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## SOME THOUGHTS CALLED UP AT THE RALLY.

*The Ministry*

The speeches at the Educational Rally, at Dallas, had much in common with some that were made in Dallas thirty years ago. In the summer of 1876 several preachers met in convention (State meeting) in Dallas and among other things discussed were the questions: Why so few young men enter the ministry, and how can more boys be induced to become preachers? All the old men that took part in that discussion are resting from their labors and the questions are still unsettled. . Things move along about as of old.

With all the improvements in church work and in evangelistic methods there seems to be more young people entering the service of the world, the flesh, and therefore the devil, than are going from the homes into the service of Christ.

When we consider some facts of history it seems that a large part of Texas ought to have become Christian by natural increase of population. It seems there ought to be no lack of preachers or much need of them.

Take the territory bounded on the north and east by Red river, on the

south by the 32d parallel of latitude, on the west by 98th longitude, and you have a part of Texas that was settled as early as 1824 by people calling themselves plain Christians, claiming to be undenominational. Between then and 1850 there were several colonies of them. And, if the facts could be known, I believe they would show that there were more preachers to the population then than now. Can it be that this condition was caused by a neglect to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? By failing to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Is it probable that the people made religion a doctrine rather than a life? And put faith in a plan of salvation more than in Christ? It is not surprising that few of the preachers of that day have preacher sons. When we think of how the preacher was made an object of charity and much was said of his hardships and sacrifices, and he was thought to have very little business sense, and ought not to use what he had in trying to make a living. And if a boy had the courage or inclination to make a

preacher of himself, he thought he ought to have free tuition, was willing to become a beggar. Much was said about raising funds to educate the ministry, making free tuition a sort of drag net that caught some unmarketable fish. The preacher was the only peculiar disciple—the only servant of the Lord; he was under more obligations to be holy than the other members and was entitled to more consideration than the "lay members." Now the remedy for all this is clear. Teach first, and all the time that God wants all the talent of every individual in His service for the redemption of man. That when a boy or girl selects a calling for life it must be in answer to the question, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

Teach that the farmer, stockman, merchant, banker, railroad builder, the man in any honest, useful business is as much a preacher as the man in the pulpit, is under as many obligations and has as many blessings as the preacher, for he must help to make the church the light of the world. He must constrain others to glorify God.

Make the schools Christian by having teachers who know that they are responsible for the salvation of the students. Make all the school environments helpful in forming Christian character; educate all alike, and let each follow the calling in which he can best honor God and bless mankind. Have many thoroughly Christian academies whose chief purpose is to educate for the service of God. These schools would furnish the material for building Christian homes, and when the homes become truly Christian the country will be saved.

These academies would prepare students to enter the universities and strong enough to resist the evil influences.

It is time to preach first principles, following Christ instead of self.

R. C.

#### SOUTH TEXAS WORK.

Aldine, Texas, Feb. 19, 1907.

Dear Bro. Mason:—The following is a brief report of South Texas work and prospects:

The prospects for the plea of "Plain Christians" were never brighter in South Texas than now. Already, in January and February two excellent district conventions have given a stimulus to the work of the churches in the land of winter gardens of roses, of strawberries, of oranges. The Gulf District Convention at San Antonio, in January, ranked higher than previous conventions in many respects, and the delegates returned to their homes inspired with a vision for larger work and encouraged by the liberal offerings in behalf of South Texas work.

The Beaumont Convention, in February, was one that will tell for the work in Southeast Texas.

Bro. Mason has been doing some excellent work in Southwest Texas, as his latest financial reports will show.

After making a tour of the churches of South Texas, in behalf of the San Antonio Convention, the State Evangelist, assisted by Mrs. M. R. Cox, conducted a meeting at Eagle Lake. The membership was increased twenty-five per cent. Ladies' Aid was reorganized, and Bro. G. N. Weaver, of Timpson, has visited the church with

a view to locating for half time work. Their outlook is encouraging.

Following the Eagle Lake meeting was a short meeting at La Porte, on Galveston Bay, in which the membership was increased over an hundred per cent. Bro. J. C. Lemon, who has been doing fine work at Bay City, where he labored half time, has been arranged with to go to La Porte. This lovely place has the promise of becoming a great seaport city in a not far distant day. The importance of strengthening the cause in centers of such radiating influence certainly can not be over-emphasized.

The writer and his singer are next due in a meeting at Del Rio, and after that in several other tent meetings in centers of influence in the great Southwest.

W. A. BOGGESS.

#### SOME GREAT MEETINGS.

St. Louis, 161 in 18 days. Herbert Yeuell, evangelist.

