

## Some Great Principles Involved In Recent Action of the Tarrant County Association

By L. R. Scarborough

Since wide publicity has been given in other ways to the recent action of the Tarrant County Association, it is felt that the matter should be accurately set out in the columns of the Baptist press in Texas.

It is generally known that the Tarrant County Association has been the storm-center of a ceaseless and vicious attack upon the boards, institutions, causes and leaders of Texas and Southern Baptists for many years. It began in the days when B. H. Carroll first moved to Fort Worth and has gone on, night and day, with increasing momentum until today. The same source of confusion in Baptist affairs has carried on agitation in every other phase of life in Fort Worth — political, commercial and social. It has been a bitter, ceaseless turmoil for many years. Almost all officers and prominent men in every branch of the county have been persecuted, arrested and murdered will show. It is remarkable how Tarrant County Baptists have stood up for the truth and stood for all the Baptist causes and stood together. Baptist ministers' conferences have again and again repudiated this presumption of the Tarrant County Association twice has denied it fellowship by large and increasing majority. The Baptist General Convention, for three successive years, by practical unanimous vote, refused it membership in its councils. This action was taken by these various bodies because of the persistent, reckless misrepresentation of the sacred cause to which the denomination is dedicated. I think I have attended all except one or two of the sessions of this Association for eighteen years, and I have never seen a more spiritual, forward-looking, constructive meeting of any kind in my life than this last one was.

This same old fight was brought up again in this Association and was disposed of in a manner which ought to make a deep impression on right-thinking people everywhere. One of the smallest churches, led by its pastor, some days before the associational meeting, sent a letter containing certain criticisms of the institution and views of the Baptist causes in Texas and certain grounds on which they desired seats for its messengers in the association. This letter was sent to the clerk of the association and others. After the letter had been read and the time of the church given abundant time to present his views, the association promptly with but little discussion on the part of the members of the association, by a vote of 208 to 14, refused seats to the messengers of this church. Also, a young brother reported to be not yet out of his teens, and who recently licensed to preach, under the same destructive opposition presented a widely advertised set of resolutions demanding that this association request the President and Faculty of Baylor University to sign the McDaniell resolution passed at the Houston Southern Baptist Convention. Some brother in the association objected to the consideration of these resolutions and the vote was promptly taken, and the young brother was refused a hearing by unanimous vote. In this way in just a little while, in a fine Christian spirit, both of these attacks on the causes from the same old source, were repudiated by the association.

There are involved in this action of the association:

### Some Great Principles

Let us look at these principles.

1. The principles of cooperation. The church above alluded to in its letter stated, after quoting the Commission in Matt. 28:18-20, "Therefore, we are not in sympathy with the unscriptural institutionalism which has no place or authority in the Great Commission." The constitution of the Tarrant County Association in Article II says, "The object of this association shall be to establish a means of communication between the churches, to project measures for the furtherance of the cause of Christ within its bounds, and to promote among the churches the support of all the general denominational, missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises." That is, the Association's main object is to promote and support the mission boards, schools, hospitals, orphanages and other enterprises and institutions founded by our fathers and which are supported by the Texas General Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The pastor and his church in question stated, in accord with the teachings of this old source of trouble in Tarrant County, that they have no sympathy with nor cooperation with these institutions. In other words the association stands for those causes and institutions and the church in question does not.

2. The other ground on which they were refused seats as stated by the resolution passed, that the action by the pastor and the church in question, and other actions of this pastor and church, clearly show that he and the church were willing to become a part and parcel of a guerilla warfare which for years has plagued the denomination.

The Tarrant County Association clearly recognizes the privilege of this church to refuse cooperation in building our mission causes, our schools, seminaries, hospitals and orphanages, but it denies them the right to come into fellowship with an association which is in favor of all these things and yet at the same time try to decide the Association's course in supporting these institutions. The resolution of non-cooperation passed by this church was found to be in

## ESTES AND ALLEN HOLD GOOD MEETING AT LEVELLAND CHURCH

We had what is said to be the greatest meeting in the history of our church. Evangelist R. L. Estes did the preaching in a great way. Brother Allen brings a message with old time power.

Our people, as well as pastor, were lifted to a higher plain and will ever praise the Lord for sending this good preacher, together with Brother E. O. Allen, gospel singer, our way. Brother Allen did some fine work among our young people and boosters. It is touch on the lives of our people will never be forgotten. We had 69 additions to the church. The pastor baptized 29, first Sunday in September, and there are some five or six others yet to be baptized. And church may count itself fortunate to have Brothers Estes and Allen for a meeting.—W. H. Hughes, pastor.

## SANTA ANNA PASTOR CLOSES SUMMER REVIVAL

I have just closed my summer revival. My first meeting was with the Coleman Junction Church. Had 27 conversions with 20 of the number being for baptism. This church is without a pastor. My next meeting was with Rev. A. Ben Oliver at the Brown Church, had 16 additions, with 10 for baptism. I went from this meeting to Bluff Dale, Texas, where Rev. Jewel Greenwood is pastor. Had 50 additions with 31 for baptism. From Bluff Dale I went to Gouldsburg, Texas, to assist Rev. J. R. Davis in the revival with his church. This was one of the best revivals that I have ever been permitted to be in. In all there were 86 to take a stand for Christ, 42 of the number being for baptism. The Lord has given us great revivals in this section of the state.

SIDNEY F. MARTIN.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT. WORKERS IN TRAINING

During the World War the service flag hung in many places over the country and we knew at a glance that somewhere a young man was being trained for service. The star on the service flag indicated loyalty to the cause of the country, intensive training, sacrificial giving of time and service.

Our Baptist Sunday School board has prepared a service flag for Sunday school officers, teachers and workers and officers "Workers in Training" chart. There are a great many spaces for names of Sunday school workers, opposite which are small spaces for seals, indicating books in the normal course completed. What does your Sunday school service flag show? Are your Sunday school teachers and officers "Workers in Training"?

