

MEXICAN WORK IN WEST IS GROWING RAPIDLY, SAYS HOME BOARD EVANGELIST

The Texas Mexican Convention with 55 organized churches, 16 workers under the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., met at Kerrville July 15-20 and reported ONE THOUSAND baptisms during the Conventional year, being 8 percent of the total baptisms in Central West Texas.

Last July the Central West Texas Mexican Baptist Association was organized and the writer is the President of such Association with 10 churches and 125 baptisms from Ozona to Aspermont and from Eden to Big Spring.

The Christoval Mexican Bible Institute was not a failure. People from San Fernando, Calif., to Fort Stockton, Aspermont, Anson, Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Bronte, Eden, Ozona, and Sonora, Texas, attended the Institute. We gave them S. S. Methods, B. Y. P. U. Methods, Winning Souls and What Baptists Believe, besides the devotionals and Evangelistic sermons every day and night. We baptized 20 Catholic converts and sent to the Seminary of Saltillo, Old Mexico, two Ministerial students that gave their lives for such work in the meeting, and one of the boys is from Aspermont, Francisco Ortega, whom I baptized six months ago.

In a 4 days meeting in Anson we gained a good number of Catholic converts, 26 of whom have been baptized already and organized into the Anson Mexican Baptist Church. Every Baptist of Jones County is going to help build a Mexican Baptist Church house this fall.

In a 7 days meeting at Waco last week, we won 21 Catholic converts and they belong to the best Mexican families in Texas and Mexico.

Indeed Texas is the best field in the world to win the Catholics and to do Home and Foreign Mission work.

The writer has baptized 56 Catholic converts in the last two months.

—D. Ruiz, San Angelo.

MOVES TO SYLVESTER

The West Texas Baptist:

Please change my name on your mailing list from Rotan to Sylvester. I have accepted the call of the church at Sylvester and have moved on the field. I preach at Sylvester on the second and fourth Sundays at Pledger on the first Sunday and at Pleasant Valley on the third Sunday. These churches are all in the Fisher County Association.

I have just closed a fine year's work with the Sardis and Daniel churches in this association. You can count on me to help put the West Texas Baptist in the homes of the people in my churches.

C. F. Bryant.

What is Science?

The Standard Dictionary of the English Language defines science as "knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking." Then it continues: "Science proper embraces (a) exact knowledge of facts; (b) exact knowledge of laws obtained by correlating facts, and (c) exact knowledge of proximate causes." Another definition reads "an exact and systematic statement of knowledge concerning some subject or group of subjects."

Now apply this definition to Evolution and you will at once perceive how widely it misses the mark. It has not been established by "knowledge gained and verified by exact observation." It simply represents an attempt on the part of students of biology and anthropology to account for production of all that exists off a different theory than that of direct creation. Not being "verified by exact observation," or even by "correct thinking," the conclusions of the Evolutionists do not deserve even to be called "knowledge."

Note how different it is with the other sciences, for instance, that of Astronomy. There is no doubt about its teachings concerning the magnitude of various heavenly bodies, their distance from one another, the celerity of their movements, etc. The same is true of the science of Mathematics. It is one of the so-called exact sciences. On many things which are believed by millions, the body of scientific men is not agreed; and the progress of ten or twenty years has often proved a pretty

PASTOR MCGINNIS AND TRENT CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS ON THAT FIELD

The work at Trent starts off nicely. The writer has been on this field about three months. We have had twenty-seven additions and the work in general is taking on new life. We are looking forward to this next year with happy anticipation hoping and praying that the Lord will greatly bless our efforts and His work be built up in a great way.

Rev. L. G. Morony came over last Wednesday night and brought us a wonderful message on the subject of "Evolution or Bible." Brother Morony is one of our best preachers, his messages are simple and to the point. Any church would profit by having him come and speak on this subject.

There are many things in life which bring joy and happiness and make us glad that we live. True worship to God is a stimulant to the soul and makes it grow and flourish in its sphere. True loving fellowship and unity of purpose are the essentials of church growth. But, there are other things that come as a natural consequence from these which go a long way toward dispelling the gloom and unhappiness of life. God has ordained that this should be so. The occasion for these statements is found in what we are about to relate. On last Tuesday evening the pastor and his wife were happily surprised by a visit from a number of friends from the church at Trent. It is needless, and space will not permit, for us to say what all was brought, but let it suffice to say it was one of the most bountiful showers that has ever come to the writer's home. There were linens and groceries and most everything needful in the home. We are very thankful, and get words of praise when we try to express our thankfulness, but let God be praised for it. Let every reader that may read this remember that money is not the only means of contributing to the pastor's welfare and happiness. May God's blessings be upon these good people.

R. M. McGinnis, Pastor.

The West Texas Baptist failed to mention the fine meeting held recently by Pastor J. C. Burkett and the South Side Church, Abilene. Dr. R. T. Hanks of Jewett, Texas, for many years a worker in West Texas, and a former pastor of the First Church, Abilene, assisted in the meeting. The South Side Church is making fine progress under the leadership of Dr. Burkett. The church has received 200 members during the past few months.

OUR SCHOOL SITUATION AND FALL CAMPAIGN

A number of our Baptist educational institutions in Texas are in the midst of special campaigns this fall to raise endowments and to meet urgent emergencies. These campaigns for endowment are made necessary because the schools must have certain endowment funds in order to meet the standards set by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Baylor University is in the midst of a vigorous campaign for endowment, and to raise funds to build a \$350,000.00 dormitory for girls. Baylor College is in a campaign to increase her endowment to \$500,000. Howard Payne College is in a like campaign to raise \$500,000 endowment and ten associations adjacent to that institution have been designated as territory in which this campaign is to be made.

The special campaigns, coming at the time of the urgent fall campaign of our entire state work in which an effort will be made to raise \$900,000, will undoubtedly test the loyalty of Texas Baptists. However, our people can meet the issue in a great way if they will only have a mind to do it. Especially is this true of the western section of Texas. Fairly good crops are being made all over the West and our people should honor God by meeting the challenge before them in a great way.

We are especially desirous of seeing the Baptists of this immediate section make a great campaign for our causes this fall. While the two institutions located in this section, Simmons University and the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, are not making any special campaigns this fall to meet their needs, yet these institutions are facing emergencies that will challenge our loyalty both to local work and our state wide and world wide program. During the Seventy-five Million Campaign this great western section made a wonderful showing. To be sure the churches did not do what they could have done; but what they should have done; yet, compared to the records of other sections they wrought well. During the campaign this section contributed about \$1,250,000 to the campaign. From the campaign the two institutions in this section received less than \$165,000. The churches in Abilene gave during the campaign considerably over \$100,000 undesignated, to the denominational program. With these facts in view one would hardly

brand this section as being disloyal to our world-wide program.

The challenge that is now facing our Baptist hosts of this western section is one that calls for our best. Our state-wide, south-wide and world-wide causes are greatly in peril. These causes are Christ's causes and to let them suffer is to bring reproach upon the cause of our great Commander and Master. Brethren, let us meet the challenge like true heroes of the cross. Let us remember that a great section of our state is in the grip of the worst drought in fifty years. God has blessed us in a great way. Let us meet every quota asked of us in a Christ-honoring way. If the world-wide cause of Southern Baptists shamefully suffers, let it be laid to the door of West Texas Baptists.

After meeting the demands made upon our people in this section for our general causes, let us not forget our great local causes. Our great West Texas Sanitarium is greatly in need of help just now. Had the Seventy-five Million Campaign accomplished its aim, this hospital would have received \$100,000. About \$25,000 was actually received. This left an enormous debt on the trustees of this institution. A large note is to be met by this hospital this fall, and this emergency must be met by our West Texas people in some way.

