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The Offending Editorial

Secretary Groner's Statement

(Reprinted from issue of July 3)

We give lots of space this week to Secretary Groner's statement of the finances of the Executive Board because it is right that our Secretary shall be heard by the brotherhood that it may know how the finances are. This is especially true since he has been subjected to criticism of late, and the Board too has been under fire. The criticism to which we refer has not all emanated from one source, but has been rather widespread. It is right that our Board and its Secretary shall have their case fully stated.

This editor does not believe that the Board and its Secretary have been blameless. Errors have unquestionably been made, and who could expect anything else from a group of mortals? We think that the greatest error has been to mistake the temper of the people. To the onlooker it has seemed that the Board and its Secretary have tried to smother out all discussion of the Board and its policies, and to browbeat all who made any effort to discuss it, or even showed disposition to call any act of the Board in question. Many of the brethren have had the idea as a result that to express any conviction about denominational matters that runs counter to the ideas of the members of the Board and its Secretary is to voluntarily ostracise oneself from the denominational fellowship, and to run the risk of the Secretary's rebuke through the columns of the papers.

Read this statement of financial conditions and be ready to state the case fairly to all who inquire of our denominational affairs. We like the statement and its temper and find pleasure in giving it the widest publicity.

(According to Secretary Groner the offending editorial is a "diatribe." We quote the Standard Dictionary: "Diatribe, an abusive discourse; invective.")

PASTOR ORRICK AT SINTON

Just this week I have gotten moved on the field and ready properly to go into the work as pastor at Sinton. We are to begin with a revival meeting next Sunday, the pastor doing the preaching and our daughter, Florine, assisting with the music. We are hoping to get the work going in a great way during the two week's revival.

I am here in this section of the state and want to become identified with all the denominational enterprises fostered here. You may enroll me as a subscriber to your paper and find a check enclosed for the amount necessary to get it going.

—Chas. W. Orrick.

—Rev. Otis Rainer of La Feria held a good meeting with his church last week and many good things were accomplished. The church has just recently moved into its new house of worship, a very attractive building well arranged for the work of the church. It is already becoming evident, however, that larger quarters are going to be needed soon.

Moral evil is its own executioner.

Editor Dawson's Unjust Attack

F. S. Groner

I have seldom known of a more unjust thing than for Editor Dawson to make an article of general information about the business affairs of our Convention Executive Board the occasion of a diatribe on the Board and its Secretary. This he did in his paper of July 3rd. I sent him this article thinking that he would appreciate it, not once suspecting that he would take it as an excuse for a most unkind and unjust attack. At first I thought I would ignore it, but I have heard from a number of pastors and laymen in Southwest Texas and in the Rio Grande Valley, voicing their disapproval of his article and of the use he has made of his paper ever since it was started. One pastor says, "We thought we were starting a paper that would champion Carroll College, but it has proven to be the personal organ of the editor and is being used by him to vent a grudge he seems to have against something or somebody."

Let us look into his charges. "He (meaning the writer) has been subjected to criticism of late, and the Board too has been under fire. The criticism to which we refer has not emanated from one source, but has been rather wide spread. This editor does not believe that the Board and its Secretary have been blameless." Sure not. The editor has been a critic of the Board all too freely, and that for a long time. But the "Secretary" of our Board did not become a target for the editor until he replied to an article of his in the Standard some three or four months ago, and showed that he had made some quite incorrect statements. But in my reply to his unfortunate article I sought to exonerate him of any intentional wrong doing. While the editor announces that he "does not believe that the Board and its Secretary have been blameless," I may observe that the evidence is not wanting that his own friends in Southwest Texas have rather serious doubts about whether he has been "blameless" as an editor and as an all too willing critic.

"We think that the greatest error has been to mistake the temper of the people." Has not the editor made this same great "error"? You have little idea, dear friend, how general your brethren in Southwest Texas disapprove of your course as the editor of your paper. I rather think you "mistake the temper of the people."

