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DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETS AT STAMFORD MAR. 20

MEMPHIS CHURCH COMPLETES ANNEX TO CHURCH BUILDING

If, as a poet has said, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever," then the Educational Building of the First Baptist church, recently completed, should be viewed in this light by the entire citizenship of Memphis, and more particularly by members of the First Baptist church who made the building a reality. In every department of the new structure, the dreams, the visions, the careful planning for future needs of the congregation seems to have been anticipated, and the result is a church plant second to none, for a town the size of Memphis.

Spacious Archway
In entering the new \$40,000 structure, one is invited through a spacious archway that separates the old church plant from the new. One is told that the entire concrete upon which one walks through the archway was bought and paid for by the women of the church. Entering the door to the new building, on the right is seen the pastor's study, and adjoining it, the business office of the church, occupied by the church secretary. These offices are cheerful and modern. There is a window between the offices for purpose of communication and one telephone serves both.

Large Assembly Hall
From these offices, one is ushered into the large room used as a young peoples' assembly hall. This is bounded by eight Sunday school rooms, appropriately furnished. This room is used as a church chapel and is often used to hold funerals in. It has beautiful chairs, a raised platform on which is a piano, and the pastor stated that this is the room in which the mid-week prayer services are held. Two of the large class rooms leading off from the assembly room are to be converted into a ladies' parlor in the near future, with appropriate furnishings. The assembly room will seat comfortably 200 people.

Looking about through the room, one unconsciously admires the light pearl-gray walls, the Celotex ceilings, the elaborate lighting fixtures and the French windows. Passing out into a hallway, one is shown the entrance into the church proper. A drinking fountain is to be seen, and other modern conveniences for service and utility.

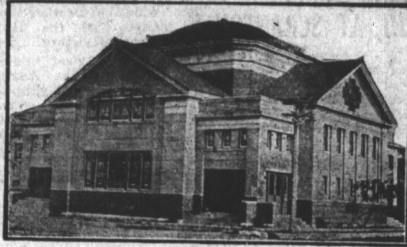
Modernly Equipped
One is next taken up a flight of stairs into the junior and intermediate departments. There is a large assembly hall for the juniors on the east side and one for the intermediates on the west side. Both are equipped with modern new chairs, each has a raised platform upon which has been placed a piano. From each of the assembly rooms radiate 16 Sunday school class rooms.

Fitted up Beautifully
After inspecting the "top floor" one is taken to the basement. Here are to be found the beginners, primary and cradle roll departments. Each is fitted up beautifully. Small cloth partitions separate the various classes. Small chairs and tables are to be found in plenty, together with many things that will appeal to children. The sliding walls can be taken down entirely and the entire basement can, with ease, be thrown into a large banquet hall. In addition to the rooms for the children, there are several lecture and class rooms for adults to be found here.

Kitchen Completely Equipped
The kitchen is the most complete this writer has ever seen. A large gas range, built-in shelves, drain boards, sink, china closet, refrigerator, in fact, everything that goes into a modern kitchen is to be found here. The dishes, hundreds of them, are of a distinctive design and pattern, and were do-

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CONVENTION MEETING PLACE



First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas.

Dr. W. R. White Discusses Inspiration of Scriptures

I have been in the ministry for some 20 years. Never before have I heard of my loyalty to any great Bible doctrine being questioned. I have not and do not now have the slightest consciousness of differing from the faith cherished by Baptists. In fact, I pride myself as one who has been consistently and positively standing for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. But I can not wear Saul's armor. I must do my work in the way God leads me and in the way He has equipped me. Others have the privilege of pursuing the policy their consciences dictate. I have not been led of the Lord to enter personal controversies. I have been called of Him to serve in a great evangelistic and missionary movement. I know how I can best serve the cause of the truth. I am now following the same course I followed in the pastorate. I have not changed my policies one iota since becoming secretary.

Those present at the Beaumont convention will recall that one of the first utterances that fell from my lips was that I accepted the Word of God as the inerrant rule and guide for my faith and practice. Several weeks ago I challenged the Baptists of Texas to reproduce the New Testament type of Christianity by acting upon the Bible as having been written by men who "spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit." I have said in scores of places over Texas that I could not see how he could inspire the thought without inspiring the words, since one cannot think except in words. I have also said that I believe the same thing about the Bible that my mother and grandmother believed. I have said that the scriptures were verbally accurate and that every word was placed in the Scripture under the inerrant supervision of the Holy Spirit. I have stated that all Scriptures were uniquely and divinely inspired. This means that all, not a part of our Bible was inspired and inspired in a supernatural sense

not applied to any other literature. In order that the wise and unwise, yes, even the most humble Baptist in the forks of the creek may not misunderstand, I gladly make another statement. I believe the Bible, God's Revelation, the Holy Scriptures were verbally inspired, inspired word for word, and that even though men of old spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit, the sacred Scriptures were just as much the very word of God as if He had written every word in heaven and handed the Bible down to man ready-made.

I believe that all the miracles in the Bible happened just as the Bible records them. I never did say or suggest that inspiration was not important. I believe heaven and hell are just what the Bible says they are. This is a personal confession of faith. As a young man, and a new secretary, I felt that the people had a right to know.

There is no such thing as an official mouthpiece for Baptists. Baptists are their own mouthpiece. The secretary is the servant of Texas Baptists along missionary, educational and benevolent lines.

I believe that hundreds and thousands of Texas Baptists will testify that they feel that we are on the verge of one of the greatest missionary and evangelistic awakenings in our history. In fact, they have already given this testimony. If Baptists are sincere, and if God answers prayer, a great day is before us. I have never felt greater evidences of the divine, good pleasure and leadership in my feeble efforts than now. I am ready to suffer whatever the critics may heap upon me. I count it an honor to be persecuted for His name's sake. I have nothing but love and prayer for those who would misrepresent me. Having prayed to this victory, I have a joy unspeakable as I write these words. Brethren, God is moving among his people.—W. R. White.

Pres. Sandefer Endorses Sec. White's Position

March 7, 1930.
Dr. W. R. White,
Dallas, Texas.
My dear Brother White:

I have just read, in the last issue of the Baptist Standard, your wonderful utterance on the things that we call the fundamentals. I have read every word you have written since you became our secretary. I have agreed with you 100 percent touching your expressions, both public and written, and the general policy you are pursuing as our leader. These last words from you, on the great basal truths, are

to me wonderful in interpretation, thought, and diction, and they express far better than I, as a layman, could express these things for which I have stood from my youth up.

I do not believe any intelligent and well informed person can question your fidelity to the Old Book. I believe that our Texas Baptists will rally around you as you lead in helping us to put over all of our programs for which Texas and Southwide Baptists are contending. I am praying for you

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District 17, S.S. and B. Y. P. U. Will Hold Annual Session

Convention Information
The Convention will convene in Stamford, Texas, Thursday morning, March 20th, at 10 o'clock, in First Baptist church.

The 17th District is composed of the following associations: Haskell, Jones, Fisher, Kent, Stone-wall, Sweetwater, Cisco, and Callahan, and it is hoped each church in the district will be represented in both B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School.

All who plan to come and remain over night will be entertained on the Harvard plan, bed and breakfast free, and we hope you will write in at once if you want a room reserved. Address Mr. Frank Hefflin, Stamford, Texas.

Thursday Morning Session
March 20, 1930

W. C. RUSSELL, Presiding

10:00 Song and praise, Mr. Rupert Crabb, Sweetwater.

10:15 Welcome Address, Rev. W. C. Moffett, Stamford.

10:20 Response, Rev. T. L. Kilpatrick, Lueders.

10:25 Sunday School Address, "The Church Functioning Through Its Teaching Service," Mr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.

10:55 Conference by Departments.

1. Cradle Roll and Beginners, Mrs. Reed, Roby.

2. Primary Mrs. Ross A. Smith, Breckenridge.

3. Juniors, Rev. Ollie Dennis, Rochester.

4. Intermediates, Mrs. Rucker, Abilene.

5. Young People, Walter Jackson, Abilene.

6. Adult, Rev. G. W. Thomas, Anson.

7. Six Point Record System, H. H. Stephens, Ranger.

11:35 Comment on Conferences, Mrs. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.

11:55 Special Music.

12:00 Appointment of Committees.

12:15 B. Y. P. U. Address, "Church Functioning Through Its Training Service," Rev. J. H. Littleton, Hamlin.

Thursday Afternoon Session
J. M. MARTIN, Presiding

2:00 Song and Praise, Mr. Rupert Crabb, Sweetwater.

2:15 B. Y. P. U. Address, "Modern Training Service of the Church," Miss Grace Conn, Dallas.

2:45 Conference by Department, B. Y. P. U.

1. Primary, Miss Grace Conn, Dallas.

2. Junior, Miss Hadlan, Abilene.

3. Intermediate, Mrs. Carter, Breckenridge.

4. Seniors and Adults, Walter Jackson, Abilene.

3:33 Comments on Conferences, Miss Grace Conn, Dallas.

3:45 Music.

3:50 Sunday School Address, H. H. Stephens, Ranger.

4:20 Address, "Is the Budget Plan the Bible Plan of Church Finances?" Perry King, Rule.

4:30 Adjourn.

Evening Session
W. C. RUSSELL, Sunday School President, Presiding

7:15 Song and Devotional Service, Mr. Rupert Crabb, Sweetwater.

7:35 General Conference on S. S. Work, "The Church Reaching Its Possibilities Through the S. S.," G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.

7:55 Music.

8:00 General Conference on B. Y. P. U. Work, "Reaching and Maintaining the Standard," Miss Grace Conn, Dallas.

8:30 Address, "The Church as a Channel for the Investment of Life," Rev. Ross A. Smith, Breckenridge.

Friday Morning Session
J. M. MARTIN, B. Y. P. U. President, Presiding

9:15 Conference on the Bible Plan of Church Finance, Rev. A. C. Miller, Cisco.