We would appeal to our superintendents and Sunday school leaders to begin now and all during the month of September looking ahead and planning for Teacher Training Month in October. Organize a class, secure a good teacher, get plenty of free literature and help and enlist every Sunday school worker in your church for a Sunday school teacher training class during this month. Write us your plans for October and let us help you in any way possible.

## Great Promise Twenty-First Annual Opening Southwestern Seminary

L. A. Myers, Publicity Department

There is much activity at "Southwestern" September 26 will open the twenty-first session. Professors are fresh from summer campaigns, the administrative force is active under the inspiration of excellent prospects for the ensuing session, and more than 100 students are already on the ground.

Early arrivals are arranging for suitable locations in some one of the thirty odd residences owned by the institution. Teachers are comparing notes on former enrollments. While every year has not noted an increase over the preceding one, yet the total has increased nearly 100 per cent in the last decade. Increases that have been consistent and especially interesting to the administration, year by year, are:

1. Student representation, nationally and geographically.
2. Number college trained men and women.
3. A conscience on high scholarship.
4. Group of volunteers for foreign service.

Last session's racial representation added several Indians and an Egyptian, bringing the representation to 20 different nations. These nationalities cover 95 per cent of the area of the earth. College trained men and women constituted 65 per cent of the student body, and the 60 odd volunteers for foreign service have never been out numbered by any previous session. There has never been a greater conscience on the value of effective classroom work. That students are taking their work seriously has never been questioned by any one of the professors.

Direct and indirect inquiry from the field; the number already on the ground; and the advanced reservations; indicate in every respect, real promise for the session of 1927-28.

## PASTOR GREEN OF SAN ANGELO HAS BRIGHT AND HAPPY YEAR

This has been a bright and happy year with me in spite of the fact it is a new field. But our Father who doeth all things well has been wonderfully good to me. He has helped me to make many, many new friends, which are more precious than gold; then too, he has blessed our church with 261 additions, some 75 by baptism. Then it has pleased the Father to go with me through five revival meetings during the past two months, during which many precious souls have found the Lord, who once to know is life eternal.

This too I must say, it has been a year to my soul to work with the noble pastors of these churches. First, C. G. Forester of San Angelo, who is as true a co-worker as I have found in my eleven years work; true to his Lord, true to his church, and true to his fellow helper.

Then, second, I found great joy in helping my beloved N. E. McGuire of Lorraine and his fine church at Pleasant Valley. No man need to seek for a nobler spirit or man to be found in this man of God.

Third, it was my glorious privilege to help my long-time neighbor and friend, G. W. Parks and his noble workers of Roscoe, Texas. I shall never forget the sweet hours spent with this great man of God, who is known throughout the West as the one-out standing preacher when it comes to unaiding God's word.

Fourth, I traveled across the country to the village known as Ackerly, just up on the plains. Here I found no pastor but some as fine Christian men and women as God has in his great army. The Lord gave us a great meeting. May the Lord send to this good church a man of great power to lead them on to greater victories. This church has a fine church building and some 50 as promising men and women as can be found in all the state of Texas, and in my thinking it will be a tragedy to the cause of Christ for this noble church with her great possibilities not to have one of God's real men as pastor.

Then last, I closed my campaign with the Midway Church of Dawson county and their beloved pastor, W. E. Duke of Clondyke, Texas for this pastor I must say I never have found a church in the 100 revival meetings that it has been my privilege to hold in the past years that loved their pastor more than this one.

The first six days of this meeting 27 people accepted Christ as Saviour. Then on the last day the Lord's Day evening God gave us the greatest hour of my life. At 9:30 I made my appeal to the lost and they began to come. At 12 o'clock the cries could be heard from the lips of both old and young all over the house, and out in the cars, for help. And this continued until 2:10 Monday morning. Then my great sorrow we left a dear man some 60 years of age unsaved, who stayed in the altar for more than two hours asking to be prayed for.

On the first Lord's Day of September, having been away two months, I found myself back at my post of duty surrounded by my own sheep ready to hear my voice and to follow my Lord.

Dumb—"Yes, I used to be in politics myself, I was a dog catcher in my town, for two years, but finally lost my job."

Bell—"What's the matter, change of mayors?"

Dumb—"Nope, I finally caught the dog."

## BROWNFIELD CHURCH CLOSES SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL MEETING

"The Revival meeting of the First Baptist Church, Brownfield, which began Sunday, August 14, came to a successful close August 28. The preaching was done by Pastor E. V. May, who has been with the church about four months; and the singing was in charge of J. Frank Cheek, of Southwestern Seminary. Although there was another meeting going on all of the time during the revival, which was promoted by men who are affiliated, according to their claim, with no church or denomination, the interest in the Baptist revival was good all of the time, and the attendance was all that could be expected. As result of the meeting, one was added by statement, one by letter, nine were baptized and two await baptism. The preaching of the pastor was characterized by the simplicity and force of the gospel message, and the absence of all sensationalism and tricks. The church is ready to go forward in a greater way, in the Lord's work. Brother Cheek is one of the best leaders and singers, as well as an association with the church to find. We commend him to churches!"

"The revival held with the Lahey Baptist Church, closed Thursday afternoon, September 8. The pastor, Rev. D. D. Johnson, was assisted by Pastor E. V. May, of Brownfield. The interest was good from the first day, and the attendance was good. The interest in the prayer services, held each evening, prior to the preaching service, was better than is usually seen. There were only twenty-seven members of the church at the beginning of the meeting, but the average attendance at the prayer meetings was about forty. The men, the women, and the young people held their own prayer meetings. The spirituality of the church was deepened, and the work bids fair to go forward in a great way. There were twenty private associations during the meeting. Thirteen were added by baptism."

E. V. MAY, Pastor.

## MITCHELL SCURRY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

(As viewed by a Woman Messenger)

First and foremost, mention must be made of the beautiful fellowship, which is conspicuous throughout the association. Our monthly Workers' Conferences are always well attended. We run them right on through the summer. Not one has been omitted this year. In fact the enthusiasm and spiritual tide runs higher each time. Brother Alexander's Conference met with the Roscoe church on Tuesday after the first Sunday, being October 4th.