Our beloved Simmons University is likewise facing a great crisis at this time. It must be remembered that about three years ago our men's dormitory was burned. Since that time there has been no building on the campus to care for our boys. By the generous gift of \$100,000 from a noble layman, not a Baptist, a beautiful men's dormitory is nearing completion, but funds are lacking to finish it; and it is greatly needed. Again, our endowment is as yet not sufficient to meet requirements, and this emergency must be met. It will be remembered that an endowment campaign for Simmons was made last spring and over \$250,000 was pledged, and an active campaign was not made outside the city of Abilene. Our local brethren have shown a spirit of loyalty and devotion to the university and sanitarium that cannot be paralleled in the southland; and yet during this time they have been loyal to our whole program.

Another emergency is facing our people in this section in regard to our

young preachers in Simmons University. There are about one hundred of them. Last year they did not receive one dollar in aid from our sorely pressed State Board, nor will they receive aid from that source this year. These young preachers, struggling to receive training, are from churches all over this section of Texas, and they must have aid if they are to remain in school. Our university is giving to these preachers their tuition amounting to about \$15,000 each year. This makes a tremendous load for the institution to carry in face of the perilous general situation we are facing.

These facts concerning both our general denominational work and our local work are given not to discourage our brethren, but rather to awaken them and to challenge them to meet the great issues in a heroic spirit of sacrifice for our Master. Above all, let us not fail our great denominational program. It involves our orphan children, our old worn-out preachers, our hospitals, our educational institutions, our program of evangelism in the homeland, and above all the carrying of the blessed word of eternal life to the millions in the benighted lands of this old sin-cursed earth. Over five hundred missionaries on the foreign fields are looking to us now and we MUST not, we CANNOT fail them. Brethren of the great imperial West let us do our duty this fall to these great denominational causes. And then let us also remember that our great local institutions did not receive one dollar from the campaign last year and will not receive one dollar from the campaign this fall. If these institutions are to receive help to tide them over this crisis, we as West Texas Baptists must help them in addition to doing our whole duty to our whole denominational program. Our beloved President Snider is almost crushed under the load of trying to meet this emergency. He has given sixteen years of his life in building for us a great orthodox Christian University. Let's stand by him in the crisis.

Our prayer to our Heavenly Father now is that he will give to us men and women who will realize the seriousness of the present situation and then for Christ's sake show the sacrificial spirit and heroic courage to meet the issue and win a glorious victory for our Lord and Master.

A Momentous Hour for Our Foreign Mission Work

1. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is eighty years of age. It has never defaulted in so much as one dollar of its obligations to anybody. To do so now would be to discredit itself, the denomination, and our Lord in the eyes of the enemies of Christian missions, and to make difficulties for the Board for a generation. These facts make the present hour MOMENTOUS, and constitute a MOTIVATION FOR HEROIC GIVING by Southern Baptists.

2. THE BLESSINGS OF GOD upon the work of the Board during recent years makes the present financial condition of the Board a momentous fact for the consideration of Southern Baptists. Dr. E. P. Alldredge has shown that after seventy years there were 29,991 church members on Southern Baptist foreign mission fields, and that in these last ten years the number of these church members has leaped to 118,872, or a gain of approximately fourfold in ten years over the previous seventy years. Is not that a momentous fact, and does it not signify that this is an hour for FOREIGN MISSION ADVANCE rather than retreat?

3. OCTOBER 14th will be a momentous hour for the Foreign Mission Board and its work and workers. On

that date the full Board, including the local and Southwide members, are expected to meet in Richmond. These brethren upon whom the denomination has placed solemn responsibility, and who are putting their time and their own money into the work and getting not a cent out of it, will face two things and grapple with them for two days. These two things are:

FIRST: A GREAT DEBT, and SECOND: APPEALS FROM THE MISSIONARIES which can not be met unless there is QUICK AND LARGE RESPONSE by the denomination to the needs of this work. May the Lord help! The action which the Foreign Mission Board takes in view of its debt and upon the pathetic appeals of the missionaries will be MOMENTOUS ACTION.

TWO REQUESTS: FIRST, Will not the reader of these lines pray daily and earnestly that the wisdom which comes from above may be given the Board members for deliberation and decision upon these matters? We would suggest, yes, we would implore, that the pastors of our churches throughout the South make a note of the date of this meeting and on Sunday, October 11th, call their people to prayer, and that on Wednesday evening, October 14th,

they turn their prayer meetings into prayer services for the Foreign Mission Board which will that evening be in session. Brother Pastors, call your people to prayer for the Board in our present foreign mission situation in this MOMENTOUS HOUR. If any pastor or church has a message for the Foreign Mission Board after the prayer meeting adjourns on October 14th, send it by night letter to the Board that it may be read to the full Board the next morning. Perhaps God will speak to you and your people while you pray for this work in this perilous hour.

SECOND: We beg you to see in the present predicament of our Foreign Mission Board an illustration of why all our people should unite heartily in heroic support of our Co-operative Program and thus promote unity within the denomination and give guarantee that this predicament shall not continue nor again befall our Foreign Mission Board.

In great anxiety as we look forward to and approach this Annual Meeting of the Board, we make this appeal to every Baptist man, woman, and child throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., Richmond, Va.

SPIRITUALIST WARNS TRIBULATION COMING

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Everyone is warned by the spirit world through the medium of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle that a great catastrophe hangs over the world.

Sir Arthur says he has been receiving messages from the spirit world for the last three years to this effect and that lately they have become so pressing he feels it necessary

to make them public. He asserts that the suffering and destruction which will result are to be taken as a chastening for the evils of today. Only through this manner can the world be saved.

The nature of the impending catastrophe is so vague that Sir Arthur is unable to specify it but he says the chastening will last three years.

"The world has grown far too material," Sir Arthur says. "We must be taught that life has a spirit-

ual and not a material purpose."

Sir Arthur declares that England will escape from the catastrophe more likely than any other nation. Why, he does not say.

Rev. Ira Harrison, a graduate of Simmons University, now a student in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, underwent an operation at the Baptist Hospital at Dallas on September 20th.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION TO MEET THIS WEEK WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ABILENE

STAMFORD B. Y. P.

U. HAS SUCCESSFUL TRAINING CLASS

We had a very successful B. Y. P. U. Training School last week when Miss Ethel Hudson, State B. Y. P. U. worker was with us. A total of 150 persons attended the classes and over half that number took the examinations. Lunch was served at the church each night and during the recreation period pep songs, class yells and contests were in order. Miss Hudson brought a lesson each evening through her artistic chalk drawings.

Last Sunday night 84 B. Y. P. U. officers were installed at the preaching hour for the coming year. Pastor Moffett delivered the charge and dedicatory prayer to the group as they stood in a semi-circle facing the congregation. It was a very impressive service.

Two unions were organized which brings the total to seven. Two other unions having recently been organized to take care of the rapid growth of the B. Y. P. U.'s during the past two months. Having more than doubled their attendance.

Promotion exercises will be observed Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour and 58 Sunday School teachers and officers will be installed for the coming year. Six new classes will be organized to care for the rapid growth of the Sunday School.

On October 4th, during the afternoon, the church will make a religious canvass of the city, which will be the first step in the enlargement campaign being entered into by the church.

All the work of the church is growing steadily and the future is bright for the church under the leadership of Pastor W. C. Moffett, and Educational Director L. E. Waite.

Reporter.

A deal was made recently in which the Baptist parsonage at Tahoka was traded for a home nearer the church building, and Pastor B. N. Shepherd and his family have moved into the newly acquired home.

Pastor Ira Parrack and the Merkel church observed the Lord's Supper last Sunday morning. Sunday School day was fittingly observed and the school is in fine condition to start the new school year.

The annual associational meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will meet on Thursday of this week with the First Baptist Church, Abilene. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 P. M. The associational sermon will be preached by Pastor W. H. Hughes of the Caps church. A large attendance is expected at the meeting of the association this year and a good program is being arranged. Dr. J. C. Burkett of the South Side Church, Abilene is moderator of the association and Lee Stulce, music director of the First Church, Abilene, is clerk.

