers and the Plainview church for the next ten days.

May our Heavenly Father be pleased to help Texas Baptist to reach 50,000 for Christ is our prayer.—*W. D. Green, Colorado.*

What the West Owes to Simmons University

Saturday night, July 20, was Simmons University night at Lueders Encampment. Sam Morris, alumni field secretary for the school, and Dr. Scarborough were the speakers. A part of Mr. Morris' address is reproduced in the article, "We Are On the Right Track."

The subject of Dr. Scarborough's message might be termed as "What the West Owes to Simmons University." It was a strong plea to the people of that encampment to throw their fullest support to Simmons University. He spoke in part as follows:

"The people of the West ought to give Simmons their confidence. They can place their confidence in her administration. She has at her head a board of trustees who have sought to keep down her indebtedness and who are today bearing what indebtedness she has on their own shoulders. This is a fine spirit and deserves the finest cooperation from the people of this section in helping them to clear away that indebtedness that Simmons may be unhindered in her service. Then too, she has as a president, a man who has demonstrated his ability as a denominational school president. They can place their utmost confidence in him. Educationally, Simmons is not a bogas but is a school of rank and power where the people of the West may send their sons and daughters and be sure they are getting the best there is for them in denominational education. There is no need of fear as to what Simmons teaches. She is orthodox to the core. I have never known one of her teachers or preachers to wobble in his faith. They are sound and merit our confidence."

"Moreover, Simmons merits the love of the people of the West. I have loved her for a long time. I raised the money to build Anna Hall and Cowden Hall. With the exception of Dr. Sandefer I have raised more money for Simmons than any other man living or dead. She offers an opportunity for service that is not surpassed by any opportunity among our Baptist people and let me plead with you Baptists here in the West to give her your love."

He continued by saying that the people of the West ought to give Simmons their prayers, their children and their money. "Neither Simmons, Baylor University, Baylor College nor Southwestern Seminary will be safe or guaranteed against the future until they are endowed. Simmons needs the support of the people of this section in the program she has outlined. The Baptists of the West ought to give her at least \$2,000,000 within the next two years. Help her to keep training young men for the ministry. We have had many of her graduates at Southwestern. They have all been scholarly, consecrated and cooperant. I have never known one to wobble in the least."

NEWS NOTES

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, was with pastor Pat Horton and the First Church, Plainview, in a gracious revival meeting last week. There were over 100 additions to the church. Forty-five candidates were baptized during the meeting and many more candidates are awaiting baptism. The church granted Pastor Horton a vacation and made a substantial love offering to go along with it. This pastor is greatly loved by his people and the church is doing a great work in that section.

Pastor C. E. Ball of Rule is with Pastor Dodd and the Cedar Gap church in a meeting this week.

There were about 45 additions to the church at Lueders recently, in a meeting, in which Pastor T. L. Kilpatrick did the preaching. Henry Morgan of Abilene, led the song services.

Pastor L. E. Frazier of Ft. Stockton is in a meeting with Pastor J. W. Frazier and the Sixth church, Ft. Stockton, where they are expecting a great meeting.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack is with Pastor Perry King and the Caps church in a meeting this week. At the close of the meeting a campaign will be started to build a large Sunday school annex. The church has been standard for about three years, and the goal now is the advanced standard.

Just closed a meeting Sunday night at Grape Creek, with Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Abilene, doing the preaching. We had forty-four conversions and reclaimations with twenty-five additions to the church. The church was wonderfully strengthened spiritually and is going forward in a great way now.

On Saturday night before the meeting closed the church gave the pastor and his wife a pouncing, which consisted of most everything good to eat, and two automobile tires, which were not good to eat, but very appropriate, as he was "just about out."

Our meeting at Carlsbad began last night, the 19th, with a good attendance. We have a large tent for this meeting, that will seat four hundred.

The pastor is going to do the preaching, and Rev. O. L. Dennis, of Abilene, will lead in the singing. Brother Dennis will arrive Sunday night.—*N. U. Pitts, pastor.*

The editor is doing the preaching in a meeting with the Eula church, of which he is pastor. Henry Morgan of Abilene is leading the singing in a fine way.

The editor will be in revival meeting every day until the first of September. It is rather a difficult task to edit the paper and conduct revivals at the same time. Our friends can help us out greatly by sending in news items during this time. We will appreciate your cooperation along this line.

The meeting at Peacock in which Evangelist John A. Newsom did the preaching resulted in about 45 additions, most of the number being by baptism. It was a great period of refreshing for Pastor W. T. North and his church.

Pastor Chas. R. Snuth of Clyde is in a meeting near Panhandle this week. The revival at Clyde begins August 2, with the Winsett evangelistic party in charge.