It was indeed gratifying to find a noticeable increase in the finances of the association this year. We feel that this is largely due to the efficient work of our able Missionary Geo. E. Alexander, and his wife. This association, though young in years is blessed with a most capable and efficient Missionary, surely no other association is so more blessed than Mitchell-Scurry in this. So it was not at all surprising that unanimously and heartily he was reelected in our annual meeting for another year.

One action of the recent annual meeting held with the Fluvanna church, September 8th and 9th, especially commends itself to the mind. The West Texas Baptist association was table indefinitely, and as an association we stand four-square behind our splendid schools and for all of our co-operative organized work. Refreshed we pledge our loyal support and hearty endorsement of all of our great leaders. Our beloved Dr. F. S. Groner and all the rest.

Really no association could help believe in a fine one with such a role of ministers possessing such visions, consecration and efficiency, such as Geo. W. Parks, pastor of Roscoe church; Rev. A. D. Leach of Colorado; Rev. W. F. Ferguson, of the great church at Snyder; Rev. Charles Burnett, pastor of the Westbrook church; nor forget Rev. N. E. McGuire, pastor at Lorraine and Pleasant Valley churches. Brother McGuire has just taken his A. B. at Simmons University and was elected clerk of our association. We are so happy to have this promising young pastor on our field, and trust his fondest hopes may be realized.

Many of our rural churches are being pastored by Simmons students, especially in the eastern side of the association. They are all fine men and are leading these churches in a great way. Would that they could be with us more in the associational work during the year, but we realize it is not humanly possible for them to be with us at all times.

Our honored moderator, D. W. Morgan, pastor of the great First church, Colorado, came to us last December, filling the unexpired term of his popular predecessor, Rev. M. C. Bishop, now pastor at Post City. Brother Morgan has not only won the hearts of his own people, but has moved steadily on throughout the association captivating. He was enthusiastically reelected as moderator for the ensuing year. Again we realize our good fortune in having Rev. Morgan to serve us in this capacity. Already he has won for himself the rare title of an "Old Timer." Suffice it to say he is a grand one.

Truly this session of our association was a great one, and the outlook is bright for another year of happy service for our dear Lord and Master.

Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me. Psa. 42:8.

## MITCHELL SCURRY ASSOCIATION MEETS WITH FLUVANNA

The fourth annual session of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association met with the Fluvanna Baptist Church at 8 p. m., September 8, 1927. The various churches were well represented and a large number of visitors from other associations swelled the attendance considerably.

The following officers were elected: D. W. Morgan, moderator; A. D. Leach, vice-moderator; N. E. McGuire, clerk; A. C. Alexander, corresponding secretary; Harvey Shuler, treasurer.

Brother W. F. Ferguson preached the introductory sermon which added much inspiration to the opening of the associational meeting. Besides the regular routine of reading, discussing and adopting resolutions, inspirational addresses were delivered by Brother Moore, returned Missionary from China; Dr. A. Duncan, from the Dallas office; Dr. Pender, field representative of Buckner Orphan's Home; Brother S. F. Baucum, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, and others.

Spindell reports came from over the association in spite of the "hard times" which we have been passing through. One special feature of the work was the splendid report of the missionary Brother Geo. E. Alexander. Of course, because of modesty, he couldn't give a full report of what he did, but the brethren who knew about his labors and successes were glad to report how the Lord had blessed the various communities through the faithful ministry of our beloved co-laborer Brother Alexander. A number of people who had been converted in the meetings he held this summer were at the association and testified for themselves.

Our association is to meet September 5, 1928, with the church at Dunn, where Brother J. E. McDermitt is the beloved pastor. This association is blessed with the labors of such men as D. W. Morgan, pastor at Colorado; W. F. Ferguson, at Snyder; G. W. Parks, at Roscoe; Geo. E. Alexander, missionary; A. D. Leach, Chas. Burnett, I. D. Hull and many other faithful brethren. And besides all of this the Mitchell-Scurry Association has more fine talented women, who are both leaders and followers, than any association between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans (we think).

## R. L. ESTES DEAD

Evangelist R. L. Estes of Shawnee, Okla., died at the home of his son, a physician, at Hamalia, Texas, on Sunday, Sept. 11, following an attack of pneumonia. Brother Estes had just closed a great revival meeting with Pastor W. H. Hughes and the church at Levelland and was on his way to Jayton for another revival when he became ill.

In the death of this good man, the Southern Baptist Convention has lost one of its greatest preachers and evangelists. He graduated from Simmons with the class of 1914 and since that time has been one of the South's leading evangelists. In the next issue of the West Texas Baptist will appear an appreciation of the labors of this great man of God who was called to his reward in the midst of a great life of usefulness to the cause of Christ. The West Texas Baptist joins the great host of friends throughout the southland in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

## Religious Education Vocational Workers in Meeting At Seminary

### SWEETWATER PASTOR HOLDS MEETING WITH CHURCH AT ASPERMONT

On September 11, the Aspermont church closed what we believe to have been the greatest revival we have known in several years. The spiritual life of the community was made over. While we had only 32 additions to the Baptist church and only 14 of these for baptism, yet we had a church revival just such as we needed. Besides the additions there were several who publicly consecrated their lives and five fine young people surrendered for special work.

Brother Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater and Brother Tom Hodges of Simmons were with us. These men are among the best in their respective fields of preaching and singing the gospel. They can believe the Bible and are wonderfully consecrated. Their work was of a most satisfactory and constructive sort. They completely won the hearts of our people to themselves and at the same time strengthened the ties between the pastor and the church, and won all pastor and a greater faith in our Lord Jesus. We thank God for their coming to us.

Honorable William E. Gladstone said—"I am a regular church-goer. No public spirited man has a moral right to be absent from church, except for a good cause. It is not a matter of fancy, but a duty for work's sake."

I find there is in one corner of my heart a little plant called Reverence, that wants to be watered about once a week."

