

Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

Rev. Graves Darby of Waco is doing the preaching in a meeting this week with the Swenson Church, of which Brother H. T. Dennis is pastor.

Brother R. D. Brannon of Rotan is to be in a meeting in the First Church, Pampa, this week and next. Dr. Moore will fill the pulpit at Rotan next Sunday.

P. D. O'Brien of Colorado is to be with Pastor Lawrence Hays and the Tahoka church in a revival meeting beginning Sunday, April 23. R. E. King of the Tahoka church, will direct the music.

The Post newspaper reports interest growing in the meeting at the First Baptist Church of that city. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, is doing the preaching.

Rev. W. W. Melton, of Waco is to do the preaching in a two-weeks' revival with the First Baptist Church of Ballinger. Pastor J. H. McClain and the church are making extensive preparations for the meeting.

Clyde Jackson preached at Shepp Sunday, April 1st. Shepp has been left pastorless since the resignation of Rev. Lowell Ponder, who has accepted the full-time work at Rochester in Haskell Co.

The workers conference of the Mitchell-Scurry Association was held on Tuesday of this week with the church at Dunn. The meeting was held one week earlier than the regular time on account of the Sunday School Convention at Fort Worth.

The First Baptist Church, Colorado, was selected as the next meeting place of the District Sunday School and B. T. S. Convention of District 8. Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Colorado, is president of the District Sunday School Convention.

Pastor J. H. Skiles and the church at New Hope, Jones County, are conducting an interesting program this week. The week's program began on Sunday afternoon with a message on "The Work of the Church." Each evening during the week a study and discussion of the various work of the church will be had.

"What is Right with the World," was the subject of an address delivered by Dick O'Brien of Colorado, at a school program in Munday last week. There are lots of good things about this old world, and perhaps we would all be better off if we would dwell a little more on these good things, rather than so many of the bad ones.

Roy Young, pastor at Sardis, a fourth-time church in Fisher County, for five months, had ten additions, nine by letter and one by baptism, organized two BYPU's and one W. M. S. raised about thirty dollars in produce and cash for Buckner Orphans' Home and the church gives every month to the co-operative program. Planning a S. S. Training school in the next few weeks. One of the members gave the pastor a cow this week just to "help out a little."

Word comes in from Rev. Jay Pruden, of Berkeley, California, an associational missionary in the northern part of that state, that he is building a trailer, all equipped to go into a new field where there are no churches and start the work. The trailer will have a complete camping equipment and also room for a small library; also other things to help in carrying the Gospel story to those isolated places where there is seldom preaching of any kind. Such places are not hard to find in California.

Dr. N. A. Moore preached at Roby Sunday evening. Rev. D. G. Reid is the pastor of this good church. He reports a very good meeting, which closed March 25, with Brother E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater doing the preaching, and Brother Thomas Hodges, also of Sweetwater, leading the singing. There were twenty-three additions and a good revival among the church members. The S. S. was reorganized and seven new classes formed. The meeting was held in the church building this year instead of the tabernacle, and this seemed to tie the people onto the church more than in the previous meetings. Brother Reid said. There were good crowds and a great spirit of revival prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

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Meditations and Comments by the Editor as he Watches the World Go By.

Baptist State Sunday School Convention Meets At Fort Worth, April 10 to 12

WARN BAPTISTS THEY MUST PROTEST NAZI JEWISH PERSECUTION

CHICAGO.—Churchmen see in the forthcoming World Baptist Congress, which is scheduled to be held in Germany this summer, an opportunity for Christianity to make known its feelings in respect to the Nazi persecution of the Jews and the paganism of the church. Writing in the Christian Century on the subject, Professor Conrad Henry Moehlman declares that if the Baptists in congress assembled in Berlin fail to utter a word of criticism of the Nazi gospel, "for such cowardice the Baptists would be despised in every country in the world and would be compelled to pay heavier spiritual reparations than those the Allies so absurdly imposed on Germany." Asserting that the Baptists must criticize both the philosophy and practices of the Nazis, Professor Moehlman goes on to ask, "Will they be bold enough to call attention to Christianity's debt to Judaism and the shame of the ghetto, the inquisition and the pogrom? Will they dare affirm their faith in democracy, brotherhood and the Kingdom of God and their opposition to propaganda, race hatred and war in Berlin in 1934? They must survive. But if they do, it is difficult to see how they will thereby help their spiritual brothers, the German Baptists of Germany."

SANITARIUM NOTES

STATE WILL HELP WITH CHARITY PATIENTS

I wish to call your attention to a bill that was passed at the first session of the last legislature, namely, Senate Bill No. 46, under which one per cent of the bond issue of \$5,500,000.00 is to be allowed for hospitalization of indigent persons. Through the efforts of the State Hospital Association and Judge Philip R. Overton of Dallas, Texas, an amendment to the bill increases the percent from one per cent to two and one-half per cent. The Texas Relief Commission is hereby authorized to use not more than two and one-half percent of the proceeds of the Texas Relief Bonds for the payment of hospital bills, provided, however, that such hospital bill shall not be in excess of \$2.50 per day. Such hospitalization shall be authorized only in emergency cases where special attention is essential to the preservation of life, and such care cannot be administered in the home of the patient or in the doctor's office; provided that no funds shall be used in counties having either county or city hospitals.

Our ministers and churches are frequently asked to help hospitalize some poor person in a community. As long as the state funds last, we should make claims to the Texas Relief Commission on indigent cases from communities where there is no county or city hospital. The procedure is to get your local relief commissioner to O. K. the case before being sent to the hospital, or as soon after then as possible. When the patient is discharged from the hospital, an itemized bill will be made out and sent to the local relief commissioner, and he, in turn, will send it to the state commissioner.

The Baptist hospitals and Baptist churches have carried a tremendous burden during the past three years in financing hospitalization for the poor people of West Texas. Many of these cases were not Baptist; a great majority of them belonged to no church. In the past few years, the government has given every kind of relief, but has made no provision to help a man who is flat on his back. The church hospitals have carried a tremendous burden, and we are indeed grateful that the Texas State Hospital Association has championed the cause of the sick man at the State Legislature, and that our legislators are willing to join hospitals in the state of Texas in serving sick and suffering humanity.

E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

The eyes of Texas Baptists will be turned next week to Fort Worth where the ninth annual Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet. It is expected that thousands of Sunday School workers from all over West Texas will be in attendance at this meeting. Last week Robert H. Coleman of Dallas, president of the convention, issued the following statement in regard to the meeting.

"The ninth annual State Sunday School Convention of Texas Baptists will be held in Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 10, 11 and 12. We hope to have a record attendance of 7,500 this year in Fort Worth, and while that would be the largest number ever registered at a religious convention in Texas, yet it is not beyond reason, because we registered 6,985 in Dallas two years ago.

"Our Sunday school work in Texas is very inspiring and hopeful. State Secretary G. S. Hopkins has the unstinted love, the unbounded confidence and the tenderest appreciation of the great hosts of Texas Baptists; and the workers throughout the state are glad to follow his capable leadership with confidence and appreciation. The Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville gladly co-operates with us in stimulating and advancing the work among our Sunday schools, and their help during the past year has been appreciated.

"We would make very earnest plea that pastors and superintendents throughout the state make it a special point, even at a sacrifice, to go to Fort Worth for this convention, and take as many of their teachers, officers and other workers as possible. They will catch fresh visions, they will have opportunities of studying the best methods in all departments of Sunday school work under experienced and successful leaders, and they will go back to their individual tasks with renewed enthusiasm.

Dismissal of Jews In Nazi Germany

Some time ago the London Jewish Chronicle contained an interesting article on "The Dismissal of Jews in Nazi Germany." We are giving below some extracts from this article in order that our readers may get a little better insight into the Jewish situation in Germany.—Editor.