Indianapolis, Ind., 123, F. H. McLane, evangelist.

Kansas City, Mo., 240, Small and St. John, evangelists.

Arkansas City, Kan., 138, J. B. Bowen, evangelist.

Loraine, Ohio, 104, Violet and Clark-son, evangelists.

The simultaneous campaign in St. Louis resulted in over 500 accessions.

These are but a few of the great meetings being held.

The Christian Standard of December 8 reported 4719 accessions not before reported. Wonderful indeed is the ingathering of souls. Let all rejoice and give thanks.

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#### OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Sabinal, Texas, Feb. 15, 1907.

Our Gulf District Convention, at San Antonio, has come and gone, leaving its best thoughts on the outlook for successful missionary enterprises in Southern and Southwestern Texas.

Our condition here, as I see it now, is much the same as that of Missouri thirty-five years ago when we numbered but 70,000 in that State.

Since that time, by the same methods of co-operation now employed in Texas, Missouri has approximately reached 200,000, now the banner State in numerical strength.

Having labored in that great field during those years of wonderful spiritual development, and coming to Southern Texas but a year ago, my vision for our future success is not clear enough to do more than express an opinion and make a few suggestions deduced from experience. But, so far, it seems to me if our methods are employed with the same degree of energy, it requires neither sage nor prophet to forecast a like history for us. We need revival meetings in all cities, towns and country places of permanent promise.

Some old churches may be revived and new ones planted where no seed as yet has fallen, but the cultivation should follow to insure healthy, happy growth.

No church should be left shepherdless—there are wolves in the woods. To begin this work, evangelists are needed, and when their task is done at a given point, the faithful minister is needed whose whole time and energy should be devoted to the spiritual needs of the flock. Many new churches will be enabled to secure a

pastor for full time, but may succeed well co-operating with other brethren under the leadership of one faithful minister. His returns to them will be like refreshing showers to growing vegetation, while God gives the increase, and warms them by the sunshine of his love.

But the most necessary and underlying need of all is not mere familiarity with our system of work and needs of the field, but a complete lining up in full fellowship, as the Lord has prospered us with temporal blessings, and use them bountifully for the successful accomplishment of our great work in supplying those needs with executive force through, or in accord with His Word. The extension of the Lord's work and worship demands the presence of all its members at each church service for spiritual instruction and prayerful devotion, and also to counsel for local work; and it is important that each one acquiesce with the church in such movements for strengthening and extending our Savior's cause and Kingdom as harmonize with plans already devised by representative brethren through our general and local boards.

These suggestions might be presented with greater modesty by another hand, but I know not how to do it, and my only apology is, I am giving them as the result of successful experience and observation of grand successes in the Lord's cause, passing over a period of nearly forty years. But let me insist that in this way our personal liberty in Christ may be raised to its highest power, our congregational independence be maintained and complete co-operation among our churches gained. In this

way we move understandingly, intelligently and majestically. In this way the Lord's work in the hands of his faithful servants in Southern and Southwestern Texas, though now a "Gideon Band," will possess this goodly land. Let us work and pray, and God through Christ will hasten the day.

J. N. MURPHY.

#### THE KIND OF PREACHERS NEEDED IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

The same kind of preachers are needed here that are needed in every other place. There are places, however, where the church succeeds fairly well, carrying a very poor stick of a preacher, but such places are not yet found in Southwest Texas.

The preacher who works with a live church here must be a "live wire" himself. He must be "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom." (A few such are on the ground.)

He must be "steadfast," unmovable, "always abounding in the work of the Lord." He must learn to "endure hardships without murmuring," doing joyfully what his hands may find to do. Real good "fifteen hundred dollar men," who are not ashamed to live on six or eight or ten hundred dollars, could save money and "lay up treasures in heaven" right here in Southwest Texas. With this splendid air to breathe, and sparkling waters to drink, one might be longer in getting to heaven than from some other sections, but I verily believe he would be the better prepared to enjoy it in "the sweet by and by."

For the best of reasons the writer, after a month spent among the churches here, would gladly come and

try to meet the demand if circumstances would permit. And this may be, ere long.

Active, consecrated workers, as well as pulpit teachers, are greatly needed here. Such preachers will be blessed of the Lord in this field.

A. M. HARRAL.

San Antonio, Texas.

#### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Greenville, Texas, Jan. 30, 1907.