"To the onlooker it has seemed that the Board and its Secretary have tried to smother out all discussion of the Board and its policies." To what onlooker? I am obliged to challenge your statement for it is simply untrue. You cannot cite an instance of this kind. The very contrary has been true. Every opportunity is furnished at the Convention, at the Board Meetings, and through the press, for a discussion of our policies and for suggestions concerning same. You were invited by a letter from me to attend our last Board Meeting and let us have the benefit of your counsel, but you did not come, and now you raise your voice to criticize. Brother W. H. McKenzie, Chairman of the Committee

on Evangelism, in an appeal in the Standard, asked for articles, letters and suggestions concerning the question of an Evangelistic Department. Through the Standard the brotherhood is invited each year to attend our annual meetings of the Board and let us have the benefit of any suggestions they may wish to make. We covet and invite a discussion of our policies, and to state that we "try to smother out all discussion, etc." is a reflection on the individual who makes the statement, for every right thinking person has ample opportunity to know better. There is a certain destructive editor who does not desire either to know better or believe better, but I would regret to suspect that Brother Dawson shares his attitude. But a good way to get on the front page of this destructive editor's paper is to do just what Brother Dawson is now doing.

While we do invite free and full discussion, we also think that the time ought to come with a person who claims to cooperate, when he will let up in his complaints. I often differ with practically the entire Board, but after a full and free discussion and a thing passes, I cooperate, and that without an ever recurrent wall.

"And to browbeat all who made any effort to discuss it, or even showed a disposition to call any act of the Board in question." I am simply sorry for any one who believes what the editor here alleges. To say such a thing may succeed in creating prejudice against our work in the mind of some one, but it is no credit to any one to do this, and especially at the sacrifice of truth. It is an unworthy business to circulate a truthful statement with intent to create prejudice against a good cause, but it is vastly more unworthy to circulate an untruthful statement with such intent. I do not charge Brother Dawson with such intent, but he is bound to know that this course is calculated to have that effect; and one who loves the cause certainly should exercise average care in anything that might hurt that cause. The course which Brother Dawson pursues can have but one tendency, and that is to destroy confidence in our leaders and institutions and diminish the giving of our people. The very day I read his unkind and unjust article, I received a letter from him asking about \$2,300.00 which his church is requesting of our Board for its new building. The kind of articles that he has written of late will do more than most anything else to cause the people not to give the money out of which we hope to pay the amount his church requests.

The Board and Secretary do not object to discussion, but we do object to incorrect statements which the editor made in his Standard article above referred, and in this recent article in his own paper. Our Board has a right to be correctly represented, and when incorrect statements are made, it is not only our right, but our duty

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Secretary Groner's Article

We give space to Secretary Groner's article this week, together with the offending editorial that called forth the Secretary's article. Read the offending editorial, read Secretary Groner's article, then you will be prepared for this statement.

We confess to being somewhat put to it in publishing Secretary Groner's article, and publish it over the protest of several members of the Executive Board and of other interested and loyal brethren. The difficult point is that this editor does not believe in controversy, though he does believe in frank and free discussion; our Secretary does not seem able to discern the difference, but we think we can. Now, to even answer some of the questions the Secretary raises tends toward the controversial spirit of the Secretary. Our Secretary has engaged in a good deal of controversy of late, and it is noticeable that he is disposed to use the method of the court house and of the political convention, rather than of a Baptist meeting of a Baptist newspaper. And we give it as our deliberate opinion, which co-incides with that of a great number of Texas Baptists, that his controversies have done hurt to the Baptist program in Texas.

We merely re-iterate a few statements of the offending editorial, and answer a few questions raised by the Secretary.

Every day brings new evidence that at least two hundred thousand Baptists in Texas feel exactly as this editor does about our denominational affairs.

The Secretary asks, "To what onlookers?" We reply that they are a great cloud of witnesses, some of whom have spoken through the Baptist Standard of recent weeks, and others who have spoken quietly lest they be held up to public rebuke by our Secretary and be classed by him and some of his associates as "destructive critics."