It may be remembered that at the end of November, the Berlin Labor Court No. 1 ruled that "the fact that a worker belongs to the Jewish race is in itself not sufficient ground for dismissal without notice." On Saturday, the Supreme Federal Labor Court overruled this decision. It handed down a ruling that "it is legal to dismiss Jews from employment without notice for the sole reason that they belong to the Jewish race." The court tried to save its face by appearing to qualify this principle without actually doing so. It declared that "there can be no question of enforcing a principle that every Jew in employment must be dismissed simply because he is a Jew, but membership of the Jewish race may be recognized as a valid reason for dismissal, provided the circumstances have been fully examined and due account has been taken of the situation as it has now been clarified in regard to the Jews."

The court then proceeded as follows: "The ruling that Jews may be dismissed without notice on the ground that they belong to the Jewish race must not be interpreted as meaning that every one in employment who is of non-Aryan origin may be dismissed without notice." Unless this is a reference to those who are neither Aryan nor Semitic, such as the Japanese, it is difficult to see what else it can mean. But the court became even more abstruse as it proceeded: "Membership of the Jewish race can be put forward only as one of the grounds for dismissal without notice. The other conditions that apply in each individual case must also be examined at the same time, however, and examined from the point of view that has been made clear as applying at the present day. In no case can the anti-Jewish boycott of April 1st, 1933, be regarded as a ground for dismissal, since this was only a temporary measure against Jewish shops. Even the subjective fear of an employer that the continued employment of a Jewish employe

would be harmful to his enterprise will not suffice. There must be a thorough examination made to establish whether the circumstances from an objective point of view really make the further employment of this particular employe harmful to the employer or his interests." This would appear to be in flat contradiction to the ruling itself that Jews may be dismissed without notice on the ground that they belong to the Jewish race. This is sufficiently clear and its effect cannot be doubted.

The day before, the Berlin Supreme Court handed down a verdict upholding the dismissal of a film director without notice, on April 5th solely because he was a Jew. He had claimed 11,000 marks (815 pounds) due him under his contract and 12,000 marks (890 pounds) for the scenario. The company had not completed the picture on the ground that the scenario was the work of a Jew. The Court found the dismissal justified "because the Government had adopted a definite policy of eliminating Jews from all cultural life in Germany." This Court did not wait for policy to be converted into legislation.

The Prussian Labor Court, however, has handed down a decision based explicitly upon law as opposed to policy. It has over-ruled the refusal of a lower court to allow a non-Aryan official of an organization to appear before it on behalf of the organization. The lower court held that the provisions that apply against non-Aryan lawyers apply also in such cases. Not so, said the State Court. "It is true that, according to the principles of the National Socialist State, non-Aryans are in principle excluded from participation in law. That has been, however, exactly regulated by legislation, and if it had been intended to extend the Aryan principle to representatives of organizations, an appropriate regulation would have been introduced. This has not been done, and there is no justification for anticipating legislation." The Federal Ministry of Justice was not pleased, and Ministerial Director Dr. Volkmar commented adversely in the Deutsche Justiz. He objected that a Judge should "decide as he feels about the extent to which the fundamental idea of racial legis-

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DENOMINATIONS UNITE IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST PICTURE-LITERATURE EVIL

LOS ANGELES.—Catholic opinion here has been aroused against vile motion pictures during the past few weeks to an extent unequalled in many years. Speaking at the annual banquet of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, His Excellency Bishop Cantwell urged its members to get behind the movement to clean up the movies. The Los Angeles Tidings, official organ of the diocese, devotes more attention to the motion picture situation than it has given it in many a day. Catholic determination to cleanse the motion picture industry is reflected in other parts of the country where, in many instances, Catholics are uniting with Protestants and Jews to combat this evil.

GALVESTON.—Representatives of the Methodist and Baptist churches have joined with representatives of the Catholic church in a campaign for cleaner motion pictures, plays and books. The campaign was started several months ago by the Most Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, Bishop of Galveston.

NEW YORK.—Rabbis throughout the country have issued vigorous denunciations of the motion picture industry. In connection with celebrations held at Temple Beth Israel, Houston, Texas, to commemorate the 34th anniversary of Dr. Henry Barnston as rabbi, the latter condemned those Jews who "bring disgrace on their race by producing rotten plays, rotten pictures and rotten books." A similar attack on the Jews at the head of the motion picture industry was made recently by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland. Jews feel a particular responsibility in the matter believing that the Jewish people in general may be attacked for the sins of a few Jews who control the motion picture industry.

GERMANIZING OF PSALMS RECEIVED WITH RIDICULE

NEW YORK.—The "Aryanization" of the Psalms accomplished in Germany by the Nazis has been received here with ridicule. "This twisting of religion to fit a particular race, with its labored rewriting of Psalms and introduction of German folk-lore in place of the Old Testament, has become a joke to the rest of the world," declared J. Hutton Lynd, leader of the St. Louis Ethical Culture Society in a lecture before the local Ethical Culture Society. . . . Referring to Wilhelm Teudt, author of the Nazi version of the Psalms, Harlan Eugene Reade, noted radio news commentator declared, "Really humorous authors are so rare as to be brought to public notice," adding that "the Nazis are persecuting the race to which Jesus belonged and at the same time stealing its poetry."

The latest attempts of the Nazis to tamper with Jewish and Christian sacred literature concerns an attempt to reduce the Psalms to a book of "God Songs," an "Aryan" version of the Psalms rewritten by Wilhelm Teudt for German citizens in the Third Reich. By industrious selection and omission Herr Teudt has reduced the 150 original Psalms to 75 "God Songs." The omitted Psalms include virtually all that contain references to Hebrew history or mention of the Hebrew people.

ABILENE PASTOR WILL DELIVER ADDRESS ON GIANTS, GRASSHOPPERS

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will deliver an address at the Sunday School Convention at Fort Worth next week, his subject being, "Giants and Grasshoppers." Dr. Jenkins besides his duties as pastor of one of the largest churches in Texas is chairman of the board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a member of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., and is a member of the local boards of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and Simmons University.

Prof. Charles B. Lipman of the University of California, leading advocate of the theory that bacteria can stay alive for millions of years in coal, rocks, or other materials deeply buried in the earth's crust, claims to have further evidence of bacterial life inside adobe brick and similar material known to have been from 100 to 1400 years old.

Judge Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, who has heard more than 42,000 divorce cases, more than any other living judge, has drawn up ten rules, which he believes will prevent many maritalships from going on the rocks. Here they are: (1) Bear and forbear; (2) work together, play together, and grow up together; (3) avoid heated quarrels; (4) do not cover up little differences until they accumulate; (5) speak frankly to each other until you reach an agreement; (6) sympathy, good humor and mutual understanding are the supporting pillars of the home; (7) good humor on parting in the morning and a cheerful meeting in the evening; (8) share all responsibilities and pleasures alike; (9) by all means establish a home of your own, regardless of how humble it may be; (10) make your bedtime prayer a sort of review of the day, and you will never go to bed without a clean slate, and there will be no leftovers for the next day.

DELIVERS ADDRESS AT WORKERS' MEETINGS

Dr. N. A. Moore spent last Sunday in Fisher County. In the morning he preached at the Highland Home Church, where Brother Charles R. Smith is pastor. His subject was "The Resurrection and what it means to the Christian." In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Fisher County Sunday School convention at the Highland Home Church and Dr. Moore gave a Sunday School address on "Evangelism in the Sunday School." Among other things, Dr. Moore said that "Our evangelism is like the lightning bug, it will flash on and then off again. The Sunday School is the best equipped part of the church to go afield and find the lost by personal work and religious census. It is more important to train a life for service in the Kingdom of Christ than to win one lost soul to Christ, because the one trained for service would win others, perhaps hundreds, to Christ. Our churches are 'water-logged' with people who do not know the plan of salvation and the Sunday School is the place to remedy this and teach them the plan of salvation." He urged that all in the Sunday School should study the book "Winning to Christ," in order to be ready to do the best in leading others to the Savior when the opportunity comes.