Bro. J. C. Mason, Dallas, Texas:

Dear Sir and Bro.:—I have thought many months of writing you on a subject which I have often considered relative to holding the young converts in your missionary churches in the wake of the evangelists. My observation on one notable occasion was that we secured some of the brightest and most promising material in the town, which was afterwards lost for want of encouragement. Personal letters would, of course, be the thing; but that is not always possible, so why not adopt the live, business man's methods? My long business training proves to me the efficacy of the "follow up letter"—the personal interest flatters, arrests the attention and excites the ambition. Why should not the same results, shown in greater strength, more endurance and lasting good, come from the hundreds of young converts constantly being reported by our evangelists? I think the plan only a matter of detail; the results are certain and sure. Business methods should and will win in religion as well as finance.

The well developed idea would require a department, but the principles could be adopted now by your

present equipment and the evangelists in a small way.

My plan would be for all the men in the field to report their converts by name, giving age and such other facts connected with them as would aid in a personal correspondence; then after he leaves, letters in his name and that of yourself could go to each one at frequent intervals, encouraging a correspondence and special effort on their part. I believe the effect would be wonderful, and through the effort the cause of missions would be financially strengthened also. This correspondence could all be prepared in one office and the talent of the whole state ministry drawn on, thereby getting the best ideas of our best minds.

A personal letter would indicate a special interest; would be read and thought over—in many cases result in a correspondence—would hold ninety per cent of those entirely lost and make better and more profitable Christians of those who otherwise remain nominally "members."

These are only ideas patent to every live business man of the day, but I believe their application to the church's efforts at evangelization is legitimate and sensible. The idea has been found potent with the politician, the banker and the merchant. Why not the church? which has something to offer of value as well as the others.

Few will read the church papers, but all will read a letter. While no doubt now you can do little in this way by reason of limited means, what you can do will give you fine results and enable you to do more. I should think some man of means—a modern business man—could be found in our

ranks who would father the plan. I think the holding of the converts as important as first securing them.

I am not able, or I would make a thorough test of it myself; so can only offer ideas.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours truly,  
J. O. TEAGARDEN.

I have taken the liberty of publishing Bro. Teagarden's personal letter, because it deals sanely with an important question and offers tangible aid in solving the question of how to hold the new converts. Many besides the Mission Board will be interested in this. How many will try the "follow up letter," and report the results? If any one will kindly start a fund for that purpose we can and will take great pleasure in using it in sending out these personal letters. Numerous converts will be made this spring and summer. Add ten dollars per month to the stenographer's fund and thousands of letters will be sent.

#### FAREWELL.

Geo. H. Morrison.

It looks now like Mrs. Morrison and I will soon be citizens of another State. We were both born in the great Lone Star State. As many of our friends know, that of our three children, the youngest, Mary Joe, is, and has been all her life, an invalid. She is nearly five years old and has never walked except by some one holding her hands or otherwise bracing her. We have heard of a sanitarium in St. Louis, where we hope to have her treated. It looks now like we shall be located for some

months within or near to St. Louis. We are sorry to leave the State of our nativity, the scene of all our labors. hitherto, the precious associations with beloved co-workers, and the Oak Cliff Church in particular. But all who know our circumstances agree that our first consideration should be our darling child. We appreciate the many kind expressions relative to our little girl and the many personal prayers that are offered in her behalf.

The past twenty-six months that we have labored with the Oak Cliff Church have been as pleasant as we could ask. Not the least of the blessings that attend this Church's work is the fact that the beloved superintendent of Texas Missions holds his membership in this congregation and is one of its elders, and gives the preacher his unstinted support. This will not come before Bro. Mason's eyes until after it is printed; so I can say some things concerning him, perhaps, that he would not allow to go into the paper.

It has been a wonder to some people how it was that a church which, for the first three months of 1905, could only pay two-thirds of its preachers' salary, receiving the other third from the State Board, and did on the first Lord's day of November of that year raise one hundred and thirty-eight dollars for Texas Missions, after having doubled its gifts to all other enterprises. If I were to say where the influence came from, speaking humanly, I would say that it was the personal influence and teaching of this noble Superintendent of Missions.

I esteem it one of the greatest blessings of my life that I have been so closely associated with him during my stay in Oak Cliff.

Brethren of the great State of Texas; nay, more, children of the Great King, be Aarons and Hurs to hold up the hands of this Moses of our Israel. My heart's desire and prayer to God is, that if we shall be permitted to return to Texas, be the day far distant or near at hand, that we shall find a greater enthusiasm for Texas Missions.