On numerous occasions this writer has been told by members of the State Board that if one dared offer an objection to the programs outlined by a small group of leaders and presented to the Board for adoption, he risked his denominational head by such objection. It has been reliably reported to this writer that in a recent Board meeting when a man offered an objection to a measure that had been proposed he was heckled for more than a half hour before he could deliver his speech voicing his objection. And yet the Secretary says that if one has any suggestions to offer bring them to the Board meeting. Frequently it has been asserted by Board members to this writer that the main thing the rank and file of the Board has done in the past was to give assent to the program wrought out by a small group of brethren who always met ahead of time and prepared a program that met their desires; and that such group was not always a committee charged with such duty, either.

The Secretary also says that in open Convention every Baptist has a right to speak his mind. It is true—as a theory. But we would call the attention of the Secretary to the few times when that has been tried and with

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Men and Movements

Twenty-five were added to the Trinity Church, San Antonio, as a result of its recent meetings. Rev. Bruce Roberts is the pastor.

Dr. J. M. Carroll, president of Carroll College, McAllen, is in Kentucky, delivering his famous lectures, "The Trail of Blood."

Rev. E. F. Adams of First Church, Galveston, has been in a meeting with Pastor W. H. Harrell and the Calvary Church, Houston. Singer John C. Cohen has been leading the singing.

During Pastor W. W. Wilkerson's pastorate of five months at Raymondville, twenty-seven were added to the church, a considerable percentage of them by baptism.

Sixteen were added to the Donna Church the first three Sundays that Pastor V. M. Hailey was on the field. Brother Hailey came from Van Alstyne. He is originally from Mississippi.

Pastor J. M. Reynolds of Nixon has been up in Coleman county, near his former pastorate, Santa Anna, helping Pastor Lewis Stucky and the Valera Baptists in a revival meeting. The meeting turned out well.

Headline: "Billion Feet Added to Gas Supply." That's at San Antonio. Unlimited quantities have been added to the supply of many small towns, but it can't be metered nor utilized. It mostly expends itself in the form of gossip and small talk.

Calvary Church, San Antonio, is to begin a revival meeting Sunday, August 9. Pastor W. W. Lee will be assisted by Evangelist Bob Baucom and Mrs. Baucom. This is the first summer-time meeting in Calvary Church in thirteen years.

Rev. W. A. North has resigned the pastorate of the church at Rockport. Brother North resides at Aransas Pass. It is reported that he is to accept a pastorate in another section of Texas at an early date. We shall regret to lose him from this section.

On August 1, Rev. B. B. Blaylock concluded a four-year pastorate at Memorial Church, Temple. During that period six hundred were added to the church. That is 150 a year. Brother Blaylock is now one of the members of the new department of evangelism of the State Board.

It is wonderful with what unanimity Bryan was honored in the churches the country over. In both Protestant, Baptist, and Catholic churches memorial services have been held, honoring his memory because of the great influence for good he exerted during his eventful life.

Rev. V. M. Hailey is the new pastor at Donna in the Valley. He is a vigorous young man who impresses his neighboring pastors with his ability to accomplish great things for the

kingdom. All the work is going forward hopefully under his leading.

Pastor I. E. Gates of First Church, San Antonio, is to be the Baptist preacher in the 26th annual cowboy camp meeting in the Davis mountains this year, August 18 to 25. The meeting is at Fort Davis. Three other denominations will be represented.

Evangelist Sid Williams of San Antonio has been in big revival campaigns in the vicinity of Belton and Hillsboro. He was last at Bynum in Hill county in a big campaign that was attracting much attention when we last heard from him. Brother Sid never tires in the work of soul-winning.

Pastor Hulen Carroll of McAllen recently held a great meeting at Richland Springs in San Saba county, where he was reared. In all almost a hundred were received into the church during the meeting, the greater number by baptism. An unusually large percentage of the converts were men.

Pastor J. L. Hill of Laredo has only been on the field a few weeks but things are getting a good start under this excellent worker. Brother Hill impresses all with whom he comes in contact that he is a very earnest and effective worker. We give him very hearty welcome to the big Southwest.

Evangelist W. F. Frazier, of Springfield, Mo., writes about some of his meetings of late at Johnson City, Round Mountain, Marble Falls, and Wingate. He is to be at Blanco August 24 to September 6. Following that date he will have an open time due to a cancellation. He may be reached if addressed, Southside Station, Springfield, Mo.