9:45 Song and Devotion, J. C. Turner, Hamlin.

9:50 General Conference on B. Y. P. U. Work, "The Church Reaching Its Possibilities Through Its Training Service," Miss Grace Conn, Dallas.

10:10 Song, J. C. Turner.

10:15 General Conference on Sunday School Work, "Reaching and Maintaining the Standard," G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.

10:35 Special Music.

10:40 Address on Music in the Church, W. M. Work, Abilene.

11:00 Business Session.

11:15 Special Music.

11:20 Address by Dr. W. R. White, "The Heart of the Gospel."

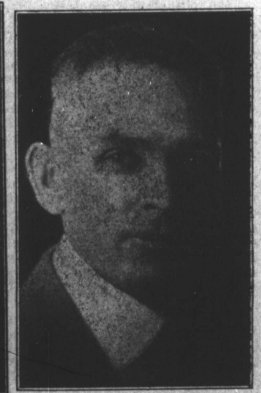
12:00 Adjourn.

CONVENTION OFFICERS



J. M. MARTIN,

Stamford, President District B. Y. P. U. Convention.



G. S. HOPKINS,

Secretary Sunday School Department of Texas Baptists.

HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STAMFORD, TEXAS

Rev. Hill Edmonds of Anson was ordained to preach February 9, 1899, and his first work was to raise money to put up a temporary Baptist church building in the new town that was to be located at the terminal of the Texas Central R. R. which was just being extended from Albany to within a mile of the Haskell county line in Jones county to be called Stamford. At that time Jones county Baptist belonged to Stonewall Association, and this was the organization that appointed Brother Edmonds for this work. Brother Edmonds' father in Fayetteville, Ark., gave the first dollar toward this building. Brother Edmonds raised \$400. Rev. Osbourne also raised some of the money for this structure and among his gifts was ten dollars from a saloon keeper just across the Haskell county line. You remember Jones county never had a legal saloon. This little building was put up before the first passenger train ran into Stamford, February 11, 1900, when about five hundred people were living there in tents. The first Baptist meeting was held by Brother Edmonds in partly completed sheet iron store building of Penick-Hughes Company. This was in January or February of 1900. This firm had the first business house in Stamford. In March the First Baptist church was organized, several near by churches having dismissed and met together several times to help start a Baptist church in the new town of Stamford, and several Baptists then living in Stamford, having previously met and discussed organization under a tree. There were twelve charter members.

Of this number five brought letters from the Anson Baptist church. Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Siler living at Plainview now and Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Morrow who now live in Houston. Four members presented letters from Fairview church but of these only the husband and father, Mr. George K. Ashburn, could be present, his wife and two daughters, Nollie, now Mrs. Dan Herndon of Sweetwater, and Lillian, now Mrs. G. G. Flournoy of Stamford, had not been able to move from the old home on account of illness in the family. Mr. Ashburn was the first clerk and treasurer and Sunday school superintendent of the church, but he did not live very many years. He was a brother of our much beloved treasurer, Mr. John Ashburn of Tuxedo of Jones County Baptist Association for a number of years.

Mrs. Ashburn and Mrs. Flournoy are still members of this church. Two letters were presented from the New Hope church by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevenson who are also members of this church now, although they lived away and helped organize another church in the mean time. The names of the other two were not secured.

The first pastor, Rev. B. F. Dixon, pastor at Anson then, now deceased, served two or three years and during the early part of his pastorate a nice one-room church building was erected that served until the present building was erected in 1908 and 1909. When the town of Stamford was laid off the Baptist as other denominations were given a lot. The first funeral in the old church was Mr. Geo. K. Ashburn, and the second wedding was that of his daughter, Miss Lillie Ashburn and Mr. G. G. Flournoy and the third one was that of another daughter, Miss Nollie Ashburn. While the fourth was of Mr. Dave Wallace, brother of Mr. John Wallace, the present Sunday school superintendent, and Miss Bertie Martin.

Rev. R. T. Hanks, now of Abilene, was the next pastor and he was followed by Rev. Frank Groner who had been a lawyer and preached first sermon in Stamford, February 18, 1905. Under Rev. Groner's pastorate of almost seven years the longest the church has ever had it grew from a small congregation to a large church that was known all over the state for doing big things and it was during this pastorate and under Dr. Groner's able leadership that the beautiful brick structure was built that has served the church now for twenty-two years with no addition, except fitting up a small basement and not a great deal of remodeling. R. L. Penick was chairman of the building committee the the church voted April 15,

1908, to build \$25,000 church, but contract let September 17, 1908 for \$40,000 building which was completed in 1909. It is true the church very much needs today an educational building on the lot it owns next door and it is hoped when the rains come again and we raise another crop or two in this country such can be erected. Another gigantic undertaking of the church during Dr. Groner's pastorate was the entertaining of the West Texas B. Y. P. U. Assembly for five years. Eleven associations were represented in the West Texas B. Y. P. U. Assembly, Jones, Stone-wall, Sweetwater, Haskell, Callahan, El Paso, North Colorado, Red Fork, Staked Plains, and Stephens.

As these meetings came in the middle of the summer and lasted ten days and all delegates from other churches were entertained in the homes and the programs included all the leading Baptists of Texas and several from other states and the programs lasted about all of each day, one can see what vision and capacity for leadership that it took for a pastor to lead his people to this undertaking. These five sessions of the West Texas B. Y. P. U. Assembly were veritable spiritual feasts for the people of Stamford and community probably at no time since have there been any more good things crowded into ten days anywhere else in the West. On November 1, 1911, Dr. Groner was called to Columbus Street Church, Waco, and seven years after that to the State Mission Secretaryship of Texas. Immediately Stamford church called Rev. A. N. Hall from Muskogee, Okla., and he was a deep Bible student and deeply spiritual preacher and the church was fed on great Bible doctrines and called to spirituality for about a year. He was followed by Rev. Chas. Taylor of North Carolina, but coming from Graham, and he has since returned to N. C. In December, 1914, Rev. W. A. Wray of Georgia, but then pastor in Weatherford, was called and served until February 6, 1916. He returned to Georgia and died last year. September, 1916, Dr. John A. Held became the pastor and under his leadership the church developed greatly in Sunday school during his pastorate the S. S. was graded for the first time, and reaching the Standard under his pastorate, and no doubt if the war had not interrupted the growth an educational building would have been erected during his pastorate to take care of the growing Sunday school. But in the fall of 1918 Dr. Held resigned and all the department superintendents of the Sunday school moved from town at least temporarily and when Rev. W. R. Alexander, a young preacher who had come to Texas from Philadelphia for his health, was called it was to a very much discouraged congregation and on a very small salary, because of war conditions and a drought, but he was a man of splendid delivery and great spiritual power and he won the hearts of the people of all denominations and left the church greatly strengthened spiritually in the spring of 1921. Rev. J. B. Rowen succeeded him and while he was pastor the fires of evangelism burned brightly, there being two revival meetings each year of his stay. During his pastorate the church employed two educational directors each for a few months. Mr. G. A. Carlton, educational director of Columbus Street church at Waco, being one.

In February, 1925, Rev. W. C. Moffett was called from Georgetown and has served the past five years, his is next to the longest pastorate. During nearly two years of that time Mr. L. E. Waite, now educational director of First Baptist Church Cisco, was educational director of the B. Y. P. U.'s were fully graded and since Mr. Waite left Mr. J. M. Martin has served as B. Y. P. U. director and led the B. Y. P. U.'s in a great way. Now there are eight B. Y. P. U.'s, one primary, two juniors, two intermediates, and one senior, and two adults with an enrollment of 144 and an average attendance of 120.

During this pastorate the church put on its first church school of missions and its first daily reception Bible school both of which we plan to repeat this year. Rev. Culpepper of China and probably his wife are to be with us for a school missions March 31-April 4. There have been several B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Training Schools with state workers during this pastorate.

Since the organization of the church the women have had a very live society; first it was a Ladies Aid Society, probably their first

work being to buy enough chairs to seat the first church building. Later they helped buy the new pews and greatly aided in the building of the first pastor's home. Probably their greatest financial achievement was to raise funds, and secured half of the funds from the Carnegie Fund for a nice pipe organ which is used today, it was purchased and placed in when the new church was completed in 1909. It cost \$5,000. Later they added the missionary feature and today are a full graded W. M. U. with five junior organizations. Mrs. J. T. Madlin is the president.

CALLAHAN WORKERS MEET AT SCRANTON

The regular monthly workers' meeting of Callahan Association met Tuesday, March 4, with Scranton Baptist church. The churches of the association were well represented.

The general topic for discussion was "Soul Winning". It was a very interesting, helpful, and inspiring program, and well rendered.

Rev. R. S. (Uncle Dick) Bright preached at the eleven o'clock hour, and brought a great message. Bro. Bright was a former pastor at Scranton. Everyone was anxious to hear him again.

The ladies had charge of the program during the afternoon, led by Mrs. Cook, the president. Their program was very interesting and helpful. The noble women of the association are doing a great work.

We had several visitors from the other associations with us. Rev. H. D. Blair of Cisco, missionary of Cisco association; Rev. Briscoe of Stonewall Association, Rev. Richardson of the young Throckmorton association, and their wives. There were also other visitors.

We were especially glad to have our beloved Dr. Pender with us. He brought us some fine words, both in the morning and afternoon service.

The association has employed Rev. Torres, a Mexican ministerial student in Simmons University, to do missionary work among Mexicans three Sundays in each month. The First Baptist church of Eastland has him employed to work among the Mexican people of Eastland the other Sunday.

We feel this meeting was a great inspiration to our church at Scranton. I believe everyone present will agree with me that every hour of the program was a high hour.

The next meeting is to be held with Brother Andy Foster and his church at Atwell.