The W. M. U. of the Sweetwater Association will begin their meeting on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The meeting will last throughout Wednesday and Thursday.

All visitors of the association are requested to visit both Simmons University and the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium during their visit to the association.

CLUBBING RATE WITH BAPTIST STANDARD

This month is Baptist Standard month, and an effort is being made to secure thousands of new subscribers to our great denominational paper, the Standard. The West Texas Baptist is anxious to help in the Fall months to secure in the west a large circulation for the Standard. By arrangement with Editor Routh we are able to continue to make to our people in this section an offer of the BAPTIST STANDARD and the WEST TEXAS BAPTIST, BOTH PUBLICATIONS ONE Year for \$2.00, the regular price of the Standard. This offer is made only for new subscriptions. At this rate the pastors and missionaries in this section should be able to secure hundreds of subscribers. Get busy now and let's place these two papers in our west Texas homes. The regular subscription rates of the West Texas Baptist are 75 cents per year, single or 50 cents per year in clubs of five or more.

Our Student Pastors

By L. R. Scarborough

The Southwestern Seminary has just had probably its greatest opening. I think more students enrolled the first week than probably have ever enrolled the first week of any of its glorious sessions. I understand that all our Texas Baptist schools are opening with a large attendance. In the Seminary and in our other schools are a large number of preachers. The present plan in our state work and the failure of our churches to respond with larger contributions to our state work have made impossible much of a students' fund for these preachers in these schools. This is a great hurt to our young preachers in their preparation for the Lord's work. They are all poor and have a struggle to make their way through school. There is one thing left for their relief and that is that nearby churches shall use these young preachers and other religious workers as pastors, directors of religious education, and directors of church music; and this brief word is meant as an appeal to our churches to see the value and Kingdom contribution for such a good work as this.

Let me urge you in pastorless churches to consider prayerfully the calling of the growing, aggressive young people in our schools as workers in our churches and pay them as liberally as possible, at least enough to meet their necessary expenses in school, and pay them promptly. In the main, these growing workers make good leaders. They are in touch with the very life of the great growing movements of the Kingdom of God. They are under the leadership of competent teachers. They are studying and are growing and, in the main, are denominational,

aggressive, loyal, and are learning how to do the will of God in building the churches and establishing the Kingdom of God.

There will be in the Seminary this year around four hundred preachers, many of them experienced preachers, a large group of them successfully so. They come, many of them, from strong churches and with from one to fifteen years' experience. Many of these students are successful singers, choir builders and musical directors. Many of them are already trained Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. workers. Call them to your churches; use them; and help to support them, while they are getting an education. You will do two things. You will get a good leader in your church—aggressive, growing, co-operative;—and then you will help to make a better preacher or singer or Sunday school or B. Y. P. U. worker; and in that way you will largely contribute to the Kingdom of God.

I urge the missionaries, pastors, and the pulpits committees of pastorless churches to consider this appeal, help not only the Seminary, but Baylor, Simmons, Howard Payne, Burleson, Decatur, Wayland, Rusk, and San Marcos, and the preachers in all these institutions.

If you could know some things I know about these preachers and other workers and how heavily this burden rests on the hearts of the presidents and Bible teachers in these institutions and how much good you will do for yourselves and the Kingdom of God by using these men, you would prayerfully consider it. Let's do it and thus help the churches and help a better and greater leadership for the churches and the Kingdom of God.

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE LORD'S MONEY?

West Texas has been blessed this year with a fairly good crop. Good prices are being received for cotton and other crops and millions of dollars will soon be circulating in the country. One tenth of this money belongs to the Lord. We are wondering what West Texas Baptists are going to do with the Lord's tenth. Very frequently we hear someone say this: I do not expect to put another dollar into the program until this evolution business is settled once for all in Texas. Of course that man has a right to refuse to pay the money through our regular cooperative channel, but we wonder what the brother is going to do with the Lord's part of the money he holds. If a farmer makes two thousands dollars on his crop this year—and hundreds of them will make more than that—two hundred of this amount belongs to God. May the Lord will excuse us if we refuse to put this money into the 1925 program of Southern Baptists, but if we take the Lord's money and use it to enrich our own coffers, then we rob God of what justly belongs to Him. There will probably be thousands of Texas Baptists this Fall who will use our present unrest as an excuse to withhold their means. They will perhaps pacify their own conscience by saying they are justified in not giving their money to our program. But the fact still remains that they have a lot of the Lord's money and he will hold them responsible for the way they use it.

INTEREST IN CHURCH CROP.

The last issue of the West Texas Baptist carried a news item about the cotton crop raised by the New Hope Church in Jones county. Much interest has been shown all over this section in regard to this venture of the New Hope Church. The following comment is from the Jayton Chronicle:

The Reporter carried a news item a day or two ago telling about the cotton crop raised by the New Hope Baptist Church, south of Stamford in Jones county. The church members planted forty-five acres in cotton this year. A few days ago 114 persons entered the field and picked 14 bales in the one day. At least that many bales more will be gathered before the crop is all in, it is thought. Twenty-eight bales on 45 acres isn't bad, even in a good year. In a year when the farmers are having to fight leaf worms and drouth and inopportune rains and a few other drawbacks, that's a fine record of production.

Since labor of planting, cultivating, and picking was all donated, and since the gin men are donating the ginning, that little patch of cotton ought to net New Hope church around \$3,400 on present prices. The labor, we take it, was well distributed throughout the membership of the church, so that no one person did an undue amount. In that way the church raised a handsome sum without taxing its membership either physically or financially.

And the splendid spirit of co-operation called forth by this experience in church effort ought to perform wonders for the spiritual welfare of that particular flock. For that matter it is an inspiration to all churches, from the little unpainted, wayside shrine, to the metropolitan cathedral.

DO WE PRAY ENOUGH?

While speeding across the beautiful prairie country in Runnels county last week with a friend this question was suddenly asked the editor: "Do you pray much?" Being a fairly honest editor we had to answer in the negative. It is a shameful confession to have to make, but honesty compels us to admit that our prayer life in this restless, critical age is far from what it should be. We wonder, too, if this confession could not be made by most of our christian brethren just now. Folks, let's come clean for one time—DO WE PRAY ENOUGH?

A few days ago one of our missionaries to the dark continent of Africa returned to her field of work. Juak before leaving she said with a sad heart: "It almost breaks my heart to think that during my long stay in the homeland I have not heard one earnest, fervent prayer offered for our missionaries on the foreign field." What a terrible indictment against our modern American church life! It is enough to make angels weep to know that this fine young consecrated Christian woman must leave her home and friends and loved ones and go back to Africa and there labor and sacrifice with the conscious thought before her that there is no one back home who cares enough for her and her work to pray earnestly for our great army on the foreign field.

The question is constantly being asked: What is the matter with our churches? There seems to be a number of things the matter, but we can rest assured that most of our troubles can be traced to the lamentable fact that WE DO NOT PRAY ENOUGH. Right now our denominational leaders all over the southland are coming in for a great deal of criticism. This is

perfectly natural. Things have gone wrong; somebody must be blamed for it, and why not blame the leaders? Perhaps some of this criticism is constructive and justifiable. Our leaders are just human, and being human they make mistakes. Perhaps the biggest mistake they have made is in not taking this criticism in the right spirit. This editor has offered some criticism lately. To be sure it was offered in the kindest of intention, but still we feel as we write these lines, perhaps WE HAVE NOT PRAYED ENOUGH.

We wonder how many of our brethren over the land are really praying for our foreign mission secretary, our home mission secretary and our state secretaries. These men are carrying tremendous burdens. No doubt many nights while we are peacefully sleeping the nights through they are walking the floor and carrying the burdens that should be our. It is perhaps all right for us to criticize these good men provided we have done our part in praying for them; but that's where the rub comes—HAVE WE PRAYED ENOUGH for them?

