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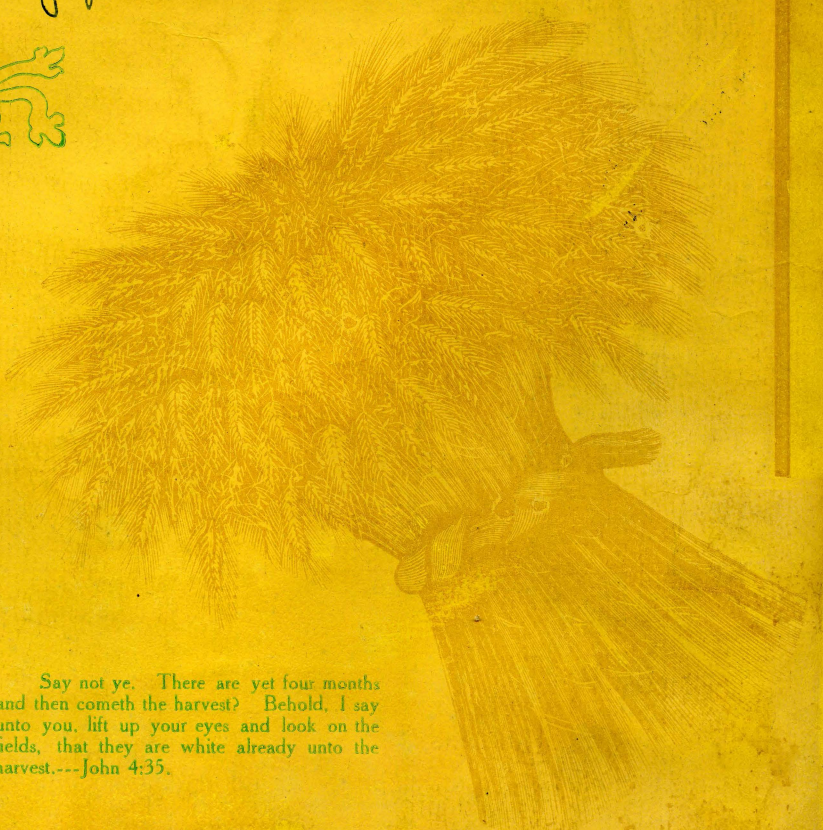
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Say not ye. There are yet four months
and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say
unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the
fields, that they are white already unto the
harvest.---John 4:35.



TEXAS MISSIONS

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The Word of Life

Morgan Morgans

In the second chapter of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi he admonishes them to "Hold forth the Word of Life." This command was given, as we learn in the beginning of this epistle, "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." Then to hold forth the Word of Life is an imperative duty resting upon every member of the congregation in this ancient city. The great apostle to the Gentiles, in his second missionary journey, founded a church in this city. In the 16th chapter of Acts we have a history of the establishment of this church. Lydia and her household, the jailer and his household formed the nucleus of the first Christian church in all Europe. Eleven years after Paul had held forth the Word of Life to this heathen city, he writes them a letter in which he commands them to "shine as lights in the world." The Word of God is the seed of the Kingdom. Every Christian should take part in disseminating the seed of the Kingdom of God, now. The great State of Texas, with her teeming millions of population, is certainly a prodigious field in which to sow the Divine seed.

Every Christian, in the great broth-

hood of Texas, in proportion to his ability, can hold forth the Gospel of Christ. In this way we shine as lights in the world. Whittier, the Quaker poet, once said, "Every Quaker should let his light shine so brightly that it could be seen ten miles around." If every Christian in the State of Texas should do this, soon the Gospel would be preached to every person in this great commonwealth. Brethren, what a great responsibility rests upon us! The profession of a distinctive plea of the restoration of the ancient Gospel only increases our responsibility. Let every disciple in the State of Texas avail himself of the opportunity in the November offering to hold forth the Word of Life.

The word from which we have the expression, "hold forth," means to exhibit or hold up to view, as a flag. We should never let the banner of the Cross trail in the dust. It should be planted on every hilltop and in every valley; it should be unfurled in every city, town and hamlet; it should be wafted on every breeze till every eye in our beautiful land shall see the glories of the Cross and every heart shall be illuminated by the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MORGAN MORGANS.