"Now, the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

### SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS.

Your secretary has just completed a tour in the interest of mission work in South and Southwest Texas, resulting in the planting of two new churches and raising in pledges of \$2,000, one-fourth of which is already paid in for mission work in the region visited. This is an advantage of twenty-five per cent over last year's canvass of substantially the same territory, and one or two of the strongest churches yet to hear from. We began with the Convention at San Antonio, January 26-28. This meeting had been well advertised by the proper committee, Jay E. Adams, chairman. Therefore, the attendance was good. Brother Cleaver made a model host. The addresses delivered were nearly all missionary addresses. This is as it should be. A missionary convention should never be turned into a spiritual or an intellectual gymnasium. It is not a place for entertainment or a display of our talents, but its purpose is work for the salvation of men and women from sin. We should never lose sight of this fact in our missionary conventions.

The C. W. B. M. session, presided

over by Mrs. Peters of Sabinal, was one of the most interesting. The papers were well prepared and pertinently pointed. A larger number of churches were represented than ever before. Some of the busiest of our people put aside their business for the time and devoted themselves to the convention. Some had to leave and thereby lost the best of the meeting, and we who remained felt the loss of their presence and influence. We need to teach brethren that it is a good investment to plan well to obey our Lord's last command. The King's business not only requires haste, but it requires our most earnest and intelligent devotion as well.

#### Laredo.

Here is a city of 16,000 people. Two-thirds are Mexican. We found a C. W. B. M. Auxiliary there before a church had been organized. Through this auxiliary the members had become acquainted with each other, and we found them assembled around the table at the residence of Brother and Sister Moore ready for counsel as to how we should proceed. The State

Secretary of C. W. B. M. had preceded me by two days and had made ready the above refreshing gathering. By the courtesy of the Methodist minister we were allowed the use of the Methodist church building, where we spoke to a good audience and began an enrollment which reached about twenty members of a high average as to intelligence, ability and devotion. We believe that this beginning will result in an earnest effort to plant a church of the New Testament pattern in our border city.

#### Devine and Pearsall

Will co-operate in the support of a minister in this field. Dr. J. W. Evans, the chief elder at Devine, assured me that Devine would do her part. At a meeting by the Gulf District Committee, aid was offered and A. M. Harrall was called to this work. Bro. Harrall is well fitted for the work, although we dislike to take him away from Oklahoma. He is offered a district almost as large as Oklahoma, and with but a half dozen self-supporting churches in it.

#### Sabinal

Was our next stop. Bro. J. N. Murphy preaches three Sundays in the month at Sabinal. The church is alive to all our mission work and has in its membership those who will not suffer by comparison with any church in Texas. Sabinal will become a living link church. There are two hundred churches in Texas quite as able to do so—why not?

#### Uvalde

Is prospering under the ministry of O. A. Smith. It was my pleas-

ure to visit the home of these young ministers, Smith and wife. Years ago the writer baptized Alvin's father and mother and officiated at their marriage. We found at Uvalde Dr. Bowman and wife, Bro. Lackey and wife (the parents of our missionary, Miss Agnes Lackey), and others who give strength to the hold of the gospel upon that community. Uvalde had fellowship in our mission. We preached to good audiences on Monday and Tuesday nights, and on the day between we turned quite apostolic and went fishing. Bro. Stratford with his family, Bro. Smith and wife, with ye scribe, drove ten miles out to a beautiful woodland on the Leona river, where we spent several hours quite pleasantly. Bro. Smith declared that it was worth the trip to see the writer "land a trout." We had a fine dinner around the camp-fire and returned in good time for the night service.

#### Del Rio

Was visited on Wednesday and Thursday of the same week. Here we found a city of 6,000 people, half Mexican. An appointment was made at the Baptist church house and for two evenings we discoursed to interested audiences. About twenty persons were enrolled for a Church of Christ, and arrangements made for W. A. Boggess and Mrs. Cox to begin a meeting there at once. We expect to see a good church established in this important Western city at an early day. A great spring breaks out upon the prairie, one and a half miles from the city, which affords water for the irrigation of thousands of acres of fertile lands. Gardens, vineyards and fruitful fields by this living water are

made to blossom as the rose. Joy beamed from the faces of the little band of Christians here as I told them that I was a representative of their brethren who had sent me to them with a message of encouragement and help.

#### Marfa

Was my next stop. Here I found the sweet spirited and faithful minister and his noble wife, whom the writer has known from her childhood, awaiting to welcome me into their comfortable cottage. Thos. D. Secrest is pastor and I shall not wait until he is gone to say that a more faithful minister is not known among us. They have a beautiful church house, well located. I spoke for them Sunday morning and night. I visited the modest, though well appointed, home of L. C. Brite and found a cordial welcome. The Marfa church becomes a living link in Texas Missions.

