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Our Urgent Jerusalem and Judean Appeals

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The world Redeemer's program for evangelizing the world has ever been from Jerusalem outward. He said: "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Soon after the Great Leader announced his program, Phillip, one of the seven deacons of the Jerusalem church, was evangelizing in Judea and Samaria. Peter was soon obeying orders to open the doors of the church to the Gentiles and preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to Cornelius and his household. Only a few years later Paul, the special messenger to the Gentiles, was bearing off in Asia Minor, towards the Orient. Three times the Holy Spirit turned him westward towards the Occident. In a short while he had churches established in Europe. But for such interventions the Orient would at this time probably be sending the gospel to us. From Jerusalem outward was the order then. From our Jerusalem outward is the order to-day. The marching order has been given. As his loyal followers we can but heed the urgent appeals, the "come over and help us."

From our Jerusalem and from Texas must go supplies and recruits for the uttermost part. Some one has said that men fought for three thousand years around a little pond called the Mediterranean Sea, for half a millennium of years they contended for the supremacy of the Atlantic, but when the Panama shall have been dug with American shovels under the American flag, then the battleground for all civilization will be the Pacific. Upon its bosom must be solved the problems of the human race. God has made it an Anglo-Saxon arena. Anglo-Saxons hold the keys to all that is desirable and profitable by the direct providence of God. If it be true that the world's problems are to be settled on the Pacific, and that God has given this arena to the Anglo-Saxon, and that the American type of the Anglo-Saxon is to lead and solidify all others, and not least, that Christians who are Christians simply, are to hold up to the world Christianity, the simple and ample solution of the world's problems, what a meaning these facts give to the work of Texas disciples. Texas is in this path of Christianity and of pro-

gress towards the world's new arena. A network of railroads must focus towards the Panama gateway. Commercial and industrial expansion must in a large measure pass this way. The teeming, incoming thousands are thickly populating this path. What a mighty appeal for loyalty to Christ in Texas, the land of opportunity, the highly favored! How important to evangelize every neglected district of the empire State. What a meaning these things give to the work of the Texas Christian Missionary Board and how much greater the appeal for a loyal backing that Texas disciples alone can give to the work of that board! This urgent Jerusalem and Judean appeal calls for a liberal November offering and a forward step all along the line of Texas disciples.

A still stronger appeal is that in Texas. "The fields are white already unto the harvest." Again like at Jerusalem of old, the radiation must be from the ripe material at home. Nowhere else could there have been such response to the gospel message as in Jerusalem. Just so in our highly favored Jerusalem—the home church. We are living in "the Canaan of the West." We are the grateful participants of a splendid civilization, and for it we owe most to the cause of missions. James Russell Lowell says, "Those who scoff at Christianity may be thankful that they live in a land of gospel-tamed men, who but for that might long ago have eaten their carcasses like South Sea Islanders and cut off their heads and tanned their hides like monsters of the French Revolution." The gospel underlies the civilization of our

great State. The Christ is our supreme model, and the attraction of our loyalty. Wherever loyalty to Christ is proclaimed there is a hearty response. Great results can be reached anywhere in Texas. Texas missionaries and evangelists were thirty-four in number last year. They added to the church eighteen hundred and twenty, an average of over fifty each. A hundred thousand additions to the plain Christian churches of the United States were reported last year and Texas furnished one-twentieth of that number. Texas supplied ten per cent of the new churches reported. Texas mission fields are white unto the harvest. Calls are coming from all parts of the State, "Send us an evangelist to hold us a meeting." "Send us fifty dollars and we will do the rest and soon have a plain Christian church, wide awake and prospering. And worthy of notice is the fact that churches built up by aid of the State Board are always among the loyal supporters of State missions. But sad to note, many of the urgent appeals must go unheeded because of the lack of funds. The great Texas brotherhood of plain Christians should arouse to the passing splendid opportunities for taking Texas for Christ and the simple New Testament plea. Strong indeed is the appeal for a liberal November offering from the standpoint of Texas as a base of almost unlimited supplies and recruits, but stronger far is the appeal because of the precious ripe and waiting harvests. The Master's, "Go and teach, beginning at Jerusalem," ought to prompt every plain Christian in Texas to greater loyalty in November than ever before.