In this issue of the West Texas Baptist is a splendid article written by W. H. Wright of Stamford. In this article an urgent call is made for prayer for a world-wide revival. If this old world ever did need an old fashion Holy Ghost revival it is right now. There is just one way to bring it about—prayer. We believe there is a time coming when this revival will come. Then the spirit of unrest and criticism will cease and our brethren will again unite in a mighty world-wide conquest for Jesus Christ our Lord. That time will come when—WE LEARN TO PRAY MUCH.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE TO HER REWARD

On October 1st, the editor, accompanied by Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons University, went to Winters to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, wife of our good brother, L. M. Mitchell, of the Pumphrey community. Rarely have we seen such tribute of love and respect as was paid the remains of this good woman. Although it was a very busy time of the year for the farmer class, hundreds gathered at the First Baptist Church, Winters, and paid their tribute to Sister Mitchell.

It was not our privilege to know, personally, this good woman and her family, but it did not take long to find the reason for the high esteem in which she was held: First of all she lived for others. Her dear Lord and Master had first place in her life. Dr. Fry gave an illustration that shows her Christian spirit. He was in the Mitchell home a few months ago. A beautiful new family residence was just being completed and she made this remark to the preacher: "Just as soon as our home is finished, we want you and President Sandefur to visit us and help us dedicate this home to our Master."

Her life was a life of beautiful devotion to her church, her Sunday school class, her pastor and to every other phase of her Master's cause. Then again, she lived for others—her family, her neighbors, her friends. In this respect she emulated the life of the Christ she loved. "She went about doing good." It is any wonder that so many hundreds of friends quit the busy walks of life long enough to pay tribute to the memory of such a friend and helper as this.

Sister Mitchell, with her good husband, was a strict tither. They of course gave more than a tithe, but they were careful to see that the Lord got what belonged to Him. An account was kept of every bit of produce sold from the place and the Master was joyfully and faithfully given His share.

Sister Mitchell is survived by her husband and three children; two daughters are students in Simmons University, and a small son. For some good reason that we cannot now understand this good woman was not permitted to long enjoy the blessings and comforts of a beautiful new country home. She has been called from a busy life of service to others to that beautiful new home on the other side of the River. Her spirit has gone but her life shall live on till Jesus comes again.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

AWAY WITH THE CARNIVAL CONCESSION

The action of the officials of Nolan county in closing down the gambling devices at the carnival Monday night is to be commended: Too long have the people and officials of the State and nation allowed gambling to go forward right under their noses simply because the gambling was at a carnival.

If some one were to drop into town and set up a roulette wheel, a storm of protest would go up, and Sweetwater would be given a coalblack name unless the officials arrested the operator and made him suffer the consequences. The gambling wheel at the carnival is operated on the same principle.

We do not approve of crap-shooting, poker-playing, and many other such forms of gambling. Why tolerate the operation of gambling devices at a carnival?

The fact that the law allows doll racks, ring pitching, and ball rolling on the grounds that skill is required, is to be regretted, but local officers have no control over that. Such a sentiment against these devices should be created in our state that the legislature would pass a law prohibiting them and thereby banish all of the

carnival gambling stands.—The Nolan County News.

This is the same carnival company that was booked to come to Tahoka during the fair but went to Sweetwater instead when notified by the committee here that they were not wanted and were advised not to come. When you hear a carnival publicity man putting up the plea that his shows are clean and legitimate, you may safely put that down as bunk. Cut out the gambling devices and the immoral shows and it is no longer a 'carnival.'—Lynn County News.

Preach the Word

(2 Tim. 4:2)

By W. G. Tankersley

Thank God for the men who have made the Gospel a sensation. A D. L. Moody that could preach the power of God and the Love of Christ until both England and America would rock heavenward.

Thank God for Martin Luther who could get under the blood and defy the Pope until the backbone of Catholicism was broken and nations freed. Thank God for Catherine and William Booth, who could go to the slums of the cities and make acres of darkness beam with light. When Catherine lay a corpse in London, thousands passed by to look at her, and many said, "She has been a mother to me." The papers of London said her shroud was as wet with tears as if it had been dipped in a river of water. I had rather be Catherine Both and wear that old tattered shroud at the coronation of Jesus Christ than to rustle in Angel feathers.

We are living in a day when there is no time for compromise. This is the time for a vigorous Gospel, preached by Spirit filled men.

There are three qualifications that go into the making of a true minister of the Gospel. First, he must know that he has a case of old-time religion. He must be sure of his personal Christian experience. Second, he must be sure God called him, and not his parents or loved ones. Third, he must be filled with message. He who would lead men into the path of light must know the way by having traveled it himself. A minister ought to go into his pulpit with the Divine fire in his soul.

The most important lesson a preacher ever learned, is waiting upon God in prayer and fasting.

The preaching that will convince men of their sins, and lead them to Christ, must be proclaimed by men filled with the Holy Spirit. The Gospel has power to save. The great need today is the word preached by Spirit filled men.

When John the Baptist preached near Jerusalem in the long ago, men of all walks of life came out to hear him. There was something in John's preaching that convinced the people that he was God's man, who had come forth preaching the Word. Always a God sent man is recognized by the lost.

Every preacher should remember it is God's message, and not his. He is only a messenger with the message. God's messenger with God's message will fill the church houses, and will evangelize the world. On a preacher should be a man who walks and talks with God. Our Lord, when He was here among men prayed all through His life. Just before He dropped His head on His pulseless breast, and shouted aloud, "It is finished!" He called upon the Father. Dear beloved let's cry out, "Lord teach us to pray." If the preachers pray much, then others would want to pray. There can be no great revival without prevailing prayer. No man can be a man of power who is not a man of prayer. No man can be full of the Holy Spirit who is not a man of prayer. Why are the churches cold? Neglect of prayer. Why is there so much preaching and so few conversions? Neglect of prayer.

Oh the preachers of this land who are contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, should have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You had just as well try to run an engine without steam, as to hope for the success of a minister without the Holy Ghost. Brother we may walk the milky way and knock the dust off the stars and yet there will be no power in our message. Power with God and power with men only comes through the Holy Spirit. How we ought to pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the Word.

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As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.—1 Pet. 2:2.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—John 8:32.

EDITOR McCARTY PAYS TRIBUTE TO PASTOR OF ALBANY CHURCH

As per previous announcements, the Baptist revival began on schedule time, Sunday morning eleven o'clock, and a good crowd was out to give incentive to the initial services. Brother Underwood, pastor in charge, is conducting the preaching part of the services and Rev. Douglas Carver, of Simmons University, Abilene, has charge of the song service. So far, the attendance has been good, above the average for home talent. You know folks like something new, especially in revival meetings, and if they can get one of these traveling evangelists who puts on stunts, raises a row in general, political or otherwise, why the sight-seers flock out to hear the star-gazer, grand stand player, get up a great excitement, all about nothing, mostly, usually law-enforcement, statutory religion, minus the Grace of God, and when this storm petrel leaves town, why the whole thing goes up in a breeze, and the retiring evangelist gets a good collection, picture in the paper and when he leaves the old order comes back with a lot of sore spots, and the real old-time religion gets a stab, and the real feelers that ought to be brought into the church of the living God, lose respect and reverence for religion. Now, we said it, just what we think about things. And now we want to say something in behalf of the pastor of the Baptist Church, as yet, we haven't had much to say about Brother Underwood, he being our pastor, we are always loath to brag on homefolks. To the point—have known Brother Underwood many years, and he is one of those even-tempered fellows, modest in his claims, moves in the sphere of the real minister, not trying to put on a show, courteous to all alike, devoted to his religion, he believes that baptism by immersion is scriptural, and he also believes, once saved always saved, so do we. But he is said of Brother Underwood, he is not the proselyting sort, not going around and trying to cram his belief down the throat of other folks, but moral suasion and the grace of God are his weapons. He's childlike, and that's the elements of greatness, humble and consecrated to his work, does not wear his religion on his shirt sleeves, but it blossoms in his everyday life, and you can see the fruit hanging on the tree. Now, as stated above, he's our pastor, and we like him for goodness and modesty, he's an excellent preacher, logical, don't try to put on a show nor does not stoop to vulgar stunts to catch street suckers, just the plain gospel for Christ's sake, is his life's slogan, and the longer you know him, the better you will like him. Go out and hear him preach, it will do you good. Now, this is a right smart of a talk for one's own folks, but we have said it, and we mean it, say nice things about other preachers and churches, and we think that we are entitled to brag on our own pastor once and a while. Now, Brother Douglas Carver, we do not know him, but Brother Underwood says that he has got the right kind of stuff in him, and that's good enough for us, so we recommend him too. Go to church folks.—Albany News.