Rev. W. W. Wilkerson has resigned the church at Raymondville and has removed to Deming, New Mexico. He will accept work in that section of the country. We regret to lose this good man who worked so earnestly at the task while among us. He came from Arizona to the Raymondville field and did good service while there. Conditions arose that convinced him he ought to give up the work. Vigorous efforts were made by members of the church to hold him, even after he was packed up and ready to move.

Up in Dallas one person was shot and several were hurt over one poor little chicken that wandered onto a neighboring lawn. As the country becomes more populous it becomes more evident that those who raise chickens and dogs and other animals must keep them enclosed so as not to infringe on the rights of others. No home can help resenting the visits of a neighbor's chickens on its lawn when work and expense have been expended in the development of beautiful grounds and flowers.

American church members are rapidly falling into two classes: fundamentalists and modernists. The names may not be well chosen, and some of the champions of fundamentalism may not be all we would have them, but whatever one may think of the names of the two parties all will sooner or later fall into the one class or the other. It will not be hard for the average Southern Baptist to decide; nine-tenths of Southern Baptists are already outspoken fundamentalists. This paper stands for fundamentalism four-square.

Fine and refreshing rains have fallen in almost every square mile of South and Southwest Texas within the last week. Some damage to cotton

has been sustained, but great good has been done to the country. Layman J. G. Olson of Kingsville said he had his feed seed in the ground when the rain came and in three days he had feed stuff up giving prospect of a good crop yet. One of the wonders of this section is that farmers have so many opportunities of recovering from losses of one sort by planting crops of another sort. All hearts look upward and thank God for the rain.

Valley railroad building is attracting a lot of attention now. The Southern Pacific is seeking authority to build two lines, one south from Falfurrias to Hidalgo on the Rio Grande, and the other from Edinburg to Harlingen. A road has just been completed from a point west of Mission into Rio Grande City. As one would expect, a good deal of contention is going on between the rival systems. Big transportation systems wrestle for tonnage, and they know the Valley is to furnish an increasing tonnage through all the years to come.

Pastor John Roach Stratton (pronounced "Stray-ton") of Calvary Church, New York, is being talked of as the successor of Mr. Bryan as the champion of fundamentalism. Pastor Stratton was at one time, early in this century, professor of oratory in Baylor University, and this editor had a course under him. He has become somewhat famous in the last few years because of his vigorous fight against the immoralities of New York City and his uncompromising stand for old-time orthodoxy. He is a man of fine personality, vigorous ideas, knowing how to speak so as to impress his hearers effectually.

Pastor Charles Pitts of Crystal City has been on a vacation trip to Cleburne and other North-Central Texas points. Brother Pitts served most of his ministerial career before coming to Crystal City at Cleburne and in Johnson county. He was for many years the missionary of the Alvarado Association and had constant fellowship with W. J. Brown, S. E. Brooks, J. W. Newbrough, et al. For many years he served as a pastor in the city of Cleburne and under the stress of strike conditions in the proximity of the railroad shops built an excellent church building for the North Cleburne Baptist Church. His work was truly monumental in that region.

In the passing of William Jennings Bryan America lost one of its strongest defenders of old-time orthodoxy. His voice was mighty in its effect on the thinking of Americans, and when he championed orthodoxy it caused many an unthinking American to examine again his ground of faith and moved many who had espoused some form of modernism to turn back again to the historic faith. Amid all the political campaigns through which Mr. Bryan went during the last thirty years, not one defect was ever found in his character. Whatever men thought of his political ideas, they were of one accord with respect to his stalwart manhood. We shall miss him, but some other champion inspired by his great life will take up the work and go forward with it.

The Valley Campaign

Last week a campaign in behalf of Carroll College at McAllen and the Baptist Hospital at Harlingen was put on by Dr. Carroll and hospital authorities with the help of many pastors of the Corpus Christi, Laredo, and San Antonio areas, and one helper, Pastor W. T. Rouse, of Waco. The following

brethren were from out the Valley as helpers, I. E. Gates, M. C. Eldson, D. B. South, T. Y. Adams, of San Antonio, J. L. Hill of Laredo, D. H. Roberts of Lytle, Judd B. Holt of Robstown, B. F. Bickley of Corpus Christi, B. S. Franklin of Alice, O. J. Cole and J. P. King of Bishop, and this editor. Secretary F. S. Groner of Dallas was also a helper whose aid was greatly appreciated by the leaders of the campaign and by the Baptists of the Valley.