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E. E. Dawson

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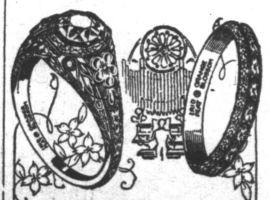
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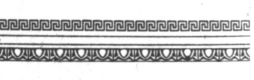
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Concho Valley Association Covers Large Area

Rev. J. C. McKenzie, for the past year missionary of the Concho Valley Association, has been called to the pastorate of one of the churches in Waco, and we understand he is accepting the work. Brother McKenzie has done a fine work on that field. In a recent issue of the First Baptist Echoes, published by the First Baptist church, San Angelo, Lee Stulce, editor, gave the following splendid summary of Missionary McKenzie's work on that field:

The Concho Valley Baptist Association covers about 10,000 square miles. There are six complete counties and parts of two others. Can you imagine one man being assigned to such a stupendous undertaking. Such is the case with our missionary, Rev. J. C. McKenzie.

In order that you may gain some idea of the work in connection with our association we are giving some of the work done by Brother McKenzie since his coming on the field. Here it is:

Time labored—Eleven months, three weeks.
Meetings held 13
Churches preached in 25
Study courses taught 3
Trips to and over the oil field 8

Miles traveled 10,000 Plus
Received into churches 60
Total amount raised in cash and pledges \$2,383.86

The above will serve to give you a pretty good idea of the type and amount of work being done by our missionary. He has proven to be a great and good worker. He is the type of preacher needed for this work. He can satisfactorily fill any pulpit in the association and many of the best churches would do well to have a pastor with his abilities, gifts, preparation and experience. Let's stay by the work of Concho Valley Baptist Association. It is work that is far-reaching.

Spurgeon Richardson, missionary to Africa, said: "People ask us, 'When do you have to go back?' Do not think of it that way. Rather it is, when will we be allowed to go back? We wish you might see the changed lives and joy of those who know God. They build houses themselves and plead with us to send them teachers. Practically all the African children whom we get into our schools become Christians. If we sleep on the job, Mohammed will have Africa. Don't break our hearts by making us stay in America."

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Christoval Encampment Offers Daily Programs

L. A. Stulce

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.—The summer season will soon be over. Always with this season of the year comes the time for encampments. With it comes the urge to be out with nature and the things of nature. The encampments located as they are, on the streams, lend a natural attraction and beauty difficult indeed to find elsewhere.

The many thousands of people who have visited Christoval, at which place the Christoval Baptist Encampment is held each year, unanimously proclaim it one of the most beautiful spots in all the land. It is without doubt a most wonderful place to spend a few days' outing, combined with spiritual development. The days spent close to the heart of nature, in the quiet and beauty of the surrounding country at Christoval on the banks of the "Beautiful Blue Concho" will long linger in the mind and heart of any individual. The person who shuns or even fails to seek out these quiet, beautiful retreats is neglecting one of the most helpful sources of spiritual growth. The message from the lips of man are even reinforced by the voice from nature, constantly sounding from the mountains, hills, lakes, streams and trees and poor indeed is that man or woman who cannot hear that voice.

The program for Christoval this year will be practically the same as last year. A complete church organization will be set up and every department will be at work. The budget of the "church" will be itemized and the first attempt, ever in the history of encampments will be made to finance the encampment through the budget system. A budget secretary has been selected and L. A. Stulce of the First Baptist church of San Angelo will serve in that capacity.

In order that the people of West Texas may get some idea of what the encampment at Christoval is trying to do, the organization is given below:

Dr. Elmer Ridgeway, pastor; G. E. Nicholson, educational director; L. A. Stulce, director of music and budget secretary; Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis Tennessee, evangelist; L. E. Payne, Altus, Oklahoma, song leader; Andrew Allen, Dallas, Sunday school superintendent; Miss Grace Conn, Dallas, director of B. Y. P. U.'s; Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas, director of W. M. S.; Y. P. Kuhn, director of athletics, and Prof. W. B. Moore, Fort Worth, accompanist.

The Menard Baptist Encampment is following with the same type of program this year. It is predicted, by some of the leading workers in the state, that other encampments will likewise put on this kind of a program. Such men as G. S. Hopkins, Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dr. Edgar Godbold and such women as Miss Grace Conn, Mrs. J. E. Leigh and Mrs. Seivells of Brownwood, are very enthusiastic in their praise of the program last year and the one that is being followed this.

The preacher for the encampment this year, as many well know, can not be surpassed anywhere. He is pastor of the Bellevue Baptist church of Memphis, Tennessee, which is one of the leading churches in the South. "There are no better encampment preachers than Dr. Lee." Many of the people over the South are saying just such as the above.

Prof. W. B. Moore of Fort Worth is coming back again this year and will offer his course in hymn playing which has come to be so widely in demand over the state. People are coming many miles just to be under Mr. Moore for this course. He is perhaps the greatest teacher of hymn playing and accompanist in the South, so say those who have worked with him for years. A great and gloriously helpful few days may be spent at the Christoval Baptist Encampment beginning August 2, and running through the twelfth.