I HAVE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF. I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know. I want to be able, as the days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye. I don't want to stand with the setting sun And hate myself for the things I've done. I don't want to keep on a closet shelf A lot of secrets about myself And fool myself as I come and go Into thinking that nobody else will know. The kind of man I really am, I don't want to dress myself up in sham. I want to go out with my head erect. I want to deserve all men's respect. But here in the struggle for fame and pelf I want to be able to like myself; I don't want to look at myself and know That I am bluster and bluff from empty show.

I never can hide myself from me, I see what others may never see, I know what others may never know, I never can fool myself and so Whatever happiness I want to be Self-respecting and conscience free.—Selected.

THE GOSPEL OF GIVING.

There is no other gospel. It all centers around gifts and giving. You say, "No! It centers around the cross," and you are surely right, but what was there on the cross that melts our hearts to complete love and perfect submission but the gift of God that hung dying there for us?—Quebec.

WELCOME ADDRESS DELIVERED AT AUXILIARY MEETING OF SCURRY-MICHELL ASS'N

The address of welcome given by Mrs. A. L. White at the Auxiliary to the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association recently held in Colorado and presented by request:

Madam president and fellow workers of the Mitchell-Scurry Association, W. M. U.:

I deem it a gracious favor to be given the privilege of bringing to you a greeting of good cheer and appreciation of your interest and presence in this service. The word "welcome" is a perfectly good word, but by popular use and abuse has come to be commonplace. It brings no thrill—could be as effectively spoken by a parrot or talking machine.

Were I capable of so doing, I might cul from the garden of beautiful rhetoric a chapter of its choicest roses to lay at your feet, but these would wither by set of sun. Or, if I should gather a council of great authors, and weave for you a message thrilling with poetical rhythm, this too would flee away as a shadow, or vanish as mist before the morning sun.

So I go to the great storehouse of God's word, and in behalf of my local society shall endeavor to thread for you a strand of precious jewels which I trust each of you will take and wear upon your very heart.

First: I will bring to you the priceless "diamond of love" found in John 15:12. "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." This most precious of jewels comes from the heart of the Savior of men, and when unheeded in the heart of his believing children, sparkle with unstinted radiance for all within its bounds.

Then on one side we would add the deep sea "pearl" found in Heb. 10:24 "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." That is the object of this meeting today that by mutual exchange of thought we might stimulate each other to deeper interest in, and more efficient service for our Master.

On the other side we would join the glowing "ruby" from 2 Cor. 5:14 "For the love of Christ constraineth us." No gift is of real value unless prompted by love. If the constraining love of Christ has led us to sacrifice ease and pleasure or the call of home duties, to come here today, our gathering shall not be fruitless. Then we take the royal "Amethyst" found in 2 Kings 10:15. "Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thee? If it be give me thine hand." This is given in pledge of loyal co-operation of those engaged in the battles of the King of Righteousness against the King of destruction. We are indeed one in purpose, one in hope, one in the fundamentals of Christ's Kingdom.

As a splendid match for this, we would place a vari-headed "Opal" from Isa. 41:6: "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, be of good courage." No one so brave and strong who doesn't often have need of a word of smile of approval or some token of brotherly interest.

Next we place the glowing "Sapphire" from Prov. 27:17: "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Our influence is a great whirlpool, unto which others are daily (consciously or unconsciously) being drawn for good or ill, for weal or woe. Therefore we need the beautiful "Turquoise" found in Heb. 12:12-13. "Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for thy feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way." Today we are held in strict account to each other and to God and the purpose of this gathering is that we shall be blest and a blessing.

Now may we clasp our beautiful "Rosary" about the neck of each one present with the words of our Savior found in Acts 1:8: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

WINTERS W. M. S. ENJOYS GOOD CHURCH MEETING

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met at the church Monday, September 28, and enjoyed a program in "Royal Service," the subject being "Stewardship of Time and Personality." Mrs. Leslie Alexander gave an interesting talk on "Has God a Plan for My Life?" and Mrs. Bradley rendered the topic on "Tithers of Time" and as a conclusion of the program, Mrs. Patterson made discussion of subject.

During a short business meeting it was decided to pay part of expenses to educate a Chinese girl in America. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. L. Pumphrey.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

W. M. U. OF HASKELL ASS'N MAKES GOOD REPORT

The W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Haskell Baptist Association, has maintained a forward movement throughout the past year. At the beginning of the year, only seven societies were having regular meetings and following the outlined plan of work, as follows: Haskell, Rule, Rochester, Knox City, O'Brien, Gillispie and Munday. Later members of the W. M. U. resumed their work with renewed zeal, and two new societies have been added to our numbers. One in the Post community was re-organized several months ago with twelve members and one in the Brushy community, with sixteen members.

The regular monthly meetings held in connection with the workers council have proven a strong factor in creating and keeping an interest in the work. Our women over the association have been faithful in attendance and have given afternoon programs in the following churches: Rule, Haskell, Rochester, Weinert, Brushy, two with Gillispie and two with O'Brien. The president attended each of the nine meetings staying throughout the day.

An all-day meeting was held with the women of the Munday church in May, when a report was given from each of the societies, for the first half of the years work. Our beloved District President, Mrs. Boothe, was with us at that time, and thrilled every woman present with her address on "Stir the Gift That Is Within Thee." How sad our hearts were made later, when the news came of her death, but we can only bow in submission and pray that we be endowed with her spirit of devotion and usefulness.

Twenty members from the various parts of the association attended the district meeting in Abilene the latter part of May, and were given the attendance banner for the best representation from any one association. While there, a room was selected for furnishing, in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. Much good has been accomplished in the study classes held and we feel sure our women are well informed regarding our work at home, and on the foreign field. The denominational papers are read in many homes and the Royal Service magazine is used in a regular monthly program. Our last meeting for the year was held with the Gillispie church, during association. Mrs. Geo. Paxton, of Abilene, representing Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, District President, spoke on several points of association and district work. Miss Lillias Penick discussed the young people's work, stressing the need of more organizations and more leaders. Mrs. W. M. Rogers, of Rule, spoke on the White Cross work. The annual election of officers was held, and Mrs. J. C. Cowan, of Rochester, was elected president with Mrs. L. M. Kay, corresponding secretary-treasurer. Reports from the local societies showed more than five thousand dollars given by the women over the association for denominational purposes. With the capable leaders and committee chairmen which we have for another year, the outlook for the work is most encouraging.

Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, Pres.
Mrs. C. M. Coner, Sec.

WINTERS W. M. S. HAS ALL DAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Winters met Monday, September 21, at the church in an all day prayer service.

After a song and several prayers for local work and state work, Mrs. Leslie Alexander took charge of the program which was on State Missions.

Mrs. J. L. Pumphrey conducted the devotional and Mrs. L. E. Low gave a very interesting paper on "Stewardship of Myself" followed by a talk on "What the State Secretary May Expect to the Local W. M. U." by Mrs. Stephens and a talk by Mrs. Patterson on "The Woman's Part in 1925 Program."

On account of sickness, several who were on the program, were unable to attend. A good spiritual day was spent and those who attended this service received a blessing.

LORAIN W. M. U.