The initial meeting was held at McAllen on Monday night and it was well attended, both by the Valley workers and by the helpers of the campaign from without the Valley. Plans were laid for the week's work, and sympathetic speeches made so as to get all the plans and ideals of the campaign well in mind. Some of the plans had to be changed as conditions arose, as is natural in such cases.

Systematic work was carried forward through the entire week and a few of the brethren remained over Sunday to assist further.

The response was not as hearty as hoped. Many conditions obtain in the Valley that no outsider can appreciate until they are actually met and dealt with. Everything is new there. One could not expect the poise that goes with maturity. The Valley is much like an adolescent boy, conscious of his developing powers, with many whims and cross currents running through his soul. Don't lose patience with him; just be content and when he is older he will develop the poise that goes with age. So the Valley is so young and new and so many of its citizens are yet in a state of unsettlement that interests that are beyond immediate town borders do not strongly appeal. Every church has its burden of housing and maintenance. Every town has its problem of paving and municipal buildings. Calls come for new school buildings. Great drainage and flood prevention projects have to engage the minds of Valley folks. Railroads extending call for bonuses. New industrial and commercial enterprises essential to development have to be subsidized and encouraged. Really, when one views the whole situation he does not wonder at the apparent apathy of the Valley people toward the outside enterprises, and even the things beyond immediate borders. Adolescence means that manhood is near. The Valley will not always be an adolescent.

We repeat that the campaign was not wholly successful despite the fine service rendered by the visiting brethren and the faithful co-operation of the Valley forces. They are interested in general affairs as far as time and opportunity allows. We are for the Valley folk and believe in the future of the Valley from the Baptist standpoint; with its near two hundred thousand population it offers one of the most productive mission fields in the country today.

The visit of Secretary Groner was a great help in the campaign and to the enterprises represented in the campaign. Valley folk desired assurance that the two denominational enterprises of the Valley had denominational sympathy, and Secretary Groner's reassuring words put to rest any fear on that point.

The campaign is being followed up by College and Hospital workers and with the impetus given last week will doubtless reach such a figure in its finality that the two institutions will be greatly put forward in their plans.

It is not a good preparation for your first Sunday in heaven to have slighted your last Sunday on earth.

Young People's Activities

L. L. LEGGETT, Editor

I've Been Thinking!

Members, members, I've been thinking. Wouldn't it be the mostest fun, If our Union, for this quarter, Were reported all A-1? Oh, you say it couldn't happen! But you are entirely wrong; If we do our daily readings, It could be so before long. Read your daily Bible readings; Study well your lesson, too; Take your part upon the program; There's not a thing that we can't do!" —Adapted.

Ricardo News Notes

The Ricardo B. Y. P. U. held their installation of officers last Sunday afternoon at the Ricardo Baptist church. The following were installed: Mr. John Morgan; president; Truett Althart, vice president; Miss Virgie Glazner, secretary treasurer; Miss Annie Glazner, quiz leader; Mrs. Arthur Nix, corresponding secretary; Miss Gertrude Glazner, pianist; Arthur Nix, chorister; Lester Trant, group captain No. 1; Mrs. John Morgan, group captain No. 2. Our B. Y. P. U. has doubled in number in the last six months. We have been organized only since last September. We are growing in interest and membership. We have recently added to our Union Prof. John Morgan and wife, who came to us from Brenson, Texas. They are in harness and at work. Also we have added to our Union our beloved pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sister D. P. Althart. May God richly bless them in all their work. With much success to the South Texas Baptist.

—Mrs. Arthur Nix, Corresponding Secretary.