The association is to meet with our church at Scranton in the general associational meeting in September. We are looking forward to this coming meeting.

Roy Shahan, pastor.

HUNTSVILLE BAPTISTS RAISE LARGE DEBT BY INSURANCE PLAN

By T. C. Gardner.

One year ago a committee representing the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas, went to Henderson, Texas, where Rev. R. L. Wood was the pastor. This committee was looking for a pastor for the Huntsville church. After hearing Brother Wood preach and then visiting with the citizens of the city of Henderson, the committee was unanimous in its decision that Brother Wood was the man to lead the Huntsville Baptists on to victory.

It was my good pleasure to worship with the Baptists of Huntsville last Sunday, and I have never met a happier crowd than the large crowd that greeted me at the First Church, Huntsville,

Sunday morning, afternoon and night. They were happy because of the very successful financial campaign that was closing that day. The church had a debt of \$65,000.00. The majority of it with interest was due so Brother Wood, the very excellent pastor, financed the debt by arranging with an insurance company to make the loan of \$65,000.00.

Ninety-seven members of the church each bought a twenty-year endowment insurance policy ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 each. The total amount of insurance thus bought by the members of the church amounted to \$120,000.00. The cash reserve on the policies written will pay the full amount of the debt within ten years. The church will not be worried about the debt any more, therefore the Baptists of Huntsville are exceedingly happy over the fact that the debt has been cared for and they can give themselves to the promotion of Christ's program through the organizations

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SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

(From Simmons Brand)

COWBOY BAND MAKES LONG SUCCESSFUL TOUR

A successful musical invasion of central and southern Texas and the longest concert tour in the history of the Cowboy Band was brought to a close last night with a program in Ballinger and the musicians are back on the home range this morning after an absence of 10 days.

Leaving here February 26 the band played engagements in 11 cities and covered more than 2000 miles. Their success everywhere was pronounced, and in the Rio Grande Valley especially, where they played three concerts, the Cowboys met with enthusiastic receptions.

A new parlor bus was added to the equipment of the band during the tour. Old Mabel, faithful to the Cowboys for several seasons, was traded in on the new bus, which will probably be known as Mabel II. The new machine was delivered at Hillsboro, where the band played on the night of February 27.

Forty men, led by D. O. Wiley, director, Y. P. Kuhn, drum major, and G. B. Sandefer, business manager, composed the group making the tour.

After inaugurating their playing schedule with an engagement in Fort Worth February 26, the band swung south for concerts in Hillsboro, February 27; Temple, February 28; Belton, March 1; San Antonio and Beville, Sunday, March 2; Corpus Christi, March 3; Harlington, March 4; Kingsville, March 5; Junction, March 6; and Ballinger, March 7.

A varied program, featuring several novelty numbers, a vocal trio, a saxophone quartet, and a rope-twirling act, was rendered in San Antonio and Beville, a light matinee program was used in Harlington, Corpus Christi and Kingsville, while all other places the regular night program was given.

A wide interest in the Cowboy Band, due to its proposed tour of Europe this summer, was evidenced throughout the trip south. This was the band's first invasion of the Rio Grande valley.

The purchase of the new parlor bus makes the Cowboys the best equipped band in the South for traveling. With Volvolpus, and the new addition, they will now be able to carry around 50 men on their tours.

Engagements for the next term have not been announced but they will probably include appearances in several rodeos, conventions, and fairs over Texas.

DEA NWIGGINS RETURNS

Prof. D. M. Wiggins returned Thursday afternoon from New Haven, Conn., where he has been in Yale completing work on his Ph. D. degree. He will resume his duties at Simmons as professor of secondary education and dean of students at the beginning of the spring term.

Prof. Wiggins has been away since the middle of the last summer quarter. During the last six weeks of the summer he taught education at the University of Texas, and since September he has been at Yale pursuing his studies in the school of education. All his work for the doctor's degree, including the thesis, has been completed, and the degree will be conferred upon him, in absence, next June.

He has been a graduate student at the University of Chicago one year and at Yale two years in his work on the Ph. D.

Mrs. Wiggins returned Monday by train from Memphis, Tennessee. Prof. Wiggins is driving through from that point by car. Mrs. Wiggins will not teach next term.

SENIORS WIN DEBATE

The senior debaters won in a hotly-contested argument over the juniors in the annual junior-senior clash, in the Simmons University Auditorium, Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock, before 300 people.

The debate was presided over by Ralph Grant, president of the Men's Oratorical and Debating Council, under whose auspices these debates are arranged.

The seniors were represented by Charles Owens and Lester Weatherly and were opposed by Wilbur McDaniels and Johnnie Lovell.

JUNIOR RECITAL

Lois Manley and Mrs. Rae Phillips were presented in junior recital by Miss Willie Ray McDonald, head of Speech Arts Department, in the University auditorium Wednesday evening.

Both read one act plays embodying the same theme, but treated decidedly in a different manner, contrasting the two sections of the country which they represent.

EDITING BRONCO

The Bronco will be in the hands of the students by the middle of May, it has been announced by Rufus Hyde, editor. Every effort is being made to put out an interesting and attractive year book and one that will please every student in Simmons University, he says. The date for release of the book is earlier than usual.

ISSUES CORRAL

The Simmons University Corral, edited by Noll Sewell, appeared on the campus yesterday and was distributed through the book store.

The Corral contained two short stories by Simmons ex-students: Miss Elizabeth Boren's "Hidden Treasure," and Austin Morgan's "Dead Man's Bones." The work of Mose Sims, '29, was featured, along with the poetry of Jack Sublett, "Jers."

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

J. J. Gentry.

The workers conference of the Lamesa Association met March 6 with the Five Mile Church and this writer, and in spite of a sandstorm the services were mountain top from the beginning to the close. The meeting was started off right with a good devotional service led by Brother J. R. Jamison, one of the good deacons of the association, and then Brother D. G. Wells, brought a great message on the "mission of the church," followed by a great message by Brother S. C. Shipley on the scriptural plan of financing a country church. Brother Shipley's message was true to the word of God. At the 11 o'clock hour Brother D. G. Dequire preached a good sermon on "Taking Heed How You Build." At noon the ladies of the Five Mile Church took charge and fed the folks in a great way, after which we had our board meeting and ladies' meetings, followed by a great speech by Brother W. F. Markham on associational missions. The next meeting will be held with Pastor Shipley and the church at Key.

Brother Cole and Brother McCulloch have been in Fort Worth attending the evangelistic conference.

Brother Markham of Seminole has been called to and accepted the Lahey church for one fourth time in the Brownfield association. Brother Markham says the work is going fine at Seminole.

Brother Elliott has given up the church at Hancock which is the only pastorless church as far as we know, in the association.

Brother J. O. Heath has moved his family to Garden City. We all regretted very much to see this good preacher and good man move out of the association. However he is still pastor of two good churches here.

"The Pilot," an associational paper, has appeared in the Lamesa Association. Brother C. D. Lindly is the editor and pencil pusher. The first issue appeared the first of the month and bids fair to be a worthy paper. We hope the paper will make a success.

The first Sunday in this month the church at Klondyke ordained to the full work of the ministry Brother Albert Galloway, who has been called to and accepted the South Plains church over in Martin county. The ordaining council was composed of the following: Brother J. W. Sailors of Stanton; Brethren Henry Newson, J. W. Hawkins, Deacons from the Five Mile church; Brother Steward, deacon from the South Plains church of which Brother Galloway is pastor; L. A. Lekis, E. B. McCulloch, Geo. Thorp of Klondyke church; Brother Sailors preached the sermon, and everybody who knows Brother Sailors can testify that it was well done.

COWBOY BAND SIGNS UP FOR EUROPEAN TRIP

Simmons Cowboys Complete Deal With Promoters; 17 Sign to Make Tour.

Deal assuring the Simmons university Cowboy band an eight-weeks tour this summer through England and Europe was closed yesterday with announcement by G. B. Sandefer, band manager, that contracts had been signed with tour promoters.

Seventeen people, 13 of them Abileneans, have signed to make the trip accompanying the band, Sandefer said. The first to sign was Mrs. Cross D. Payton of Abilene. Five Simmons girls also have signed. They are Parilee Payton, Elizabeth Fancett, Eoline Grisham, all of Abilene; Lillian Schick, Big Spring, and Evelyn Shepherd, Ballinger. Others did not wish their names announced, Sandefer stated.

Travel Bureaus Sign

The agreement, which is backed by J. B. Van Ligon Jr., of Amsterdam, Holland, passenger manager of the International Travel bureau of that place, is the final step in assuring the European trip. The contract was drawn up and signed by Fred L. Haskett of Dallas, organizer of Cowboy band tours; G. B. Sandefer, J. W. Boswell, general agent of the United States Line, St. Louis headquarters, and W. L. Metcalfe, manager of the foreign department of the Frank Reedy Travel Service of Dallas, and also agent for the James Boring Travel service of New York City. Van Ligon has contracts with Haskett through which the Dallas man can guarantee the band expenses from Dallas and back. Bookings for the band to play in European cities, already arranged by Guy Goltzman of St. Louis, will be followed.

Ranger To Go

Contracts call for transportation of the band and D. O. Wiley, conductor, and G. B. Sandefer, manager. A clause is included calling for the payment of \$1,500 to the Simmons organization at Dallas, June 6, which will pay the expenses of taking the Cowboy Band bus to New York. Contracts also include the expenses of Texas Ranger Tom Hickman, who will go along as a part of the show, taking his two prize horses.

Eight hundred letters have been received by the Frank Reedy bureau, said Metcalfe, inquiring about the trip. Total cost of the trip from Dallas and return is \$1,080. This includes everything, even the tickets to the Passion play performance.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons and Mrs. Sandefer, according to agreement, will go as guests of the tour management.