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

The real estate men in our section of the State have made some very strong claims for investments in Texas lands. Doubtless some of these statements are extravagant, but let us admit that, in the main, an investment in Texas real estate is unquestionably safe. The question, "What Constitutes a State?" has been asked and answered. The answer comprehends something greater, more valuable than Texas lands. One of our good men invested in a tract of land and soon he was offered ten dollars more per acre than he gave. People say that he made a safe investment. Think carefully, brethren! There are other forms of investment.

In 1812 when Barton W. Stone was preaching in Kentucky, a young man of nineteen years of age, confessed and obeyed Christ. Later Stone ordained this young man at Caneridge, Ky., and at the close of the ordination service Stone presented the young man a Bible, saying, "Preach its facts, obey its commands, and enjoy its promises." This young man was Samuel Rogers. He began preaching, and at eighty years old he tells us that he has baptized seven thousand persons, as well as he can remember. In one meeting held by Samuel Rogers eight of the number who became Christians became ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Among the eight ministers were Samuel I. Rogers, son of Samuel Rogers, and Benjamin Franklin. Think of the vast income. Do not forget Stone. Samuel Rogers is only one of the many who were converted under Stone's ministry. Is it necessary to notice the great results from the labors of

Samuel Rogers and Benjamin Franklin? Brethren, you can see the difference in the returns. The money spent in Texas missionary work is going to bring returns. Will you invest? Recognize God in your work, make a liberal offering, for Texas missions and you can sing,

"I am thinking of that beautiful land
I shall reach when the sun goeth
down,
When through wonderful grace with
my Savior I stand;
Will there be any stars in my
crown?"

with more comfort, deeper pathos than ever before. Brethren, let us open our hearts on Texas missionary work and make a safe investment.

JOHN W. SMITH.

Brownwood, Texas, Oct. 17, 1906.

TEXAS MISSIONS—A HERT-TO-HEART TALK.

T. F. Driskill.

When John was shut up in prison he became despondent, and wanted a re-statement from the Master as to his true mission. Jesus told John's messengers to go and tell him what was being done, and in that message Jesus emphasized that "the poor had the Gospel preached to them."

I am sure that this message sparkles with the true mission of every disciple. It was a proof of the Divinity of the blessed Master. To preach the Gospel to every creature means that we seek out the lost in every place. Then we must go to the city and to the slums, to the large and to the small towns, to the rich farming communities and to the poor farming com-

munities, to the herdsmen and to the miners, to the seamen and the boatmen—and when we have done this we will, in deed and in truth, "be co-workers with Jesus, and it will be one proof that we "have been with Jesus."

We are filled with joy when we think of Jesus having come into the world to save sinners, but we must not let that joy blind us to the fact that He has entrusted to our care the proclamation of His Word. "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach **except they be sent?**"—Paul.

Brethren, what has the church been doing all these years, not only throughout the world, but right here in Texas? Look at the length and breadth of Texas, with her splendid railroads, like great arms, reaching out in all directions, and her mighty ocean steamers that connect us with all parts of the world, and then think of the duty that is laid upon us in preaching the "Gospel to every creature," and then we will see a blessed opportunity for good at our very door.

These mighty avenues of commerce are piling up untold millions of dollars' worth of property in our beloved State, and also pouring in upon us many "kindreds, tribes and tongues." For a number of years we had the beloved B. B. Sanders, with others, crying aloud for Texas missions. He bore the message gladly and valiantly, and his works will follow him. But with other cherished monuments, will it not be a fitting tribute to pour into our November offering double of what has ever been done for Texas missions? Brethren, it can be done. How many hands up? I am sure that every

preacher has his hands and his heart in the work. Bring your congregations in this sweet fellowship.

"COLD!"

Chalmers McPherson.