Other speakers at the meeting in the afternoon were Rev. Hardesty, of McCauley; Rev. Vaughn, Pleasant Valley; Rev. C. R. Smith, Highland Home.

Rev. R. D. Brannon, Sunday School president of the 17th district, awarded twenty-two diplomas in the administration and normal courses to members of the Highland Home Sunday School.

The next meeting of the convention is to be held at Roby.

SYLVESTER CHURCH PLANS OPENING ON APRIL EIGHTH

9:45 a. m.—Song Service—A. G. Hastings.
10:00 a. m.—Scripture Reading.
10:10 a. m.—Sunday School Teaching Period.
11:00 a. m.—Song Service.
11:15 a. m.—Prayer—Ed. B. Beck.
11:20 a. m.—Scripture Reading.
11:25 a. m.—Sermon by the Pastor.
12 Noon—Basket Dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Song Service—T. L. Carter.
2:15 p. m.—Prayer by Mother Carters.
2:20 p. m.—Vocal Solo—Mrs. W. T. Barnes.
2:30 p. m.—The Preparation of the Church—Rev. A. D. Williams.
2:45 p. m.—Song.
2:50 p. m.—The Government of the Church—Rev. D. G. Reed of Roby.
3:10 p. m.—The Mission of the Church—Rev. E. D. Dunlap.
7:45 p. m.—Evening Worship.
Revival meeting begins following Thursday night (April 5th), Rev. Phillip McGahee of Snyder doing the preaching.
W. D. GREEN, Pastor.

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"UNCLE GIDEON"

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has recently published a tract on "Wise Saying of 'Uncle Gideon' to Preachers." The "Uncle Gideon" referred to is, of course, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, who for so many years served Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists so faithfully. The sayings were compiled by O. E. Bryan, who kept a note book on Dr. Gambrell for many years. They should be in the hands of every preacher in the Southland. We are indebted to our own State Secretary, Dr. Howard Williams, for the copy in hand. Copies were sent to all of our Baptist pastors in Texas by Secretary Williams. We have not had the time to read the tract through, but the following quotations from the first page will give an idea of the illuminating thoughts contained therein:

"A revival from heaven is the most irresistible force among the sons of men."

"No preacher ever gets down in the mouth until he first gets down in his heart."

"A preacher is undone if he doubts his message, doubts, either the truth of it or the power of it."

"No people are likely to advance much further than their leadership."

"No coward has any right to be a preacher. If a preacher is afraid of any one in his church, afraid to speak his mind or to do right, that man out to pray himself out of that timid atmosphere or he ought to resign and go where he is not afraid."

"People will not follow a coward except in a retreat."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On Thursday of next week the Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention will begin its ninth annual session at Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Secretary G. S. Hopkins has set the attendance goal at 7,500. Last year's meeting at Dallas reached nearly 7,000. It will be a great inspiration to see this great throng of Sunday School workers gather for three days of inspiration and fellowship. Eternity alone will reveal the tremendous power for good of our Sunday School forces in every nook and corner of Texas. When we think of the effectiveness of this mighty force, due credit should be given to G. S. Hopkins, who has led our forces for so many years. He has given the very best of his life to the upbuilding of our Sunday School work. Texas Baptists love him for his very works sake, and they rejoice to follow his leadership. Every lover of our Sunday School work should make every effort to attend the meeting at Fort Worth. The blessings received there will be reflected in every section of the State.

A HOPEFUL SIGN

Readers of this issue of the West Texas Baptist will note an aggressiveness on the part of religious leaders of all denominations against the evils of the moving picture industry and against the flood of indecent literature. It is a hopeful sign when church and civic leaders become alarmed over existing conditions, and start out to do something about it. The general public, likewise, becoming alarmed over the rapid increase of lawlessness and crime. Something must be done about this crime wave. The solution of the problem is in the hands of our courts and our juries composed of the citizens of our country.

CRUSADE AGAINST VILE LITERATURE

A crusade has been set in operation in New York under the combined auspices of Catholics, evangelical Christians and Jews to drive from sale on the newsstands in New York City obscene magazines. An order has been put in the hands of the police department to force news-dealers to remove sixty-three particularly vile magazines, pamphlets and books. Also a separate crusade for Christian decency in reading matter has been started by the Catholics.

This is a type of inter-denominational co-operation to which all religious bodies may consistently give support. It must be confessed that so much insufferable bunk has been turned loose on the public and is still being turned loose, in the name of religious tolerance, that thoughtful Christians are slow to give attention to co-operative religious movements even when they merit support. Those who parade before the public the beauty of good-will between persons of different faiths and who seek to make that more effective by drawing contemptuous and false caricatures of the alleged narrowness of religious persons of different faiths, are themselves the main difficulty in the way of a larger appreciation and understanding between the religious bodies.

As vile as is the part played by the ceaseless output of sex-ism and crime exaltation in the moving picture houses, the only reason the salacious magazines and book output in their vileness are not even more demoralizing and ruinous to immature minds is that the printed page does not make such a compelling impression upon the emotions of immature minds as does the visual enactment of scenes that throw a false halo of romance around sex-ism, lawlessness and crime.

It is said that the Roman Catholics moved first in New York City toward the clean-up of newsstand filth. We are glad to give that body credit for taking the initiative. It is extremely strong in New York City, and the initiative might properly come from it. It is rather humiliating to evangelicals that such initiative by them has been lacking and nothing done about this evil in many cities where their strength is dominant. In practically every one of the large cities there is an inter-denominational ministers conference which is attended by many of the evangelical ministers. What better instrumentality have evangelicals for dealing with dirty literature around cities? And if such a conference cannot make itself felt about such things as that, what can it do worth while?

Apropos of inter-denominationalism, we see a statement that a Stamford, Conn., religious meeting of leaders of various religious groups promulgated this: "Loyalty to one's own faith and tolerance to the faith of others." If that should be consistently stressed in all such meetings, with no cheap play to the galleries and with no false caricatures of religious bodies supposed to be less able to hit back, such meetings would win respect and good will of persons of reverence and spiritual understanding, which for the most part they do not now possess.

New York "sets the fashion." In doing so, it has led America away from its traditional moorings and into many a garish folly. We rejoice that its vast big-city prestige is here being used for decency and cleanliness.—West-ern Recorder.

"Our Movie Made Children"

DR. N. A. MOORE

The picture business suits its offerings to the tastes and ideals to the particular section of the country where they attract the largest patronage. In the more moral and intellectual areas the best productions are sent, but in the crowded tenements of the large cities where the foreign population, and the back wash of society congregates they are correspondingly low. In these crowded sections of our great city life the movies become almost the whole of social and school life, yet the cheapest of sex and crime pictures predominate. These films are "bally hooded" by the most spectacular advertising of local papers, lobby posters, replicas of electric chairs, hangman's nooses, wax figures, paintings of semi-nude girls in suggestive sex poses, etc. A few of the headlines for such pictures as "Little Caesar," "Underworld," "Up For Murder," are here reproduced: "Gang war—the story of the greatest underworld war ever told," "What a traveling man does after he kisses his wife goodbye," "One wife against six blondes."

"Married enough just to be interesting. Starts with a bang as madam loses her dress, leaps high as her lover hires a sin-thetic wife, snappy as a French magazine."