COWBOYS DEFEAT S'WEST'N

Bob McCollum had his big evening Monday when he led the Simmons Cowboys to a smashing 33 to 23 victory over the Southwestern Pirates of Georgetown at the Texas Conference. Matthews seemed to have been deserted by Lady Luck, however, for he experienced his worst scoring game of the season. This was due to no fault of his own but to close guarding by the opponents in an effort to wake Whittle high point man in the league. He made good probably his only chance to score when he slapped a missed shot into the loop.

TEACHERS' PLACEMENT

The teachers' placement committee is now ready to aid those wishing help in obtaining a school next year. This committee consists of Dean Richardson, Dr. Wiggins, Mr. Ford, and Miss Ivy Rhodes.

The committee has calls for about 200 teachers each year. Heretofore there have not been enough applications turned in to take care of available jobs, and many offers have been turned back because of failure of students to turn in their names.

PRESENTS PROGRAM

Pupils of Miss Maxine Murdock, piano teacher in the junior piano school of Simmons University will be presented in a program this morning at 11 o'clock, in the fine arts auditorium. Another program will be given from this department this afternoon.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 26, 1930.

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Taylor County, Texas

W. P. Bounds

Candidate for County Clerk
(Re-election)

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Candidate for County Treasurer
(Re-election)

M. A. Williams

Candidate for County Superintendent
(Re-election)

Miss Belle Wellborn

Candidate for District Clerk
(Re-election)

J. T. Howard

Candidate for Tax Assessor, Taylor County
(Re-election)

Earl Hughes

Candidate for Tax Collector
(Re-election)

H. T. O'Bar

Candidate for Sheriff, Taylor County
(Re-election)

W. J. Cunningham

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(104th District)

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SECRETARY W. R. WHITE ON THE VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

"I believe the whole Bible was verbally inspired; yes, inspired word for word, and that it was unmixd with error and was given as an infallible rule of faith and practice. It is the very Word of God and came to man just as divine and true and just as much the word of God as if all of it had been written in heaven, every word of it, by the finger of God and handed down to man, ready made. This has been my faith all along. Nobody has ever heard me say anything to the contrary."

The above statement in regard to the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures was made in addresses by Dr. W. R. White at the regular monthly conferences of the Sweetwater and Jones County Associations last week at Caps and Hodges. This clear-cut, courageous statement, which was reproduced in Secretary White's department of the Baptist Standard last week, has the unqualified endorsement of President Sandefer and Simmons University, as will be seen from a letter in this issue written by Dr. Sandefer to Dr. White.

The editor of the West Texas Baptist has heard Dr. White in several addresses since he became secretary. In every one of these addresses our secretary, in the heroic spirit of the prophets of old, has issued ringing challenges calling our Baptist Zion back to the fundamental things of the Bible. Dr. White is stressing in a vigorous way three vital things that are of supreme concern to every follower of Jesus Christ today. One of these things is the emphasizing anew the great missionary enterprise for which Southern Baptists have always stood. A few days ago the administrative committee of the Foreign Mission Board issued a pathetic statement and the facts revealed therein should make every true Southern Baptist blush with shame. We quote from the statement:

"It will doubtless be a surprise to many Southern Baptists to know that our debt is not our chief trouble. If some generous friend should send us a check sufficient to wipe out the entire debt at once, we should still have our chief problem confronting us, namely, that Southern Baptists are now not giving enough to maintain our present work on the foreign field. Unless the situation can be speedily remedied by increasing in some way the receipts of the Board we must either incur a larger debt (which we are forbidden to do by the Southern Baptist Convention), or we must abandon some of our fields. The Board recognizes fully that this would be nothing short of a calamity, and it will take this step only as a last resort. The Board feels that before making such a serious move it should apprise the denomination of what is pending. This is the reason why we send forth this statement.

"We ask Southern Baptists to face the following facts: Our receipts for 1929 were \$124,000.00 less than they were during 1928. The receipts for the month of January, 1930, were \$84,000.00 less than they were in January, 1929. How are we to interpret this falling off in gifts to foreign missions during 1929 and especially the great drop in January, 1930? Manifestly, we cannot go on as we have been going if our receipts continue to decline at this alarming rate. We cannot make bricks without straw.

"During the last three years we have suffered a net loss of 100 foreign missionaries. During the same period we have lost 600 native missionaries. Shall we now be forced to add to these losses the loss of some of our fields?"

Any one who will consider for a moment this tragic statement will see that there is something wrong—radically wrong. Think of it—a net loss of 100 foreign and 600 native missionaries within the short space of three years. It is not our purpose here to try to diagnose the trouble. Suffice it to say that our noble secretary is calling Texas Baptists back to a great missionary task and we here pledge him our loyal support.

Dr. White is also calling our people back to the main task of preaching the unsearchable riches of the gospel and in winning souls to Jesus Christ. Our secretary is not having much to say about programs and budgets and drives and campaigns, but he is going to the people with great soul-stirring messages on the fundamental doctrines of the Bible and evangelism. Last week at the workers conference at Caps he preached a forceful sermon from the subject, "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel." That night he preached over the radio at the revival in the Southside Church, Abilene, and souls were saved. The next day at Hodges he brought another great message on, "Some Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible." The service closed with an old-time handshaking-shouting experience. How we thank God for a secretary who is going up and down the breadth of the land as a mighty flaming evangel, calling our beloved Baptist brotherhood back to the old-time Holy Ghost way of preaching the gospel and winning souls to Christ.

And again, Secretary White, as will be seen from the statement made at the beginning of this editorial, is taking an uncompromising stand for the Bible as the infallible Word of God. Surely we have come to the time when there can be no compromise on the Bible. God has either left us a Book; verbally inspired and free from error, or He has left poor fallen, sinful man without a trustworthy guide to point from hopeless despair to a secure redemption through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Not since the day Martin Luther posted his thesis defying the edicts of the Pope of Rome, has there been a more meaningful utterance made than Dr. White's statement on the verbal inspiration of the Bible. There are many of our well-meaning brethren who feel that there is no occasion for alarm in the South over

THINK OF THESE THINGS

Selected by Brother Andrews.
WHOLESOME MEDITATION

The Given Rest and the Found Rest

"Come unto ME, all ye that LABOR
and are HEAVY LADEN, and I will
GIVE you REST."

"Take my YOKE upon you, and
LEARN of me; for I am MEEK
and LOWLY in heart: and ye
shall FIND REST unto your souls."
—Jesus.

the question of modernism. It seems that any person who has given this subject even casual thought should know better than this. In the North practically every Baptist educational institution has been lost to modernism. The same forces that have undermined these institutions are quietly at work in our midst spreading the deadly virus of modernism in our midst. As allies to our preachers of ultra liberal views we have, in a large measure, the combined tremendous forces of secular education, the secular press and many of the largest secular magazines.

In this issue of the West Texas Baptist we are publishing the unqualified endorsement of President Sandefer of Simmons University to the statement of Dr. White on the verbal inspiration of the Bible. Those who have known Dr. Sandefer through the years have known this to be his position on the Bible. Through the years that he has toiled and sacrificed to build in the West a great educational institution, he has cherished the hope of building on a secure and solid foundation of orthodoxy, that will make secure the faith of the youth of our land who are committed to its walls for training. President Sandefer believes implicitly in the integrity of the Bible and that there can be no conflict between true science and the Bible. On this assumption he has been building a great educational institution—an institution that stands four-square for the faith of our fathers—a faith that through the centuries has been sufficient to meet every need and condition of life. Those who are at all familiar with conditions confronting our Christian educational institutions realize that they are all facing a serious crisis. It is a joy to know that in this crisis, President Sandefer, his faculty, trustees and the friends who through the years have given heroically and sacrificially to maintain it, will take their stand with Secretary White in his declaration for a great missionary and evangelistic enterprise, and for the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. They believe that Simmons was in the plans of God before the foundation of the world. If this be true we believe that God will provide a way of deliverance. As for us, we had rather see "Ichabod" written over the doors of Simmons than to see her betray the trust of the God-fearing and Bible loving founders and the friends who through all these trying years have sanctified the institution in tears and prayers and deeds of heroic sacrifices.

OUR JUNIOR COLLEGES

We are publishing in this issue an appeal for our junior colleges from the pen of our good friend, Pastor J. M. Harder of Ralls. Of course he is right in declaring that our junior colleges ought to be saved. It is realized that the task of saving them and all the rest of our educational institutions is a serious one. Brother Harder suggests that our institutions should break away from the various associations of colleges and universities and work independently. The trouble with this suggestion is that the schools would have to function without students. A diploma from a religious institution that had no recognition from secular educational institutions wouldn't be worth much to the young men and women who expect to work in these fields after they finish their college training. No, the task we are facing is to meet the standards set by these associations, or go out of business as far as the general field of education is concerned.

WEST TEXAS CONVENTIONS

Stamford is to be host to two West Texas conventions within the next month. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of District 17 will meet with the First Baptist Church, Stamford, on March 20-21. The program of this convention appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. The W. M. U. of District 17 will meet with the Stamford church on April 15-16. An account of this meeting appears in the W. M. U. department of this paper, and the complete program will appear next issue. Stamford is planning to entertain both of these conventions in a worthy way. Make your arrangement to attend these meetings and get the inspiration that will be of help to you throughout the coming year. The annual meeting of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of District 8 will meet with the First Baptist Church, Big Spring, on April 1-2. This program will appear in next issue of this paper.

From The Morning Advertiser of January 6, 1930, an official newspaper of the liquor trade in Great Britain, we take the following remarkable want-ad:

"Smart young lady required, as all-round BARMAID; good class trade; good reference essential; TEETOTALER PREFERRED; good wages and outings.—Address: Prince of Orange, 4 Artillery Row, Westminster.

A story has been recently broadcast indicating the success of the so-called Bratt system of liquor control in Sweden. It is perhaps sufficient to say that Dr. Bratt has entirely dissociated himself from this system of which he was the exponent.