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7:30-9:00 A. M.—Breakfast.
9:00-9:45 A. M.—W. M. S.
9:45-11:00 A. M.—S. S.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching Service.
12:00-1:30—Noon.
1:30-3:30 P. M.—Quiet Hour.
3:30-5:30 P. M.—Land, Water Sports.
5:30-7:30 P. M.—Evening Meal.
7:30-8:30 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.
8:30 P. M.—Preaching Service.

S. S. ORGANIZATION

Andrew Allen—General Superintendent.
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Taylor McCasland—Y. P. Superintendent.
J. W. Patterson—Intermediate Superintendent.
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Mrs. J. C. McKenzie—Primary Superintendent.
Mrs. E. M. Montague—Beginners Superintendent.
Mrs. C. T. Dansby—Cradle Roll Superintendent.

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Stanley Taylor—Associate Director.
Miss Mattie Cook—General Secretary.
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Runnels Association Is Stressing Evangelism During Summer Period

The Runnels Association was organized in 1908. In territory it covers, Runnels, Coke and a part of Taylor counties. Tom Green, Concho counties. There are thirty-two churches, with a membership of 4,234. There are four full time, nine half time, nineteen fourth time churches. All have pastors except two fourth time churches. They baptised 222 last year and 278 came by letter.

These churches contributed last year to the cooperative program, \$5,898.49, and to the conquest campaign \$2,866.17. We have now eleven churches that are sending money each month for the denominational work.

This association, like many others, has depended on the state board for help to carry on its work until about five years ago. It was decided that we had depended on the board long enough, so we decided to pay our own way. The association has been paying its own way since that time. At this time the association has two missionaries on the field, American and Mexican, and pay them both in full. The association has a budget that takes care of the work and all bills are paid promptly.

The association fosters the following organizations: They maintain a regular monthly workers meeting. Along with that the W. M. U., Mrs. E. Sheppard Ballinger, president; they report eleven societies and contributed to all causes last year the sum of \$11,488.00; B. Y. P. U., Mr. John W. Norman, Winters, president; with 43 organizations. This organization reached the standard last year and has just about attained it this year. Then the Sunday school association, G. E. Nicholson, Winters, superintendent, with 27 organizations, four standard and a number that will be standard before long. They hope to reach the associational standard before the year is gone. This organization is less than six months old but is doing a telling work; the pastors conference, John M. Riddle, chairman; this organization meets each quarter. The organization is less than a year old but is bringing things to pass.

There will be a revival meeting in every church and at a large number of the school house places, this summer. The people are planning, working and praying for at least 500 baptisms this year.



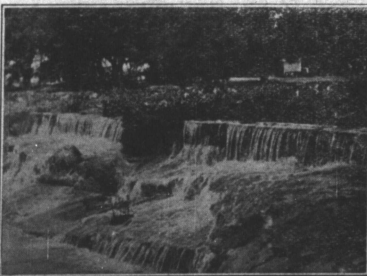
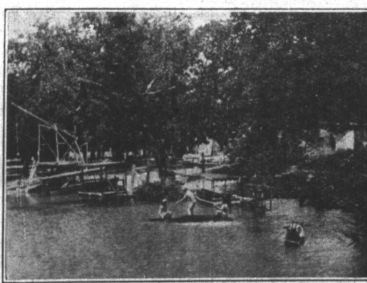
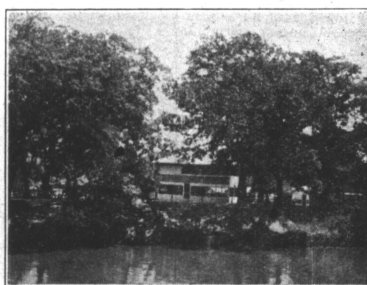
REV. JOHN M. RIDDLE

Missionary of the Runnels Association, Brother Riddle is one of the best missionaries in all the land, and he is missionary of one of the best associations in Texas. The missionary has been stressing three things this year: First, evangelism; an effort is being made to hold a revival in every church and school community in the association. Second, encouraging churches to adopt the church budget. Third, encouraging of Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s.

W. M. S. ORGANIZATION

Mrs. J. E. Leigh—Director.
Mrs. C. G. Sivells—President.
Mrs. J. W. Patterson—Director Young People.
Miss Aletha Saunders—Y. W. A. Leader.
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Beginning of Hospital
A little more than five years ago with a burning desire to discharge their whole duty to God and seeing the need of a centrally located hospital, a small group of people met in the First Baptist church building at San Angelo, to discuss the possibility of entering the hospital business as a Baptist Association. After much discussion, receiving the promise of support from outside friends, and calling several special meetings of the Concho Valley Baptist Association the plan was agreed upon. The first step of progress made by the association in its new undertaking was to purchase property known as the Old Findlater Home at the corner of Magdalen street and Harris avenue at San Angelo, which was then being operated as a private hospital. Immediately thereafter a campaign was launched for the purpose of raising funds by donations with which to erect and equip a building adequate for the needs of such an enterprise. Testimony of how well the people responded to this worthy call is evidenced by the beautiful and stately structure which now stands as a monument to their loyalty to the whole program of preaching, teaching and healing.