Director McDonald of First Church, Corpus Christi, reports that his work is growing in interest and numbers. He now has Adult, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Unions, and will soon have a primary Union. We are glad to report his success in the B. Y. P. U. work and feel sure it is the result of his untiring energy and perseverance, plus the prayers and co-operation of a sympathetic pastor. The Wednesday night prayer meeting last week was conducted by the B. Y. P. U.

That the missionary program put on at Kingsville on the third Sunday in July by the famous London 13-stage amplifier was appreciated by the Kingsville folks, is attested by the many kind expressions heard. So far as we know, it was the first radio program in this section, to be rendered by a B. Y. P. U. One friend said: "That London bunch sure can make a fellow wish he had done more for Foreign Missions than he has." Another remarked, "Those Londonites are good program renderers. They put on their parts just like I want our Union to do." A good deacon says, "We all enjoyed every part of your program and hope to have you over again before long. We are looking forward to the Fifth Sunday Meeting with you folks."

Miss Wessie Lee White, quiz leader of the London Seniors, has originated a cross word puzzle contest for the daily Bible readings. If this proves successful at London, we will recommend it to the other unions in our territory.

We are in receipt of our Texas B.

Y. P. U. Program for October and November 1925, which is as follows:

1. September 27-October 11—Extension Program.
2. October 11—B. Y. P. U. Visitation Day.
3. October 11—B. Y. P. U. Visitation Day.
- 4.—October 12-17—Officers Training School.
5. October 18-23—Associational B. Y. P. U. Week.
6. November 26, 27, 28—State B. Y. P. U. Convention.

EDITOR DAWSON'S UNJUST ATTACK

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to correct them. The pity is that we have it to do. The pity is that brethren will say and write things that will put the men who serve on our Board in a wrong light. The men on our Board do not seek the place, receive no pay for their services, and even pay their own expenses. Most of them whom I know would prefer to be excused from this duty, and they accept and serve only through a sense of duty. Members of the Board live all around Editor Dawson. Mr. S. C. Tucker, President of the Board of Trustees of the school which his paper was started in the main to support, is a member of our Board and is frequently on its most important committees. Dr. J. M. Carroll, President of that same school, is an honored member of the Board. You will never be able to get either of these honored and trusted brethren to say that they believe what you charge.

Yes, you demand the right to discuss the Board and its Secretary, but when the Secretary discusses your discussion and corrects its inaccuracies he is "browbeating." Might not I suggest with as much reason that your criticism of the Board and its Secretary is an act of "browbeating?"

It is time to make a plea for fair play, and it is time for fair play. Instead of a pastor, or an editor, or any other Baptist, taking advantage of every and any pretext to rap the Board, he ought to support and fortify the Board with his influence. Instead of a readiness to attack the Board he ought ever to be ready to defend it against attacks. And I am glad to say that the latter class far outnumber the former. On an occasion not long ago, in a Workers' Meeting, an excited gentleman began to make charges against the Board, and twenty men to defend their feet to refute him and to defend "their" Board, and it is "their" Board. The Board is re-elected every year, and if it is not what it ought to be, then put men on who can be counted on, men who are true, and then support the Board and take its part when an unjust attack is made. I submit that there is not a nobler or more capable set of men on any denominational Board. You do not attack a soulless something when you assail the Board. You attack men and call in question their conduct. And as for the Secretary, he is the servant of the Board and simply carries out their orders.

I submit in Christian candor that that men who make up the membership of our great Board deserve better treatment and more sympathetic consideration than they receive at the hands of some editors. I would like to be able to read some kindly reference to our Board and to those who are under great burdens for the cause's sake in Editor Dawson's paper.

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What's In a Name?

By Geo. W. Coltrin

The Bard of Avon makes his Juliet say:

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose

By any other name would smell as sweet;

So Romeo would, were he not Romeo called,

Retain that dear perfection which he owns.

Without that title."

Still, here's guessing that sweetly loyal Juliet, if Romeo had changed, his name to John, would have whispered longingly into his bending ear, as the rosebowers o'er hung the gentle scene, "O Romeo, my Romeo!"

The name Baptist isn't smooth as Romeo is, but it is exceedingly well Americanized, considering it is straight from Greece. It has had an honorable place in my thoughts since I was converted to its meaning and its possibilities, and it has had a comfortable corner in my heart since I learned what it means to be a Baptist.