"Do you fear sex? You learn about the riddle of sex on the screen Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday."

Out of these areas of the vile movies come the young criminals, gangsters, sex delinquents, high infant mortality, and other evidences of the moral breakdown of present day society. Certainly the connection of cause and effect is indisputable. While there are pictures of genuine worth and merit and conscientious producers who would not prostitute their powers of influence wholly and solely to the financial returns of the ticket window, yet that number is too small to off-set the vast damage done by the majority of the productions.

The investigators made no suggestions for improvement, simply placing the evidence which cannot be controverted or disputed before the jury of the American public, leaving it for them to do or not to do as they see fit.

It is the writer's opinion that when the black pages of this report have time to become known there will be a movement on the part of the decent elements of our country as will compel such sweeping reforms that will remedy these evils. It is in that hope that these articles have been written. The public is ignorant, long-suffering, and apathetic toward most needed reforms, but there is a sense in which bad men and women help a good cause by their badness provided they are bad enough. They produce a reaction when they progress to a certain degree. I believe the movies had reached that bad degree and the demand which produced this survey is an evidence of the reaction. We know that Hollywood, though having many honest, virtuous, and unselfish people in the production of our moving pictures, is the scandal spot of America. Marriage, chastity, the sacredness of parent-hood, the ideals of home life, the elevating association of the sexes is on the level of the barbarians and worse. Neither in their own personal lives nor in their screen conduct do they stand to inculcate the principles of manhood, womanhood, and social ideals without which we cannot endure as a nation. Not only are their personal lives, their screen productions demoralizing in their influence, but the vast literature of the profession is of the same degenerate type. In one of the movie magazines on sale at the newsstand of Abilene in very recent days the front page discussion was a long article illustrated by appropriate pictures as to what percentage of nudity on the part of a young woman produces the highest degree of sex-appeal on the part of men; whether it is better to be disrobed entirely, semi-disrobed, or semi-semi. The miracle is that as many of the young people as do escape the poison of the viper that wriggles in their midst every day, morning, noon and night, with the sabbath thrown in for good measure.

A few concluding suggestions. First, the facts contained in Mr. Forman's condensed summary "Movie Made Children" should be given the widest publicity. Study clubs, S. S. libraries, preachers, teachers, P. T. A.'s, and parents should help circulate this book. Second, through proper sources, efforts should be made for national, and state regulation of the movies—a censorship if you please. Third, town and community censorship should be encouraged to exert all its powers for bettering conditions. Fourth, block-booking of pictures should be forbidden so that local managers can have a free hand in selecting the films they display. Fifth, parents should not let children acquire the movie habit or attend indiscriminately; neither should they go without adult guidance. The pictures they see should be hand-picked.

MY CHRIST

Jesus knows when our load is heavy
Knows the cross that we must bear;
He understands when we are tempted.
Our every heartache He'll gladly share.
Why will we murmur, with such a guide,
Ask, and our every need is supplied;
He'll fail us not, then why anxious be,
I'm satisfied with Jesus, but is He satisfied with me?
He sought men out, went where the need was greatest
He went alone, and lingered long to pray.
Will we fail Him now, tho' some days may be dreary
Somebody needs our love and prayers today.
When He calls me, shall I empty-handed go?
Will there not be some, my Christ, I led to know?
When face to face, O, that I might hear him say to me:
"Well done. I'm satisfied with thee."

—Mrs. R. D. Jordan, Abilene.

MAN AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD

Working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight.—Heb. 13:21.
As Jesus was entirely dependent on the Father for all His words and all His works, so the believer can do nothing of himself. What he can do of himself is altogether sinful. He must therefore cease entirely from his own doing, and wait for the working of God in him. As he ceases from self-support faith assures him that God does what He has undertaken, and works in Him. And what God does is to renew, to sanctify, and waken all his energies to their highest power.—Andrew Murray.

SECRET OF VICTORY

Christ within means refreshment, enjoyment and aiding strength for the daily life. It is victory in the battle. A child, learning this golden truth, told her mother that Satan had tried to come into her heart, knocking hard to tempt her. "What did you say?" inquired the mother, and the reply was, "I told Jesus to go to the door."—J. B. Leavell.

"A long-tailed coat may cover a fool but it cannot hide him."

Devotional Thoughts

DAILY, DAILY, DAILY

Daily in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.—Acts 5:42.

There should be the daily preaching of the life, and if all the members of the churches were daily teaching of Jesus Christ from house to house a daily sowing would be a daily reaping. If we were daily praying with earnestness, and daily using every effort we could by the power of the Holy Spirit, and if daily the church abode in fellowship with her Master, we should soon see added to it daily those who are unsaved.—C. H. Spurgeon.

GET WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:52.

You may be strong in intellect and weak in conscience. You may be in no way deficient in moral strength. The former will make you brilliant, but the latter only can make you really useful and happy. A polished intellect may be cultivated, while the heart remains like a sterile wilderness. The graces of the intellect are like the various colors of the butterfly's wing, which, while they please the eye, keep it not from the fire by which it is destroyed. How important is it than that we should listen to the wise man's counsel: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding."—W. P. Balfour.

THE BEGINNING OF FAITH

If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; then is our preaching vain. —1 Cor. 15:13-14.

I do not know where you begin your faith, but I know I begin mine at the resurrection. If Jesus Christ, dead and buried, did not arise, then I have finished; I need not go any further; I know there is no salvation for me. But in the fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians I find abundant evidence that the death of Christ was different from the death of anybody else. If he was raised from the dead, He is alive. He is alive because "He rose triumphant from the Cross."

He broke the fast-bound gates of hell,
The bars from heaven's high portals fell,
Let songs of praise His triumph tell,
Alleluia!

—W. Y. Fullerton.

WHICH SIDE?

He that is not with Me is against Me.—Matt. 12:30.

A merely negative attitude toward those who might entice their fellows from the service of God to the worship of the idols of the land was not sufficient. There must be active opposition to everything which in any way tended to draw men away from the God of Israel. However close was the kinship between the tempters and those whom they sought to seduce no quarter was to be given, no allowance made, and on no pretext were they suffered to escape. Passive rejection of their overtures was regarded as entirely inadequate on the part of the people of God. Their energies must be exerted toward the destruction of every unholy influence, even though this meant the breaking of closest associations.—J. Stuart Holden.

AT END OF DAY

Have you done the deed
That would cheer one heart—
Have you said the word
That would lift one head—
Have you smiled the smile
That would sway one life—
Have you finished the task
That you've been assigned—
Have you read the word
That brings peace within—
Have you felt the joy
In giving Christ your best?
Then you'll be happy
At End of Day.

—Mary Katherine Lee.

"MOTHER DOESN'T CARE!"

A city chief of police a short time ago was speaking on the moral condition in his city. He said that one of the greatest troubles he and his men had to contend with was the uncontrolled the untrained children of the city. He said that many children from ten to sixteen years of age both boys and girls, were often found on the streets until eleven or twelve o'clock at night. When a girl was asked whether her mother allowed her to be out at that time of night, the reply often was, "Oh, she doesn't care." When asked where her mother was, the girl often replied, "She's gone to the movies." "Where is your father?" The reply was, "I don't know, he has gone somewhere."

The police chief said, what his city and the whole country needed is Christian mothers, who will stay at home and train their children. God has laid upon mothers a great responsibility, and yet He has conferred a great honor upon them in giving into their hands the training of the lives and souls of immortal beings for time and for eternity. Mothers, what are you doing for your children? Are you training them for God, or are you allowing them to run wild under the training of the devil and his agents? What report will you make to God on the work He has given you to do for your children?—Presbyterian of the South.