This building is four stories and a basement. It is constructed of brick and steel making it fireproof as well as graceful and stately. It is located close to the downtown district convenient for emergency cases yet far enough out to enjoy the quietness of a dignified residence district. The building is on a most attractive corner and is surrounded by an abundance of spreading, shady pecan and elm trees. Just to the rear of the new building stands the old Findlater Home now being used as a home for our student nurses and their supervisors.

The basement is utilized as follows: A chapel is conveniently located in the east wing in which devotional exercises are conducted daily for the student nurses by their supervisors and sometimes visiting friends. The hospital maintains an accredited school of nursing and it is in this chapel that the classes are assembled. During three years of active operation six fine young women have been graduated and have gone out to give their lives to the ministry of healing. What an opportunity all of us have to magnify the name of Him who gave His life for us! What better environment could one wish in which to present the matter of personal relationship with God than while ministering to the needs of one who is ill or one who is being nursed back to health and has plenty of time for meditation and plenty of blessings for which to be thankful in the recovery from illness.

Next to the chapel are three large rooms occupied by the laboratory and X-ray department. The hospital does not own the X-ray equipment but we are fortunate to secure the use of the most modern and complete Victor outfit and operated on a commission basis by Dr. J. N. Parke.

Across the corridor from these are located the kitchen and dining rooms. One of our most ardent hopes is to be able in the near future to more fully equip the kitchen with labor saving and expense reducing devices. We are badly in need of a more spacious refrigeration system, a dishwashing machine, and an elevator from the kitchen to the other floors in order to serve food and nourishment promptly and more efficiently.

There are two large comfortable wards in the west wing of the basement which are used chiefly for charity patients and others who wish to economize on expenses.

On the first floor at the left as you enter are the executive offices, business manager's office, and supervisor of nurses office. To



Earl A. Dunn, business manager of San Angelo Hospital. And now Mr. Dunn brings to us his years' experience in successful business management. In the brief time he has been with us he has demonstrated to our entire satisfaction his ability to organize and direct the business activities of our institution.

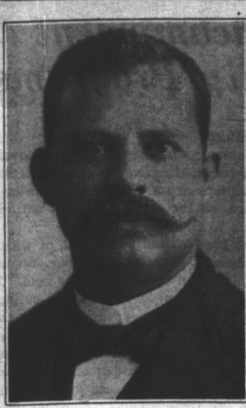
The right is an attractive reception room artfully furnished by one of San Angelo's progressive furniture establishments. All the balance of the first floor is fitted for service to patients.

Second floor is devoted entirely to rooms for care of the sick. More than half the rooms on this floor have hot and cold running water and private shower baths. Electric fans are furnished when requested.

Third floor at present is still unfinished. All the furniture for it however, has been bought and paid for. This floor, when completed, will add eighteen more beds to our capacity.

Fourth floor is set aside for obstetrical cases and the nursery with the exception of the extreme west wing. Here are located two most modern and fully equipped operating rooms and the best sterilizing system that can be bought. No expense has been spared in securing the best apparatus available to place at the disposal of our surgeons and patients by the hundreds are being successfully treated here.

Although the hospital does not maintain a medical staff San Angelo proudly boasts of having some of the state's most prominent



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physicians and surgeons. The hospital is open to every member of the Tom Green County Medical Society who is in good standing. Each patient may have the privilege of selecting his or her own doctor. Our policy is prompt and courteous service to the patient and absolute fairness to every physician and special privilege to none. We are happy to state that we find this policy satisfactory to all concerned. It is very gratifying to be able to say that all the doctors together with those people



Nineteen hundred twenty-nine graduating class of the San Angelo Hospital. They are, left to right: Miss Ruth Maxwell of Robert Lee, Texas; Miss Virgie Maye Corley of Tennyson, Texas, and Miss Ara Austin Mims of Orient, Texas.



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A group of student nurses of San Angelo Hospital. Three members of this group were in the graduating class of 1929.

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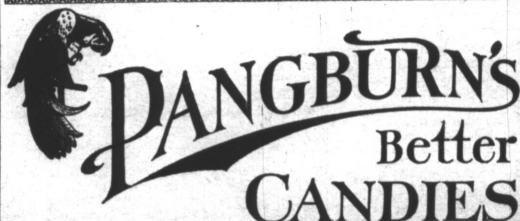


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HASKELL ASSOCIATION

(Note—The following fine report from the Haskell Association has been delayed in publication. The writer, Mr. W. M. Free, is one of the editors of the Haskell Free Press, and he and his daughters are faithful workers in the Baptist work in this section. We appreciate very much these items written by Mr. Free, and we regret the delay in their publication.)