But the greatest argument for a liberal offering in November from our Jerusalem and Judea, in order to take Texas for Christ, is that "the love of Christ constrains us." Again we look to the Jerusalem model. The love of Christ constrained them to be his witnesses both in Jerusalem and Judea and unto the uttermost part, and so strong was that love in their hearts that they were ready to face any persecution to be witnesses for Christ. Even burning at the stake to fight Nero's guards did not daunt those witnesses. Paul was stoned at Lystra, mobbed at Philippi, beaten with rods at Iconium; in perils on land and on sea, and yet he said, "None of these things move me." "But forgetting the things behind, I press forward." Those heroic martyrs and followers were marching as witnesses from Jerusalem and Judea, to the uttermost parts. We plead for the same New Testament Christianity that they bled and died for. Every reason that justifies our existence as a people and as his witnesses, and that justifies the union of God's people that the world might believe, pleads for missions in Texas, and pleads for loyalty in the November offering. If it be true that God has given the American type of the Anglo-Saxon supremacy of the world's new arena, and that Texas, situated at the entrance of the new arena, is favored with almost unlimited supplies and recruits, and is now a waiting harvest, how the love of Christ ought to constrain the plain Christians of Texas! What a stimulus for loyalty to the November offering!

No wonder the Master commanded such system and order as from Jerusalem outward. His is the authority

as the "King of Kings," who said, "Go ye," "Be my witnesses," and "Lo, I am with you." Let us witness for him with our means and our prayers and a life of loving service.

THOUGHTS FROM EAST TEXAS CONVENTION.

J. W. Famuliner.

If we are commanded to preach the gospel to every creature, then it is possible for all to be saved. "My lambs must be shepherded." If we love Jesus Christ we will feed them. Those that appear to be wolves to us may become lambs in the fold of Christ. Feeding His lambs is aiding them in finding pasture. If we want others to be active workers then we must be enthusiastic ourselves.

He that believeth on me out from him shall flow rivers of living waters."—John 7:38. Rivers compared to other streams are large, active and growing streams of water. Believing in Christ makes me a large, active and growing worker. Conclusion: Not a worker, not a believer, not saved, hence not saving others.

We are laborers together with God. (1 Cor. 3:9). More greatly exalted. The great accomplishments of this world are the results of man's working in harmony with nature's laws. We who work in harmony with God's laws work with Him and can accomplish all things in Jesus Christ, who strengthens us, for we have all the power of God behind us.

Our gospel is for all—every creature.

The Christian Church House,

WHITESBORO, TEXAS



Whosoever thou art that enters this church, leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for him who ministers, and for those who worship here.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

W. H. Coleman.

A great object is worthy of a great effort. The object of the Texas Disciples is to win Texas for Christ. And that means Apostolic Christianity. Texas is the greatest State in area and its natural resources will make it the greatest in population. Many believe that with the completion of the Isthmian Canal and a few decades of growth the metropolis of the United States will be found on the coast of Texas. Capital is already looking for investment and seeking to determine which of our cities will be that metropolis.

Among the States of the Union Texas now ranks sixth in population and one person in each 32 is a member of the Christian Church. The time for a forward movement is propitious. The State is well nigh won for Prohibition. The saloon is doomed. Gambling is being suppressed. The Lord's Day is being honored. The moral standard is rising. The people are seeking truth and that search is leading them away from the traditions of men and ecclesiastical legislation. They are seeking that simple New Testament truth which makes men free indeed. And if the church of Christ does not use the opportunity some other church will.

The Disciples of Christ have a great message for and a great mission to the people at this time. The excellent work already done by the Texas Christian Missionary Convention through its board and splendid corps of evangelists shows that the seal of God's blessing has been placed upon the work. But in the present condition of the treasury they can enter only a

few of the open doors and can answer only a tithe of the Macedonian cries that come.

It is the day of our visitation. We must not lose the opportunity. To measure up to our responsibility in evangelizing this great State our November offering for State Missions must be greater than we have ever yet made. We must make the offering commensurate with the needs. Upon the ministers of the State rests the greater part of the responsibility. Indifference in urging the needs and taking the offering is inexcusable. One hundred dollars now will accomplish as much as \$1000 ten years hence. Make the offering general and generous now.