## A SERIOUS AND TIMELY CALL TO THE BAPTISTS OF TEXAS

### EVANGELIST ASHFORD HELD GOOD MEETING AT SALEM CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Ashford, Simmons evangelist, has just closed a wonderful meeting at Salem Church with E. E. Mason as pastor. The church was greatly revived and 32 joined the church and were saved, 15 by baptism. Many definite answers to prayer.

The church invited him back to hold a meeting during the winter months. He is doing a great work for the churches and for Simmons. May God's blessings be on him.

### JONES COUNTY CLOSES ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

The Jones County Baptist Association closed its twenty-second session at high tide September 8. Brother J. H. Edmonds said "It was the best association I ever attended."

The vast majority of our Baptists are farmers. Because of this fact, the low price in cotton last fall forced our association to borrow money to carry on its work. We were so deeply in debt that some of us had some apprehensions about keeping the missionary on the field another year. But when the "tide came in" the brethren and sisters present either paid in cash or subscribed to be paid at an early date the full amount of the debt. Then with the same holy zeal that the debt was paid they elected the missionary to his fifth year for service.

Every hour of the two days of the association and the one day of the W. M. U. session was a good hour. We gave expression to our enjoyment of the blessed fellowship during the session in different ways. Some sang, some prayed, some laughed, some wept, most of us cried, all of us ate abundantly, and all enjoyed the sermons, speeches, addresses and discourses, unless it was some of the brethren and sisters of the Hodges church, who were like Martha, "troubled about much serving." They gave expression to their joy, in their Christian, their royal their typical West Texas entertainment.

The report of the work of the thirty of our thirty-five churches reporting were good but not glowing. They report 220 baptisms. Every church has baptized from one to twenty-two persons. There are in the churches about forty-five hundred members, and a Sunday school attendance of about thirty-five hundred. Some churches do not report on having observed the Lord's Supper, no church any subscribers to the Baptist Standard. The reports show that the churches pay their pastors from a little to a living wage. All of them contribute more or less to association missions, local expenses and Buckner Orphan's Home.

### MEETING AT SAN BENITO

Will be in meeting with Pastor J. J. Aury of Immanuel Baptist Church, San Benito, Texas, through Sunday, September 25th. Those desiring to write me about engagements for the fall and winter may address in care of Immanuel Baptist Church, San Benito, until September 25th. Any mail addressed to Box 378, San Antonio, Texas, will always reach me.

EVANGELIST R. G. BAUCOM.

F. S. Groner

It is doubtful if in a generation we have had a more significant and profitable session of the Executive Board than the one that was held in Dallas last Thursday, September 15th. There are 75 members of the Board but there were a total of 153, including Board members, members of the Executive Committee of the Conquest Campaign, district organizers, and representatives of the B. Y. F. U. Sunday school, W. M. U., and Evangelistic departments of our state work. The meeting was characterized by fervent fellowship, high purpose, earnest prayer, and resolute faith. Inat busy pastors and laymen should come, at their own expense, from every section of this great empire state to consider together our kingdom work at this busy season of the year is significant. It betokens their interest in our work and their willingness and readiness to serve the cause.

The one voice of all who spoke over the same message concerning the unity of our brotherhood, and that was that the Baptists of Texas are united, compact, and resolute as they have ever been in all their long history. The reports from the various associations that have already met reveal the fact that a great spirit has prevailed in all these meetings and our organized work has been given the most earnest and faithful consideration. The representatives of our State Board and of our various institutions have been accorded a most sympathetic and enthusiastic hearing.

Certainly a great day is upon us. Our work is moving forward by steady strides, and certain success and crowning victory will reward the prayers, efforts and faithfulness of our people. Surely the Baptists of this great state will move right on from this time forth as the band of Christian brothers with their hearts devoutly bent on business for their king.

The report of Treasurer Mason showed that \$543,194.10 has already been paid on the Conquest Campaign. While the Conquest Campaign interfered in a large degree with the Spring Round-Up for our Cooperative program the report shows that the average monthly receipts of the headquarters office is larger than a year ago, \$543,700 more came in from the Dallas office through the budget during the month of August—usually one of our lowest months—than for the same month last year. All of which goes to show that the budget plan of financing our work is growing in favor and is winning its way with the Baptists of Texas. The steady, faithful, effective efforts of our denominational workers and pastors, and especially the Budget Secretary R. A. Scranton, have brought results that are already telling and will continue to bear fruit in the years ahead.

A few things should here be brought with special emphasis to the attention of our pastors and missionaries and other workers throughout the state. \$1,100,000 in round numbers was pledged to the Conquest Campaign and just half of this has been paid, leaving a balance of \$550,000 now due in unpaid pledges to this cause. It is necessary that a most vigorous, sustained and faithful campaign shall be waged for the collection of these pledges during the month of September, and the securing of additional pledges and additional cash gifts for both the Conquest Campaign and our regular work between now and the meeting of our Convention at Wichita Falls, November 15th. Many of these pledges will not be paid nor the necessary funds raised for our current work unless all our people join in with prayerful hearts and earnest effort and complete abandon in a mighty, intensive, statewide endeavor in behalf of our work and all our causes.

### "Success Week," Oct. 23-30

"Success Week," October 23-30. During this week, collections should be taken in every church in every association and at every school house community if such collections have not already been taken. It will be the business of the associational organizer, associational missionary, pastors, W. M. U. leaders, B. Y. F. U. and Sunday School workers, and especially Board members in each association to see that plans for a great collection are thoroughly worked out and faithfully executed. The responsibility for the initiative in working out these plans rests primarily upon the associational organizer. Each district organizer will keep in touch with the associational organizer in his district with this end in mind. Let us make "Success Week" what the name signifies. If our half million Baptists in Texas shall move together, praying, working, and giving during these eight days the results will stir all Texas and gladden the heart of our God.

