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## Executive Board Finances

Being a Careful Analysis of the Finances of Our Convention Executive Board  
by Secretary F. S. Groner

(Let every one desiring accurate information read this)

The headquarters office of our Executive Board furnishes an annual statement, a quarterly statement, and a monthly statement, showing our indebtedness and the progress that is being made in reducing that indebtedness.

As has been said, so many times, not only are our Home Mission Board, our Foreign Mission Board, and our Texas Convention Board in debt, but the mission and educational boards of all the various denominations in the country are under the heaviest debts in their history. This is due solely to the fact that these boards during the last few years have been compelled to enlarge their operations, doubling, trebling, and in many cases, quadrupling their former investments. Of course we have had larger receipts than ever before, but these receipts have not been adequate to meet our increasing obligations. Take Texas for instance. Our Board has received during the last five years more than three times as much money ever received during any similar period. But the investments and operation of our schools, hospitals, and mission work has not only been multiplied many times, but money goes only about half as far as it did a half dozen years ago.

Not only are denominational boards everywhere in debt, but business institutions, national and state governments, national and state governments, and city governments are under the largest debts in the history of modern times. Also, individuals owe more, and usually many times more, than ever before. This is true of local churches, and in fact it applies every way and everywhere.

It might be well to remind the brotherhood that though banks, trust companies, and other large business concerns of every kind, including railroads, have had to go into the hands of receivers or be closed down entirely, nothing of this kind has happened to a single Baptist institution in Texas or in the entire South. It is well to bear in mind that though our Baptist General Convention and its various properties including our hospitals and schools are in debt yet this indebtedness is smaller in proportion to our total assets than almost any concern you can name.

At the Board meeting held in Dallas June 19 a statement was submitted showing the entire indebtedness of all our institutions, as reported by the heads of these institutions, of our Executive Board, including the Baptist Loyalty Bond obligation, all of which totalled \$5,130,000.00. This is about half the amount reported in a recent issue of an irresponsible paper that is circulated free among our people in

this state. To offset this indebtedness we have, according to a careful appraisal, a total of over \$15,000,000.00 assets.

We would call attention to the fact that our Convention Executive Board owes \$261,147.88 less than one year ago. In this we did not include \$120,000.00 which we paid on our Loyalty Bond account. When our Executive Board met last July its obligations totalled \$1,161,146.45. At that meeting of the Board we took over about \$75,000.00 of the indebtedness of the College of Marshall with the understanding that this indebtedness would be retired out of future allocations to the College of Marshall. This made a total indebtedness at that time of \$1,236,146.45. Since then we have paid on this indebtedness the following amounts: banks, \$90,000.00; Foreign Mission Board, old balance, \$10,918.62; note to Buckner Orphans Home, \$27,277.65; note College of Marshall owed at Atlanta bank, \$9,000.00; Howard Payne College note, \$5,000.00; Nashville headquarters expense accumulated over a term of more than a year \$15,000.00; sanitariums, \$13,065.89; Southwestern Seminary, \$65,000.00; Baylor Medical College, \$20,000.00; miscellaneous, \$5,885.62; or, a total of \$261,147.88.

The question may arise as to how we got the money to thus reduce this indebtedness. The explanation is easy. We paid the several Southwide Boards in May all that was due them for the year. This released the fall receipts so that we could pay some of our indebtedness at home and clear at the banks. Most of the institutions in Texas last fall had overdrafts (that is, money which our Board had borrowed and advanced to them), so we paid them practically nothing; applying the amount that was prorated to them to their overdrafts which enabled us to reduce our indebtedness at the banks. In other words, we took the money that would have gone to these institutions, if they had not been overdrawn, and paid that on the notes which we had made at the banks to get the money which we had advanced to the institutions, reducing our indebtedness at the banks by that much. This year so far we have not had to borrow so much money at the banks to carry on our work. The reason for this is due to the fact that we have been prorating to the Southwide Boards from month to month and so did not have to send all our receipts to the Southwide Boards as we have done heretofore. We owe at the banks \$90,000.00 less than we did one year ago. We have also retired the numerous other obligations above listed, all of which explains how we owe so much less.