A letter just received speaks of a brother in Texas who occupies a prominent position and says, "I fear * * * is cold toward that which would serve the best interests of our cause." Is it true? Can it be possible that any brother who attends our conventions and who expects the fellowships of the brethren and who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and who has been saved by His grace and who has read Matthew 28:18-20, and Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8, and Rev. 22:20—that such an one as this can be "cold" toward the great work of Texas missions? Surely not. My correspondent has been eating something which produced bad dreams—nightmares. We all need to see that this work be a success for selfish reasons, if for no higher ones. The corresponding secretary and his associates need it because it brings them support; the Board needs it because their reputation as good overseers is involved; the Christian Courier needs it because it will open the way for more subscribers; Texas Christian University needs it because it will bring more students within her walls; the churches and pastors need it because fellowship with it helps the home work. But our people have higher purposes than selfish ones. They do not stop to ask, "Will it pay?" or "Is it worth while?" when deciding whether they will obey the Lord. They are men and women of noble aim and of loyal souls, and they will rally to make the November offer-

ing the very best in the history of our work in Texas. There is "the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees," and the people of God will do something worthy of such a people. I want to have a place in the ranks because I would be lonesome outside, for pastors, evangelists, teachers, editors—brethren and sisters are rallying everywhere for the November offering. I want to be in the line because of the joy it will bring. I want to be there because the Captain of my salvation expects this of me.

My correspondent is mistaken. Nobody is cold. Expect great things on November 4.

Waxahachie, Tex.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

I have a beautifully bound volume of the above name. I do not hesitate to pronounce it the most important book from my point of view, that has been published for years. It is very readable. At first sitting I opened it for a hurried glance, but read the preface and continued until more than 60 pages had been read. It is the simple gospel story clearly put, and so smoothly runs the narrative that one is continually reminded of the Master. To put it into the hands of a friend or neighbor is to do such person a favor, the value of which cannot be estimated. Price, cloth, \$1.00. Leather, \$2.50.

A LAYMAN.

THE SIMPLEST CO-OPERATION.

When Paul collected money from many churches and carried it up to Jerusalem for the relief of the needy saints, he furnished an apostolic precedent for some sort of co-operation. Equally simple and immediate is the

co-operation of the Cedar Grove and Bethel churches in gathering the scattered brethren at Camp Center and organizing them into a church after the New Testament order. If two churches are not sufficient to support an evangelist at the needy point, twenty may join in the good work, as they sometimes do, with a trusted minister, a paper or a missionary society acting as the intermediary, as Paul did. No other principle is involved and no other precedent is needed when two hundred churches co-operate and send laborers into a score of unevangelized fields. Of course, to do this necessitates an occasional joint meeting of the co-operating churches or of their regular representatives to direct the work of the evangelists.

This is State Missions. It is as Scriptural, as practical and as neighborly as was the co-operation of four men carrying a paralytic to the Savior. The weakest church should lend a hand, for the disciples who have no church home and the sinners who have no chance to hear the way of salvation are in still worse case. The stronger churches here have a valuable opportunity for fulfilling the law of Christ. No amount of zeal elsewhere will justify negligence in this nearest home duty.

The accomplishment of the least of our Centennial tasks waits upon the fuller co-operation of our people. Present this simplest co-operation to the saints and the churches that refuse to help through more elaborate organizations. Strive to get every church to work with some other church or churches at this most patent obligation. Labor zealously to bring about such fellowship, in the conviction that

in itself it is as important as the work which it accomplishes.

Two glorious fall months are before us in which to engage all our energies and enlist all our neighboring churches in a splendid and united effort to evangelize every county of every State in America. We have the inspiration of substantial gains in all lines of national co-operation during the past year. Let us inaugurate the new year of activity with immediate, thorough and wide preparation for the greatest and most numerous offerings ever made for State Missions.

W. R. WARREN,
Centennial Secretary.

A STRONG PLEDGE.

Dear Bro. Mason:

Yours of the 10th inst. is before me, and I hasten to reply. I give you my heart and hand as a pledge now that the pastor and the people of Taylor Christian church will work for Texas missions, pray for Texas missions, and Sunday, November 4th, we will unloose our purse-strings and pay for State missions. Please send me all necessary literature, and oblige. Fraternaly,

WALTER P. JENNINGS.

Taylor, Texas, October 12.

AWAKE AT WEATHERFORD.

Weatherford, Tex., Oct. 18.—Bro. J. C. Mason: The Central Christian church will take the offering for State missions. We pray that the offering, this year, will be so large that it will enable the State Board to do more work in country districts, where the need is so urgent. Every disciple of Christ should contribute to this great work, to the end that more men may

be put in the field in this great and growing State. We think the demands of the State work should stand first with every Texas disciple until the cause of primitive Christianity is firmly planted in every county and community in the State. Very truly,

W. R. VIVRETT.

GET READY FOR STATE MISSIONARY OFFERING.