### State Mission Day

October 23 is State Mission Day in our Sunday schools. This is the first day of "Success Week" and the superintendents throughout Texas give the most faithful attention to the State Mission program in the Sunday school on this day and secure the largest offering possible. There are multiplied tens of thousands of young people and of those of other ages in our Sunday schools that do not belong to the church as yet who will be glad to join in this glorious work with their gifts and thus swell the sum total of our collection in a most perceptible manner. Our pastors will cooperate with the superintendents in planning for a high day and a crowning victory in the Sunday

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# W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

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## Lamesa Associational Auxiliary Holds Good Annual Meeting

At the time designated by the committee Mrs. Ross A. Smith, president of the associational auxiliary, took the chair and opened the women's meeting. "Jesus Calls Us" was the opening song, followed by the devotional which was brought by Mrs. D. C. Lindley. The reports were then called for and all proved to be very interesting and inspiring.

In the president's report Mrs. Smith stated that the auxiliary now has 19 organizations of all grades. There are ten societies, two Y. W. A.'s, three G. A.'s, and four Sunbeam Bands, and a net increase over last year of seven.

The corresponding secretary's report showed that the combined financial efforts of the societies for the past year amounted to four thousand, two hundred fifty nine dollars (\$4,259.00).

The report of the Young People's leader told of some very enthusiastic work, and of five new organizations among the young people of our communities.

The president of each W. M. S. was given two minutes in which to give the high points in her society's work. It was noticeable that most everyone emphasized the spiritual blessings, signifying a closer walk with God, and a more thorough study of the Bible.

The chairman of Missions reported several volunteers for special work in the Master's vineyard. All societies are striving to have one missionary program each month and follow the calendar of prayer as outlined in Royal Service.

We have always been very generous in our attention to the department of benevolence under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. McWhorter. We were happy to note contributions to Buckner's Orphans Home, Old Ministers, and our Baptist hospitals.

In the personal service report we were again reminded that it takes the many little deeds of kindness to make this world a better place in which to live and serve the Master.

The educational chairman had some very interesting features to report, namely the visits to our community of Dr. Godbold of Brownwood, the sander of Abilene, Dr. Hardy of Baylor, Miss Ruth Chan, a Chinese girl of Baylor College, Miss Grace Conn, B. Y. P. U. worker and Mrs. R. E. Bedlove, returned missionary from China, and sister of our beloved Mrs. Nix. Each of these visitors addressed our young people at different times.

Our auxiliary has emphasized stewardship more this year than any other phase of our work. We are indeed glad to know that we have thirty-seven tithers, two of which belong to the Sunbeams.

A very interesting part of the mission study report was a chart, containing the names of all the women who have done mission study work, and the seals for each book studied. We were very grateful to our chairman, Mrs. Riley F. Nix for this thoughtful display of work accomplished. The chart shows a total of three hundred three seals. The new seals added for this year's work alone were one hundred sixty-six. In one mission study class the book "Stewardship and Missions" was studied, about one hundred women attending. The faithful leadership of the chairman, her deep conviction on this subject, and her willingness and thoroughness in planning the work made possible this splendid class.

At this period the president asked Mrs. S. C. Shipley of Key to preside; the time had arrived for the president's message to the women. As is usual when Mrs. Smith is about to speak, perfect attention was manifested. Out of the fulness of her heart and mind Mrs. Smith brought one of the most worthy messages ever heard. Taking the watchword as a basis "The Master is Come and Callesth for Thee," she developed a message on "God's Call to Women." The main topics brought out were God's call into being. His call to salvation. His call into a life of service. His call to a pure life, and His call to heaven. One of the high points in the message was the president's version of the prodigal mother. At the close of the address one could hardly find a dry eye in the large congregation. A motion from one of the brethren carried that this story be put into printed form that many others might get the blessings of the lesson therein.

The nominating committee, composed of the presidents of the societies of the association, offered their report which was unanimously adopted. The officers for the incoming year are: President, Mrs. Ross A. Smith; vice-presidents, all local presidents; recording secretary, Mrs. A. B. Heffernan; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. Elmer Barrow; historian, Mrs. R. T. Webb; Young People's leader, Mrs. Elvey Ashby.

The enrollment committee announced that sixty-two ladies had registered, the largest number being from Key, with Lamesa and Grandview tying for second place.

Our hearts were for a while saddened when the committee on obituaries reminded us again of the divine will of the Master in calling several of our beloved ones home since last we met. While this report was read the congregation stood with bowed heads, after which Rev. Evans led the closing prayer.

Thus the third annual session of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Lamesa Association closed, only

## CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

Joe R. Mayes

We are going pretty well at Baird; we are having good crowds at all our services and the spirit of our people is good.

We have received fifteen new subscriptions for the Baptist Standard and quite a few subscriptions for the West Texas Baptist.

We had a good meeting of our association. Brother H. E. Burnam was reelected moderator and Pastor J. E. Black of Putnam, clerk. Several visitors helped to make the meeting more profitable. We are at sea just now in our association in regard to our work. It seems hard for all of us to get to pulling at the same task at the same time and as a result we have been unable to get together on a missionary for the association. We will have a program for our association soon that will, I hope, change us all and help us to lay aside our own little individual programs and all go in for bigger and better things that will glorify God.

We are going on with our regular monthly workers' meetings. Our next one will be held with Pastor Howell and the Cottonwood Church on October 3rd, with a good program. Our Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with Pastor Foster and the church at Potosi. Our next annual associational meeting will also be held with this church beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1928, 10 o'clock a. m. We extend a hearty welcome to our visitors at any and all times. We are glad to have folks come to see us.

This association is for the whole Baptist program and we do not have time to fool with those who are not. If we have such among us we will be glad when they get converted or move and we most sincerely invite all such who live elsewhere to stay away from us. We can manage to get along very well without them. But if anyone can show us how to help our brethren carry on our Lord's great command and will get in with us and help us to do it, our doors are wide open to him. Come, and come in a hurry, brethren; you are our kind.—Baird, Texas.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. John 6:27.

## BRAZILIAN GIRL WRITES TO HER FRIEND AT ABILENE

The following letter received by Mary Baucum, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Baucum of Abilene, is from a fifteen year-old girl in Brazil. The letter is reproduced just as it was received, and this young Brazilian girl shows a very good command of English for one so young who has gained her knowledge of our language in her native country:

Casca, 16 de Agosto de 1927.