Whitesboro, Texas.

CHILDREN'S DAY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

About 800 Sunday-schools observed it during the present missionary year, and sent us more than ten thousand dollars for American Evangelization. This is a splendid gain. We hope that 1200 schools will observe it this year, and send us fifteen thousand dollars.

The day generally observed is November 25th, but many schools select other days. Some use our new exercise—"Soldiers of the Cross," and take the offering on the day of the Autumn Rally in the Sunday-schools.

Our program and exercise are the best we have ever provided. Send for them. Observe a day in your Sunday-school for Home Missions. Make it a big day. Send for our exercise. It will cost you nothing.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Y. M. C. A Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WHOSE WORK IS IT?

Colby D. Hall.

The appeal of Texas Missions is not the voice of the secretary. It is the call of God. The demand for funds to evangelize Texas comes not from the executive committee. It arises out of the very nature and condition of the field.

"I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would cry out," God's movements are greater than any men. His call will out. Man may hesitate or refuse, but the needs that are written deep in the nature of things will cry out. The man of Macedonia was the personification of a people's hunger for the gospel. The call of Texas Missions is the expression of the deep and vital need of our State for the simple gospel. That was Paul's opportunity to put himself in as a part of God's plan, and this is ours.

Whether we see it or not, whether we speak or keep silence, the need will cry out. For it is God's language writ in the condition of a people. Will we join ourselves to God and become a part of His plans?

A lonely shepherd had led his flocks "to the back side of the desert." For forty years shut out from the world's busy life, and by many miles removed from human habitation, he stood alone in a quiet valley there, only a shepherd, his insignificance more keenly felt because of the frowning wall of the granite mountain that towered above him to the sky. No wonder, when God called him there to perform a mighty work—no wonder that he shrank and said, "Who am I that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt." He saw himself as a lonely shepherd. God saw him

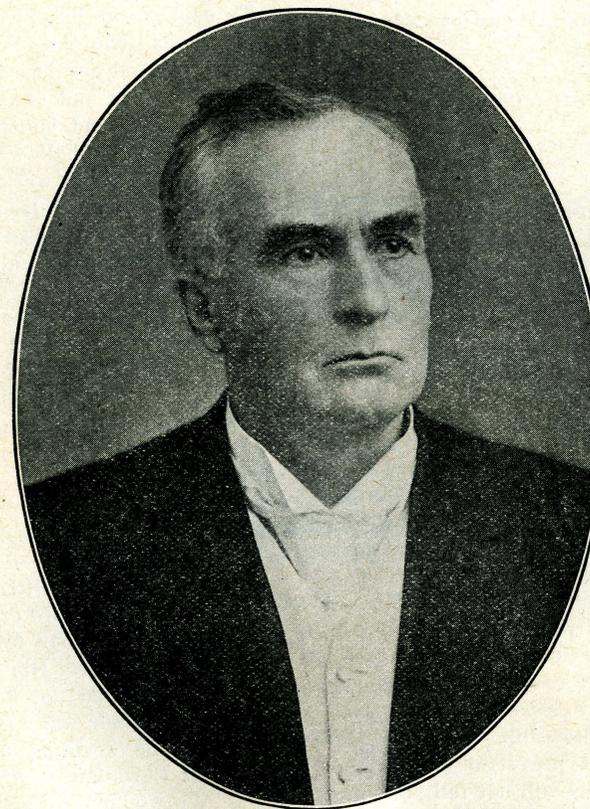
as a part of His century-long plans.

You, brother in your store, or office, or farm, seeing chiefly the little world which holds the daily round of your own business, you may feel "who am I that I should be called on to hand out my cash for Texas missions," or "what is this work that it should call on me?" This is God's work and you are His child and heir.