I wish every person, every church, every hospital, all the schools, and all the missionaries were Baptists. It is a good thing. But such is not the case, yet. It is necessary to label Baptist things so all the world may know them. "John Smith" might do for Romeo, in a tight, for names; but there isn't any other word that can take the place of "Baptist." When it is left off there is a void that speaks of lost opportunity, a lack that whispers of moral cowardice, a vacancy that suggests a sacrifice on the altar of Mammon.

That name "Baptist" is nothing to be ashamed of. Around it hang glorious memories of matchless heroism and worthy achievement. It is a citadel of Heavenly faith, a tie that binds to truth, and an incentive to highest duties. The word is fine ballast, too.

The cause of Christ has lost something because the name Baptist isn't found in connection with Baylor University, Baylor College, Howard Payne, Simmons, and the rest; and it will lose something because it is not linked in with the name of Carroll College, too. Some years ago I gave a little money to help build San Marcos Baptist Academy. I gave it to San Marcos Baptist Academy, and it is there yet; only it isn't anything but just San Marcos Academy now. There's lots I don't know, but one thing I do know, and that is that in the long run it will be vastly better that we keep the brand in plain sight. It might keep some folks that hate Baptists from patronizing some of our institutions; and again, it might please some Baptists so much that they would strain a point to patronize a school that felt Baptist like, and held to its name.

Really, it is a great thing to be Baptist, whether individual, church, school or what not. Personally, if I were ashamed of my company I would quit the denomination. I became ashamed of my crowd once, and quit; but that was when I was Congregationalist. I like the name Baptist, and wish I were worthy to bear it in its fullest meaning. I wish none of our institutions would drop it or hide from it. It makes some names sound like

when tastes. I like whole clabber with cream on it.

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Notes From Aransas Pass

By F. F. Bledsoe

Notwithstanding the hard times financially, the work at Aransas Pass is still holding and the people are hopeful. They recognize the fact that Jehovah reigns and that He cares for His own.

Quite a pleasant surprise came to the pastor and his wife on July 23rd. Wholly unexpected to them, the people came in a body to give them what was termed a "shower." Good things of various kinds were brought, not the least of which was good cheer, the people themselves manifesting great pleasure in their words and gifts. The occasion of their coming was the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of the pastor and his wife. Some were magnanimous enough to wish us another forty years of conjugal bliss.

On the afternoon of Friday, July 31st, citizens of Aransas Pass and vicinity met at the Baptist church in a memorial service honoring William Jennings Bryan whose body was laid to rest in Arlington, the national cemetery, that afternoon. They felt that in honoring this great and good man they were honoring themselves. This was irrespective of creed or party.

In addition to the work at Aransas Pass, the writer preaches one afternoon each month at Oakwood school house, and has a night appointment at Port Aransas across the bay from Aransas Pass.

A good rain has come and more is falling in a very fine way, for which we are thankful. This will cheer the spirits of all, not only from a material standpoint, but from a spiritual one, and we are expecting a move up in the work, though it has held up surprisingly well. Our prayer-meetings are well attended, the three unions—Senior, Intermediate and Junior—have elected officers for the last six months of the year. They all meet together the hour preceding preaching service, going to their respective departments for their programs. The Juniors, Mrs. Burgan, leader, are especially promising.

Our Sunday school gives the collection each first Sunday to B. O. H. This averages about \$25.00. The first Sunday in August, it was \$25.00. In addition to this, our church gave \$56.20 in response to the emergency call for a deep well at the Home. Our treasurer, Brother Thompson, sends money promptly each month on 1925 program, and reports collections on our quota doing fairly well. This pastor feels that he is with a good church.