Now, what about the falling off in the receipts in our spring round-up this year as compared with last year? It is well to remember that the reaction from the strenuous 75 Million Campaign was inevitable. Every state

in the Southern Baptist Convention suffered a similar decline in receipts. The fact is that Texas did not suffer as much as most of the other states. Our receipts from January to May this year was \$11,579.53 more than the next highest state. We did not send as much money to the Home and Foreign Mission Board this spring as heretofore because we began with the first of the year settling with all the causes on a percentage basis and instead of sending the Southern Baptist Convention Board all our spring receipts as heretofore we sent them a total of 42 percent of these receipts, the amount allocated to the Southern Baptist causes. Had we sent them the total amount as heretofore they would have received more than twice as much from Texas as they did. However, we are remitting to these Boards each month and by the end of the year they will likely have received from Texas more than from any other state. Let it be understood that this arrangement is in line with the policy adopted by our Board at its meeting last July when we worked out the principles which are to govern our future policies in Texas, and this arrangement is also in accord with the wishes of our Southwide Boards. It meets their unqualified approval.

Another explanation of the falling off of the receipts for our spring round-up in Texas and in all the states lies in the fact that we considered all 75 Million Campaign pledges cancelled with the closing of the calendar year of 1924. We thus entered upon a new program and were obligated to go before the people and take new pledges and secure such free-will contributions as we could without the 75 Million Campaign pledges to fall back upon. Also, with the beginning of the year our various institutions in Texas were released to go afield for funds to relieve their situations, and this inevitably affected our general campaign. In addition to the above it is well for us all to be reminded that we have on in Texas now the greatest era of church building in our history. Six million six hundred thousand dollars worth of church buildings have already been promoted and most of them are underway. Information which we have in our possession indicated that the church buildings already promoted will not be finished under three years and will not be paid for under six years. Thus, it will be observed that our annual budgets for church buildings alone in Texas, to say nothing of other local church expenses, in round numbers is \$1,100,000.00.

It is important that our attention be called to a very significant fact just in this connection, and that is if we count the money that has already been raised this year (1925) for our several institutions by their special campaigns, we have secured in Texas up to the present more money for denominational causes by probably a

quarter of a million dollars than during any other equal period. The above statement is no mere assertion but accords with the actual facts in the premises.

It is also a fact worthy of note that our receipts during the last Southern Baptist Convention year, ending April 30, 1925, were \$80,203.87 above the previous year. The total receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention year from May 1, 1923 to April 30, 1924 were \$1,074,117.89, and the receipts from May 1, 1924 to April 30, 1925 were \$1,154,321.76.

Now, let us note the progress that we are making in installing the budget in our churches and in the regular monthly receipts at our headquarters office. We are not fair to ourselves unless we look at both sides of our affairs. It is right for us to know the extent of our obligations and the seriousness of our problems, but it is also good sense for us to observe what is being done and the progress that is being made toward a solution.

Dr. T. V. Herndon became budget director by the unanimous vote of our Board at its meeting last July, one of the largest meetings of the Board that we have ever had. At that time, less than 150 churches were on the budget. Today slightly over 600 churches are making monthly remittances to our office. This all shows in our increasing monthly receipts. We received less this year during the months of April and May, our spring round-up months, than last year, but with the exception of these two months our monthly cash receipts have been far above any previous year. We give here the figures for this year as compared with last year:

1924:	January	\$28,581.02
	February	21,071.39
	March	30,862.16
	June	16,195.08
1925:	January	\$31,068.11
	February	38,154.29
	March	47,393.20
	June (to June 19th)	26,000.00

It will be observed that up to the 19th of this month we had received more than during the entire month a year ago. Our first objective is to work up our regular monthly receipts to \$100,000.00 and then we will raise our aim to a still higher figure, and so on.