The cry of Texas Missions is the call of God arising from the needs of our State just now. By many tokens do we see this need. By the sight of weak congregations, born in "big meetings" and left without a shepherd; by the knowledge of many bands of scattered disciples, who can form a nucleus for a work, but can not support it alone;" by the numbers of new towns into which people are pouring whose ears are ready for the simple plea because they have broken away from old associations and moorings; by the hundreds who, moving must be captured for Christ now, or never; by the bright generation of children with the wonderful advantages of our school system, who must be trained in spiritual things as well; by all these tokens and many more the call for Texas Missions comes out of the need of things as they are. And it is the call of God.

These needs are plain and plentiful and have been oftentimes told. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields and see" that this is a case where "if these should hold their peace, the stones would cry out."

Life is not long enough to devote any of your time to the cultivation of such worthless weeds as malice, hate and envy.



REV. W. H. COLEMAN

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THE LEADERS.

We must look to the ministers of the churches for the November offering. Be loyal to the Lord and to your brethren. A prompt and united effort is always inspiring. In some churches it will take a courageous effort not because of direct opposition, but there are many churches which were never quite ready for a mission offering. A vigorous, untiring effort on the part of a pastor seldom fails of success. We must look to you, fellow soldier, to join us in this work. Cheer us by your active fellowship. Give your people your most prayerful and earnest appeal and they will not fail you; nay, but will rejoice with you in the victory sure to follow.

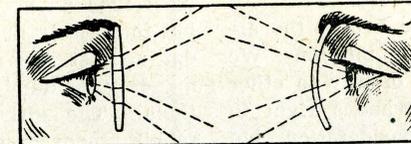
To fail now would be a crime. To be indifferent about or anything less than keenly alive to our responsibilities is to fail to seize the strategic moment, which properly worked will lead on to victory. Now is the time

for a forward march all along the line. It has been demonstrated by years of faithful service and over and over again that the Texas Mission Board handles wisely and economically the means committed to its care for the Texas mission work.

To enlarge the liberality of our people means churches and Sunday-schools planted and cared for, sinners saved, our sons and daughters taught Christian duty and built up in Christian character. Shall we double our efficiency in mission work by doubling our offerings? The larger churches should give by hundreds and many will do so if properly appealed to. The smaller churches should all be in full fellowship and should be on the list of contributors. Many individuals should come to our relief with liberal offerings. Note the victories of the past year of the summer campaign. Remember the faithful self-sacrificing workers and by your prayers and money give a mighty impulse to this the Lord's call to service.

B. B. SANDERS PROMOTED.

In the midst of a life of usefulness, active to the end, our fellow soldier is called up higher. His zeal in our Master's cause had not flagged. His strength and vigor was maintained to the last. His devotion to the New Testament Christianity grew with his years. We would have kept him with us, our brother and friend, but the great Captain knew best and called him to his well earned reward. Farewell, brother, but only for a brief space. We too shall lay the armor by presently and join the victorious army under the eye of and by the grace of the Captain of our salvation.



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"OLD JEFFERSON."

Why the term old? Forty years ago Jefferson was the chief city of North Texas. When Dallas was only a village Jefferson was a city of 5,000 souls. A stirring jobbing center where the whistle of the small steamer and the rattle and bang of the negro with his mule and dray indicated the way the cotton, syrup and sugar went out and the dry goods and groceries came in. The people hauled to and from Jefferson their produce and supplies. The railroads have spoiled the river trade. Other towns have come into being and now supply the trade. The owls and the bats have built in many

of the once busy places of the old town, but there is a better day than this for old Jefferson. With the general activity Jefferson will improve. At the urgent request of Mrs. Fannie Barnes and others Brother Chasteen is holding a mission meeting there. A dozen members were found and to these several were added. A Sunday-school was organized and these disciples will keep house for the Lord in Jefferson. We predict that in the near future there will be a live town and a live church at "Old Jefferson."

Would you feel deeply, you must think profoundly.

THE OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS.