SECRETARY GRONER'S ARTICLE

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what result. At a Waco Convention recent enough for all to remember a good brother objected to a procedure. He was from a small western town, unaccustomed to speak in large assemblies. An array of imposing personalities was assembled apparently to overawe him, and succeeded to a considerable degree. At the last Convention at Dallas a young man desired to present a protest and a like imposing array of outstanding personalities was assembled quickly, in the group the Governor of the state, and to the onlooker it appeared that it was with the deadly purpose of squelching that young objector everlastingly and of making a striking example of the man who dared voice a protest in open meeting. Now, we submit if the great majority of convention-goers were

mistaken in their judgment, then something ought to be done of the leaders to remove the impression. Great numbers of men desire to speak but do not want to take the risk that is involved. We submit also that if this heckling of objectors in the Board meetings and this system of assembling over-awing personalities at Convention meetings is not browbeating, then where will you go to find it?

The denominational papers are the only channel left unhindered for the great rank and file of Texas Baptists to voice their dissatisfaction about any given thing.

We rejoice, in this connection, that the columns of the Standard, our great state paper, have been opened for the free speech of the brethren, and we know that it will meet with the approval of the Baptists of Texas. But you will observe the feeling of nervousness with which the brethren speak through that medium. In a recent issue a good brother wrote, "Really, I am afraid to write, in definite terms, as I am doing now. It's the truth." Afraid of whom? Afraid of the leaders. To what have we come in Baptist ranks when good loyal preachers are afraid to speak their minds lest they be "called on the carpet" by the leaders whom they are to follow and co-operate with? If this feeling of fear is not justified, how does it happen to be state-wide? Why does a prominent Texas pastor leave the state because, in his own words, he can't possess his own soul and must endure the constant meddling of denominational leaders?

We have this one last word to say. Apparently, mark the use of the term "apparently," a small group of Texas Baptists have a thumb rule of Baptist loyalty that they apply to Texas Baptist preachers; if one of them calls any act or program of theirs in question he is measured by that thumb-rule of loyalty and such brother is forthwith denominated "a destructive critic" and classed with a certain editor-pastor located in the general vicinity of Dallas. We, too, have a standard of loyalty, one in keeping with the historic faith, namely, the equality of brethren and the right of all brethren to speak their minds in a friendly fashion about all matters with which they are connected.

Our Secretary in his article has justified the offending editorial in a manner that removes any question of its truthfulness or timeliness. He has demonstrated exactly what that editorial asserted, and the readers of his article will be quick to see it. Were we seeking for material for controversy made to order, his article would furnish it.

We always have believed in the sound judgment and justice of our brethren. When we can't trust them, then we shall be something else than a Baptist. To the Baptist brotherhood we submit the whole matter and trust their verdict to be right.

FALFURRIAS REVIVAL

The church at Falfurrias recently engaged in an evangelistic campaign of two weeks, in which the pastor did the preaching. The pastor's son, Carroll M. Hornburg, had charge of the singing and music, developing a choir, said to be the best Falfurrias has enjoyed for many years. Also, he, with his wife, rendered invaluable service by conducting group services and doing personal work.

The meeting was conducted with the special view of awakening and stabilizing the church membership, and the results in that respect were exceedingly gratifying.

The morning services were held at

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8:30, the cool of the day, which was found to be very acceptable. Some of these services became an open forum in which free discussions, confessions and brotherly councils were indulged with great profit. A free-for-all Bible study was featured throughout the meeting, over six thousand chapters being reported read. Daily Bible reading is now being perpetuated by the church membership.

Rev. J. J. Kellam of Yoakum had been engaged for this meeting, but found later that a previous engagement claimed him for the first week; so it seemed inevitable the pastor should carry on, as he had begun. This is to correct a statement in the Baptist that Brother Kellam was at Falfurrias engaged in a meeting. The disappointment is being offset with the hope that Brother Kellam may be had at a future time.

The pastor is thankful to observe a steady growth and development along all lines of endeavor. The baptismal waters are being disturbed occasionally, the continuance of which is indicated by prospects.

In addition to some 50 percent increase in local running expenses, the church has done more than \$400 worth of cash improvements since January 1st. If the spirit of liberality is to be taken as an index to a healthy condition there is reason to be encouraged.

Permit us to record our thanks to the Father for the very good crops that are being harvested here as the result of timely rains which visited our section.

—C. A. Hornburg, Pastor.

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8:45—Sermon.

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C. S. Wroten Friday Night
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