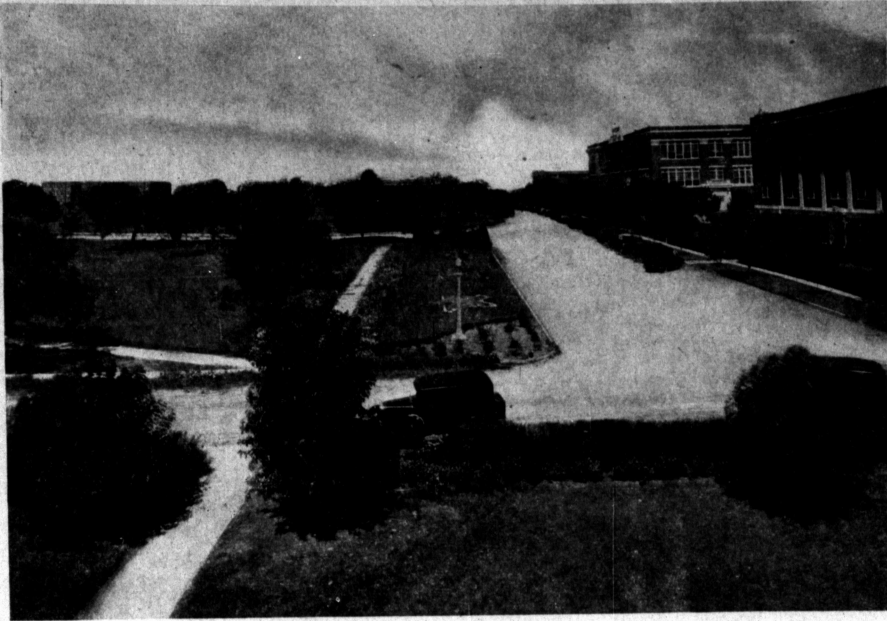
CHRIST'S IMMEASURABLE WORTH

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power.—Rev. 4:11.

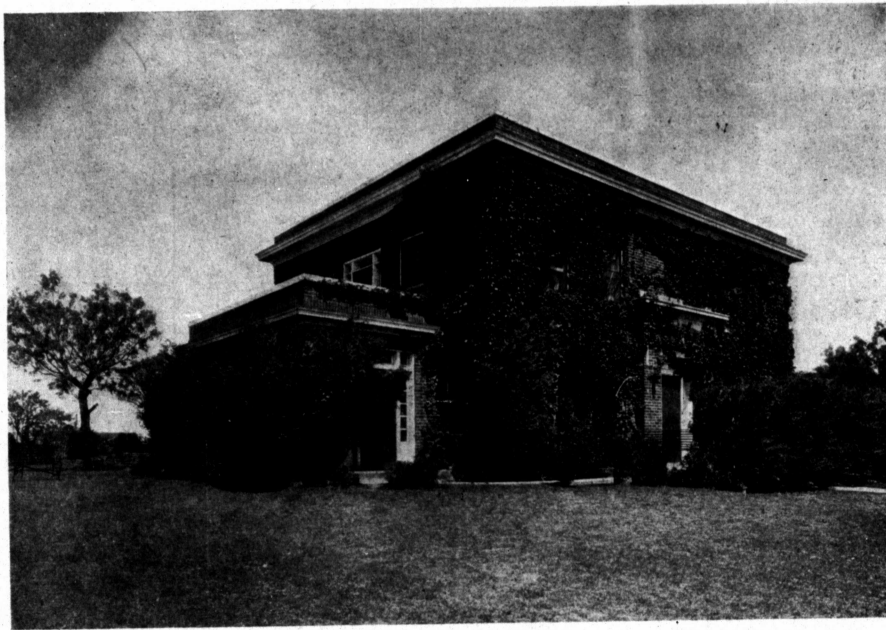
The Wonder of all Wonders. The Theme of Themes. The Mystery of Mysteries. The Glory of Glories. The Song of Songs. The God Man, Jesus Christ, dying, and the twofold purposes of His death, that the perfect revelation of God in all His love and grace may be made known to sinners as the God of Salvation, and that we poor, lost, ruined, guilty, helpless sinners may be eternally saved, counted righteous in His sight, and to share the eternal glory of being with and like Christ. Exhaust you may time, strength, thought, words, but you can scarcely touch the boundary line of Christ's immeasurable worth.—W. Lamb.

"The ship dragging its anchor is in peril and is imperiling all on board."—Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

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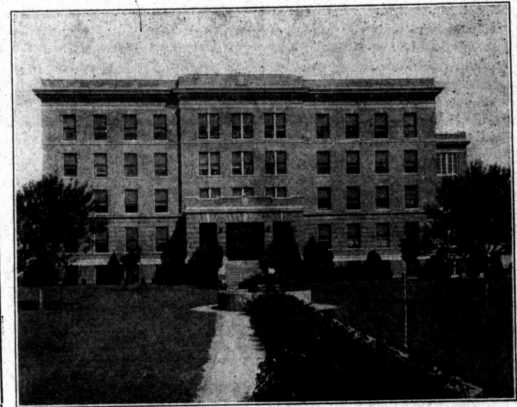
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S. S. Convention

(Continued from page one) of the capable and practical turn of mind of these conference leaders, which has come as a result of years of experience.

"This convention is again honored by being allowed to introduce another new song book, "Pilot Hymns," compiled by R. H. Coleman, our convention president. In view of this program and this new book and B. B. McKinney to lead the song service, the spiritual tides should run high. Be one of the 7,500 to enjoy it.

The program for the general session of the convention follows:

PROGRAM OF GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday Evening (Main Auditorium)
7:00—I Will Sing Unto the Lord.
7:40—Announcements.
7:45—Music.
7:50—Address, Dr. J. Howard Williams.

Tuesday, April 10—Morning (Main Auditorium Broadway Baptist Church)
9:15—I Will Sing Unto the Lord.
9:45—Welcome Message, Rev. Ramsey Pollard.
9:55—Response, Dr. Harlan J. Matthews.

10:05—Music.
10:10—Introduction of Conference Leaders, G. S. Hopkins.
10:15—General Announcements and Appointment of Committees.
10:25—"No Longer Lonely," J. Earl Mead.
10:45—Prayer Meeting, Rev. C. E. Matthews.
11:10—President's Message, Robert H. Coleman.
11:40—Music.
11:45—Address, Dr. P. E. Burroughs.
12:15—Adjourn.

Tuesday Afternoon (Main Auditorium)
Theme: Expansion.
1:50—I Will Sing Unto the Lord.
2:20—"Giving Our Boys and Girls a Chance," Stanley Wilkes.
2:40—General Announcements.
2:45—Conferences:

Administration—Auditorium of Broadway Presbyterian Church.
Home and Extension Department—Third Floor Senior Department.
Adult Department—Auditorium Second Floor.
Young People's Department—Second Floor Young People's Department.
Intermediate Department—Gymnasium.
Junior Department—Fourth Floor Junior Department.
Primary Department—Third Floor Primary Department.
Beginner Department—Fourth Floor Junior B Department.
Cradle Roll Department—Third Floor Intermediate Department.
4:45—Adjourn.

8. Teachers of Young People, Mrs. A. F. Whiddon.
9. Teachers of Adults, Mr. William P. Phillips.
Young People and Adult Class Officers as follows:
10. President, T. H. Owens.
11. Enlargement Vice Presidents and Group Captains, Mrs. Joe H. Russell.
12. Fellowship and Publicity Vice President, Miss Nina Parrish.
13. Class Ministries Vice President, Mrs. W. N. Tull.
14. Mission and Stewardship Vice President, Rev. J. R. Hickerson.
15. Records and Finance Vice President, R. A. Springer.
16. Musicians, I. E. Reynolds.
10:30—Reassemble in Main Auditorium.
10:35—I Will Sing Unto the Lord.
10:55—Address, J. Earl Mead.
11:40—Music.
11:45—Address, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.
12:15—Adjourn.