We are now on the eve of the annual offering for State missions. We have given the right of way to other calls and now Texas has a right to the most serious consideration. No more important work to Texas can be presented. We have more than doubled the annual cash receipts in three years, but we have no time for boasting. Never in the history of Texas has our prosperity been equal to that of the present. Never before has our population increased as it is increasing now. Never were open doors more numerous. Never has the demand been anything like it is at present for the New Testament plea pure and simple.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

New Boston, Tex., Sept. 20, 1906.—The Northeast Texas Convention has come and gone. Our most sanguine hopes were more than realized. We had a number of delightful visitors, including our two great sisters, Misses Bertha Mason and Grace Carlton, who entertained us with many words of wisdom and encouragement. Our greatest regret was that you could not be with us, but your able and cultured representative, Bro. Boggess, has compensated us and is giving us the joy of a continued meeting. We had two restorations last night and the prospects are brightening.—W. C. McDaniel.

ADD-RAN JARVIS COLLEGE.

It was a great pleasure to note in a recent visit to this spot made sacred by the labors of "Father Clark" and others now resting from their labors

The great renovation of the buildings until they do not look like they did, but in majesty and beauty they stand out against the mountain side commanding the admiration of all who see them. The girls home as well is rebuilt, modern in conveniences and a thing of beauty. The very atmosphere is changed and as new sweet song is an inspiration so of the surroundings at Thorp Springs. The Clarks, the Jarvises, et al., have built well and have revived the old-time interest with added interest until we may now count A. J. C. as at the front. We give an editorial from the Granbury News which is an index to the feelings of the community.

TOLAR.

Randolph Clark has but recently closed a fine meeting at Tolar, where a live church and a working Sunday-school was planted. Thus, one by one, but certainly, our one time "loyal" communities are falling into line. The outlook is very encouraging. Misunderstanding based largely upon misrepresentation has divided our people in some places, but we are coming to learn the facts and as this is done unity will be the result.

DELEGATES.

Choose and instruct delegates to our district convention. We go to the place of meeting often apparently aimless, purposeless. Awake the congregation which you represent. Get them to instruct representatives to act for them. Then when time for action comes you can speak out. Let all the churches in the Hillsboro district do this and set a worthy example to other districts.

PRETTY BUILDING.

We give in this issue a cut of the new Christian church building at Whitesboro, Texas. It is built of concrete blocks at a cost of \$12,000. Seating capacity about 600, including the Sunday-school chapel, which can be conveniently thrown in with the auditorium as occasion may demand. Externally the church is a beautiful piece of architecture. The auditorium, Sunday-school chapel, six class rooms, pastor's study and basement for the social side of church life make it a splendid working plant.

In decoration the general color scheme is green, producing a most pleasing effect upon the eye. The interior wood work, the curved pews, solid oak quarter sawed and all furniture are finished in golden oak. A splendid light is produced by the combination fixtures—gas and electric—and in keeping with all the other hardware these are oxidized copper. A modern heating plant will be placed in the basement. The windows are very beautiful, leaded art glass, the larger ones being 14 feet in width and 19 feet and 6 inches in height. The ceiling is of stamped steel, vaulted and beautifully painted. The building is centrally located on one of the best lots in town.

THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

Successful meetings have been held at Yoakum, Stephenville, Proctor, Taylor, Winters, Leaday, Hereford, Texico, Childress, Kerrville, Miles, Azle, Lillion, Bryan, Bay City, Second Church, Houston, Port Arthur, Farmersville, Moody, Huntsville, Nacogdoches, Jefferson, New Boston and others excepting my memory just now. These

have given impetus to our work that carries it on in to the very busy season, but we should make preaching the gospel our first business. Let us press on with the missionary campaign. Souls are dying. We must give them the glad tidings now or never.

NOVEMBER FOURTH IS THE DAY.

Do not fail, be prompt, thorough and liberal. Give every one a chance. Send the offering promptly to Box 280, Station A, Dallas. Help us to report in the November issue of this journal the largest offering ever made in the first week of the annual offering.

The Hillsboro District Convention is to meet with the church at Alvarado November 19-21. A. D. Rogers, the district evangelist, will bring up a first-class report. The program is good. Do not miss it. Elect and instruct your delegates.

Palo Pinto County has secured the services of S. A. Thomas as county evangelist. Brother Thomas is a faithful worker and will be found in his field "setting in order the things that are wanting." Let the brethren in his field hold up his hands while he does by your aid a much needed work.