Our outlook in Texas, in absolute candor, is brighter right now for our Board than it has ever been. We are passing through a period of adjustment but we are making that adjustment with greater ease and dispatch than we had hoped for. All that we need to do is to continue to work and pray and cooperate in our Master's service and the day of our redemption will dawn ere long. I am glad to say that our brotherhood refuses to be diverted by the misrepresentations and distorted reports given out by an

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### Men and Movements

—Rev. D. L. Griffith of Houston is helping Pastor W. K. Penrod in a revival meeting at Gonzales.

—First Church, Corpus Christi, will stage a big patriotic service next Sunday, July 5.

—Evangelist Raleigh Wright is in a revival at Mercedes with Pastor Julius R. Hickerson.

—It is reported that Rev. J. J. Kellam of Koakum is helping Pastor C. A. Hornburg of Falfurrias in a revival meeting.

—Rev. H. H. Chaffee of Floresville is holding an outdoor meeting at Sutherland Springs. The services are being well attended.

—Rev. W. W. Lee of Calvary Church, San Antonio, has been assisting the Pleasanton Church in a revival, and good results were realized.

—Great crowds are attending the services being held at Pearsall by Pastor Roy Hutchens, assisted by Rev. Calvin M. Nelson of San Antonio, and Singer Eric V. Caudell of San Antonio.

—Pastor O. G. Barron is being assisted the Rev. Mr. Hutchens of San Marcos in a revival meeting at Crown, in the vicinity of Charlotte, Atascosa county.

—Pastor D. P. Airhart, of Riviera Church expects to begin a revival meeting next Sunday, July 5th. Pastor O. J. Cole of Bishop was engaged to hold the meeting, but is in an increasingly interesting meeting at his own church.

—What was formerly known as the North Mission at Yoakum, is now the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The church was formerly a mission maintained by the First Baptist church. Its growth is reported to be very excellent.

—Pastor D. B. South of the Harlandale Baptist Church, San Antonio, conducted a training class last week in his church using the book, "Search for Souls," by L. R. Scarborough. There was a good attendance upon the meetings.

—Evangelist Sid Williams is still busy. Last Sunday night he preached for the men at Brooks Field, San Antonio. On July 10th he goes to Nolanville, Bell county, for a two-weeks camp meeting, and on the 26th instant he begins a revival at Bynum in Hill county.

—Here is something new under the sun. Mrs. D. H. Peabody of the Harlandale Baptist Church, San Antonio, leader of the Sunbeams, had a bottle shower for the Sunbeams as a matter of raising a fund of some kind. Some \$25 worth of bottles was the result of the shower. That's new—bottle shower!

—Lawn services are the rage now where any suitable place is available. It is much better to meet in the open

air these hot nights, and the attendance is usually better than in a house, however well ventilated the house may be. There is also a freedom about the open air meeting that is not enjoyed in the house.

—Pastor W. H. Ingle of London Church now rides in a Dodge coach, the gift of his good church following his recent meeting with them. The bond between the London church and its pastor is very strong and each side shows its preference of the other by service and gifts. It is a beautiful sight.

—Harlandale Baptist Church B. Y. P. U. S. installed officers for the second half of the year last Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. D. B. South, conducted the installation ceremonies. Mr. Willis Dockery was made the supervisor of B. Y. P. U. activities. There are three Senior Unions, two Intermediates and one Junior.

—Over at Eagle Pass the Baptists and the Methodists recently had two joint services in one day. At the morning hour they met at the Baptist church and the Methodist pastor preached, and at the evening hour the meeting was held at the Methodist church and Pastor S. M. York of the Baptist church preached. Much good is reported to have come of the day's activities.

—Here is a remarkable coincident. Rev. B. B. Blaylock of Memorial Church, Temple, is well known to Texas Baptists. The Grace Presbyterian Church of that city, near Memorial Baptist Church, has called a man by the name of B. B. Blalock from Missouri to be its pastor. There is but one slight difference between the two names: The Baptist preacher has a "y" in his name that the Presbyterian does not.