Dear Mary:

I was very glad to receive your good letter.

I liked also to know that you are in good health. My father had been sick but now he is in good health.

All the works here are going well. The church is always full with people to here our Lord's words. The Sunday School last day had 119 presents and we were sorry because the attendance is of very much more. The College is going well; one of our teachers Miss Diva was sick and has gone away to Recife, but the work is done in good way.

My family is glad now because we are hoping my sister Yanira that goes to marry in this month. She is a teacher and her sweet-heart is the Director of a college in Espirito Santo.

How are you with your studies? I hope you are doing very well. I am doing pretty well. I have very much work but I am enough strong to do all them.

It is night. The full moon is shining so bright! Just few time ago the moon rose. There were dark clouds across it. Oh! how pretty is the moon in Brazil! I would be very glad if you could see the moon in my loved, my pretty, and my sweet land—Brazil. Is the moon in America pretty? I liked very much of your picture. Talking by it, you are a pretty gentle girl. All my friends who saw it, spoke. Oh! what pretty maid! Is she an American? And I replied: Yes! I am going to take out my picture this week, and, you may believe, as soon as I take it, you shall be the first person to whom I shall give one of them.

My birthday is December 13, and I am fifteen (15) years old. How old are you?

Yes, I have learned of Lindenbergh and I admire him. Have you heard of Newton Braga, Joai Negrai and some more men who are doing some voyages on the air? The Brazilian people loves them in their hearts.

Have you heard of a little boy who is twelve (12) years old and is a famous poet? He is a biano and a Brazilian.

I will be very glad to receive your friend's letter. I hope it.

I am very glad now because I am

learning music. Don't you? Now I must finish. It is nine (9) o'clock and all my parents are asleep. Write me as soon as you receive this letter.

Excuse me if I write so much. With love,  
**AUREA ALMEIDA.**  
 With love, means to say: Com a mor.  
**AUREA.**  
 Excuse me the mistakes.

## RUNNELS CO. ASSOCIATION

The Runnels County Association held its annual meeting with Pastor Sam Malone and the Wilmett Church. Record breaking crowds attended the services throughout, the average at-

tendance being estimated at above five hundred. Two large beaves were barbecued and served during the two days of the association and the baskets of "leavings" were promiscuous for their absence. On the first day of the meeting fifty-six gallons of iced tea were served, which does not take into account the coffee and well water consumed.

Pastor H. H. Stevens of Winters was re-elected moderator and he served in his characteristic efficient way. J. R. McCorkle was re-elected missionary for another year, and the association decided to employ a Mexican missionary for another year. The Mexican mission work is financed entirely by voluntary contributions from churches and individuals. This work is to be under the direction of Pastor Stevens and the church at Winters.

Missionary McCorkle read a splendid report. He preached at 36 places, delivered 228 sermons, held seven revivals with 22 confessions and fifteen baptisms, assisted in several revivals, made 594 visits, received 44 into churches, organized three Sunday schools, one B. Y. P. U., sold 330 books, received 29 subscriptions to Standard and Home and Foreign Field.

The association reported 327 baptisms for the year, with a net gain in membership of 423. The present membership of the association is 4,115. The Sunday schools show an enrollment of 3,179. The churches showed total gifts for all purposes of \$63,079.25, an increase of \$12,976 over last year. The contributions for local church work was \$31,689.74.

A number of visitors were in attendance at the association, among the number being Wilson Fielder, returned missionary from China, with

present headquarters at Brownwood, Dr. E. C. Fender, representing Buckner Orphans Home; Rev. S. F. Baucum, representing the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. Dr. E. Godbold, president of Howard Payne College represented the State Board and brought a fine message on the debt paying campaign.

The W. M. U. had a fine session and made some fine reports, details of which we will try to secure and publish later. The women accepted their quota of \$3,000 on the Howard Payne Endowment Campaign and agreed to try to raise this money during the Fall, the full amount to be paid within two years.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL WORKERS IN MEETING AT BAPTIST SEMINARY

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ordinating committee of the church was suggested as a possible solution. Let the church leaders have a general council meeting in which each would understand the purpose of his organization in combination with the others. And a further definite suggestion as to the solution of the problem of the Week Day School was that there should be appointed representatives from the school, from the home, and from the church to work out together the type of character they want to produce in the Week Day Church School pupil, and then arrive at the method they will use in producing that character. In this connection it was also urged that Bible teaching in Week Day Church Schools be on a par in every respect, with the standard of work offered by the secular curriculum.

Looking Toward Next Annual Conference

The educational field is new. Due

to the pioneer element in the work there must, of necessity, be a certain amount of the experimental, but to the end that the solution of all problems may be hastened, the Association made provision for three recess committees. These committees are to make special research and report to the next annual conference which meets the first week in September, 1928.

These recess committees have been designated as: Co-ordinating Committee, Publicity Committee, and Week Day Church School Committee. The Co-ordinating Committee will study specifically the matter of financing, the matter of the over-lapping of activities, the matter of balancing the development of the various agencies and the matter of properly prescribing the activities of the worker, and all other matters that would seem to relate themselves to the question of co-ordination. The Publicity Committee will study specifically the question of the place of publicity in the church program, who should promote it, how it should be financed and all other matters that would seem to relate to the publicity field. The Week Day Church School Committee will study specifically the matter of curricula for the school, comparable in every respect to the secular school curricula, how to maintain class department comparable to the secular school, how to plan the work in combination with the other churches and all other matters that would seem to relate themselves to week day church school questions. An outline of the findings of the Co-ordinating Committee is to be submitted to the Program Committee in time to be incorporated into the next annual program.