The Bowie district convention was held at Bowie September 30th to October 1st. The attendance was better than at the last two or three conventions in that district. We believe that a very decided advance was made and expect to see a good year's work done in this district. The church at Bowie

is going forward as it has not before for some years. Benj. M. Edwards, one of our Texas T. C. U. boys, is the minister. Hon. S. P. Strong and Dr. Sneed Strong, old Add-Ran boys, are members of the church board and district committee, and we have every reason to expect a first-class work to be done.

Do not wait. If you can do so conveniently send the offering now. We are always "hard up" at the close of the fiscal year. We have borrowed money to pay the men behind the guns, that the evangelistic work might go on in season and numerous appeals have come for meetings yet this fall. We must go on.

The International Conventions are in session at Buffalo while we read this. It is a great disappointment to miss this gathering of the faithful. October comes just before the annual offering and is the most busy period of the year in this office. We must gather our harvest now for the year. October 1st to January 1st must be spent in our office largely. If the returns justify the outlay we will recommend the employment of at least four State evangelists and they with your secretary will put in most of their time working in the districts raising the support and placing faithful shepherds with the weak churches. We started out to say something of the Buffalo Convention, but Texas intruded herself upon our thoughts.

W. H. Coleman, pastor of the church at Whitesboro, is a native of Missouri, spent childhood in California, returned to Missouri, where he taught in the

public schools for several years, was a student at Drake University 1889-1892, and entered again in 1896. Has held successful pastorates in Iowa and Illinois, was State corresponding secretary of Florida Christian Convention 1900-1901; returned to Iowa fall of 1901 and began pastorate at Whitesboro, Texas, March, 1906. Brother Coleman's work at Whitesboro marks him as in the front rank of those splendid ministers who are being attracted from other States to Texas. We are glad to give to our readers a good likeness of Brother Coleman and bespeak a hearty welcome for him in the Lone Star State.

The Northeast Texas Convention was held this year at Sulphur Springs. A few months ago J. W. Famuliner was called to minister to this church. H. A. Northcut aided in a meeting here recently, which means that the church was revived as well as sinners saved. We found this church in working condition which adds to the interest of a convention. Two subconventions had preceded this one in this district resulting in \$500 in good pledges altogether. One of these was held at Timpson, the other at New Boston. The next Northeast Texas Convention is to be held at Atlanta beginning the third Sunday in March, 1907. It is hoped that the next will be the most largely attended of any of our Northeast Texas conventions. Morgan Morgans, whose home is now at Atlanta, was elected president; B. B. Taylor, vice-president; J. W. Famuliner, secretary. The executive committee is made up of the following named brethren: T. C. Morgan and Judson McHaney of Longview; G. N. Weaver.

Timpson; O. M. Pate, Sulphur Springs; M. M. Smith, Wills Point, and J. A. Livesay, Elderville. At present we have mission meetings going on in this district, viz.: W. A. Boggess, at New Boston, where W. C. McDaniel has been doing some faithful work for months. Jefferson, by Chas. Chasteen and Nacogdoches by V. L. Graves. G. N. Weaver and G. W. Cook have recently held good meetings and planted churches in Shelby County.

CHILDRESS.

This little city of 3000 souls is situated two hundred and twenty miles north of Fort Worth. Is in the midst of as fine a farming country as our great State affords. The corn now in the field will measure twenty-five to fifty bushels per acre and cotton looks equal to the best.

The church at Childress has been conducted on the radically "conservative" plan and yet, as is frequently the case, a good sized majority prefer a more progressive program. All want to be loyal to the word of God, but they feel, many of them, that tithing, mint, anise and cumin, while they neglect the more important matters is really not loyalty. The gospel is the same yesterday to-day and forever, but the manner of conducting a service is not stereotyped. For example, one well meaning brother refused to hear a preacher because he stood when he prayed; two were opposed to Sunday-school literature. Now these brethren have a perfect right to their preferences, but to insist that the whole church shall be managed according to their ideas is but the narrowest of sectarianism.