It is good to send the Gospel to the heathen. He who has not fellowship with that work is lacking in one of the sources of religious joy. It is good to contribute to the spread of the Gospel in America. Those who are not partners in this work are objects of pity. It is good to give to the church extension work, for what earnest disciple is there who would not want an interest in the buildings this fund helps us to build? These are all God-honoring enterprises, and every Christian should covet a part in the work.

But all this may be done, and liberal support given to each of these, then if we neglect our home field we are remiss. That which should appeal most strongly to every disciple of Jesus, is State missions. This is the leading of our neighbor, our fellow countrymen. It is the cleaning up of our home before proffering to help clean up somebody else's. There are so many features in the State mission work to commend it to first place, that one is lost to know where to begin. Every consideration which appeals to a disciple of Christ to carry out his Master's will, is inherent in State missions.

The corresponding secretary has kindly furnished us a summary of the

work for June, July and August of this year. It is such as gives the strongest assurance that the work is most promising.

During the months named there were thirty-five men working under the direction of the State Board, and these men put in, in the aggregate, 2,162 days, or an average of a little more than sixty days each. During this time these thirty-five men preached 1413 sermons and baptized 651 people and under their ministry fifty-five persons laid down their denominational names and expressed a wish to be known simply as Christians. Besides this 393 placed their membership either by letter or statement.

These men have organized new and reorganized some old and inactive churches, and by their labors we now have nearly a score more of churches than when they began their work the first of June. They raised much of the necessary support of these from the people for whom they ministered, besides assisting in the raising of large sums for buildings, and providing for preaching the gospel. This shows that they were faithful servants of the Lord.

The traveling expenses of these thirty-five men did not amount to enough to make a visit to New York or San Francisco. The railroads got but little of this money; it went to the support of the men who were preaching the Gospel. This is mentioned to call attention to the economy in State missions.

Is the cause and work such that it appeals to you? We think so. There are many more open doors and promising fields than the Board is able to reach. The brotherhood of Texas can

enable them to reach many that are now beyond their reach. Will they do it? We believe they will, and shall continue to so believe until the facts force us to change our belief.—Editor Christian Courier.

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 Nov. 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.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS FOR THE YEAR CLOSING SEPT. 30, 1906.

F. C. M. S.....	\$268,726.62
A. C. M. S.....	103,647.34
Church Extension	60,113.87
C. W. B. M.....	206,553.12
Missions in the State.....	186,127.44

825,168.39

Added to the above the offerings for benevolences and ministerial relief and the total will pass the million dollar mark without counting the offering for education.

**RECEIPTS FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
SEPT 1—OCT. 18, 1906.**

Churches.	
Dublin	\$ 20 00
Sweetwater	3 00
Dallas, Dawson St.....	4 40
Huntsville	25 00
Alvarado	168 89
Childress	47 25
Oak Cliff	30 00
San Angelo	95 00
Italy	8 75
Burnet	1 20
Red Oak	2 50
Royse City	14 00

Individuals.	
Holsapple, J. W.....	\$ 1 50
Bush, Geo. L.....	10 00
Everts, Mrs. A. A.....	100 00
Mack, Mrs. Maria.....	5 00
Lowber, J. W.....	2 00
Shirley, T. E.....	25 00
"Texas Missions"	5 75
Miscellaneous, A. C. M. S.....	125 00

Total\$694 74

SUMMARY REPORT OF TEXAS MISSIONS FOR QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 31, 1906.

Men in field.....	35
Days spent in the field.....	2162
Sermons	1413
Additions by baptism.....	651
Additions by statement and letters	393
Additions otherwise	55
Additions, net gain.....	706

Total1099

Cash raised in the field by and for missions and evangelists	\$ 6,257 85
Cash received for all purposes	10,705 00

Pledges taken	3,091 00
Churches aided	179
Churches dedicated	1
Churches organized or reorganized	12

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November the fourth!

Texas Mission Day!

Let us do our duty.

One hundred open doors appeal to
us. Shall we enter in?

Our Lord commands us. Shall we
obey from the heart His last com-
mand?

Chas. Chasteen has developed into
a first-class evangelist. Look out
ahead for Charlie.

The Nacogdoches meeting was pre-
vented for the time by sickness in
Brother Grave's family.