W. M. Free

The Workers' Conference of the Haskell Baptist Association was held at the First Baptist church in the city of Munday, June 24. A large attendance was present and most of the speakers were on hand and took their places on the program. The song service was conducted by Rev. C. B. Stovall, pastor of the Smith Chapel and Gillespie churches of the association. Rev. J. E. Tucker of Rule, conducting the devotional. After which Rev. A. L. Heath, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rochester, spoke one the "Goal for Texas Baptists." He made a wonderful talk which was appreciated by the large congregation. "Getting Ready for the Summer Campaign" was ably discussed by A. Starkey of Abilene, who is a pastor in the association. And the climax of the morning services was a sermon by Rev. C.

E. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist church at Rule, on the subject of "The Bible and the Holy Spirit in An Evangelistic Campaign."

A bountiful lunch was served at the noon hour by the Munday ladies and all were made to partake of the many good things to eat, which was spread on a long table outside the church. Plenty of ice tea and cold water was served. Many compliments were spoken by the congregation of the good service rendered by the ladies in serving the splendid feast.

The board members called a meeting just after the noon hour and the business of the association was looked after and at 1:45 the congregation was called together in a song service by Brother Stovall, after which a quartet was rendered by W. F. Henderson, W. M. Free, J. O. Bowden and S. N. Reel. After which A. B. Reese, a layman of the Knox City Baptist church, made a splendid talk of "The Place of the Laymen in the Summer Evangelistic Campaign."

Mrs. J. O. Bowden took charge of the W. M. U. work of the association and a worthwhile program was rendered by a number of the ladies of the association. Mrs. Gordon Sweat of Gillespie, Mrs. Mae Lowe of Brushey, and Mrs. Williamson of Brushey, all made good talks on how they enlisted the women in the W. M. U. work. Mrs. R. T. Land of Goree, sang a beautiful solo after which Mrs. George Hardberger of Knox City, made a brief but excellent talk on the "Women's Place in the Summer Evangelistic Campaign." After this good talk Mrs. J. O. Bowden awarded the attendance banner to Sweet Home church.

There will be no meetings of the Workers' Conference until after the association which meets at Knox City.

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get to recognize the splendid service rendered this institution during its construction days by Rev. D. R. Pevoto. The result of his constant planning for improvement both in the building and its furnishings is visible on every hand. Also a large measure of credit goes to Brother F. S. Baucum, that pioneer builder of worthy memorials, whose untiring efforts brought many a liberal gift to this cause. Then, our contractors, Thomas & Montgomery, were friends of no mean ability and assistance. Many times in the beginning when funds were low these splendid friends kept the work of construction going at their own expense in order that interest in the undertaking might not wane.

A host of heroic men and women too numerous to mention in the space allotted us are sure to receive handsome rewards for the part they have had in making this vision of pioneer laymen and ministers a reality.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

J. C. Parks

The church at Weirton has torn the old building away and are laying the foundation for a new one. They have called Rev. L. S. Jenkins for pastor. It is not known whether or not he will accept. Rev. Baldwin of Abilene, has been called to the care of the church at New Hope and has accepted.

The church at Sweet Home, where Rev. O. L. Dennis is pastor, and the church at Gillespie, where Rev. C. B. Stovall is pastor have recently reached the A-1 Standard in their Sunday schools. We now have five A-1 Sunday schools in Haskell Association. The other three are Haskell, Rule and Munday.

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LAMESA ASSOCIATION

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fore, and rendered some very valuable service. It will pay any church to have them come. One of the great things the band is doing, is supporting a missionary on the foreign field. Would to God that we had a few more bands like this one to send some more missionaries back to their field of labor.

On June 11, 1929, Brother R. F. Self answered the summons from the Heavenly Father to come home. Brother Self was a faithful preacher of the gospel, and did a telling work until his health failed. He was said to be one of the best preachers in all of this country. This writer never had the privilege of hearing this good man preach as he had been unable to preach for about two years.

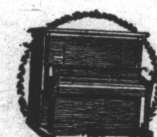
Brother Self was the first pastor of the Klondyke church, I believe, and did a work that will last throughout eternity. He was a faithful member of the Klondyke church, and stood for all of our work. Brother Self never missed a service at all if it was at all possible for him to be there. Many times after his health went down he came to church when he felt unable to go. He was God's man and loved by everybody. The funeral service was conducted by Brother W. E. Duke, a former pastor, assisted by Brother I. J. Duff, a former pastor, and the writer, Brother Shipley from Key, was present and brought some words of cheer, and also Brother Henry Smith, one of our faithful young deacons, brought some comforting words. He is survived by his faithful wife, and son, Clarence, who is one of our best teachers in the Sunday school, and four brothers. Brother Self has just outstripped the rest of us and beat us home. While he is gone his work still lives.