After preaching for some days we

proposed to unite in the work and worship of these brethren, with the understanding that a Sunday-school be organized allowing each teacher to use such helps as they think best, liberty in offering for missions so that each may give as they feel is most scriptural, liberty in the attitude in public prayer, liberty in the manner of taking the collections. To this four-fifths of the members present at a meeting called to consider these questions agreed. One brother objected and said there were others who would object. We predict that the Childress church will remain practically united and also go forward in the work of saving souls, feeding the lambs and shepherding the sheep. There were twelve additions to the church.

ENLARGEMENT.

Our people should not be satisfied with our past or present work for the salvation of the lost in Texas. Winning souls to Christ is the chief business of the Christian. This may be done by personal work or by the use of money to provide food, shelter and clothing for the families of personal workers. The conditions in Texas today are not different from the field viewed by the Savior when he said: "The harvest is indeed plenteous, but the laborers are few." What we need to-day is more men in the mission work. This calls for more money and to secure this we must enlist more men and women in the work and enlarge our own gifts. Scores of places are calling for help to plant churches and build church homes. It is trying on our mission boards to have to say no to so many appeals, but what else can we say while looking into a treas-

ury not only empty, but burdened with debt? We have done a good work during the summer, the best, in fact, that we have ever done, and yet had the churches and individuals given us double the amount of money used we could have multiplied the disciples exceedingly. Our motto is permanent work and we must have means to support teachers for our babes in Christ. Let me urge upon our people the importance of making their offerings larger each year. How I desire and pray for more consecrated men and women that will return to the Lord at least one-tenth of what he gives them. In Collin county district we have increased our congregations 20 per cent in two years and erected four new houses at mission points and remodeled and seated one, and painted one inside and out. Good meetings have been held by our churches in Collin at Allen, Plano, Forest Grove, Melissa, Lebanon, Celina, Roseland, Vineland, Copeville, Wylie, Bethany, Princeton, Foncine and Mt. Zion. At these meetings over 200 recruits to the Lord's army in our county have been enlisted and the churches much encouraged. This should add as many dollars to State missions. We have calls for several mission meetings yet. Shall we hold them? Brethren, the answer is with you. R. C. HORN.

McKinney, Texas.

A NEW MESSAGE.

North Waco, Tex., Sept. 20, 1906.

Dear Brother Mason: I have now been in the mission field about five months, and it has given me a message for my people that I have never had before. I have held four short meetings, visited thirteen places and

secured preachers for ten places. Of the places visited, six are self-sustaining. At the other seven places, plain New Testament Christianity is step by step falling behind for the want of help. At some of these places a few disciples are toiling, sacrificing and struggling along the best they can. Others, discouraged, are ready to give up. Two of these places, which have houses of worship, have recently thought of giving their houses up to others. I have asked them to try again with the hope that their brethren will come to their rescue.

These churches, save one, are all within a radius of fifty miles of Texas Christian University, and I have not visited a third of such places in this territory, to say nothing of a number of growing towns where we are not represented at all. What then of the whole State? It seems to me that a glance at this state of things should open the heart and hand of every "plain disciple" of Jesus in Texas. I have been in the pastorate eighteen consecutive years. I have always had my hands and heart full, but "the care of all the churches" has a new meaning to me after these few months in the field.

It is not possible to exaggerate the importance and needs of our Texas mission work just now. Neither are our needs greater than our resources. Nor yet are our opportunities, needs and resources greater than our responsibilities. I trust that we shall be able to so lay this matter upon the hearts of our great brotherhood that the offerings for Texas State missions in November shall not only exceed anything that we have ever done, but that they shall be so great that

a wave of enthusiasm shall be started that shall ultimately reach every place from which comes a cry or a request for help. The leading religious bodies of Texas are stepping to the grand march of the progress and development of this great State, by putting their money and thought into their religious work. Shall the friends of the greatest people on earth do less? I think not. They love and they will give. God help us all to come up with a real offering.

S. D. PERKINSON.

LIKE OLD TIMES.

The writer had the privilege of spending a few hours at Thorp Spring last Sunday, meeting most of the pupils and teachers and inspecting the recent splendid improvements on the college building and Girls' Home, where he was most hospitably entertained. To see these renewed buildings filled with bright young people and earnest teachers once more is indeed a pleasure to the visitor, while the people of the town can not fail to express their joy and pride in the present situation. No more attractive or better arranged school building is to be found in Texas. Everything has been planned for comfort, convenience, and stability. The large chapel is seated with computable opera chairs, has a large, permanent stage and nice dressing rooms for entertainment occasions and its acoustics are most excellent. The entire lower floor of the east wing is devoted to the music department, with rooms for the director and his assistant, a large rotunda and a number of practice rooms with deadened walls, and this department is receiving special attention.