On my return to San Antonio I met with the District Board, and we planned to place two new men in the Gulf District. Bro. A. M. Harrall was called to the field on I. & G. N. Ry., between San Antonio and Laredo.

A night was spent at Gonzales, Lockhart and Houston, each.

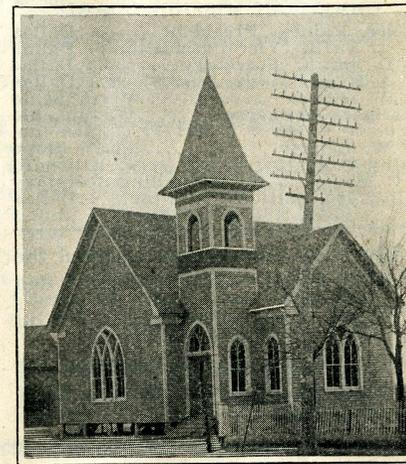
The first Southeast Texas District Convention was held at Beaumont, resulting in a new district organized. The prospect is good for a living link evangelist in that field, supported jointly by the Home Board, the Central Church at Houston and the Southeast Texas District.

#### ANY GOOD BOOK.

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Our Ladies' Aid has presented the church a first-class organ. It is our purpose to have part in every good work.

MRS. J. N. CRAIN.

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Edward O. Sharpe has resigned the ministry of the First Church, San Antonio.

Frank Laneheart has accepted the work of an evangelist in the West Texas District.

Brother Parker has moved to Pecos and will labor in the gospel for Pecos and other points near by.

W. H. Winters resigned the ministry of the church at Orange and will be married and make his home in New Mexico.

Colby D. Hill and his co-workers, have reason to be encouraged over the first general offering ever taken in Texas for education.

Alvin Smith and his good wife are happy in their new field, Uvalde. It is, indeed, an inviting field for people who have a mind to work.

A. F. Sanderson and his co-workers are very busy and very happy over the new church building. It will be one of the best Christian workshops in the city of Houston.

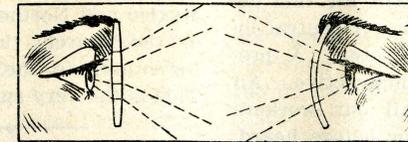
F. B. Scrimsher was suffering greatly with a tooth that baffled the skill of the physicians. And the scientists had not succeeded in persuading him that it was an imaginary tooth.

George Munro has been holding an interesting and very helpful meeting with the Second Church at Houston. He attended the Convention at Beaumont and delivered a very fine address. Subject: The Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The ministers in Laredo and Del Rio gave us a cordial welcome and the use of their church buildings. The presence of Roman superstition in the large Mexican population makes Protestants feel closer akin and think much less of their differences.

Harold Baldwin is now editor and proprietor of Sabinal's weekly paper. It was a great pleasure to be the guest of Harry and his estimable wife on our recent visit to Sabinal. We were not at all surprised to find them active workers in the church at Sabinal.

Bro. D. A. Leak calls for a meeting to be held at the old town of Nacogdoches. We have ordered that meeting twice, but so far have failed on account of circumstances over which we had no control. About the best suggestion now would be to untie Bro. Leak from the school room and send him to hold the meeting.



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### WORLD WIDE MISSIONS.

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prayers and send a large heart-felt offering to Secretary F. M. Rains, Box 884, Cincinnati, O.

It is a shame how the destitute places in Denton County are neglected. We need a preacher preaching all the time, in every corner of the county.—Christian Monitor.

It is said that more than one dozen preachers reside in the town of Denton. Why do you not send them out to preach in the neglected corners of Denton County?—Budget.

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Two booklets have come to our desk which deal with subjects of great interest, "The Bible Doctrine of the Future," and the "Who and the What of the Disciples of Christ." They are well written by that prolific author and prodigious worker, Dr. J. W. Lowber, of Austin, and can be had by addressing the author, or this office. Bro. Lowber kindly gives a good percentage of the receipts from the sale of his books to the cause of Texas Missions. Buy the books and get the worth of your money and at the same time help along a good cause.

C. C. Hill, minister at Roswell, N. M., has succeeded so well that the "building proposition confronts" us, he says. He is a live man and is greatly interested in the cause of our Master outside of Roswell. This, no doubt, accounts in part for his popularity. The narrow visioned man cuts off his own resources and dwarfs his

influences. The Roswell church, under Bro. Hill's leadership, is becoming a power for good in all Southern New Mexico and Northern Texas. The soul, or the church, that unselfishly does for others is the one which grows. This is the very spirit of the gospel.