—How can one dispel the gloom of drouth? It became an anxious question with Pastor O. J. Cole of Bishop. He thought of a good plan: To hold a meeting. The meeting is going on now and gaining in power all the time. Mr. Lonnie Gale of Seminary Hill, Ft. Worth, is directing the music in a very satisfactory manner. Pastor Cole says he is a very effective soloist, as well as choir director. The attendance on the services is rather phenomenal.

—Good words these from a well-known South Texas pastor. "My work here is taking the summer complaint, but not to its discredit. We have had no rain in eighteen months, so it is doing well under the circumstances. I am for you in jail or out. I think the Southwest Texas Baptist will soon be read by all men. Some things ought to be said. I know of no one that has a more happy way of saying them than yourself." Thankee, brother.

—Pastor L. W. White of West Columbia is closing his work there August 1. Some good South Texas church ought to lay hands on this good man and get him lined up immediately, for he is a very worthy man, excellent preacher, effective pastor. The town of West Columbia is an oil town and oil towns quickly build up and as quickly relapse. It is that way at West Columbia. Most of the town has moved away and the Baptists have lost quite seriously.

—This is the mail for which you sent postage." So reads the legend stamped on the front of an envelope received by the editor. The editor sent the postage some days ago because he received a little missive from a postmaster way up country saying he was holding a letter addressed to the editor which did not have postage

on it. Now the letter is interesting and edifying. It bids the editor send tourists to the dear soul that wrtge the letter because she has a good place for people to camp and she is a Baptist. We shall most probably not send any tourists to a good sister that makes us pay postage on her letters of request. She might decide to put a tax on sunshine.

—This news note from Pastor J. J. Rice, who lives at Yoakum and serves churches contiguous thereto: "Missionary R. L. Cole of Guadalupe Association conducted a splendid revival meeting for the writer with the Salem Church, near Ezell south of Hallettsville. Brother Cole labored under many difficulties, but he preached the Word and God honored his preached Word with six additions to the church for baptism. A collection upward of fifty dollars was subscribed for associational missions. The church is greatly lifted spiritually and despite the drouth and seeming crop failure the people are looking forward to greater things. Our prayer is that God will continue to abundantly bless Brother Cole. Your paper is better and better with each number, and we are greatly enjoying it."

—"In this congregation the sky and the Constitution of the United States are the limits. Your views are your own." So asserted Bishop Frank H. Rice in the pulpit of the Liberal Church, Inc., Denver, Colorado, on last Sunday, while a monkey sitting astride the pulpit blinked in a dazed way. Rather hard on the monkey to be in an assemblage of that sort. The meeting resolved itself into an open forum and resulted that, "the Biblical story of creation is one of the most ridiculous things in print—a story intelligent preachers are abandoning." The service suffered disappointment because a consignment of five gallons of buttermilk ordered for the communion service failed to arrive. Too bad that part of the service failed! Think of it: money, no Bible, buttermilk—yet called a "church." And all intelligent preachers are abandoning the Bible story of creation! There are lots of humorous things in the world these days besides Charley Chaplin and Nicholas Murray Butler.

### TO THE SOUTHWEST BROTHERHOOD

The brethren at the Encampment asked Rev. J. P. King, Pastor Judd B. Holt and myself to act as a committee to boost the Southwest Texas Baptist. We are asking that in every church someone take the matter up and secure a list of subscribers. Also that each pastor send in news notes and short articles on live themes. And that we all pull together and help each other put forward our work in this great section.

O. J. Cole, Bishop, Chairman.

The above appeal is worthy of everybody's note. The brethren say that The Southwest Texas Baptist is one of our imperative necessities in this end of the world. It was started with that feeling. Some liberal promises were made at the meeting that originated the paper. Some of those promises have been kept. The editor undertook the work of editing the paper without any remuneration at all. He was not to handle the business end of the paper because of the tax upon his time. But so far he has taken the responsibility and done the work, both of editing and looking after the business affairs of the paper. He has done it cheerfully. He has had to search diligently for the news matter that has filled the paper's columns. The

brethren have been quite busy and are modest. It is devoutly hoped that Pastor Cole's appeal, seconded by Missionary J. P. King and Pastor Judd B. Holt, will be seriously heeded and that such a spirit of co-operation will mark our people that the paper can increase in size and reach every home of the section and have a great service to its credit.