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SOME GREAT PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE RECENT ACTION OF THE TARRANT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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complete accord with their non-support of these causes. Their letter stated that they had given nothing this last year to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Association Missions, Christian Education, Seminaries, Orphanages, Hospitals, and so on. The Association letter naming all of these was a complete blank and the records in the Dallas office and the Tarrant County treasurer's office show that they had paid nothing to any of these causes through these offices this year. Their failure was not because of poverty but lack of loyalty. All this clearly shows that they did not want to cooperate, but to dictate and to keep control from doing what we wanted to do for these causes and they had clearly been dominated and guided by the chief opposition to all these causes during the last many years. Isn't it strange that a pastor and a church, that announce both in theory and in practice they are opposed to the things you are trying to do, want fellowship with you and seats in your councils for the sole purpose of trying to keep you from doing the things you want to do? This does not look like New Testament cooperation to me.

2. The Principle of Loyalty to the Commands of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Causes and Institutions which these Commands and Teachings Set Up and Set Forward.

This pastor and church state clearly, both in theory and in practice their opposition to the institutionalism of the Commission. He in his argument, the pastor, tried to establish an alibi by saying that he meant unscriptural "institutions," such as institutions that teach evolution, and so on. But he unfortunately used "unscriptural institutionalism." How he and the self-assumed leadership which he is following are opposed to the institutionalism of Southern Baptists. Their gifts this year, or their lack of gifts, state that this institutionalism which they are opposed to is missions of all sorts, from doing of all sorts, and benevolences of all sorts. Their action in not giving speaks as loud as their profession of non-cooperation. The brotherhood had just as well know that the leadership of the opposition in Texas and the South is not only opposed to some of the institutions that are dear to us, but it is opposed to the principle involved in their establishment and promotion. That leadership gives practically nothing to any of the causes and institutions fostered by Texas and Southern Baptists. It is pure, downright anti-mission, anti-institution, and anti-institutionalism. Wherever that leadership gets a hold on individuals or churches they at once cease to give to the great causes of the Commission. Try it out in any community and you will find it is so. This is a leadership of non-cooperation, anti-missionary and destructive, and is a leadership of death to all who follow it. It has been from the beginning when it made a bitter, cruel fight with E. H. Carroll seventeen or eighteen years ago, kept it up on J. B. Gambrell, and has kept it up continuously on nearly every leader Texas and Southern Baptists have had to this day. It is construction against destruction. It is the old fight known all through the ages. Its principle method is misrepresentation, innuendo, suspicion, accusation against character and leadership. It does nothing for the causes itself, but seeks to keep others from doing what they want to do for the cause.

3. The third principle involved in this matter is loyalty to the moral laws of God. God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." The main basis of this notorious opposition is a palpable violation of this plain commandment of God. This opposition to the causes of Tarrant County Association and Texas Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions has ceaselessly misrepresented their causes, therefore, the Tarrant County Baptist Association put itself, again, with overwhelming force and with a solidarity and a conviction that rings to Heaven, against this opposition and its misrepresentations. It is not only a question of cooperation, and a question of loyalty to the teachings of Jesus Christ, but it is a question of veracity, honor and common honesty in denominational relationship. I itemize some cases:

(1) This opposition has published widely that I said "Prof. Meroney and the medical College at Dallas must go." I never said that, nor anything that could be twisted into such a statement. (2) It also published that Dr. W. W. Barnes, Professor of Church History in the Southwestern Seminary, is an evolutionist. There is not a syllable of truth in this statement. In 1921, when this agitation first began, I asked Dr. Barnes to write out a statement of his faith and submit to me. His statement was passed around among the faculty of the Seminary. Each one of them voluntarily signed it, and here is what Dr. Barnes says: "We repudiate the rationalistic method of dealing with the Bible and religious truth that has come into vogue in Europe and in many universities and seminaries in our own country in recent years, and the results thereof. We repudiate the evolutionary theory that man has developed from any lower animal. We believe that he is the direct creation of God, both on the physical and mental or spiritual sides of his being. We believe in the Genesis account of the origin of the world and of man. We believe that it is the only true and satisfactory account of the origin of the world and of man to be found in any literature. Then he goes on to affirm his belief in the fundamentals—the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, and so on. There cannot be found one scintilla of evidence, in the fourteen or fifteen years of teaching of this fine teacher in the Southwestern Seminary, where he gave the slightest coloring of believe in the evolutionary theory. The faculty of the Southwestern Seminary is an absolute unit on, and have unanimously by stand-

ing vote endorsed the McDaniel resolution, and this reflection on Dr. Barnes is untrue. (3) This same source of opposition has published and broadcasted that Judge J. W. Gormley, lecturer on judicial jurisprudence in Baylor University College, is a Catholic. Judge Cullen F. Thomas and Dr. F. M. McConnell, two honorable and truthful men who are in possession of the facts, say that this accusation is untrue. Charles O'Connell, present president of Dallas County Bar Association corroborates this statement, and Judge Gormley himself says that he has had no connection with the Catholic church for sixteen years. Furthermore, Judge Gormley is a Mason, and Masons are not Catholics. God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

(4) I charge a yet graver offense against upright dealing among men and fair play by this same self-appointed censor of faithful servants of our Baptist institutions. Through published word and by radio is spread throughout the land the sensational scoop that Judge J. W. Gormley, cultured scholar and modest gentleman, on Saturday afternoon, July 30, in the city of Dallas, on McKinney Avenue, was caught by officers in a raid of notorious gambling houses and promptly pleaded guilty and paid his fine, under an assumed name.

This charge was absolutely untrue. It was no more true of Jno. W. Gormley than of John Calvin or John Knox, or John Wesley or John Bunyan.

I here and now announced, upon uncontested proof, that not only was this reckless, cruel charge against a good man's good name not so, but that the one who jealously rolled the untold story as a sweet morsel under his tongue, knows his statement was not so. Yet the days pass. The much-read and little-read sensation-monger circulates. The much-advertised broadcaster, casts abroad its poison, and no sentence or syllable of sorrow correction or explanation, or disavowal, or apology for the tragic wrong done an innocent fellow-man, or the wicked blow aimed at old Baylor, dear to many of us as our blood.