11:20—I Will Sing Unto the Lord.
11:45—A Tribute to the Sunday School Teacher, Dr. P. E. Burroughs.
12:15—Adjourn.

Thursday Morning, April 12 (Main Auditorium)
Theme: Teacher and Teaching.
8:45—D. V. B. S. Conference.
9:30—Department Conferences.
11:15—Assemble in Main Auditorium.
Thursday Afternoon (Main Auditorium)
Theme: Evangelism.
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9:15—Adjourn.
Wednesday Morning, April 11
8:45—D. V. B. S. Conference (Main Auditorium), Harry P. Wootan in charge).
D. V. B. S. Department Conferences as follows: Beginner, Mrs. Paul Ott; Primary, Mrs. O. E. Parris; Junior, Mrs. W. H. Bussell; Intermediate, Miss Beulah Doerr; Principals and Pastors, Harry P. Wootan.
9:30—Conferences (Entire Convention Participating):
1. Educational Directors, L. E. Posey.
2. Unpaid Superintendents, J. D. Burress.
3. Pastors, Dr. J. Howard Williams.
4. Teachers of Cradle Roll and Beginners, Mrs. H. R. Jones.
5. Teachers of Primaries, Mrs. Wood Alexander.
6. Teachers of Juniors, Mrs. Annie Going Taylor.
7. Teachers of Intermediates and Class Officers, Miss Mary Alice Biby.

Wednesday Afternoon (Main Auditorium)
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2:20—Message, George J. Mason.
2:45—Department Conferences.
4:45—Adjourn.
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Sunday School Convention Notes

Secretary G. S. Hopkins makes the announcement that a new Song Book, "Pilot Hymns," compiled by Robert H. Coleman, president of the convention, will be introduced at the State Baptist Sunday School Convention meeting with the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, April 10, 11, and 12.

President Robert H. Coleman, Dallas, reports that over 100 Texas speakers and conference leaders will appear on the program. The Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., will furnish four prominent speakers as follows: Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Mr. William P. Phillips, Miss Mary Alice Biby and Miss Verda Von Hagen. A record attendance of 7,500 is expected this year. A total of 6,985 registered messengers attended the Dallas convention in 1932. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor First Baptist Church, Abilene, will bring a message on "Giants and Grasshoppers." Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, will bring two great messages: "Living Sane in an Insane World," and "An Expert's Estimate of the Church."

The following are officers of the convention: Robert H. Coleman, Dallas, president; G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, secretary; J. Howard Williams, Abilene, Texas, moderator; J. D. Grey, Abilene, Texas, treasurer; J. Earl Mead, Abilene, Texas, recording secretary; J. R. Hickerson, Abilene, Texas, corresponding secretary; J. D. Burress, Abilene, Texas, publicity secretary; J. D. Burress, Abilene, Texas, publicity secretary; J. D. Burress, Abilene, Texas, publicity secretary.

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NOTES FROM STONEWALL ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. S.

At the workers meeting of the Stonewall Association held with the Clairmont Baptist Church in March, the associational W. M. S. had charge of 11-2 hours program following the lunch hour. This program featured Benevolence. Mrs. J. L. Fitzgerald, benevolence chairman at Aspermont brought the devotional, stressing, especially, the healing phase of Jesus ministry. Mrs. Guy Southern, associational benevolence chairman, of Swenson, gave a report on the benevolence of the A. M. S. foster. Mr. Collier, from the West Texas Baptist Hospital, brought a message on "The Hospital as a Benevolent Agency." At the close of Mr. Collier's address the association showered the hospital. There was also a cash offering made for the hospital at the meeting.

The workers meeting for the association met with the Swenson church April 3. At this meeting the ladies had charge of the program following the lunch hour. Since the Swenson church was in a revival meeting we featured personal service, the ultimate aim of which is soul winning. For this program Mrs. G. B. Callicote from Jayton led the devotional, laying special emphasis on our duty as stewards of the Gospel. Following the devotional Mrs. J. L. Anthony of Abilene, told the story of her conversion. Mr. Collier, of Abilene, was also present and told of the hospital as a soul winning agency.

Friday, April 6, at Girard, the women of the association will hold their quarterly meeting, with the following program:

Theme: "Whatever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might."
 Devotional, "Clean Hands," Mrs. Sidney Cox.

Greetings, Mrs. Earl Mayfield. Response, Mrs. J. L. Chennaner. Loyal Hands in Our Association: Aspermont, Mrs. Pierson Couch. Girard, Mrs. Earl Mayfield. Jayton, Mrs. Grover Little. Peacock, Mrs. Fred Estes. Swenson, Mrs. Ed Hahn. Stretching Forth Hands to the Needy, Mrs. Guy Southern. Special Music, Girard. Address, Rev. A. P. Stokes.

NOON Song Service. Devotional—Ministering Hands, Mrs. Harvey Dennis. Training Hands, Mrs. Geo. Bradshaw.

Helping Hands, Mrs. G. E. Aycock. Giving Hands, Mrs. Tom Cooper. Beckoning Hands, Mrs. Reece Ward. A Book in the Hand, Mrs. Whitaker. Special Music, Swenson. Diligent and Skillful Hands, Mrs. Riley Higgins.

Hands of the Entrusted Ones, Mrs. Irvin Pierson. Informed Hands, Mrs. Ellis Scogins.

Round table discussin of our problems. The majority of the local auxiliary studied the "Keys of the Kingdom" in connection with their March week of prayer.

The W. M. S. at Jayton has organized a young woman's circle. Great things are expected of this group. The local auxiliary at Aspermont had a very successful study of the "Keys of the Kingdom," and week of prayer.

Sunday, April 8, the young people of our association are to have their first quarterly meeting since the council was organized. Mrs. Pierson, associational young people's leader, has charge of the program. The young people at Aspermont are preparing a playlet, Jayton is to furnish the devotional and a special song. We feel like this council will mean a new day for the young people's work in Stonewall association.

The W. M. S. of Stonewall association feels deeply the loss of a very faithful and active member, Mrs. John Guest, of Aspermont, who went home to be with her Saviour March 28.

ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. S. WILL STAGE QUARTERLY MEETING AT MERKEL

Reviewing activities of the first three months of 1934, women of the Sweetwater Baptist Association are to hold their spring quarterly all-day session, Friday, at the Baptist Church in Merkel.

The meeting in charge of Mrs. C. C. Compere, Abilene, president, will begin at 9:45 o'clock with a hymn service and a devotional, "God's Promises to His Workers," led by Mrs. J. H. Dean, Abilene.

Visitors will be welcomed by Mrs. Earl Lassiter of Merkel, and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene will respond.

Local presidents will present three minute reports. They are Mrs. Jenny Holmes, First Church, Abilene; Mrs. W. R. Derr, Immanuel Church, Abilene; Mrs. P. E. Walker, Southside, Abilene; Mrs. Burl Scott, Sunset, Abilene; Mrs. D. W. Arnette, University Church, Abilene; Mrs. D. T. McDonald, Blackwell; Mrs. W. F. Joiner; Caps; Mrs. T. F. Collins, Merkel; Mrs. T. A. Hollis, Ovalo; Mrs. R. C. Crane, First Church, Sweetwater; Mrs. J. F. Ware, J. A. Reynolds, Ruscola; Mrs. R. F. England, Tye.

Mrs. Yates Brown is on the program for special music. Reports from the corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Hanks, Abilene; from the registration committee composed of Mrs. Ollie Dye and Mrs. J. C. Childress, Merkel, and from the resolutions committee, Mrs. R. C. Lewis, Abilene, and Mrs. Herman Coe, Sweetwater, and announcements will close the morning session.