"Those American travelers who have been unable to spot a drunkard in France ought to team up with some of our rabid dregs here in America who are blind to the number of our local inebriates."

THE CHRISTIAN'S MARCHING ORDERS

The Rev. Curtis Lee Laws, D. D., L. L. D., of New York City occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church March 1, as the guest of Dr. Millard A. Jenkins and his congregation. Dr. Laws spoke twice daily for six days at Simmons University and the First Baptist church, having been brought to Abilene jointly by this church and Simmons. Dr. Laws is known throughout the nation as a great preacher, and throughout the world as a Christian journalist and traveler. He has visited and spoken in the mission fields around the world.

The Christian's Marching Orders Dr. Laws' sermon was from the text, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." "Who is Jesus Christ," the speaker asked, "that he should assume such authority? He speaks as a commander, and issues orders as one who has authority. He belongs to no particular time, but to all time. That can be said of no other man," the speaker affirmed.

"His environment was not such as would produce greatness," he said. "Nazareth was isolated from the greatest highway of travel, and was a despised city. Nothing good was expected from it. His home was one of poverty. He was a son of toil, and of a lowly trade. From the standpoint of his nation we would not expect a man of world-wide greatness and renown. They were a hated people. And they held themselves in isolation from other peoples. They carried on no commerce with the Gentiles.

"Yet the Christ, of this race, said to his disciples, 'Go ye into all the world.' Environment cannot explain him. He is the one universal man. All ages claim him. All intellects find in Him a meeting place. All classes and stations in society find fellowship in Him. John D. Rockefeller may be seen any Sunday at his church shaking hands and mingling freely with the poorest of the congregation. Nothing but the religion of Jesus Christ brings men together like that. It makes men brothers who belong to different races.

"Jesus Christ is the world's only man to have the characteristics of both man and woman. No more courageous man ever lived, and he had the gentleness and kindness, and tenderness of woman." Dr. Laws continued. "Nor could he be explained from the standpoint of education. He was not a man of the schools, yet his knowledge was exhaustless and timeless. You buy an encyclopedia on the installment plan, and before you get it paid for it is out of date. The teachings of Jesus are of universal application. In Vancouver, China, Japan, England, Palestine, and Egypt I found the people studying these words of Jesus. Jesus Christ knew the future. All his prophecies come true. 'Jesus never argued,' the speaker declared. 'Behold I say unto you,' were his words. He affirmed and no man dared dispute him. He proved himself to be not only the Son of David, but the Son of God. He cannot be measured by times, languages or any standards of men. He was and is the God appointed savior of the world.

"Christ, our Commander, issues for us our marching orders. 'Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature.' He could not have given us a more glorious mission. The gospel means 'Good news.' First, the good news of God's love. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' We cannot comprehend what it cost the Father to give up his son to die for a lost world. I understood a little what it cost him when I said 'goodbye' to my only child, her mother dead, and sent her away to China. But God sent his Son away to earth to die.

"Second, it is the good news of Christ's sacrifice. When men say to me it was not necessary for Christ to die, then I ask them, 'Why did he die?'

"Third, it is the good news of the witness of God's plan of salvation. 'What whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.' Our commander is none other than the Christ of God the only Saviour of men, and our marching orders send us on the most glorious conquest the world has ever known the conquest of souls for Jesus Christ."

THE JUNIOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

J. Matt Harder.

I am coming not to minimize any school but especially to emphasize and magnify the Junior Christian College.

1. Junior Colleges touch a hundred times more lives than the Universities.

2. They teach, train and settle the faith in God in the most pleasurable and needy time in building of the life and character.

3. Each life finds its happy self as a part of every good thing in and around the Junior College.

4. The student comes in contact with the world's greatest teachers in the Junior Christian College. For it takes more deep careful acting, thinking and teaching as teacher in these schools than any teacher on earth. The teachers salary must be made up in part out of his love of God and souls of men. If any teacher does not feel this way about it, he is not worthy to teach in a Christian College. Coming in personal contact with each fiber of the students body, mind and soul, in this peculiar age to harmonize and tune and train this three-in-one man to walk with God and work in his great world's plan, must himself, as a teacher, possess higher visions of character and living with God than does just the mind and body teacher and trainer.

I would not say one word against the high-up teacher, God bless them all. One of them can put on nose glasses, look wise over a fine cedar desk; showing his dignity by saying little; and what he does say may be about some rock strata, or bug life that no one but God knows anything about; and if you did know it would not elevate a tadpole; or do as much good as to give one swelling emotion to the human soul that might multiply, echo and re-echo in that soul until ten thousand swelling emotions would be brought to that life to live and act in the spiritual realms with God. I am talking about things that count most in life.

5. The same amount of time and money put into a Junior Christian College to build mind and soul life will count more and return a greater dividend to parents, country and God than placed anywhere else.

I am pleading for the life of all Junior Christian Colleges, especially of course for our Junior Baptist colleges, which life is wavering in the minds of even some of our Baptist folks.

These voices of death comes from every mountain and hill top and valley; and from every wind that blows and from a thousand echoes there comes death knell to the Junior College and especially the Junior Christian College.

From whence comes these underground and overground voices of death? They are from the bigger colleges and universities and especially from the grass-fed colleges and universities. They think they know something and do not.

The more State schools we have the more we need the Junior Christian Colleges. God bless every one of them; but they do not teach nor pretend to teach or train the soul, or spiritual man. If Texas and the United States would leave the training of their children alone to the State schools, within one hundred years we would be a rotten class wrecked on the rocks of infidelity, atheism and superstition.

We must have the true soul of life to save our homes and our nation. Dirt, debt, and the devil will ruin any preacher, church or denomination. There are many kinds of dirt, debt and devils.

By what ever means you destroy our Junior Christian Colleges, with big emphasis on Christian, and our country churches, you will destroy Baptists.

7. Now, as the Junior Baptist Colleges are thrown back practically, on their local constituency, which I think is a blessing, whether it is or not, we are where we are.

8. How can they be maintained?

- By making them thoroughly religious.
- By making them Baptist in the full sense, in teaching and teachers.
- By securing teachers who think more of a Faith life than a money life.

Back in God's days of Christian Colleges there were consecrated preachers who did most of the teaching in the colleges; some with little pay and some with no pay at all. If it were not for the "undertow" and sometimes, perhaps, a big under "toe" of our present government of Junior Colleges, there could be found yet around our every Junior College, pastors and preachers that could give instructions in these colleges with one-half present cost and perhaps less; I mean if need be to save our colleges. I mean a man, God's man, in a needy hour and in a needy cause. As Jeremiah and Nehemiah to Israel in time of need. And our worthy Brother F. S. Groner to Marshall College.

Then next there could be left off quite a lot of "bug-ology" and other kinds of ology; if need be, and put in perhaps to advantage, more of Christ's teachings. But what about school affiliation, go on with our Baptist Colleges, if we loose affiliation, then our schools, perhaps might be more christian without affiliation.

What about certificates for our boys and girls from these schools? Let these schools teach such thorough knowledge that like myself and thousands of others, get certificates by examinations which at last, I believe is best.

Let it ring out on every morning breeze and echo and re-echo from every mountain top and valley low, that we will give every drop of our red blood within us to save our Junior Baptist colleges; and every other college if we can.

Save them under our present system, if it is God's system. If not save them under that one mind, one spirit, one heart and one purpose system of God's good book; that can be obtained by unity of spirit laid in prayer. Let us leave off something, preferring one another.

When we get together in love and fellowship which we will, (yet it may cost us many tears, time and money), we will pay every dollar we owe in one blessed year.

Save our Junior colleges or we perish.—Crosbyton, Texas.

ON THE WRONG TRACK

Bishop Warren A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Our country is now suffering the effects of religious doubt and disorder. Let us learn the lesson so abundantly taught by history, and seek a revival of religion, which is our only hope for deliverance.

Men who look to any other force to save us are on "the wrong

track," and they should not be heeded for one moment.

Speculative philosophy, changeful science, and rationalistic criticism of the Holy Scriptures can bring us no relief. On the contrary they will deepen our darkness and make for increased demoralization.

It is time for the ministry to return to what Noah Webster put in the "blueback speller": "The preacher preaches the gospel." So preachers did then, and so must they do again, if they are to do any good that is "worth their keep."

There has been in American pulpits during the last twenty-five years more than enough of that which is not the gospel.

If there is to be a real Pentecost in 1930, there must be renewed proclamation of the Gospel with power from on high.—Western Recorder.

NO SUBSTITUTES FOR PROHIBITION

"When it is proposed to abandon the policy of prohibition what is offered in its place?" asks Dr. John A. Lapp, president of the National Council of Social Agencies, and superintendent of the National Catholic Welfare Council (Chicago). "Will we go back to the saloon? Universally it is declared that the saloon must not come back. If not the saloon, then what? If we are to have liquor, someone must sell it. Opponents of prohibition naively urge that the government dispense liquor. Strangely enough, this proposal comes from conservatives like Nicholas Murray Butler, men who do not believe in municipal ownership of waterworks because they think it socialistic. Think of conservatives who do not believe in public management of public utilities, the total business of which amounts to but a few hundred millions, actually approving government management of a liquor trade amounting to four billions a year.

"Another smoke screen is the proposal for light wines and beer. There are two main classes of drinkers today, the lowdown, hair-oil drinkers, and the smart-aleck, newly-rich, would-be fashionable class. Imagine either one satisfied with four per cent beer. The proposal is merely an entering wedge to break down all prohibition. Bootlegging would not be affected by it any more than it would be affected by government management.

"Ninety per cent of the people in this country are at this time neither drinking systematically nor trying to drink."

THE HAUGHTY DOLLAR

Fresh and crisp in his new green attire, the dollar lay folded in the churchman's billfold. Jangling about with the pennies and nickels, a little dime played.