Spicer and Douthitt have done some
real mission work this season. Take
the meetings as Angleton, Johnson
City and Marble Falls.

Earnest and able ministers who
have been holding the fort alone, ask
for a little aid that they may reach
the goal. Shall we give the aid?

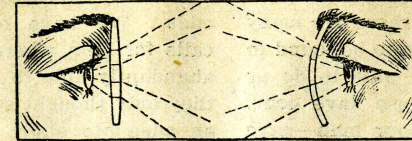
The meeting at Kemp was cut short
by sickness in the community. A let-
ter from Kemp speaks highly of W. A.
Bogges' work there.

R. R. Hamlin has been quite suc-
cessful in his evangelistic work this
season. In fact, Hamlin has succeed-
ed well as solicitor, pastor or reviv-
alist. He is a worker, see?

A. D. Rogers is bringing to a close a
successful summer campaign in the
Hillsboro district. Rogers is a worker
and knows how to get others to work.
Our cause in the Hillsboro district has
a working committee and a stirring
evangelist, therefore the work goes
forward.

MISSION WORK AT HOME.

Exactly. Now we are agreed. Any
church or individual giving a liberal
sum for State missions may choose
the field and the minister where, and
by whom they prefer to have the work
done. We will do our best to carry
out the wishes of the contributors.
The State Board now consists of an
executive committee of nine good
Christian men and two additional men
from each of the fourteen districts.
All chosen by the churches. See
sixth chapter of Acts. These men with
your secretary are using their best en-
deavors to do the will of the Lord and
also to get the judgment and wisdom
of a united brotherhood in preaching
the gospel in all Texas. Advise us of
your wishes, brethren.



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CHILDRESS.

A second visit to Childress found
the church awakening to the work.
Bro. H. S. Bruce, superintendent of
the public schools, was chosen as su-
perintendent of the Sunday Bible
school, and was selecting good teach-
ers for additional classes. Brooks
Jones, one of the elders, is doing good
service in the Sunday-school. The
writer has known Bro. Brooks for a
quarter of a century, and has found
him always a loyal Christian worker.
It was a great pleasure to visit with
Brother Jones and his family. Dr.
Cooper, one of the deacons, is another
capable teacher. Sister Caradine, an

other experienced teacher, and still
others will be needed. Eighteen per-
sons took membership with the
church, and they are much above the
average in point of capacity for the
work needed. Two of these had been
elders and one a deacon, and one was
educated for the ministry. Childress
Church will grow.

J. R. Kelley has resigned as the
evangelist of the Southwest Texas
district. Bro. Kelley is a good and
faithful gospel preacher and has la-
bored at a sacrifice in a destitute field.
He will continue to preach for church-
es in Southwest Texas.

THE LARGER GIVERS.

Two persons gave last year for State missions \$300 each. One person gave \$200. We believe that there are many more than three persons to be found in the Texas brotherhood able to do as much or more than these have done. One other person—a poor man—gave \$150. And a good sister, whose income is by no means large, gave \$100. We sincerely pray that these may prove to be but the first fruits of many large offerings. May this paragraph reach the eye, the heart and the purse of many another who will be added to the list of large givers. Let us give as the Lord has prospered us. Equally according to ability.

THE SMALLER GIVERS.

After all, we must depend upon the many small gifts, rather than the few large offerings. The widow's mite rather than a Carnegie's millions must be the source of supply for missions and benevolences. The common people heard Jesus gladly and we believe with Lincoln that God loved the common people because he made so many of them. For this reason every minister and every missionary committee should endeavor to reach all the people interested in this great work. Remember the double blessing and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Let all the people have a part in this God-given blessing.

HELP YOURSELVES.

Many places call for help from the Mission Boards when they seem never to have thought seriously of helping themselves. This is wrong. First do your best and then ask for such assistance as you may need and as can be given. We have many instances

where a few poor people, by heroic effort, have built up the cause of New Testament Christianity against great odds. We have other instances of calls for help where the brethren are abundantly able to help themselves if they only thought so, and would make an adequate effort. The money contributed for State missions is often given by poor but earnest Christians. We must use it economically. Let each do his or her part.

HELP THE EVANGELIST.