Following lunch standing committees are to meet from 12:30 to 1 o'clock, and the executive board is to convene from 1 to 1:30.

Mrs. Burl Scott will give the afternoon devotional, following which Mrs. George L. Paxton of Abilene will present recommendations from the methods of finance committees. Other committee reports to be presented follow:

Stewardship, Mrs. W. M. Mullins, Sweetwater; Mission Study, Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Abilene; Missions, Mrs. W. C. Ashford, Abilene; Benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Caps; Education, Mrs. N. A. Moore, Abilene; Personal Service, Mrs. Z. C. Steakley, Sweetwater; periodicals, Mrs. Ellis Martin, Abilene; Young People, Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater; Publicity, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, Abilene; Librarian, Mrs. Elton Rhodes, Abilene.

Rev. C. R. Joiner, Merkel pastor, is to speak on the co-operative program. Enrollment and resolutions committees will make their final reports, and the meeting will close with prayer by Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene.

BAPTIST WOMEN ORGANIZE W. M. S. AT EULA THURSDAY

Mrs. Pitts of Abilene and the women of the Eula Baptist Church organized a Woman's Missionary Society Monday evening, March 19. The officers are: Mrs. Clyde Johnston, president; Mrs. M. E. Jolly, vice-president; Mrs. Mattie Hand, sec'y-treas.

The following were appointed: Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Robert Webb; Personal Service, Mrs. R. E. Bourland; Benevolence, Mrs. E. L. Gann; Stewardship, Mrs. L. E. Allen; Educational, Mrs. Bill Ferguson; Missions, Mrs. Jeff Humphreys; Periodicals, Mrs. T. A. Daniels; Publicity Editor, Mrs. J. H. Bone.

Meetings will be held at 3 p. m. on Monday after the first and third Sundays.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Willis Baugh, Mrs. Bill Ferguson, Mrs. Robert Webb, Mrs. R. E. Bourland, Mrs. Mattie Hand, Mrs. L. E. Allen, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Mrs. Pitts and Miss Mary Laura Baugh.

At one time Mrs. Guest was associational president. At the time of her death, she was board member at large, from our association.

District 17 W.M.U. Convention Meets at Abilene April 16 - 17

PROMINENT W. M. U. WORKER DIES AT ASPERMONT

March 28, 1934, in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene, Mrs. Margaret Ellen Guest, early pioneer of this section, active citizen, editor Aspermont Star, noble Christian and faithful church worker, died from the effects of pneumonia.

Mrs. Guest, until her marriage, Margaret Ellen Hudspeth, was born May 21, 1874, in McNary County, Tennessee. At the age of 14 she moved with her parents to Ellis County, Texas; later moving with them, April 3, 1890, to Stonewall County, where she made her home till the time of her death.

On October 2, 1895, Miss Margaret Ellen Hudspeth was married to Mr. John C. Guest of this county. Along with the Hudspeths, the Guests have been community builders in this section for many years, having come here as early pioneer settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Guest were born two children: M. N. Guest, now of Aspermont, and J. C. Guest, Jr., preceded his mother in death in May, 1909, at the age of 13 months and a few days.

Surviving the death of Mrs. Margaret Ellen Guest are: her husband, Mr. John C. Guest of Aspermont; one son, Mr. M. N. Guest of Aspermont; two brothers and two sisters and two grand children. The brothers are: Mr. R. A. Hudspeth of Sweetwater, Texas, and Mr. Joe Hudspeth of Aspermont. The sisters are: Misses Sarah and Nora Hudspeth of Rule, Texas. The grand children are: Martene and Shirley Ann Guest of Aspermont.

At the early age of ten Mrs. Guest became a Christian through faith in Christ and united with the Presbyterian church in Tennessee. In this church she lived until 1898 when she and her husband united with the First Baptist Church of Aspermont. For 36 years 'till the time of her death she was a member of this church. She and her husband also have been pillars in the support and development of the church. No member could have gone from the church that will be missed more than Mrs. John C. Guest. She was loyal and devoted both to the church and to that for which the church stood. For many years she was president of the W. M. S., both of the church and Stonewall Association. She was continually a teacher in the Sunday School department of the church, and was teaching a class of junior girls at the time of her death. Some years ago she succeeded her husband as treasurer of the church, an official position she also held until her death. She was also a member of the church building committee that was so instrumental in building the present house of worship for the church. She and her husband were among the heaviest contributors to the expense of building. And Mrs. Guest was the largest contributor in the church to the cause of missions around the world. She was a leader in building church spirit and hospitality. In nature she was a modest Christian and the extent of her work was not published while she lived.

In community building Mrs. Guest was no less a worker than in her church. She was progressive. And due to her religious convictions she stood for the highest moral ideals in her work for community development. For ten years she was editor of the Aspermont Star, an important community position. Through this channel as well as her church she wielded her influence for the highest Christian ideals in community development.

Aspermont has lost one of its noblest citizens. The church has lost one of its best supporters. And her home has lost a home's best friend.

J. S. TIERCE, Pastor.

ELMDALE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSES STUDY COURSE

The Elmdale Sunday School has recently completed a study course. Two books were taught: The First Division of the Sunday School Manual was taught by Dr. N. A. Moore of Simmons. The Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual was taught by our pastor, Rev. T. L. Nipp and Mrs. Ralph Antilley. The enrollment reached 55 with 34 taking examination.

It was a joy to have Dr. Moore with us. Each night after the study he brought us a great message on some important phase of church life. We believe a new day has dawned in our Sunday School and we are making plans to do more for our Master in this rural community.

WENDELL FOREMAN, Sunday School Superintendent.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Texas Women's Missionary Union, district 17, will be held at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, April 16-17. The first session of the convention will convene at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, with Mrs. R. M. White, district president, presiding.

The first session will be devoted to greetings, response, recognition of visitors, missionaries and new members. At the 11:00 o'clock hour the president's message will be delivered.

Prominent among the outside speakers at the meeting will be Mrs. B. A. Copass, state W. M. U. president; Mrs. T. C. Jester, state young people's leader and Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Baylor University representative.

Following the devotional, led by Mrs. Tate May of Hamlin, conferences will be held. This will be followed by a report on "Our Year's Work" by Mrs. Robert Jones, Abilene; and by a report on Finances by Mrs. H. J. Hanks of Abilene. Other afternoon speakers will be President Sander of Simmons, Hal F. Buckner, Dallas, Henry Littleton on Lueders Encampment and Mrs. E. A. Copass, Seminary Hill.

The Monday evening session will be special music by Grace McBride, Y. W. A. quartet, presentation of awards, reports from associations, declamation contest, address by Mrs. T. C. Jester of Houston, and a pageant by the Ann Hasselline Y. W. A. Simmons University.

The convention will close on Tuesday afternoon. The morning session will be devoted largely to discussions of plan of work, executive board meeting and an address by Mrs. J. M. Dauron of Waco.

The next issue of The West Texas Baptist will be given over, largely, to featuring the convention. The program will be published in full.

MEDITATIONS OF COMANCHE PASTOR

The only person who ever failed is the person who never tried. All of us now and then will meet defeat, or things that may overcome us, or outstrip us; but so long as we make an honest effort we have not failed.

Abraham Lincoln was one of the poorest of boys. He had none of this world's goods. His father and mother were obscure people. His mother died when he was just a brat. But he had in himself the making of a man. He fell in love with a girl whom he loved better than he did his own life. That young woman died and left Abe with a broken heart, but not with a broken will. He sought an office eight times, and eight times he was defeated. If he had died on or about that time, the world would have pronounced him an inglorious failure. But he would not give up and cease to toil. He pressed on until his country found herself in need of just such a man as he had proven himself to be, and elected him President of the United States.