"You'd better have a good time," the dollar spoke through the partition, hearing the noise. "You won't be here long."

"How do you know?" The little dime stopped its frolicking, frightened at the idea.

"Because you're going to Sunday school."

"Do you go to Sunday school?" asked the dime of the dollar.

"I?" exclaimed the haughty dollar, in surprise. "Of course not! I go to shows and gasoline stations and parks. Sunday is my big day, but I don't spend it in Sunday school. That's a place for small fry like you."—Oakdale Messenger.

KNOWS HIS MULE

A negro boy was trying to saddle a fractious mule when a bystander asked: "Does the mule ever kick you, Sam?"

"No, suh, but he sometimes kicks where I see jes' bin."

Secretary Mellon reports that during the fiscal year prohibition officers made 66,868 arrests, seized 7,299 automobiles and 89 boats. He also found that division of complete denatured alcohol for beverage purposes had practically ceased. All this is more discouraging news for the modificationists.—Christian Advocate.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 17

On April 15, 16, the twenty-second annual meeting of District No. 17 of Texas W. M. U. will be held in Stamford. The ladies of the First Baptist church will be hostesses on this occasion.

The meeting will convene at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and continue throughout Wednesday. The program, which will appear in the next issue of this paper, April 1, will foretell of interesting and helpful talks to be made by some of our state and district leaders; of beautiful music that will delight us; of the Tuesday evening program with our young people; of the Christian fellowship to be enjoyed during the noon hour; these and many other good things are calling to us to attend.

It is the plan of the program committee to have a digest of the year's work read by the District Corresponding Secretary, thus leaving time for inspirational talks and the further planning for the work of our district for the coming year.

The district chairmen of standing committees will be asked to forward to the district corresponding secretary, in advance of the meeting, their annual reports that they may be condensed and read by the corresponding secretary at the district meeting. At the annual meeting of the district there are no restrictions as to representation. All W. M. U. members of Baptist churches in the seven associations of the district are welcomed as messengers and voting members of the body. We bespeak a large attendance.

The Stamford ladies are known to excel in hospitality. Let us go praying that this meeting shall refresh us spiritually and that we shall catch a vision of greater service for our dear Master.

Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, President, District No. 17 of Texas W. M. U.

DREAMS TO BE REALIZED

One year ago a number of women attend a Mission Study Institute at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. These women, already interested in Mission Study, immediately wished for the best way to have the women at home receive the blessings gained by those in attendance in Fort Worth. Our progressive association president, Mrs. R. M. White, desired that the Sweetwater association have a similar Mission Study Institute. It is her dream that is to be realized.

How? Where? When? For whom?

The Sweetwater Associational Mission Study chairman, Mrs. J. E. Burnam, had begun plans for an institute but illness prevented her completion of the work. Mrs. Jessie K. Hunter and Mrs. J. R. Fielder were asked to take charge and an Associational Mission Study Institute will be held.

The time is to be Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28, 1930.

The place of meeting is to be University Baptist Church, Abilene.

The ones in attendance are to be any women in Sweetwater association who are interested in working in any way for the advancement of our Master's kingdom.

If you are interested in learning of the fields "already white for the harvest" of the reapers who are harvesting, of the part you have had in the harvest, you may attend. If you are interested in working in W. M. S., in Y. W. A., in R. A., in G. A., or in Sunbeams—any branch of the W. M. U. family—you are the students who should enroll. Many women, young and old, all over Sweetwater Association should come to Abilene for these two days of

study. The program in detail will appear elsewhere. The enrollment fee for this school will be twenty-five cents.

The dream of our association president will be fully realized if a large attendance of women is recorded.

Our state Mission Study chairman, Mrs. A. L. Aulick of Austin, will be with us, will teach her own book of methods, and another book on Missions, will lead the Y. W. A. study, and will greatly inspire and encourage all the workers.

All the Baptist churches of Abilene are to be hosts for this meeting. All women attending the school will be entertained in the Abilene homes.

SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S STUDY

Many of our women who are so vitally interested in the work with young women, boys and girls, and children in the Sweetwater Associational W. M. U., should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mrs. Aulick in the Mission Study Institute of Sweetwater Association to be held with University Baptist church, Abilene, March 27 and 28. Mrs. Aulick is very efficient in Y. W. A. work and a study and observation of her methods will be well repaid. She is W. M. U. state chairman of mission study, but she is also chairman of Y. W. A. for Austin Associational Auxiliary and counsellor for the Y. W. A. of the University Baptist church, Austin. In this last capacity she comes into contact with girls from all parts of our state and nation and she certainly should and does know how to work with Y. W. A. girls.

The teachers in charge of other classes are also carefully selected and are very efficient, but Mrs. Aulick is our leader. Our own president, Mrs. White, will teach a book which she has taught in other associational institutes, a book for our boys and girls of junior age, The Upward Climb. This book was the one used by Mrs. Una R. Lawrence at the state institute. It was then that Mrs. White learned the value of the book.

The intermediate leader will be announced later. We had hoped to have Mrs. George W. Green of Sweetwater, but will have someone to take that work.

Mrs. J. R. Fielder, a very successful worker with children, will have charge of the Sunbeam work and will use as the nucleus for her work the book, The Drum Call of Africa. Mrs. Fielder was at the Fort Worth Seminary and was one of the most enthusiastic class who took the work with Mrs. Alexander of Dallas and received inspiration from our Southern W. M. U. "Sunshine," Mrs. Una R. Lawrence.

MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE,

Sweetwater Association Auxiliary Woman's Missionary Union

Place—University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

Date—March 27 and 28, 1930.

March 27, 1930

9:45—10:00. Devotional period, Mrs. D. W. Arnette, University church.

10:00—11:00. The Why and How of Mission Study, Mrs. A. L. Aulick, Austin, Texas.

11:00—12:00. Methods Hour: W. M. S., Y. W. A.: Over the Mexican Border, Mrs. A. L. Aulick, Austin, Texas.

Inter. R. A. and G. A.: Pioneers of Goodwill—To be supplied.

Jr. R. A. and G. A.: The Upward Climb, Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene, Texas.

Sunbeams: The Drum Call, Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene, Texas.

12:00—12:30. Junior Demonstration, Mrs. White.

12:30—1:15. Lunch (at church).

1:15—1:30. Song Service, Mrs. Jentry S. Holmes, leader.

1:30—2:30. Why and How of Mission Study.

2:30—3:30. Methods Classes (Continuation of 11:00—12:00 classes.)

3:30—4:00. Intermediate demonstration.

7:30. Pageant—The Missionary Message and World Peace.

March 28, 1930

9:00—9:15. Devotional period, Mrs. A. C. Turner, Immanuel church.

9:15—10:00. The Why and How of Mission Study.

10:00—11:00. Continuation of Methods classes.

11:00—12:00. Demonstration W. M. S. Mission Study Class, Mrs. Aulick.

12:00—1:00. Lunch. (At church)

1:00—1:15. Song service.

1:15—2:00—Why and How of Mission Study.

2:00—3:00. Methods Classes.

3:00—3:30. Sunbeam Demonstration, Mrs. J. R. Fielder.

3:30—3:45. Open discussion—My Mission Study Plans for the Future.

Registration Fee—Twenty-five cents (.25). Free entertainment will be provided by the Baptist Missionary Societies of Abilene.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY

To be Held With the Ovalo Church, April 4, 1930.

Program 9:30 A. M.

President Mrs. R. M. White presiding.

Music under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Morgan and Mrs. H. C. Riddle.

Morning Devotional—Mrs. C. T. Shaw.

Special Music—Misses Deter and Peden.

Reading of minutes, Mrs. J. F. Clark, recording secretary.

Quarterly reports: Corresponding secretary, Mrs. George L. Paxton.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Lindsey.

Benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

Charity Fund of West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Rev. S. F. Baucom, Field Secretary.

Report on Christian Education, Mrs. H. J. Bradshaw.

Sweetwater Associational Silver Anniversary Memorial for Simmons University, Mrs. A. T. Douglass.

Prayer.

Noon recess 12 to 1:15.

Afternoon Devotional, Mrs. W. Z. Williams.

Quarterly meeting of executive committee. Recommendations read by Mrs. O. H. Cooper.

Special music.

Report on Young People's work and Echoes from the Y. W. A. House Party on Seminary Hill, Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson, Young People's director.

The Importance of Our Junior Organizations of Our Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. George Green.

My Experiences in Brazil, Miss Doris Deter.

Reports from Associational chairmen:

Missions—Mrs. W. W. Gibson.

Mission Study—Mrs. J. E. Burnam.

Stewardship and Tithing—Mrs. J. L. Anthony.

Personal Service—Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Standard of Excellence—Mrs. C. D. Owen.

Periodicals—Mrs. E. M. Frances.

Closing Prayer.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE HELD AT CAPS

Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary was represented on the program of the Workers' Conference at Caps on March 5. Mrs. Jentry S. Holmes from Abilene first spoke at the morning session on the Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary silver anniversary gift

for Simmons University.

This gift of \$25,000 to be raised by the women of Sweetwater Association during the next five years is to be an expression of their love for and loyalty to Simmons University, a child of Sweetwater Association. It is also to be a memorial in commemoration of the twenty-five years of organized service rendered by the women of Sweetwater Association.

Mrs. Holmes in her talk presented this thought, "No young man or woman should be permitted in this modern age to grow up with an educational handicap which we Baptists can correct. A single generation of young people of such production as we propose would prevent modernism and give a great spirit of progress to fundamental things."

At the noon hour the Woman's Missionary Society of the Caps church served a bountiful dinner to all present. The social hour was enjoyed by all.

Immediately following the noon hour, Mrs. R. M. White, president of Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary, called a meeting of the Executive committee of the Auxiliary. She gave helpful instructions concerning the sending of the quarterly reports, and announced the quarterly meeting to be held at Ovalo, April 4.