It seemed like old times to sit in the chapel with old and new friends, hear a helpful, practical talk from the beloved "Mr. Addison" and then the hearty welcome that is given each visitor at the close of service. No wonder the people of Thorp Spring are proud and happy. They have a perfect right to be.—Granbury News.

THE DIAL OF AHAZ.

Edwin C. Boynton.

When King Hezekiah was sick in old Jerusalem he accepted it as a sign of God's especial power that the shadow should move backward ten degrees on the dial of Ahaz. For the shadow to go forward would be just an ordinary thing. And for the shadow of sin, moral cowardice and hardened prejudice to advance across the fair face of Texas will be for the world's expected thing to happen. Christians will still believe that—

"Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own,"

but those without will continue to say, "I told you so." For the shadow to recede and the light of the Christianity of Christ to pour in upon every side, will be for the peculiar power of the gospel to be recognized and felt by friend and foe. Where are the Isaiahs who, between now and the first Lord's day in November will pray the Lord to heal the hurt of his people and will lay the balm of their bounteous gifts upon the wounded heart of Zion?

There are always reasons why Texas Disciples should observe our State Mission Day, and there always will be. Some of the reasons which now make it imperative are these:

1. It is the "on" year in state politics, and the "off" year in religion. People have been thinking more about who was to be governor, than they have about the issues of life and death eternal. On the heels of our November offering comes in large degree the cessation of political strife. Then will be the opportune time to press forward with increased forces and make a telling assault all along the line. The people who have not even been coming to our churches to scoff will come then, and perhaps "remain to pray." Let us not let the hour of our opportunity pass.

2. The finances of the State Board demand a liberal offering at that time. The kind of places to which the state evangelists are sent are not those that are able to contribute substantially to the evangelist's support. That, at least, is the rule. Money raised in those fields is needed at home to keep existence in the local work till it is able to get a start toward better things. Consequently the evangelists and missionary pastors are dependent upon offerings sent directly to the state treasury. If the offering six weeks hence is light, it means that some who have faithfully labored during the spring and summer months must be longer denied their hard-earned salary, and that others who might be sent out can not be.

Which way shall the shadow go? If you only realized what a shadow it is! The little handful of scattered Disciples almost despairing of ever having a real chance to get a foothold in their community, are reinforced by the arrival of the evangelist. He struggles on with what courage and skill he may, with many things menacing

his success, and few favoring Misunderstanding, indifference, prejudiced opposition, or open hostility of immortal forces are to be overcome. Have you ever stopped to ask yourself what a victory would mean to him and, above all, to the little band who are far out on the "firing line?" My brother whom God has blessed, my sister of liberal heart, will you give of your substance to answer the call, not now from the islands of the sea, but from your brethren, your friends, your neighbors of the Lone Star State?

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THE TEXAS EVANGELIST.

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In this quiet country town.

I pictured to them Jesus,
Who was born in Bethlehem;
The joy brought to the shepherds,
And the peace that came to them.

We sang the songs of Zion,
And prayed an humble prayer;
Observed the evening supper,
And felt His presence there.

'Tis so quiet in the country,
O'er the hills here you may roam;
The house, the barn, the arbor,
Reminds me of our home.

The house is so old-fashioned,
The woodpile by its side;
The buggy in the old like shed,
In which we took a ride.

The wind mill's in the back yard.
The horses are in the lot;
One is a bay and fancy,
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The addresses at the convention were good. Some of them excellent. The spirit was fine. "Our brother in black" is making commendable progress. Wm. Alphin, State evangelist, is a man clean, capable and tactful. He is leading his people forward and deserves the help of all the friends of our cause.

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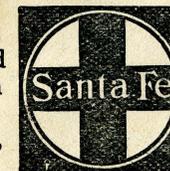
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