The W. M. U. met with Mrs. Jerry Walker last Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There was an unusually large number present, and the program, "Stewardship of Time and Personality," was well rendered. Some of the specials were a piano solo by Ona Selma Harris, and "The Sin of Being Uninformed" a special paper by Mrs. C. B. Reeder, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all and the hostess served a delicious cream and cake course.—Reporter.

ROBY W. M. U. HAS GOOD PROGRAM AT LAST MEETING

There were 16 ladies met at the First Baptist Church Monday, September 28, at 2:30 P. M. for a series of prayer.

Mrs. Chas. R. Smith led the devotional. There were 14 taking part in prayer.

All the ladies who are interested in the religious side of Roby, or some lost soul, are invited to meet with us at 2:30 P. M. each Monday in our prayer meetings.

Immediately following the prayer service the W. M. U. program was discussed.

Our lesson was the first chapter in our new study book "The World in all the Word."

Bro. Chas. R. Smith is teaching the book, we urge that all our members take this course, our next lesson in this book will be Oct. 12, 1925, and we will take up the second chapter in the book.

Reporter.

ANSON W. M. U. OBSERVES THIS WEEK OF PRAYER

Last week, September 21st to the 25th inclusive, was observed by a number of the Baptist ladies as a "Week of Prayer."

The program on State Missions was also observed. Such subjects as, "The Need of the Missions," "Why I Believe in State Missions," "The Bible Method of Giving," "Christian Education a n d Denominational Schools," were discussed.

On Monday afternoon an interesting program from the "Royal Service," was rendered. Friday afternoon, near the close of the Prayer meeting, the Sunbeams favored us with a most appropriate song, "Helping Jesus." Mrs. M. E. Payne is Sunbeam leader and is doing a good work. The ladies meet each Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The 12th Chapter of Acts is the subject for the next lesson.

WITH THE COLLEGE HEIGHTS CHURCH, ABILENE

It was the pleasure of our church last Wednesday evening to set apart to the work of a Pastor Brother Luther H. Kinard. Brother Kinard has been a member with us for several years, he has made us a consecrated, energetic member, and the blessings of our church go with him as he undertakes the work as a pastor elsewhere. It is hoped that he will soon be called by other churches so that he will have full time work.

It has been our good pleasure to set apart to the work of a Pastor several of our young preachers lately. Of all of them we are justly proud, and it is believed that we will be as proud of Brother Kinard. One of those recently ordained preached the ordination sermon for Brother Kinard, Brother Lawrence Fitzgerald. He spoke from the words of Pilate, in John 19:4: "Behold the man;" and from the words of Paul, in I. Tim. 2:7: "I was appointed a preacher." His outline was as follows:

1. Be a man:
1. Jesus was a man.
2. Be a real man.
3. Be a cheerful man.
2. Be a preacher:
1. Be a prepared preacher.
2. Be an ambitious preacher.
3. Be a praying preacher.
4. Be a spiritual preacher.
5. Be a shepherd preacher.
6. Be a soul winning preacher.

Following this Brother Sam Morris read a very fitting charge from the writings of Paul.

We are glad to have Brother Arrant back at his old post again this morning. He has been away from us a year doing some post graduate work in Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. We have missed him so that it is doubtful whether we ever let him off again or not. Of all our members who have been away and come back home none have been received with greater pleasure than Brother Arrant. None among us is more universally loved than is he. And we would not forget his wife and babies in our warm welcome. With Brother Arrant at the helm of our Sunday School, backed up by such a worthy corp of workers, we should make rapid strides toward an A-1 Sunday School. Brother Arrant here is our hand of fellowship and co-operation, we are for you and with you. May God guide you as you guide us in our great Sunday School work.—College Heights Messenger.

Just being happy helps other souls along; Their burdens may be heavy and they not strong; And you own sky will lighten If other skies you brighten. By just being happy with a heart full of song.—Ripley D. Saunders.

PRAYER IS URGED FOR WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL

By W. H. Wright

I believe a world revival is possible. I believe it is possible in any realm of endeavor—humanly speaking. I believe it more possible even in the realm of Christian religion. I have not the slightest doubt that it is probable—if I mistake not the sign that people are yearning for such a thing to attain. To me there came recently a very distinct impression to daily petition for a revival of the Christian religion. In the infant impression I sought to limit the sphere of the operation of the revival—but a world revival was inescapably the meaning of the impression. Hence, so long as the impression stays with me I shall as humbly and as trustingly as possible petition for a world-wide revival of the Christian religion.

It Is Needed.

First of all for the Glory of God. In the return of God's Children to Him there will be glory circling his throne, me thinks. Then, for the people, called Christians, the return to God will mean the lifting of the punishing hand of God. "There is, therefore, NOW no condemnation to them that have passed from death unto life." For they have passed out from under the law of condemnation. God can not again condemn his children to eternal death because He has removed the sentence as their sin of unbelief was washed out and dissolved in the blood of the Lamb. But He unmercifully whips us in this life for our rebellion and for our indifference and for our wandering away after other things than the things that are for his eternal glory and for our betterment. O, the bitter sorrow and weeping and hurt and pain and disappointment and the fits of blues that possess the souls of God's redeemed wanderers and backsliders. Return unto me O, ye backsliders, for I am married unto you. Or just about that expression. Justice must be met and we must be whipped for our violations and backslidings. God can not with impunity look upon the violations of His will by His children.

Third. A revival of the Christian religion is needed to show the lost sinner his plight. Night, day. The difference is light. Lost, saved. The difference is light. The lost sinner world is in darkness. The saved sinner world is in light. If Christians will lift the bushel from off their lights then what a world of light will surround the darkened continent. Behold how the lost sinner will be enabled to see the LIGHT OF SALVATION and many of them will walk out of the darkness into the light of God's liberty as He draws them to Himself. A revival of the Christian religion then is first for the Glory of God, then for the lifting of the punishing hand of God, then for the purpose of lighting up the soul world of the lost sinner.

What Involved.

Running from sin. Fleeing the enticing bewitching questionable pleasures of the social room and the dance. It will mean shunning the modern day picture performances as now put on. For the modern picture seems to appeal to the animal so largely until whatever effort to make the world better accompanies them is drowned in the maelstrom of suggested lust and animal passion. It will mean using the automobile for filling the church houses instead of emptying them. It will involve turning away from any worldly pleasurable pursuit that dampens ones ardor for the services of the churches. If the revival takes hold on the Christian he will relinquish his love for the card table.

She will not cut cake for a prize. Bridge will no longer grip him in its vice-like jaws. With a world-wide revival sweeping our earth there will be broken millions of cords that hold us motionless and hopelessly in their worldly possession.

It may bring about the discontinuance of the use of the cigar and the cigarette for the Savior so far as is known did not at any time of his pilgrimage on the earth walk around the various scenes of Gallilee nor elsewhere with a cigar in his mouth. It will involve cleaning up and shining up and brightening up.

Some Ways—How Attained

A revival means a renewing—even a turning away from the attraction that led one away from the pursuit of the original espousal. A revival of the Christian religion means a renewing of devotion to the cause of Christ—it means a break from the attraction that drew the Christian away.

It will be attained by the saved church members everywhere in all the realms of Christian endeavor turning to God in prayer day by day. Not a day missing calling on God for the revival.

1. Just go to praying. Pray where you are. Set up an altar to God where alone with Him, the Holy Spirit and Jesus you may just talk to them about it. Make a definite al-

tar for this private communion with the God of the universe. Make your special petitions from this definite place from one to three stated times daily. These divine personages will meet the sincere saved soul there and will hear the petition.

2. So soon as the spirit of God has strengthened you and your family erect an altar of prayer in your home. Where in the evening time with the members of the family around you, prayer for the sweep of the world-wide revival may be made. God will listen as you pray. The BOTTLED-UP Angel of Heaven will bottle up your prayers and tears as sweet incense and in due time heaven's order will break the seal of the bottle, and as each tear and petition springs forth the Jehovah Mighty will answer and send the world-wide revival in just His own manner and way.