Mrs. C. R. Lindsey, treasurer of the Auxiliary, made special request that all moneys be sent to her, 1942 South 8th, Abilene, before the 25th of the month closing the quarter.

Mrs. A. T. Douglass, general chairman of the Silver Anniversary Memorial, told of progress made and of deepening interest on the part of many in this noble undertaking of the women. Count showed 115 women present representing twelve societies in Sweetwater Association.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, March 3, in the dining room of First Baptist church, Abilene, a luncheon was held in the interest of the Silver Anniversary Fund. There were present twenty-five women representing circles of the Missionary societies of the five Baptist churches of Abilene and the First Baptist church of Merkel.

The education chairmen, or representatives, from the circles of these various societies made optimistic reports of the progress of the work in their circles.

Mrs. A. T. Douglass, general chairman, presided at the luncheon and presented plans for the carrying forward of this movement.

One plan is for a Simmons Day to be observed in every church of Sweetwater Association on Sunday, April 6. Several pastors have already assured Mrs. Douglass that a welcome in their churches awaits the speakers who are to be sent to them on Simmons Day.

A complete list of churches and speakers assigned to them will be published in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist.

Mrs. Douglass is especially solicitous that not one woman in the association shall give less to the budget of her church on account of this Silver Anniversary gift but that it shall be a voluntary and a cheerful gift, blessing the giver and the institution receiving it.

PUBLICITY

We have read with peculiar interest the article on publicity written by Mrs. E. W. Harrison and published in the Baptist Standard of March 6. Every word of her article is true. As editor of the woman's page in our West Texas Baptist I earnestly plead with the Baptist women throughout this section of the state (District No. 17), to read the article, digest it and send on the news to me that

throughout the West Texas Baptist I may tell this news to others Mrs. Harrison says in part:

"The Texas W. M. U. decided at the Beaumont convention that publicity was a tremendously important thing and I was elected as state chairman of this phase of the work to stimulate and encourage the publishing of items of interest in the local, associational and district meetings of our W. M. U. work."

"My plan is this: Let each local, associational and district publicity chairman make it her special duty to give each meeting a nice write-up for the secular press and also to state headquarters. But the main idea is to be sure that each meeting is given publicity in your own home paper. The Y. W. C. A. never fails at this point and it is most effective."

"In club work we are very careful to have a nice write-up for the local papers of each club meeting. 'My people perish for want of knowledge,' so let us turn over a new leaf and do our best to publish the glad tidings."

RUNNELS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD S. S. REVIVAL MARCH 15-16

I wonder if you would allow me enough space in your paper to say a word about our Sunday school revival in the Runnels Missionary Baptist Association, March 15 to March 23, 1930.

We have the best information that I can get, about 40,000 people living in the bounds of our association. Thirty-two churches co-operating with the association. These churches have 4267 members, 3600 enrolled in Sunday school. If we give to the other denominations five times as many as we have that leaves us 20,000 unsaved people in our association. In this campaign we are making a great effort to reach and lead to Christ a large number of these.

We are bringing to our association an out-side worker for each of the twenty-three churches agreeing to co-operate in the campaign. These workers will take a religious census, teach a book, enlarge the Sunday school, secure new teacher and officers. Hold Sunday school conferences, preach or bring an inspirational message each Sunday.

Mr. G. S. Hopkins, our State Sunday School Missionary, will be with us to direct the campaign. If you ever stop to think about it there are no better men for the place than Hopkins. Each afternoon in the Ballinger Baptist Church, Ballinger, Texas, Brother Hopkins will conduct a Sunday school conference with all the workers on the field and visiting workers. These conferences will be inspiring informing, and will make one want to do his best for the Master.

Sunday afternoon, March 23, 3:00 o'clock we will hold our graduating exercise. Dr. W. R. White, our State Secretary of Missions, will bring the message of the day. Any one that has ever heard Dr. White will not have to be urged to hear him again. Those who have not heard him will want to hear him while he is in this part of the state.

We have a wonderful faculty and director. A great band of praying and working pastor. A multitude of deacons, teachers, officers and students that will give the best they have for the campaign. We are expecting a great time. You will not forget to pray for us.

JOHN M. RIDDELL, Missionary.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.—Psa. 126:5.

THE PLACE FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION IN DENOMINATION SCHOOLS

The following address was delivered at the Workers Conference at Caps, March 6, by Dr. Truett Walton of the Bible Department of Simmons University, and is published by request of that body.—Editor.

History records no greater romance than the struggle of the common people for education. One of the most interesting, and perhaps one of the most important facts in this struggle is the part religion has played. Governor Moody said in a commencement address at Simmons a few years ago, that one of the reasons the early Texas colonists rebelled against Mexico was because of their desire for educational advantages for their children. There was no religious tie between Mexico and the colonists and as a result Mexico was not providing this education and did not allow the colonists free rein for providing it themselves.

Mirebeau de Lamar, the first governor of Texas, was fond of saying: "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy. It is the only dictator freemen acknowledge and the only security freemen desire." This testifies to the early interest of Texans in education.

When the early colonists came to the wild New England coast they said that they feared leaving their children to an uneducated ministry when those who were then living were free and they determined to establish schools. Harvard was the first, then followed William and Mary, Kings College (now Columbia), Yale and later Princeton. Regardless of how these schools may have changed since they were founded, their charters and the sentiment of that time show that their dominant purpose was for ministerial education.

The Connecticut law of 1650 said: that one of the chief objects of the old deluder satan is to keep men from a knowledge of the Scriptures and therefore the colony favored education. Here we find religious reasons playing a part in the state law regarding education.

Professor Cubberly of the University of California says: "The first schools in America were clearly the fruits of the protestant revolt in Europe." So this religious sentiment for education can be pushed back to Martin Luther's determination that "the just shall live by faith." Which is another way of saying that the free use of the Bible has inspired people to strive for education. Wendell Phillips once said that to be as good as our fathers we must be better. So if we are to be true to this historical background we will continue to stand for education sponsored by Christianity.

What is the need of ministerial education in the denominational school? The two occupations that mean the most to the building of character in our time are teaching and preaching. The teacher who teaches in a rural school and has but twenty-five pupils each year and teaches for only four years has had a great deal to do with building 100 characters. School boards know this and always inquire carefully about the teacher's character. The state knows this and will not grant a certificate without having the signatures of reputable citizens on the application certifying that the applicant is of good moral character.

A minister, spending his life in the work will speak from about 6,000 to 10,000 times in 40 years and if he has an average audience of 250, he will have spoken to from one to two million people during his lifetime. If his work is to stand and if his words are to have any influence he must be more than he ever says. This in a way raises the problem of ministerial education.

The state issues the credentials for the teacher to teach in some college or university certifies that he has had the required training. The church issues the credentials for the preacher to preach and then leaves it up to the minister to get ready to preach.

It is no argument against ministerial education today to remind us that many of the great leaders, men of power, personality, and of great sacrificial consecration have been great forces for righteousness without education. If these men were coming on today as

young men they would find some way to get at least some education. In fact many of these heroes, whom we delight to honor, have educated themselves and become scholars in spite of their handicap.

The churches have a right to demand in fact they should—and must demand a trained ministry. It is not a light thing for a church to ask a man to be the spiritual counsellor of the membership and leader of their children in church life. A church has the right to expect its pastor to be as well prepared as the high school principal or superintendent.

Of course no amount of education can take the place of the call of God, of the love of humanity, and the love of Christ in his heart. These make up the fundamental preparation. But the minister has to meet and win a very exacting world, a world that has no use for the man who is not prepared. Then certainly, as has been so often said, though it can never become a trite saying, if the cause of Christ is worth our attention, it is worth the best we can give.

President Woolsey, one of America's great ministers of early times once said: "Without treasures of thought, without solid convictions, without a feeling of strength, with nothing but feverish haste and that poorest of evils—the gift of words—some lean in to the pulpit, as if it were heroic rather than foolhardy to take responsibilities to which they were not equal, as if a call consisted of a bold desire."

In attacking unpreparedness in the pulpit Dr. Jeff D. Ray of Southwestern Seminary used to say to his classes in Homiletics that some men get up to preach without preparation and depend upon God to fill their mouths. "And," continues Dr. Ray, "He will, but it will be with wind."

Without education one is easily prejudiced. Some men say a great many things they would never say, had they had adequate training. Seven years ago I was with a friend in a revival meeting and a minister well along in years attended regularly. He had been useful in a great many ways I am sure and everyone had lots of confidence in his integrity. One day several of us were talking before the service started and he asked me what Luke meant in both his letters by mentioning Theophilus. I suggested that he was a friend of Luke's, a church member, no doubt, and that his name seems to suggest a friend or lover of God.

The elderly gentleman was all out of patience with my answer and said: "No sir; not at all. If those were letters to Theophilus they had no right to take them and put them in the New Testament. I'll tell you what it means. It's the announcement of Jesus Christ and the Baptist church."

I replied as modestly as I could to a thought so unreasonable that there was no connection.

"Well," he said, "I'm going to stand by my bush and shake it until you convince me that I'm wrong." And if he is still living I guess the good man is still shaking his bush. He has been teaching folk that interpretation all his life. Had he even a small amount of training he would never have misrepresented the truth to people all these years.

Charles Arnolds Brown tells the story of a rough unprepared man preaching in a small factory town. This man said that his mother died of fever with him in theology and that she was dead and in hell. He spoke rather long that night and three girls who worked in the factory got up to leave. The man pointed them out and said:

"There goes three young hussies to hell now." The girls stopped and one turned around and with a smile said:

"Yes, and is there any word you would like to send to your mother?"

I do not believe that any man who has received even meagre training in a Christian school would be guilty of such a crime against God and humanity as this one was in bungling the greatest news on earth—God's love for hungry-hearted humanity.