### ROBSTOWN NOTES By Judd B. Holt, Pastor

Our church was well represented at the Encampment. Many spent the Lord's day there. We called off all our services except the Sunday school.

The organized class Convention held in Dallas last week was a big success. The speakers were all men and women of note and none failed to fill his place. The whole program was of a very high order. The most outstanding speaker there perhaps was Dr. Evans of Kansas City who recently assembled 52,000 men on one Sunday for a Bible Class. Kansas City was in a contest with Los Angeles, Calif., and won. Eighteen hundred delegates registered for the Convention from outside of Dallas. The writer only attended the last day.

The recent Board meeting held in Dallas on June 19th was one of the best we have ever had. The committee had all matters in shape for definite procedure and discussion and everything went off with a snap and with great earnestness. W. Y. Pond was chosen to head our State Evangelistic staff; and Pastors Bonnie Grimes and B. B. Blaylock were chosen State Evangelists. We are making progress.

We Robstown Baptists think that the Riviera Beach Encampment was a real success. How splendid was the program and how delightful the fellowship!

The Southwest Texas Baptist is filing the bill in a great way and helped us wonderfully in putting the Encampment over.

### DEATH OF MRS. E. C. ROUTH

All Texas Baptists have been saddened by the death of the wife of Editor E. C. Routh of the Baptist Standard, Dallas. Her death occurred week before last at El Paso, where she had been for many months in an effort to prolong life. The writer did not know Mrs. Routh, but she is reputed to have been a very excellent woman, a quiet home-maker, a devoted helpmate. While we did not know Mrs. Routh, we do know Editor Routh, and our heart is very much touched with this grief that comes to him. Editor Routh is well-beloved by Southwest Texas Baptists, for he began his career in this section, and in 1907 started a Southwest Texas Baptist paper that did a great service for the cause until its consolidation with the Baptist Standard. No man in Texas today has given himself more unreservedly to the building of the Baptist cause in Texas than has Editor E. C. Routh. He has had a difficult place to fill, but in it all has conducted himself so as to have the admiration and love of the brotherhood. Our sympathies all go out to him now in the hour of his sorrow. May the gracious Father bring comfort.

Cheerfulness is what greases the axle of the world; some people go through life creaking.

One example is worth a thousand arguments.

## Young People's Activities

L. L. LEGGETT, Editor

Let there be no slack season in the B. Y. P. U. work.

The London Baptist Church has elected the following B. Y. P. U. officers for the coming term of six months: L. L. Leggett, general director; Finley White, assistant director; E. C. Carlisle, Chorister; W. T. Nunley, general secretary; Miss Birdie Nunley, pianist; S. A. London, president of Adult Union; Miss Vera Nunley, president of Senior Union; Mrs. W. F. London, leader of the Intermediates, and Miss Sallie Carlisle as president; Mrs. D. H. Stockton as leader of the Junior Union. These folks have a strong lineup of officers and expect to do good work the coming term.

The Palacios Encampment is opening up this week and our hope is that the attendance will be larger than ever before and that more people will be taught and inspired and blessed than in any previous encampment. It is our conviction that every B. Y. P. U. in the state should send at least one delegate to our state convention at Palacios who could and would stay the whole ten days, take and finish the two study courses, attend all the services, absorb all possible blessings, and bring back home in a form available for constant broadcasting every single good thing he or she heard. All of our B. Y. P. U. work would be blessed in a great way if this should be done. We know of one or two good Unions that started off by sending a live "sponge" to Palacios.

The London Senior Union plans to put on a program at Kingsville on the third Sunday in July. This is a return visit and is intended to repay the excellent program rendered by Jack and his folks at London on May 3rd.