Sometimes when one of our missionaries goes to the aid of a weak Church or mission point the members at such points fail to do their part towards paying the missionary. They reason that the "State Board is paying him," therefore we are released from obligation. This is false reasoning. The State Board is a committee chosen by the churches to dispense their liberality and this committee is expected to use rigid economy to make the money placed under their control to do the most good possible. If a mission meeting pays a good part of the cost of said meeting, there will be more mission money left to aid the next mission point. If members fail to do their duty they are thereby robbing others.

THE SANDERS MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The move on the part of E. M. Douthitt and others to build at Austin the Sanders Memorial Church house, is, I think, a very appropriate way of showing that we revere the memory of the faithful servant of God. Bro. Sanders organized this church in West Austin and had his heart set upon seeing a strong church there. There are

one thousand people in Texas who will be willing to contribute five dollars each for this worthy purpose. We will be glad to publish the list, and join it, too. Of course many will want to give more. Send in your names, brethren. Send the money to Austin as directed.

It would be singular if it were not so common that "eloquence" and liberal offerings for missions are seldom found in the same church.

A great many people are at this writing gathered in Dallas to witness the annual races. The tracks are reported somewhat heavy.

Self-denial on the part of the minister and members will give us large offerings that the Gospel may be given to the dark corners of Texas.

We expect no failure when the preachers and seniors lead in an earnest effort for an offering for State missions. To lead one must set a good example.

W. H. Winters and the church at Eagle Lake ask for Brother Boggess to aid them in a meeting. This meeting will be held, D. V., in the very near future.

We are taught to give equally and liberally, "as the Lord has prospered us." Will we heed the teaching of the Holy Spirit, that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified?

The joy of a duty well done pays one for the extra effort. Try it, brethren, and rejoice with us over the result.

A faithful, painstaking work for missions works well for both the givers and those who receive.

E. S. Bledsoe, Italy's young minister, writes, "You can rest assured that we will take the offering." Thank you. Next.

All aboard for Palestine, Nov. 19th. Tickets limited to the 23rd. Take your wraps and note books. Take a few extra dollars for some of the standard works which will be on sale there.

Courtland P. Craig is a poet as well as a preacher. He is doing successful city mission work in our neighbor city, Fort Worth. We now have three promising missions in Fort Worth, and room for more.

"The November offering is in the hands of our church board," writes a veteran city pastor. Aye, aye! And some of these wise(?) church boards intend to keep it there. Other and wiser boards will have fellowship in every good work.

Children's Day for Home Missions comes November 25th. Let every live Sunday-school in Texas observe the day, if not on November 25th, then at a more convenient season, but by all means let the schools be allowed to contribute to Home Missions.

"With the co-operation of the State and J. B. Faulkner in this field as evangelist, the outlook is brighter than for many a day. I think the pledges taken for the work in the district are exceptionally good."—S. P. Strong, Pres. Bowie District Board.

DO YOU APPRECIATE THIS JOURNAL?

It does not pretend to be a newspaper only insofar as the State mission work is news. What is of greater interest than word about what our Texas missionaries are doing? They are our missionaries and this Journal belongs to our Texas Brotherhood. It should be read by every family of Disciples of Christ in Texas. Every member should feel himself an agent for it. It has no rival and is the rival of no Christian paper. The more it is read the greater the demand for other good papers. Send us a list of subscribers and do your people and our cause good service.

"A union meeting has just closed here with fine results and a splendid fellowship among the churches. Some of the converts want to come into the Christian church, but we have no preacher; come to our aid, or send us a good preacher, if possible."—J. R. Browder, Leonard.

Bro. C. M. Schoonover and wife are now in a missionary meeting at Leonard and we will try to supply at once a good man for the work at Celeste, Kingston and Leonard. We will need a little "priming" to make that work start off right, and we look to you, my dear reader, to help furnish it. Take the offering for Texas missions.

H. M. Bandy made a tour of Southwest Texas in the interest of the State mission offering. We expect good reports from that field in November. Bro. B. held a good meeting at Goldthwaite. A church was planted, a Sunday-school

organized which will keep the church at work, and therefore alive. It is always the working church that lives. When a church fails to feed the lambs and train the youth of their flocks, said church is near death's door.

The Texas Christian Lectureship meets Nov. 19-22 with the church at Palestine. We have tried to secure the program for the issue of Texas missions and will give the same if it can be had in time. The Palestine people will treat us royally. The program is said to be fine. There should be a large attendance.

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