3. Watch for the enemy. We are to watch and pray. Watch as much as pray. Was it not Gideon's little company out of a great army of Christians that watched for the enemy as they lapped water from the stream—that little company that whipped the midianite host? Watch the enemy and at the opportune moment be able to shout, "The Sword of the Lord and Gideon."

4. Just keep on praying until the revival appears and then just keep on praying till it becomes abiding. Just dab down today and go a praying. Let the sign to pray for the revival be this IF IT IS NOT HERE AND ABIDING YET—PRAY. Pray where you are tho' the other Christian has not gone to prayer yet.

5. Have Faith. Faith comes by hearing. Hearing by the Word of God. Attend on the preaching of the gospel for the renewing of your faith. Read the Word of God daily and believe it. Your faith will mount up on the strong wings of the morning. As for faith. Faith comes, too, by sitting long at the feet of Jesus in intercession for it. You must have faith in this undertaking. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Finally It Means.

Happiness to a staggering old world reeling under the drunken spell of the Prince of night so long cast over the children of earth. For the lost will be drawn to the light of the flaming world revival fire. Ah, me, those flames will mount to heaven. The conflagration will burn the dross out of our lives and free so many lost sinners of earth. It will make Christian living easier and a real joy.

O, the glory that will fill heaven for earth's children to become revived toward God!

It means that day by day you will begin to mention every division of society in all the earth, every age of persons, every color, people in every occupation, Christians on the highway, in the cellar, down under the earth's surface, up on the mountains, in the clouds, on the railway in every state in the Union, in every nation of earth, in all the continents, on land or on sea. Ignorant or wise, poor or wealthy, bright or dull, white or colored, young or old, pretty or ugly, deaf or otherwise, plowing or selling goods, professional or non-professional, male or female, happy or unhappy. I'll tell you it is thrilling to talk to God for a revival for all these Christians of earth—the fun and thrill of it is in naming those to God whom you want revived. The list is new every time and one knows not hardly where to cease naming the objects the revival is desired to touch. Blessed be the name of God!

Get in. Let's just keep praying for a world revival of the Christian religion. Don't get lonesome in this for I believe you can count on the company of one to daily pray for the revival. There will be many others. Occasionally some one will write to encourage those who are praying daily for the revival.

What a meeting that will be. What shouts of praise. What songs will fill the earth. What burdens will be lifted. Pray!

Rev. E. M. Agee, Missionary of the Young County Association, is rapidly recovering from an illness brought about by overwork, and is now able to again take up his work in the association. Brother Agee held eleven meetings during the past summer and was greatly blessed in every one of them. He has done a great work on that important field during the few months he has been there.

The First Church, Anson, is making a vigorous campaign for the budget for the coming year. A late report states that 180 pledges had been made and the campaign is still in progress. Dr. L. G. Morony was with the church recently and delivered his lecture on Evolution.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds.—Phil. 4:7.

BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

W. F. Markham, Missionary

Our work is going fine. Had a new experience last Sunday; ordained four deacons and one preacher at the same service.

The Gomez church called Rev. J. H. Agee last Sunday.

Our worker's meeting meets tomorrow, Sept. 29th, at Ropes. This church has just gone from half time to full time. A. A. Brian is pastor.

Brother Cal McGahey of Plainview has been called by the New Home church.

We went over the top at our association. Twenty-seven churches were represented. We paid an old association debt also a new debt and have money left in the treasury. The Board raised the missionary's salary and voted not to ask the State Board for aid.

O'Donnell went to full time. They called W. K. Horn again at a salary of \$2,100.00 and a home.

I have just spent a pleasant week with B. N. Shepherd in a Teachers' Training School course. Miss Amy Glenn of Matador taught the Sunday School Manual; Brother Shepherd the Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual and I taught the Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual.

We now have six full time, six half time and seventeen fourth time church in our association.

Brother A. J. Morgan of Oklahoma spent Sunday with Pastor C. E. Ball at Brownfield and preached at the eleven o'clock hour.

The Baptist church at Wilson is planning the erection of a new church building, work to begin in the near future. A building committee has been appointed and plans are being worked out. It is probable the church will build a large basement at present and use this until the growth of the church will justify a larger building. The country around Wilson, like most of the plains country, is making rapid development and Brother Graves Darby is kept busy keeping pace with the development of the country.

The O'Donnell church is in the midst of a campaign to raise \$20,000 to complete their new brick church building, the first unit of which was completed last year. This church recently went from half to full time. Brother W. K. Horn is pastor of the church.

The next workers' conference of the Brownfield Association will meet with the Tahoka church on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October. The last meeting of the conference was held with the Ropes church and a fine program was rendered.

The association instructed the missionary to make plans for the Fall cash round-up and for the 1926 program. The churches agreed to release their pastors for an intensive campaign in every church in the association. On account of the lateness of the cotton crop on the plains it was decided to postpone the campaign until the first three Sundays in November.

At the last meeting of the workers' of the association it was decided to divide the association into three B. Y. P. U. districts. Pastor Graves Darby of Wilson is the general president of the associational B. Y. P. U. There will also be a president for each district.

An effort is being made to unite the New Hope and Midway churches into one strong church. If these plans are carried out a nice church building will be constructed halfway between the two churches.

REV. LAWRENCE RESIGNS WORK AS COUNTY MISSIONARY

Rev. W. M. Lawrence County Missionary for the Haskell Baptist Association has resigned his place after 22 months' service and has accepted full time work as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Southland and will move his family to that city sometime next week if health and weather conditions will permit. Rev. Lawrence has been a faithful worker, an earnest preacher and his work is among the best in the state. He is truly a Christian gentleman and has endeared himself to many while here. The Baptist people over the county regret very much to give up Rev. Lawrence from the responsible place he has filled so satisfactorily and the many friends the family have made in the city are loath to see this good family go to other parts, but wish for them the best that life affords in their new home, and the prayers of all people follow them. We take a great pleasure in recommending Brother Lawrence to the people of Southland with the fullest assurance that he will be of great service to them in the kingdom of the Master. We wish them success and happiness in their new place of abode.

Rev. J. W. Read of Rochester was selected by the Association and has accepted the work of County Missionary and will begin his new duties at once. Rev. Read is well known in the county having lived here many years and has had experience in the work and is an able and efficient minister of the Gospel.—Haskell Free Press.

SCURRY-MITCHELL ASS'N HAS GOOD MEETING

(From The Baptist Visitor, Colorado; M. C. Bishop, Editor).

Following one of the best Workers Conferences held anywhere, the Mitchell-Scurry Association convened with the First Church, Colorado on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8th. The body was quickly organized with Rev. G. W. Parks, pastor at Roscoe as Moderator and Pastor M. C. Bishop of Colorado, as vice-Moderator, Rev. C. C. Carr of Snyder as Clerk. Brother Harvey Shuler of Snyder as Treasurer. Brother E. Keathley was elected as corresponding Secretary but declined on account of not being physically able to attend the meeting. Brother W. E. Morgan of Colorado was elected by the Executive Board to take Brother Keathley's place. Brother G. W. Parks of Roscoe preached the introductory sermon at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening on the subject of "Grace" and he made us all glad we are saved and led by grace. Those who heard the sermon were edified by seeing the inside meaning of grace and how it is God's means of helping folks through life. The regret we had was that so many of our local people were absent and missed the treat.

Wednesday morning brought us together for the real work of the day and the business of the body. The Chairmen of the various committees had been previously appointed so they might have a report ready for the association when convened.