Following close on the heels of the Palacios Encampment comes the Alto Frio Encampment, which will be in session this year from July 10th to 19th. A hearty welcome is held out to all. To those of us who live in the level coast country, there is a very strong appeal in a trip to the mountain country. We like and need a change of scenery and atmosphere and both are to be found at Alto Frio. Many fine speakers and leaders are on the program up there and we urge all to go who can, especially those who have not had opportunity to attend Riviera

or Palacios. "Big Chief" Gardner will be there.

We are anxious to print the names of the officers of the B. Y. P. U.'s at Robstown, Driscoll, Bishop, Kingsville, Falfurrias, Alice and other points, if any, in this association. Please send in to L. L. Leggett, Corpus Christi, Texas, Route 2.

### Bishop B. Y. P. U. Starts Second Half of the Year

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of Bishop met in their regular meeting place on June 27th at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the term beginning July 1st and ending December 31, 1925. The following officers were elected:

President, Owen McKinney; Vice-president, Erma Lee Wilcox; Rec. Secretary, Troy Price; Cor. Secretary and Reporter, Opal Adair; Bible Reader's Leader, Mrs. E. A. Bishop; Pianist, Laura Ligon; Chorister, Benjamin Patrick; Librarian, Sadie McKinney. The appointment of group captains was left to the President. During the summer months many of our members are away and there is a slight decline in the attendance, but the work is going on in a great way despite the difficulties and we are still working for an A1 B. Y. P. U. Reporter.

### A "BIG" MEETING

Missionary J. P. King of Corpus Christi Association usually holds a successful meeting. When he went to Annarose, in the southwest tip of Live Oak county, there was wonderment as to whether he would succeed in this particular instance. He hurried from the Riviera Beach Encampment and began the meeting on July 19, and it closed on the 29th. He pitched the tent, began with his usual vigor and the thing moved right off in a very happy fashion. Pastor Kelley lives in the community, and had made ready so far as he could. The people took hold, the whole community got afire, and large numbers were converted and many others lined up with the church for service. The pastor had four sons converted and baptized. The meeting climaxed on last Monday when the pastor baptized above thirty in the Nueces river near George West. The bulk of the crowd had to travel nearly forty mile in order to reach the baptizing place, but they started and a multitude joined in the caravan and perhaps a thousand people witnessed the rite. Missionary King spoke on the significance of the service, the baptizing followed, then the crowd enjoyed a picnic dinner and lingered around the grounds until about four in the afternoon. A new day has dawned for the Annarose community. It is

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rather remote, being about thirty miles to a railroad, and the church is new, but many new people are coming in, and while the drouth is severe this year, the community is destined to be populous before many years, and this good start insures that it will be a Baptist center for that vast new region.

### SECRETARY GRONER'S STATEMENT

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 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.

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# What Have We Here?

We have natural resources unexcelled in any section of corresponding area in the world. We have facilities for realizing on these natural resources and can easily hope for this to be the most populous area in all the South in ten years.

We have a population that is rapidly increasing and of the best variety for building a great country. Mostly it is American. The foreign element is sufficient to make us thoughtful, energetic, sympathetic, missionary. The percentage of Baptists is an ever-encouraging fact.

We have the nucleus from which may grow a great Baptist empire. There are growing churches that constantly get broader visions of usefulness and impulses of service. We have one hospital nearly ready for use and another is being projected. We have a college in the making in the most populous part of our section. We have The Southwest Texas Baptist as a medium for dispensing news, making appeal, cultivating brotherhood, informing the people.

Let's make use of all these assets and keep Baptist development going at the same rate as is the material growth of the country.

**THE EVANGELIST AGAIN**  
By M. H. Godfrey

In your paper last week Brother Coltrin had a fine letter to the Evangelist. I wonder if it would be amiss if I would make a few feeble remarks?

In the first place we have some evangelists that are called of God to do that kind of work, and they have great gifts in that special line. Some of the noblest men I have had to help me in meetings have been evangelists.

We have some others, who, I fear, are missing the mark and setting a low standard for that class of work. They come to you with a set rule to work by, regardless of conditions. They want no advice from the pastor or anyone else. "They know how it must be done;" so they put the pastor on the shelf and preach from a text something like this: "This town is up side down. 2nd. It needs turning back. 3rd. I am the man to do it."