George H. Morrison who has served the Oak Cliff church for more than two years, has announced his resignation, his purpose being to take an afflicted child to St. Louis for special treatment, which will require some months. Bro. Morrison's work with this church has been signally blessed. His earnestness, energy, enterprise, and with all, his faithfulness to the Word and work, besides this, his Godly life, have greatly endeared him to our people, and it is with genuine regret that we give him up. Sister Morrison, by an intelligent, graceful Christian activity, has won her way to the hearts of all. But for the reason that stern duty points to this change, a prohibitive protest would be entered. We most heartily regret to give them up.

The State Sunday School Convention meets in Dallas March 21-24. This is called the "Thirty-second Annual Sunday School Convention of Texas." Have you ever attended one of these sessions? If not, why not? Do you not need to know more about this great work in which our people and all who love our Lord Jesus in sincerity must be deeply interested? Come and get the best that can be said on this subject, digest and assimilate it for your own good, and for the good of those who attend your Bible school on the Lord's day.

### THE MONTEREY MEETING.

I do not say revival, for this was not a revival. It was rather a kind of Pentecostal beginning. The revival may be needed later. We rejoice with Brothers Inman, Moses, the Westrups and Jiminez, and Sisters Alderman, Case, Inman, Boses, the Westrups and others, who have labored as only those intimately acquainted with the workers can know. A Mexican church of 200 members, a property worth \$50,000, five other churches in the Republic. In my most optimistic moments I did not expect such a victory so soon. How Bro. Hoblitt and Miss Mason, our first missionaries, will rejoice at this victory.

The Southern Pacific Railway was our route from San Antonio to Marfa. The trains are well equipped. They carry enough coaches to accommodate the travel. They burn oil, hence no cinders or offensive smoke. There is a varied and beautiful scenery, especially along Devil's river. If the Fort Davis Mountains were advertised as most resorts are, they would become popular as a summer resort. Have five thousand feet altitude, with shade, hunting and fishing good. They are inviting to those workers who would get away for a little rest and recreation during the heated term. How many will join me for a summer outing in this coming summer?

Alice, a promising town in South Texas, has a few members who are anxious to have the plain gospel preached in that place. They got together and united in an offering for Texas Missions, sending the offering along with an appeal for help. That

kind of an appeal gets the right-of-way. Not so much because of the money sent as for the spirit it indicated. That kind of a people will take good care to keep the work going when once it is started. Go thou and do likewise. Now is the accepted time. Alice must have a preacher, and the church there will grow.

The Panhandle Christian camp meeting will probably be held at Clarendon this summer. The exact date has not been fixed. J. W. Marshall has been secured as the chief speaker. The Panhandle District Convention will be held at the same time and place. Those good people of West Texas having tasted the sweets of the Christian Institute, would never consent to leave off the general instruction about all our work. By all means let us have "First Principles" straight and clear, but let us at the same time "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Let us have a full orb'd gospel.

A Y. M. C. A. room and Sanitarium for Texas Christian University. An effort so far advanced as to assure success and yet in need of assistance, is under way for the above mentioned improvement at T. C. U. Those who would join in the commendable work can do so by sending a contribution for that purpose to the treasurer of T. C. U., North Waco.

Bro. S. R. Ezzell writes put me down for \$2.50 toward the publication of Dr. Fleming's Alexander-Campbell and the Missionary Society articles in tract form. They will be published soon. Send on your aid.

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**WANTS THE PROOF.**

Rising Star, Tex., Feb. 8, '07.

Eld. J. C. Mason, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir—Yours of Jan. 15 has been handed to me for reply. And as such I beg to say: The Church of Christ at Rising Star is satisfied with the Lord's plan for doing mission work and all other work and worship connected with the church. We take no stock in nor do we help to operate human machinery. As they are unscriptural, being human in their origin, divisive and God-dishonouring in their results.

A great source of revenue to a few, but a very expensive luxury to the masses. And as all we do we pro-

pose to do by the authority of God's Word, and as it is as silent as the grave on such things as your Texas Christian Missionary Board you will please excuse us. Again as your Board folks have solicited our aid we call upon you for the authority in God's Word for the existence of such a Board, and if you will produce the authority, we will gladly lend our aid; but if you do not produce the authority, we shall ask that said Board be at once disbanded.