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REPORT OF TREASURER,

APRIL 1, '29, TO JULY 1, '29

Receipts Expense Fund

April 1, Balance on Hand \$446.44

April 23, Haskell County Association 2.34

TOTAL \$448.78

Disbursements

April 15, First Baptist Church Memo. Reports \$ 6.00

April 15, Telegrams from District Meeting 1.66

May 6, Abilene Printing Company, Programs for District Meeting 6.50

May 30, President Executive Board Meeting, District Meeting, Telephone Call, Stamps, and Cards 18.00

May 30, Mrs. Paxton, Trip to Swenson Quarterly Meeting 5.50

June 14, Foreign Mission Board 161.00

June 14, Gas to Colorado Meeting 2.00

TOTAL \$200.66

July 1, Balance on Hand \$248.12

Receipts Breedlove Loan Fund

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 20.58

April 12, Stonewall Association 5.80

April 8, Fisher County Association 5.00

April 24, Sweetwater Association 17.82

April 24, Stonewall County Association 2.00

May 11, Sweetwater Association 25.62

June 8, Fisher Association 5.00

June 13, Sweetwater Association 15.51

TOTAL \$ 97.28

Disbursement

April 13, Simmons University \$ 31.33

April 24, First Baptist Church for Simmons University 17.82

May 6, Simmons University 2.00

May 11, First Baptist Church for Simmons University 25.62

June 13, First Baptist Church for Simmons University 15.51

June 13, Simmons University 5.00

TOTAL \$ 97.28

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 0.00

Receipts Bible Scholarship Fund

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 62.25

April 8, Jones Association 2.00

April 12, Stonewall Association 9.00

April 24, Stonewall Association 8.35

June 8, Fisher Association 8.50

TOTAL \$ 82.10

Disbursed, Nothing

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 82.10

Receipts First Baptist Church Loan Fund

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 0.00

May 23, Sweetwater Association 71.29

May 11, Sweetwater Association 102.51

June 13, Sweetwater Association 62.07

TOTAL \$235.87

Disbursed

April 24, First Baptist Church for Simmons University \$ 71.29

April 11, First Baptist Church for Simmons University 102.51

April 13, First Baptist Church for Simmons University 62.07

TOTAL \$235.87

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 0.00

Receipts West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 0.00

April 12, Stonewall Association 3.50

April 24, Stonewall Association 2.00

May 11, Sweetwater Association 50.00

June 8, Fisher Association, Linens 3.00

June 11, Sweetwater Association 72.80

June 17, Haskell Association, Charity 31.75

June 26, Sweetwater Association 11.00

TOTAL \$173.55

Disbursed

May 6, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium \$ 2.00

May 13, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium 50.00

June 13, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium 72.80

June 17, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium 31.75

June 27, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium 11.00

TOTAL \$167.55

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 6.50

Baylor Belton Endowment

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 0.00

April 12, Stonewall Association 3.35

May 8, Fisher Association 2.50

TOTAL \$ 5.85

Disbursement, Nothing

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 5.85

Receipts Miscellaneous Fund

April 1, Balance on Hand \$ 49.60

April 8, Jones Association 1.00

April 12, Stonewall, Maga-

zine for Missions 1.00

April 23, Mitchell-Scurry for Boy in Sanitarium 5.00

May 2, Big Spring Association, Foreign Missions Relief 15.00

May 11, Sweetwater Association, Foreign Missions, Relief 100.00

May 11, Sweetwater Association, Y. W. A. Hut 25.00

May 15, Haskell Association, Foreign Missions, Relief 20.00

May 15, Haskell Association, Baylor College 15.00

June 26, Sweetwater Association, Y. W. A. Hut 10.00

June 27, Stonewall Association, Y. W. A. Hut 10.00

TOTAL \$251.60

Disbursed

April 13, Mrs. Vining, Magasin for Missions \$ 2.00

April 25, Roy Fuller, III in Sanitarium 5.00

May 14, Miss Lilas Penick, for Hut 25.00

June 14, Foreign Mission Board 164.00

June 27, Miss Penick, Hut 20.00

TOTAL \$216.00

July 1, Balance on Hand \$ 35.60

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert J. Jones,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF DISTRICT NO. 17 FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1929

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Miscellaneous, \$43.35; District and Associational Expense Fund, \$27.25; Baylor College Endowment, \$2.50; Local, \$569.60; Total, \$641.60.