Paul said: "I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some." Not all of the disciples could say this. Peter had little or no thought for possible Gentile Christians until after his vision on the housetop, and he still had the idea that a Gentile should become a ceremonial Jew in order to enjoy the full benefits of Christianity. Paul said that he withstood Peter to his face about it. Had Paul not been trained he

would have had as narrow a conception as that of Peter.

Those of you who read "Parables of Safed the Sage" in the Watchman-Examiner will recall that the writer said that he recently attended a circus. While on the side shows he talked with the midjet and the giant. The midjet was irritable, quarrelsome and ready to fight with everyone he talked to. The giant was good natured and very friendly. So the writer draws his lesson and says that the underized intellectually are always tempted to do something that will attract attention and demand recognition and are hard to get along with in general. But a giant has no need to declare that he is tall.

Having noticed something of the need of ministerial education in our denominational schools, let us consider the place it should have. The church has a right to expect the denominational school to give its men. Men who love their church and Saviour so much that they will not stoop to embarrassing Christians of other faiths. In the first part of this discussion it was pointed out that the very early schools were established for the avowed purpose of training ministers. Later the course of study was broadened and the schools accepted all who wanted to enter if they could meet the requirements. Throughout these years the ministers have had a good influence on the schools, and in turn the schools have had a good influence on the ministers. So ministerial education should be one of the dominant purposes of the denominational schools today. Of course another fundamental purpose is to offer each student an education in a Christian atmosphere and emphasize the need for a personal relation to Christ. I am glad to be associated with a University that holds a revival meeting each year. I am glad our school has chapel worship five days a week. It is also a welcome fact that we have so many religious organizations among the students, which are aids to the prayer life and the religious development. These offer opportunities for practice, growth and warm expression of the convictions of the ministers and others.

The church has a right to have a pastor who can think and who has been trained to think right. The aim of the denominational school must be to emphasize the study of the "WORD." "That word that makes us wise unto salvation and furnishes us thoroughly for every good work. But it cannot stop there for a man needs to know more than the Bible in our times. Clarence Darrow can quote more Scripture than lots of Christians and the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism is familiar with many passages.

The minister must be able to create intelligent public opinion. Word comes from London, according to the Watchman-Examiner, that a burlesque baptism was featured in a film shown in that city. The picture is called "Hallelujah." The actor who plays "Zeke" was formerly a Baptist minister. Solemnly he says words heard at baptismal service. These are followed by an immersion, so carried out as to provoke laughter in the audience. The president of the Baptist World Alliance is using his influence to get the picture withdrawn from circulation and every right-

thinking church member in the United States, of whatever faith, wishes him success. Here's where a minister need to be able to affect public sentiment. Then there's the problem of amusement in general, moral issues, political and patriotic issues all of which demand a minister who can help make and mold public opinion.

The state school can train the minister to think, if that is all you want, but that is not all. Someone said to Wendell Phillips one time that Buddhism is just as good as Christianity. Phillips replied without even discussing the statement, "India is the answer." This can be applied at least in a modest way to some of the out-put of non-Christian schools. I am convinced that literature taught by one who is an active praying Christian has greater value to the student than if the same course were taught by an unbeliever. I am sure that philosophy taught by a well-trained reverent Christian mind is better philosophy for mankind, society, and the future of the race than when taught by one who is a materialist.

It is also true, I believe, that if it were left to the parents to decide, they would rather have a Christian scholar teach their children science than some agnostic—one who loved to jump at conclusions and got delight from shocking the faith of others. If these things be true for the average student they are just as beneficial to the one who is studying for the ministry because of the great number of lives he will touch socially, intellectually and religiously during his ministry. In general one gets his mental background largely set during the four years in college.

The church has a right to expect that its pastor be trained to love and express the love of Christ to others. This comes from a personal knowledge of and trust in Christ. The state school can do

nothing here. But the denominational institution that has a warm religious heart, a spirit of loyalty to Christ, furnishes inspiration and a training camp for the religious emotions of the minister. He has an opportunity to study at least one hundred religious chapel addresses each year he is in college, and the various religious organizations furnish him further opportunity.

The church has a right to expect the denominational school to send out men who are trained to do. Of course a denominational college is not a seminary and cannot expect to do seminary work, but it can encourage young men who are in a position to do so, to go on to the seminary after they

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On the other hand for the man who feels that because of obligations or health or age that he cannot attend the seminary there are many courses in the Department of Bible and Religious Education which are of great value in fitting the ministerial student for his work. Insight into the life and times of the inspired writers gives the minister knowledge which helps him make the Bible and its characters really live for people today. A study of Christian Doctrines gives him a command of Christian thought as applied to the problems of life and religion.

Courses in Religious Education prepare him to teach courses of real religious and educational value to the people of his church and that has come to be one great part of his work. The church in a way is an educational institution. In addition to the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U. and the pastor's sermons, the church has a general educational function.

(1) It is concerned with growing and developing people.

(2) It seeks to engage these persons in some form of purposeful activity.

(3) It seeks to communicate to them the ripper experiences of others.

(4) It has its face set toward the future to promote knowledge, to enrich character, to train Christians for service and to extend the Gospel to the unsaved.

Christian experience has steadfastly refused to be standardized and we should not seek to standardize our ministers through the denominational school. But this by no means lessens the need of their being informed.

The real Christian school is Christ-centered. He must be the center of the Bible and Religious Education Departments. He must be the center of the lives of the individual members of the faculty if it is going to be a Christian school. A recent copy of the Watchman-Examiner gave a quotation from Dr. Charles E. Jefferson which expresses what I mean here and expresses what every minister and Bible teacher in the country should feel. It makes a fitting conclusion for this discussion.

"I have looked the whole planet over, and I see no man but Jesus only who is able to take away the sin of the world. I have sat at the feet of the world's renowned religious leaders, and I have seen all the great religions in their homes, and now I know that it is Christ or nobody. He has no competitor in the field. No one else has the slightest chance of winning the homage of the entire human race. More and more He is to me what He was to Saul of Tarsus—the image of the invisible God. More and more He is to me what He himself claimed to be—the eternal Son of the loving God. To know Him is indeed life eternal. To work with Him in establishing on this earth the kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy, this is what makes my life more and more worth living."

This being true, the place of ministerial education in the denominational school should inspire the churches to say that such schools shall never perish from the earth.

MEMPHIS CHURCH COMPLETES ANNEX TO CHURCH BUILDING

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nated by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. On them is emblazoned the name of the church. There seems to be enough silverware in the kitchen to start a large jewelry establishment. The kitchen is equipped with a serving outlet, and there are to be seen cup towels, table linen and in fact, just about everything one could think of that a modern kitchen demands.

The pastor of the church stated that the grounds are to be beautified and landscaped. Shrubs will be set out as well as Bermuda grass, as it is desired that the outside of the church shall be as inviting as the elaborate and carefully planned interior.

The First Church, Albuquerque, began last Sunday evening to broadcast their evening service over KGGM. If you have a radio and cannot go to your own church tune in on KGGM and hear a good service from 7:30 to 9:00 each Sunday evening.

STITH CHURCH WINS

The Stith church in Jones county, of which Rev. J. W. Partin of Abilene is pastor, had the distinction of winning the highest honors in the recent B. Y. P. U. revival held in the Sweetwater, and Jones County Associations. The Caps church made the highest efficiency score in the Sweetwater association, making 410 points out a possible 500. The Stith church made 453 points, thus winning first place in the Jones county Association and winning over all churches in the two associations participating in the revival. The church will be awarded a pennant as a recognition of the splendid work done.

The Stith church has five unions, all in fine working order and the pastor and church or happy over their accomplishments.

WESTBROOK CHURCH MAKES FINE PROGRESS

Rev. J. E. McDermott and wife came to the parsonage of the Westbrook Baptist church September 30th, 1928. Served the church two months at half time, then went to full time. They took the initiative in raising money, purchasing two additional town lots and erecting a tabernacle fifty two feet square of frame construction with moveable partitions and concrete floor, seated same with hand made pews, built ornamental fence around church property, and cleared the brush and leveled up one half block of land at a total cost of \$2,000.00.

Brother McDermott and family have made extensive improvements about our parsonage property in clearing adjoining lots, building tennis court, erecting ornamental fence and flower beds, and assisted by our W. M. S. have finished a splendid underground storm cellar.

A new piano has been added to our equipment. The Sunday school enlarged to thirteen classes. Our young peoples work enlarged to four unions and a Sunbeam Band. The church has been led into maintaining two mid-week prayer meetings, one adult and one junior.

Our women's work has been developed into four circles, having an average attendance of thirty. Brother and Sister McDermott have led us in two revival meetings at the church, and in one revival effort at each of the following mission points: Islan, Oil Field, Carraway, and County Line. These meetings resulted in over one hundred additions to the church, over fifty by baptism. All of the above mentioned work has been done as ordinary pastoral duties, and is not mentioned in the minutes of our church conferences.

Now therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this summary be placed on our minutes, a copy be furnished the West Texas Baptist and the Colorado Record for publication, and be it further resolved that the church extend a rising vote of thanks and a two weeks vacation to Brother McDermott and family in appreciation of their untiring efforts and unflinching service in both church and community since they have been in our midst.

Westbrook Baptist Church.
By Church Clerk.

PRESIDENT SANDEFER ENDORSES SECRETARY WHITE'S POSITION

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daily, and I thank God and take courage at every remembrance of you, feeling that you have been brought to your great place of leadership through the Holy Spirit. If Simmons and her president can ever serve you, you have but to command us. Blessings on you, yours, and our Baptist Zion as you lead.

Your friend,
J. D. Sandefer, President,
JDS-nml Simmons University.

GROWN-UP IDEAS

The little boy entered the barber shop.
"And how do you want your hair cut, my little man?" inquired the barber.
"Like dad's," replied the child, "with a hole in the top."

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