Let us hear from you again. Yours for the truth. G. W. WOLF.

Read the above letter from Bro. G. W. Wolf, Rising Star, Texas. It is a response to a letter sent out from this office requesting the church at Rising Star to have fellowship in Texas Mission work.

He says that church is satisfied with the Lord's plan of doing mission work. Many of our readers will thank Bro. Wolf to give a clear statement of his understanding of that plan. It is certainly commendable to "Take no stock in human machinery that is unscriptural, divisive and God-dishonoring."

Remember, Bro. Wolf, that it does not make a thing unscriptural simply to call it such. He says of our organized mission work: "A great source of revenue to a few, but a very expensive luxury to the masses." This is a serious charge, and, if true, calls for reform. But it is like the old charge that "The Campbellites preach water salivation,"—false. We call for the proof, brother, and offer you any information in our possession.

A young man, the son of a "sound preacher," himself with the "Loyal brethren," recently as bookkeeper foot-

ed up from the books in the Secretary's office six months' accounts, and afterward said to another person, "I have heard extravagance charged to the management of the Texas Mission Board, but Bro. Mason's books show a most economical management."

Scores of well-meaning people are misled by continued misrepresentation to the opinion expressed by Bro. Wolf. The proof is wholly lacking. Bro. Wolf calls upon me for authority for what we are doing. Jesus said: "Teach all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Bro. Wolf and I will agree that this command is authority for mission

Therefore, we have Scriptural authority for the Texas Christian Missionary Committee or Board. See Acts 6:— Brother Wolf would not object to a building committee to aid in building a house of worship—something our Lord did not command. Why object to a committee to superintend that which He did command? Equal space will be given for a reply.

Mrs. Wilkinson, mother of Miss Tyler Wilkinson, of Texas Christian University, is spending the winter with Mrs. Dr. Ross at Del Rio. Sister Ross is another daughter. Their presence in Del Rio will add strength to the mission there for they are not ashamed of the gospel, even in a new place, and will gladly join the "little flock" for His sake.

George Munro has announced his intention to resign his work as minister of the Central Church at Galveston. He has labored faithfully and successfully and will be missed, not only at Galveston, but by our Texas ministry, as he is to leave the State.

S. W. Jackson and wife are in a fine meeting at Texico. A good new building, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, all where one year ago there was a few hundred people living in tents and shacks.

An English minister, when the anthem had concluded, rose and commenced reading Acts 20: "And after the uproar was ceased." The minister finished his discourse and sat down and the choir rose up and sang, "It is time to awake from sleep."



A. J. SAUNDERS.

work, even in Texas. We will doubtless agree that we should do the best in our power to obey this command. This is our Christian duty. Those who favor the organized or united mission effort believe that such unity is an essential to the fullest obedience to the Lord's command. We find also that when the Apostles wanted a specific work done they had a committee of good brethren chosen and appointed to superintend that work.

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J. B. Holmes, our Beaumont pastor, is a live wire, a real thoughtful worker and like all live Christians is thoroughly missionary. He is using the moving pictures now in his Sunday evening services and has the large building well filled with interested hearers.

We give in this issue a good picture of A. J. Saunders of Australia, a student in T. C. U. and minister of the churches at McGregor and Hubbard City. Bro. Saunders is a young man of marked ability, and is making himself felt for the good of the truth wherever he labors.

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**PROGRAMS****PROGRAM.****State Missionary Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, June 6-11.**

June 6, 8 p.m., to June 7, 4:30 p.m.—C. W. B. M.

June 7, 8 p.m., to June 8, 12 m.—Report of Committee on Christian Education. Program to be arranged by T. E. Shirley, C. Lockhart, C. T. Carlton and A. C. Elliott.

June 8, 2:30 p.m., to 4:30 p.m.—Report of Committee on Christian Benevolence. Program arranged by J. F. Honer, Trustee.

**Saturday, June 8.**

8:20 p.m.—Devotional Services.

8:40 p.m.—President's Address, A. E. Ewell.

9:10 p.m.—Address, Chairman Executive Committee.

**Sunday, June 9.**

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School hour, to be arranged by Sunday School Committee.

11 a.m.—Preaching in all offered pulpits. Arranged by Fort Worth Committee.

3 p.m.—Union Communion Service.

4 to 5 p.m.—Report of Committee on Christian Endeavor. Program arranged by Colby D. Hall.

8:30 p.m.—Preaching in all offered pulpits. Arranged by Fort Worth Committee.

**Monday, June 10.**

9:00 a.m.—Devotional Services.