At the close of the Civil War, General Lee approached General Grant, unbuckled his sword from his waist and handed it to the Northern general. General Grant took the sword and looked it over once and again. Then he stepped towards the Southern general and said, "It is my profound delight to present to you, one of the bravest and wisest generals that ever faced a foe, this sword." General Lee was defeated, but not a failure.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus gave us a great lesson. He made it plain that not all the seed that we sow will bring a harvest. But at the same time, He made it just as plain, that one fourth of the seed that we sow will produce a harvest. Listen to the Psalmist as he sang, 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. No living person has any claim on God, until he has done his best to do the will of God. Jesus said, Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Any and all of us can qualify on that word Faithful.

It was not the sins of Commission that provoked God to pronounce a curse on the people of Meroz. But it was the sickening sin of omission. They would not come to the help of the Lord against the sins of the mighty.

As long as we live and read the Bible, will we hold in contempt the Priest and Levite who neglected the wounded man. But the Good Samaritan immortalized himself because he had a heart for humanity and a will to do.

When Jesus had manifested all the power in His Divine Heart to help the people of His own country, they

scorned Him and said, Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? and His brethren, James and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? and His sisters, are they not all with us. Though He was divine, He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Look at Him again as He looks down on Jerusalem weeping. Hear Him as He calls to them, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gather thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Jesus did not convert Jerusalem, but He was no failure.

"The road may be rough where He leads me. Still His footprints I plainly can trace. And the trials I meet with seem nothing, When I look in my dear Savior's face. So I keep my eyes fixed upon Jesus, While I am running life's wearisome race; I will not forget the hard pathway I traveled, When I look in my dear Savior's face. When I look in His face, His wonderful face. In Heaven, that beautiful place! All the hardships of earth will seem nothing, When I look in my dear Savior's face."

Jesus said of the woman, She hath done what she could. She was not a failure. If you, my friends, will do what you can, you will not be a failure.

GORDON BARRETT, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NOTES

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 las, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Julia Mae Slaughter and Mrs. Paul Peterson, Dallas, recording secretaries. The following are vice presidents: Rev. John L. Whorton, Longview; Rev. Clark, Malakoff; A. C. Head, Beaumont; Walter Jackson, Houston; Rev. Dallas Lee, Edinburg; Rev. H. M. Smith, Kerrville; Rev. Roy S. Hollomon, El Paso; Mr. H. L. Wren, Snyder; D. C. Hamilton, Fort Worth; Rev. J. Roby Ward, Paris; Rev. M. E. Ramay, Itasca; Rev. F. E. Swanner, Goldthwaite; Max Lanford, Abilene.

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 lation is to be applied." Such free judgment, Dr. Volkmar fears, is in danger of running counter to the real wishes of the leader.

OUTSIDE THE LAW

One has previously noticed that assumption on the part of Nazi officials that the "real wishes" of the leader are not to be found in his legislation. And it is only too true that the future historian's most telling chapters will be those that are undocumented in the official records of the Reich. It is worth noting the following impressions of a correspondent who has recently returned from Germany.

"The economic existence of the German Jew is a miserable one. The official boycott of April 1 was bad enough, I was told, but at least it was soon over. But this whispering campaign, this silent boycott, in which every eye may be that of the informer, every hand that of the betrayer, is far more vicious and hurtful."

"The German civil population, by and large, is not unfriendly to Jewry, observers have stated, adding that it must be remembered that quite half the country is out of sympathy with those who have control of its destiny. In measure this is true, but economically, which after all is the most important angle, it is largely negated by the fact that the civil population either may not or dare not trade with the Jews. The 'silent boycott' is doing its deadly work. Besides which, Germany today is still living in a kind of stupor, with all initiative bludgeoned out of the individual. One half of the population wonders what tomorrow will bring, the other half fears the dawn."

"In the tramcar, a few minutes after my arrival in the country, and before the shadow of Germany had had time to envelop me, I babbled with the unrestrained freedom of a free country. I made some quip about every street being named 'Adolf-Hitlerstrasse.' My host took alarm and motioned to me to hold my silence. Another passenger was sitting with his back to me—who knew who he might be? My British passport might safeguard me, but my friend had no such protection. We arrived at a Jewish house, where the daughter has an 'Aryan' friend. He dare not visit the house by daylight and, when he does come, he deems it advisable to use the rear entrance. One evening

we all sat in a front room, talking of conditions in England, when Frau L—— suggested, 'We'd better all move into the back room. Someone may pass and see K—— (the young man) through the window.'

"Makeshift, haunting fear, suspicion and insecurity—that is Germany today. And still there is no light of the dawn of a better day. This ever-present fear manifested itself again when I produced some cuttings from London newspapers—a report of the Einstein meeting at the Albert Hall, Mr. Ormsby-Gore's speech at Geneva praising Jewry's part in Britain's history, the report of the Allocation committee of the German-Jewish relief fund raised in this country. 'Heavens!' exclaimed Frau L——, 'we can't permit those to be found in this house. We must burn them at once! Yet the family were glad to have the news. 'We are very glad that you came,' they said to me later, 'if only because we have learned so much from you about what is going on in Germany.'"

The Government spares no effort to keep not only its own people but other nations ignorant of the many uncomfortable truths that lurk in the third Reich. The censorship of foreign letters passing through Germany was referred to in the Polish Sejm the other day. Speaking in the budget committee, Deputy Rosmarin made serious complaint of the opening and censoring not merely of letters to Germany but of letters passing through Germany to neighboring countries.

Registration of Racial Descent. The mentality that has in many schools forbidden the Jewish children to participate in the common swimming lesson, because physical contact with an inferior race would pollute the Aryan children, now envisages compulsory registration of racial descent for all families. Such registration exists at present only for the families of state and municipal employees, but is now announced that an extending law will shortly be promulgated. The population are therefore urged to collect individual and family data to show that they are of Aryan descent, and to preserve old photographs and pictures of their ancestors. Young people are warned that, before marrying, they must make sure that their betrothed are of pure Aryan descent, "because the marriage contracted in the future will be of decisive importance for Germany's future."

That a racial purge is having a deleterious effect on the universities was admitted (not for the first time) in an article on the front page of the Frankfurter Zeitung on Sunday. "Considerable difficulty," say the article, "is being found in filling the chairs vacated by reason of the official law. Many who came forward to fill these vacancies were young tutors who had not been long enough at their posts to prove that they had the intellectual, human and personal qualifications for professorships. . . . In the universities, as in art, political integrity and service alone must not, as Dr. Goebbels has said, be the deciding factor. The factor was naturally present in the period of stormy development and change, and consequently it was considered advisable in many cases to give temporary posts, which after a suitable period could be confirmed or withdrawn."

Yet the purging goes on. The Government has prohibited the entry of non-Aryans into the training colleges for teachers. The Prussia minister of education has prohibited Jews from being members of school committees. This decree excludes Jews from all posts in school administration and cancels the provision of the law enacted in 1906 which entitled Rabbis to sit on school committees

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidacies for public office are subject to the action of the democratic primary July 28, 1934.

For District Attorney: W. J. CUNNINGHAM

For Sheriff of Taylor County: DAVE BOOTH W. R. (Ruck) SIBLEY

For County Superintendent, Taylor County: M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election) MISS NENA KATE RAMSEY LEROY STONE

For County Clerk, Taylor County: WALTER MOORE W. P. BOUNDS (re-election) C. L. DARDEN

For Tax Assessor and Collector, Taylor County: C. W. BOYCE GRADY FARRELLY (re-election)