How long, O Lord, how long! (5) Another item of conscienceless misrepresentation and untrue purpose is the charges out of this same source of mis-information as broadcasted and published concerning Cullen F. Thomas, deacon of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and one of the most honorable and useful laymen among Southern Baptists. These charges are that he has asked large and exorbitant fees for legal services in connection with the Relief and Annuity Board, Baylor Medical College, and other institutions, in securing litigation for these enterprises. These charges are utterly untrue and baseless. The facts are that Mr. Thomas has rendered valuable legal service requiring much time and expense, in the interest of the Executive Board, of the Texas Convention, The Relief & Annuity Board, Baylor University, with the institutions at Dallas and in the southwestern Seminary, the Baptist Standard, Baylor College, Howard Payne College, and others. For most of these services he has received no fees at all, and in the cases where he has received fees they have been small and modest, and in every case paid at the instance and instigation of the institution themselves. Why should this good man see this falsely charged? God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

(6) This same source of opposition brings now Prof. Meroney, a teacher in the field of science in Baylor University, under cruel and relentless fire. His only ground of attack is quotations from a book which Prof. Meroney is using in his classes. Prof. Meroney himself says, on the same page from which the damaging quotation is given, the following: "In order to get before the beginning student something of the meaning of the folk ways, mores and institutions as conceived by Mr. Sumner, a number of extracts are here given, by permission of the publishers." There follows the quotation from Prof. Sumner's book. Prof. Meroney says that the words used by Prof. Sumner are not his words, and he does not endorse them. But Prof. Meroney said on October 24 and endorses that statement today, as follows: "I do not believe or teach that man was evolved from lower forms of life. On the other hand, I do believe that man came into existence by the direct creative act of God, as stated in Genesis 2:7. I have talked in the last few days to a number of graduates of Baylor University, all honorable cultured, truthful, sensible men and women, who took Prof. Meroney's studies in science, and they unitedly say that Prof. Meroney not only does not believe in the evolutionary theory, but clearly sets out the reasons why he does not. God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

(7) This same source of opposition says that Baylor University faculty and President Brooks are against the McDaniel Resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention, and ought to be made to sign it. I want to say, in the first place, that the McDaniel Resolution was the Southern Baptist Convention's request to the institutions and boards owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, and that resolution did not ask individual signature to the McDaniel Resolution. It said, signify their approval of that resolution. The Southwestern Seminary faculty, by unanimous vote, standing, endorsed the McDaniel Resolution. The Southwestern Seminary is owned by the Southern Baptist Convention, and all other boards and institutions of Southern Convention ownership have signified their approval of the McDaniel Resolution. Baylor University is not owned by the Southern Convention, and the resolutions do not require, that the state institutions subscribe to resolutions passed by the Southern Baptist Convention. I wish to say, further, that President Brooks was present and voted for the McDaniel Resolution and pub-

lished his endorsement, and further as everybody knows, the faculty of Baylor University had already passed, voluntarily and unanimously, a signed expression of their belief in the fundamentals of our faith, which articles of faith wholly endorsed in principle the McDaniel Resolution. Now, why is it necessary, when President Brooks voted for the resolution and the faculty had already endorsed that principle and all the other fundamentals of faith by their personal signature, why nag and raise suspicions and make accusations and untrue charges against a great set of honorable, consecrated, orthodox teachers?

The Tarrant County Baptist Association, with a unanimous and thundering vote, said to this question, "We will have no part in further criticism or misrepresentation or innuendo or insinuation against President Brooks and his noble faculty. God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

(8) And, as if to add insult to injury, this same source of opposition brings railing accusation and charges against the orthodoxy, honor and denominational fidelity of the beloved George Truett, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and the pastor of the Baptist heart of the world. The Tarrant County Baptist Association wishes the world to know that it believes these charges are utterly and wickedly untrue, and that this princely preacher and great, world-wide Baptist leader is an orthodox and as thoroughly opposed as any living man to the false theories of evolution, modernism and materialism, and we repudiate and denounce these charges with righteous indignation and have no fellowship with those that make them.

We believe that the brotherhood everywhere ought to come out strongly and stand for and speak for and support these causes, institutions and these leaders who are sound in the faith and are giving themselves and their money, sacrificially, to the building of these institutions and causes, which this age-long fight of anti-mission, anti-progress, self-centered, destructive movement and leadership is fostering to ruin the causes and work of Jesus Christ, The Tarrant County Association has spoken time and time again. We live close to and know the method, the spirit, the character and life of this opposition, and we have spoken and "cleared our skirts" time and time again in the light of what we knew. The Tarrant County Association is humbly grateful to God that, though we are closest to this long, ceaseless attack on our causes, yet we are united, with practically every preacher, pastor and church in the Association standing full-length for the causes, giving last year nearly \$100,000 to the denominational causes outside of our bounds, and baptizing nearly 1200 new converts into fellowship of our churches. We are united for the things of Christ and His old truth, and solidly against those who oppose these causes and His truth. We crave your prayers and we "carry on." Our fellowship is sweet; our faith is strong, and our hearts are fixed.

MEETING AT COUNTY LINE Have just closed a good meeting at County Line, Fisher county, of the older members believing it to be the best meeting in years or probably in the history of the church. Brother E. D. Dunlap was with me and did the preaching, and there are few men more spiritual than E. D. Dunlap. There were twenty conversions and reclamations, one man reclaimed after twenty years out of service, and one of his requests after "coming back" was that we observe the Lord's Supper at the earliest possible date. N. W. PITTS, Pastor.

TWO SCHOOL ADDED TO HONOR ROLL We are so happy to report two more schools that have reached the standard during the past week and make application for the award. Forest Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Rev. E. P. Baker, pastor and Mr. G. B. Arnold, superintendent and the Provident Heights Church at Waco, with Rev. W. T. Rouse as pastor and P. W. Kellnes, superintendent, have both reached this worthy goal and we congratulate the workers upon this achievement. We believe we will be able to announce an Advance Standard Sunday school in Texas within the next few weeks. This indicates a hard working Sunday school and a real race for the goal. Watch the Standard for further announcement.

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