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Y. W. A. Cooperative Program, \$179.44; Associational Missions, \$32.78; Scholarships, \$4; Baylor College Endowment, \$0.50; Local, \$871.49; Breedlove Loan Fund, \$1; Linens, \$0.50; G. A. Cooperative Program, \$15.32; Associational Missions, \$6.98; Miscellaneous, \$11; Scholarship, \$1; Local, \$178.10; Breedlove Loan Fund, \$0.50. R. A. Cooperative Program, \$5.99; Associational Missions, \$5; Scholarship, \$1; Local, \$265.24; Breedlove Loan Fund, \$0.50; Sanitarium Charity Fund, \$8. Sunbeams—Cooperative Program, \$3; Associational Missions, \$5; Miscellaneous,

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Total of seven associations, \$18,040.78.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jessie K. Hunter,

Corresponding Secretary.

DEEPER SPIRITUALITY IS CHIEF BAPTIST NEED

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churches for denominational enterprises, and the best methods for remedying that situation.

Forward Path Is Pointed Out

If worldly mindedness and lack of information are responsible for the slack in receipts, then it would appear that deepening the spiritual life of the members of the churches and a wider dissemination of information upon the work of the denomination, and the duty of church members to share definitely in carrying out Christ's world program offer the surest remedies for that situation.

Not in the ten years that this editor has been engaged in denominational work have both the need and the opportunity for Southern Baptists to go forward in a steady, straight-forward program of kingdom building been so great as they are today, he is persuaded. Pastors can make their local church task easier of accomplishment, and lead their churches at the same time to have a larger share in extending Christ's kingdom in the homeland and around the world by striving to deepen the spiritual life of their members through leading them into a deeper prayer life and a larger study of the message of God's Word upon such vital themes as missions, personal evangelism and stewardship. In the adoption of such a program lies victory for the churches and the cause of Christ.

MISS REAGAN TELLS OF CONVENTION MEET

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their school so much that they are at the very heart of a mission residence, I think that they ought to have a missionary couple, don't you? But there is nobody that we can send from among our present force.

W. M. U. Convention

The W. M. U. held their convention in the school building which is next door to the church. The first morning was spent in the usual business while the afternoon session took up the discussion of daily Bible reading both for the individual Christian and for the family. On Thursday morning we had a most interesting session on the care of children. Mrs. Anders had charge of this discussion, and had brought with her an eight-months old baby whose mother had been elected as secretary to the convention, but had died at the baby's birth. For the information of the women she gave him his bottle and explained about the milk and the food for the baby. Then she put him down on the mat to play while she talked on the various problems about the care of a child. About an hour later she gave the youngster a bath showing the mothers the proper way to bathe a baby. Then she put him in his bed where he bounced and wiggled to his heart's content and finally fell asleep. They have twelve motherless babies in the home hospital. Three of these have no father either. The fathers pay for the care of the baby but the W. M. U. voted \$250 to pay for the care of two of the orphans for a year. In the afternoon session the usual business was transacted and a special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Agbeli, our honorary president, who has meant so much to us all. The women divided their offerings for the year in this way—\$250 for the motherless babies, \$270 for the girl's school at Abeokuta, \$75 for the support of a girl in the girl's school, and \$275 for business such as the W. M. U. helper traveling expenses and the printing of the year books.

Nigerian Convention

The Nigerian Baptist Convention also began its meetings on Wednesday and had some very fine addresses given by the president and others. I was present at their meetings Friday, Saturday and

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Monday most of which time was taken up with business. They decided to put on a campaign to raise \$2,500 for a printing press, \$1,500 for the support of theological students at our college and seminary. This year they gave \$250 to the college and seminary. They also want to get a school supervisor who will spend his time in one district visiting and overseeing the school work in that district, helping each school to attain its greatest possibilities. Since there is no system of public schools in Nigeria, the school, which enables us to touch the lives of the pupils and train them five days of the week, is our greatest opportunity for mission service. We have no other agency in Nigeria that has done more for the spread of the Gospel than our schools.

The convention also has charge of the B. Y. P. U. work and this year they decided to send the money contributed by the B. Y. P. U. to purchase manuals to be used as a circulating library and loaned to any B. Y. P. U. that wants to take the study course. They have appointed leading ministers in the various districts to help organize B. Y. P. U. and get each B. Y. P. U. to begin mission work in some nearby village where no Christian work is being done. The four B. Y. P. U. in Lagos are doing that and find that it is a fine way for training young Christians in the Master's service.

The convention decided to join the Baptist World's Alliance and sent a gift of \$25 to the Alliance.

Our next meeting, next year will be held in Northern Nigeria, at Kaduna. This year is the first time that the convention has been held outside of Yoruba land but our work has grown so that the Yoruba work is only a small part of the Baptist work in Nigeria.

Kaduna, in Northern Nigeria, is an especially interesting place because as yet the government has refused permission to settle in the Mohammedan districts of the north, and all of our work has been carried on by native missionary pastors and workers.

In order to give the delegates as pleasant a visit as possible the people of Saple prepared several special programs which were very good. One put on by the young people included a dramatization of a portion of Pilgrims Progress which was exceptionally fine. Never have I seen such crowds striving to get into the service. The church will not house the people who wish to attend the service.