He assumes some things: That everybody is backsliden, lazy, good for nothing. He proceeds to give a good skinning, with some vulgarity along with it. The crowd drops off. Then he complains that the folks are not co-operating with him, but decides to get the crowd back by acting funny, saying funny things, (ridiculous things). The people do not feel that they are in the house of God, and are in no frame of mind for worship, so no results. He then gets mad and tries to drive the people out to do personal work, and those who go are driven out by the evangelist and not the Spirit of God. Their work is hurtful and not helpful. (I believe someone should have a class in personal work). The pastor can do this better for he knows the people better. Of course this kind of work will get some people to join the church, but what will they do after they join, and how will you get rid of them? About this time we have a "Dollar Night," the envelopes are passed out and everyone that does not wear false hair or teeth will bring a dollar the next night. So many are disgusted or mad not many dollars come in, so another good skinning comes off, more people are working against the meeting. But in spite of it all, we are having the greatest meeting this town ever saw; old settlers say they never saw the town so shaken for God.

So on the second Sunday at 4 p. m., the evangelist will give his famous lecture that he has been offered \$5000 a year to go on the platform and de-

liver. The last time he gave this lecture the house was jammed and many said it was the best ever delivered. But somehow not many come at this place. Something wrong with the town and he will tell us what it is in a few days. But everyone that liked the lecture is asked to come up and give a dollar. So by this time we are getting into the meeting in a great way, and it is time now to have a conference with the pastor and deacons just to give them a good plan to handle the collection. By this time we are to get our report ready for the Baptist Standard. So he writes up a good one; tells what a great meeting "that eternity alone will reveal the good done in this meeting."

**A WONDERFUL EXPERIMENT**

The editor spent just a week in a meeting at Chapman Ranch, south of Corpus Christi about fifteen miles. The meeting had some hindrances, but in spite of all there were some good results that came of the week's work. Pastor W. H. Ingle of Corpus Christi worked very earnestly and his brethren co-operated very effectually. Quite a number were added by baptism and by letter.

The Chapman Ranch is one of the wonderful experiments that are being tried in this land of rapid growth. It is forty-four thousand acres in extent, right in the heart of the black land belt of Nueces county. Mr. Chapman, an Ellis county man, has put lots of money into its development, and is already reaping good harvests from his investment. He paid forty dollars an acre for the raw land, and by the time his improvements are finished it probably costs him in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars an acre. Every foot of the Ranch is to be put to cultivation. Four sets of improvements are on each section, and the houses placed in the corners so that four families are in a kind of village together. The improvements for each quarter section consist of a six-room house with 12x28 sleeping porch, glassed in; a combination garage, smoke-house and chicken house; a barn capable of housing a dozen head of stock; a four-room house for the helper; a water-works system. Each farmer works exactly one hundred and sixty acres—no more, no less. Perfectly graded roads run along section lines and the grade is lifted so high that no amount of rain will ever flood the highways. At two places on the

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irresponsible opponent of our Master's work. I give this rather extended statement of our situation as a matter of general information to the brotherhood. No thoughtful person will be deceived by any effort to misinterpret and to garble the above facts. The Baptists of Texas will ask and receive information from the friends of the work and not from an enemy of the denomination and of our Redeemer's kingdom.

The other fellow's weakness is probably no worse than our own but of course it looks worse.

What's the matter with the church? Nothing but you and me and the rest of us.

Ranch, Mr. Chapman is building towns of sufficient size to care for the workers of all the necessary industries and the industries themselves. For example, at Patville, his first town, there are two gins, reputed to have cost \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00 respectively; a business house 150x300 feet of reinforced concrete construction, fireproof; two grade school buildings and one high school building; a hospital, doctor's home and nurse's home; a sufficient number of homes for all the families necessary to the conduct of the business and industries of the Ranch. Really it is a wonderful experiment. The land is farmed for one-fourth the cotton, and only farmers with a-1 reputation can rent one of the farms.

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