The usual business was carried on. Some good speeches made. Several visitors from other associations. Coach Kuhn of Simmons University was present and talked privately with the young folks about school and several deacons for Simmons. Rev. Sam Malone, editor of the West Texas Baptist was present and brought a good message on religious literature. Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene, field representative for Buckner Orphans' Home was present and brought a good message about the Home and took a collection of about \$225.00 for the Home. Brother Parks missionary of Fisher County Association, a brother to our G. W. Parks of Roscoe, was with us as a visitor. Mr. Harrell, field representative of the Sunday School work, of our State Board was present and spoke to the body, Dr. M. E. Davis, Professor of Bible in Howard Payne College, Brownwood, spoke to us and charmed us. We were glad to have all these visitors. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Stinson of Abilene were with the ladies in their meeting.

At the Board meeting Brother Alexander was re-elected for another year at the same salary and the churches of the association will care for it without asking the State Board for help. So we are growing. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the meeting and were pleased with the local entertainment.

PRAYER.

"I know not by what methods rare, But this I know, God answers prayer, I know not when he sends the word That tells us fervent prayer is heard. I know it cometh soon or late; Therefore we need to pray and wait. I know not if the blessings sought Will come in just the guise I thot. I leave my prayers with Him alone Whose will is wiser than my own."

—Author Unknown.

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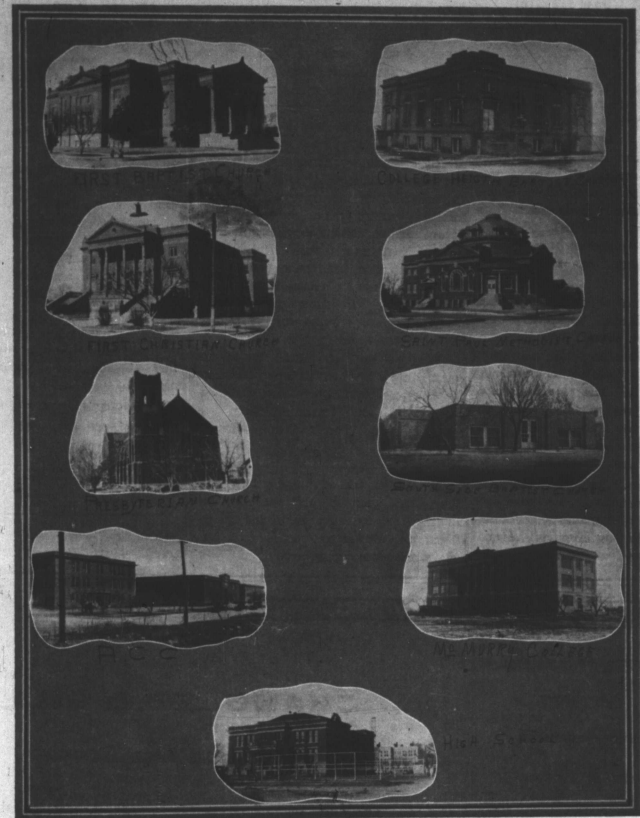
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DISCUSSES EVOLUTION QUESTION AT ROSCOE

Rev. L. G. Morony, former pastor of the Baptist Church at Sweetwater, but who is now a resident of Abilene, and who is State and National lecturer for the Anti-Evolution Association of America, delivered a very entertaining and instructive lecture at the tabernacle in Roscoe last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services at the different churches were omitted and the congregations attended the lecture.

Rev. Morony is a forceful speaker, and has a winning personality, and for an hour and a half held his hearers in rapt attention. He has spent much time and thought in preparing this lecture. He has procured data from every source possible, both for and against the subject, and deals with the proposition in a very sensible and convincing manner.

The daily press and magazines, he said, have generally accepted the "Hypothesis of Organic Evolution" as promulgated by Darwin. Hypothesis, he defined as "Something As-

sumed for the Purpose of Argument." He defined evolution as meaning the "transmutation of species," the analysis of which leads us to accept the theory that all life started from one cell. This cell or scum or whatever it is called makes its first appearance in the water. We are not told where it comes from to the water. It is first a scum without life. It then evolves into a kind of jelly; from jelly to tadpole; from tadpole to fish; from fish to snake; from snake to bird; from bird to a lion, elephant or something; from this to an ape, and from an ape to man, and there you are all spick and span. No need to worry any more. The super-brain of the evolutionist has made everything just as clear as—mud.

There is just one little fly in the ointment of the evolutionist, and that is that he has never been able to establish the transmutation of species, said the speaker.—Roscoe Times.

"Someone has wittingly said that Christians may be divided into two bodies—the workers and the grumblers; the grumblers never work, and the workers never grumble."

PASTOR RESIGNS WORK WITH THE MT. OLIVE CHURCH

After three years of successful work with the Mt. Olive church, Rev. W. G. Tankersley resigned at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning. He was called to the care of the church May, 1923. The church was at that time worshipping in the Bolin school house. During his time the church has erected a house and furnished it with the best of equipment from the piano down to the song books. The church has more than doubled in membership. Brother Tankersley led the young people into fine B. Y. P. U.'s and Wednesday night prayer meetings. The W. M. U. has a good work going which is also the fruit of the pastor.

Brother Tankersley preaches his last sermon at the next regular meeting day.

Son, go work today in my vineyard.—Matt. 21:28.

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH SECURES NEW PASTOR

The Cross Plains Baptist are rejoicing over the fact that they have secured a pastor who is soon to be located on the field. The new pastor is Brother H. C. Hearn of Liberty, Texas. He is a graduate of the Baptist Seminary of New Orleans and has had one year's work with the Texas and Louisiana State Boards, and is said to be a fine leader and organizer. He expects to be on the field by the 15th of October.

The Cross Plains church is one of the important churches in the fast developing oil field section. During the past year under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Littleton, a splendid church building was erected that will adequately care for the expansion of the church for some time.

Evangelist B. B. Crimm is in a meeting at present with the Rule church, which means that the Devil and his bunch are in for a good drubbing during the next few weeks.

A WORD FROM BRADSHAW

On our last regular preaching day at Bradshaw we received into our church eight members, three of whom came by baptism. Most of these are new business men and women of our little town and we rejoice to see them line up for service with us here.

The Woman's Missionary Union which was organized some four months ago, has raised money to paint the church, buy little chairs for the tiny tots and a nice suite of library table and chairs, besides quite a bit of other work.

Our Sunday School and W. M. U. are steadily going forward and we feel encouraged over the work in general.

Our pastor, Rev. A. C. Hardin of Simmons University, Abilene, is one of the most earnest consecrated workers we have ever known. He is God's man, one fearless, sincere and ever on the alert for lost souls and the upbuilding of the kingdom.

—Reporter.

He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.—1 John 4:16.

STAMFORD NEWSPAPER COMMENDS SERMON

The editor of the Stamford Leader, a splendid semi-weekly newspaper published at Stamford, is evidently not a Baptist, but he does not fail to give the religious news of his city prominent position in his paper. In an issue last week he had the following to say in regard to the services at the First Baptist Church, Stamford:

It was the good pleasure of the editor of The Stamford Leader to hear Rev. W. C. Moffett last Sunday, and he preached a most excellent sermon at the First Baptist Church, where he is pastor.

Rev. Mr. Waite is the assistant pastor, we are told, and he also leads the splendid choir that gave us some excellent music.

Rev. Mr. Moffett preached along lines of being a Christian truly and not in name only. He pointed out the fact that no man could have the least influence for Christianity, unless he was a doer of the right as well as

preacher of the right. He took the position that the best evangelist in the country—best in point of oratory and getting the crowds, was all the same as a tinkling brass or a sounding cymbal, if he was not good at heart; he could not possibly have any influence for the good, if he were not good himself.

The service was a splendid one. There was a large crowd present and at the end of the sermon many went forward to congratulate the preacher on the discourse.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien has accepted the call of the church at Munday and has moved on the new field. Brother O'Brien has been with the First Church, Baird for the past several months and the work there was prospering under his leadership. He is one of the best pastors in the entire West. He is evangelistic in his preaching and during his ministry at Baird held meetings in practically ever church in the association. We regret to see him leave our sister association, but glad that the good church at Munday was fortunate in securing his services.

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