On our return we stopped at a village about half way from Saple where one delegate had joined us. When we all went ashore some of the women came up to Miss Elam and me and said, "Come this way," and they took us to the church building and asked if we could have a service. We did not have time to stop for a regular service but we did have a prayer for God's blessing on the work. Mr. Duval is planning to visit that village in a few days.

Surely God is with the work out

here and is blessing it. We need assistance. Pray with us that God will send out more missionaries to help carry the Gospel where the people are so anxious to hear.

Yours for the Master's service, Lucille Reagan.

The struggling Baptists of New Mexico lead those of all the older and wealthier states in their per capita gifts to their churches.

Would sell or trade my Alamo Hotel here. Ernest Keathley, Colorado, Texas.

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lived in the personal presence of Jesus, walked with him, ate with him, slept in the mountains with him, helped him in the cities, and had the Lord as a guest in his own home, and then at the critical hour Peter denied him, even after Jesus had cautioned him, became a black-guard with profanity, and while Jesus was in the valley and shadow of death. The nervous impulsive disciple went to the bottom of a backslider's conduct, but he did not all through. When he died he was carried to Heaven by Him who said, "If I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." Peter was ushered into the gates of Heaven as a saved sinner.

Long before Abraham went on home his faith was "counted unto him for righteousness," when he died he went straight to Heaven as a saved sinner. John the Beloved wrote five Books of the New Testament, but when Jesus called for him to come up higher, "he whom Jesus loved," was ushered into the Heavenly City as a saved sinner. When Mary, the Virgin, whom all the world has called blessed, was standing beside the Cross and watching her Beloved Son die on Calvary, she looked to him as a personal Savior. From his birth she had treasured in her heart the words of the angel who counselled her that He would save His people, knowing in her wholesome maidenly heart that His birth was the incarnation of the Son of God direct from Heaven as arranged by the Holy Ghost some months before. She had never known a man in the course of nature, and when Jesus was in the Temple at twelve years of age, Mary recognized His wisdom as another evidence of His Deity. The queenly virgin never claimed or expected any standing with God on the ground of her relationship to the Incarnation, but when Joseph laid her to rest in the evening of her life, with the natural offspring of her home, the brothers and sisters of Jesus on the mother's side, gathered around the casket, the angels came with the Savior as he promised in the Scriptures, and Mary was welcomed in Heaven as a saved sinner.

Paul referred to himself as the chief of sinners, but he was a saved chief. Elijah went south and hid away in a cave, believing in his heart that his life was in danger; he had forsaken everything, left his field of labor which God had given him and where God had placed him and had blessed him beyond any thing known to humanity. The kingdom of Baal went down in defeat on Carmel, the Heavens moved in answer to the praying prophet and the rains fell like the sweep of the ocean tides, but Elijah fainted when a manly female threatened him with death, and he deserted the victory of his own faith and prayers. But Jehovah read his heart and took him to Heaven in a chariot of fire, and Elijah came back a thousand years later and visited Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. In it all and through it all Elijah was saved on the sole ground of his personal faith in the unveiled Christ. Like all the other saints of the Old Testament, Elijah saw Christ through Jehovah, while the saints of this age see the Father through Christ.

"Foxes have holes and the fowls of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." But we have. Jesus became a wanderer that we might not have to wander, he was born in a manger that we might be cradled in the bosom of the Tribune God, He lived in Nazareth that we might live in the New Jerusalem, He wore a crown of thorns that we might wear a crown of righteousness, He died the death of a criminal that we might not have to die at all.

"Hell hath enlarged herself" because some of humanity have determined to live there after they die; but Jesus is building homes for sinners who are willing to be door-keepers in the house of the Lord. Sinners who have turned with penitent yielding hearts have room with the redeemed host that are ready for the coming of the Lord, for "we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Where will the sinner stand? There is no room in the Heavenly land for him, unless Christ the Savior shall represent him. If a man will not represent Christ here on earth, then Christ will not represent him in Heaven. If a man is ashamed of Jesus in this life, then Jesus will be ashamed of him in the next life. "Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Who is the sinner? He is the passive unbeliever, he does nothing, he is just a sinner.

Who is the ungodly? He is an active sinner, he is a positive sinner. He does things. He is a warrior in favor of Beelzebub, he is on Satan's side and everybody knows it. Which is the worse, the sinner or the ungodly? Neither is worse, they are both sinners, and their rank as an unbeliever does not mean anything. There are no "big sinners" and no "little sinners" in the realm of humanity. They are all sinners, but Jesus gave his life for both on the same identical terms, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is there room for sinners in the prayers of Christians? Is there room for sinners in the plans of the churches? Are the churches majoring on plans to reach the lost? Is there room for sinners in our religious newspapers? Is there room for sinners in the many articles that we write and syndicate? Yes, there