9:20 a.m.—Address, Foreign Christian Missionary Secretary.

9:50 a.m.—Address, Home Missionary Secretary.

10:20 a.m.—Song.

10:25 a.m.—The men in the field heard from.

11:20 a.m.—Song.

11:25 a.m.—Address, "Our 21 Years' Work," Chalmers McPherson.

2:30 p.m.—Devotional Services.

2:45 p.m.—The men in the field heard from.

3:20 p.m.—Song.

3:25 p.m.—Report of Board of Managers, Anson Rainey.

3:40 p.m.—Report of Corresponding Secretary, J. C. Mason.

4:05 p.m.—Song.

4:10 to 4:40 p.m.—Centennial Address, W. R. Warren.

8:20 p.m.—Devotional Services.

8:45 p.m.—Address, "Texas—Our Opportunity," G. A. Faris.

**Tuesday, June 11.**

9:00 a.m.—Devotional Services.

9:20 to 9:35 a.m.—Report of Committee on National and Foreign Missions; Report of Committee on Nomination of Board of Managers; Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers of Convention.

9:35 a.m.—Report of Committee on Temperance.

9:45 to 10:30 a.m.—Report of Committee on Future Work; Report of Committee on Place of Next Convention; Miscellaneous Business.

10:30 a.m.—Report of Committee on

Christian Literature and Address, A. C. Parker.

11:00 to 12:00 a.m.—Report of Committee on Sunday School Work. Program arranged by that Committee.

2:30 p.m.—Devotional Services.

2:45 p.m.—Business.

3:30 p.m.—Address, "Should We Divide Over Missionary Societies?", H. G. Fleming.

4:00 p.m.—Report of Committee on Memorials.

4:10 to 4:40 p.m.—Address, "Our Remembered Dead," E. H. Holmes.

8:20 p.m.—Devotional Services.

8:40 p.m.—Report of Committee on Resolutions.

8:50 p.m.—Address, "Christian Union—Its Outlook," Addison Clark.

#### PROGRAM OF NORTHEAST TEXAS CONVENTION.

Atlanta, March 18-20.

Monday, 8 p. m.—Words of Welcome, M. M. Smith.

Response—N. G. Jacks, Texarkana.

President Morgan Morgan's address. Announcement of Committees, etc.

Tuesday, 9:30 a. m.—Reports from the Field—Led by G. N. Weaver.

Our Jerusalem—A. L. Oder.

2:30 p. m.—C. W. B. M. Session—Under the direction of the District C. W. B. M. Secretary, aided by the State Secretary C. W. B. M.

8 p. m.—Addresses by T. F. Weaver of Marshall, and J. C. Mason of Dallas.

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.—Evangelization in Northeast Texas—W. R. McDaniel, New Boston.

Discussion—Led by N. G. Jacks.

11:15 a. m.—Workers Together with God—H. Ab Smith, Mt. Vernon.

2:30 p. m.—Report of Committees. Business and short talks on "What

This Convention Has Been to Me."

8 p. m.—Sermon—J. T. Ogle, Paris.

It is probable that Colby D. Hall will preach for Bro. Smith at least once on Sunday, and will also take part on the program.

Each service will be opened with about thirty minutes devotion to worship. It is quite probable that an evangelist will be placed in Northeast Texas for his full time, and besides aid will be given to missionary workers. Let there be a large attendance.

#### PROGRAM OF DALLAS COUNTY CONVENTION.

To Be Held With the Third Avenue Church, Dallas, March 12-13, 1907.

Tuesday Afternoon, March 12.

2:30 p.m.—Devotional.

2:45 p.m.—Introductory words by President.

3:00 p.m.—Address, J. L. Crane, Lancaster.

3:30 p.m.—Address, C. E. Moore, Garland.

4:00 p.m.—Reports from Churches in the County.

4:30 p.m.—Appointment of Committees.

Adjournment.

Tuesday Night.

7:45 p.m.—Devotional.

8:00 p.m.—Address, H. G. Fleming, Forney.

8:30 p.m.—Address, A. D. Rodgers, District Evangelist.

Miscellaneous.

Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning.

9:30 a.m.—Devotional.

9:45 a.m.—Business Session.

10:30 a.m.—Bible School Session.

12:00 m.—Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:30 p.m.—C. W. B. M. Session.

3:30 p.m.—Miscellaneous.

Every church in the county should be represented at this Convention and a delegate from each should be prepared to give the report, as program provides, when called for.

For assignment of homes while attending the Convention, delegates will please address H. H. Sarver, Kaufman Road and Carpenter.

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