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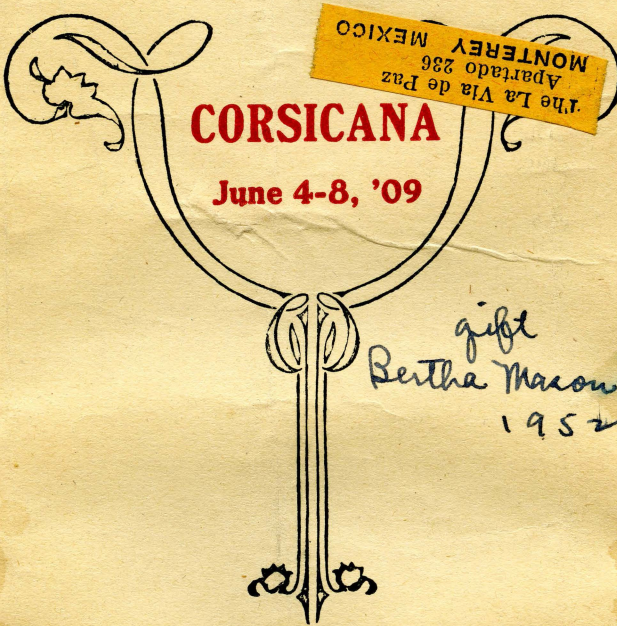
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[No. 1.]

## Enlisting the Bible School in Missions and Benevolence

ERNEST J. BRADLEY

Beginning with the new year the church at Lampasas resolved to make a change in the financial policy of the Bible School. It had wearied of the old way, and decided that it had everything to gain in adopting a policy which seemed both sane and sound. The policy is now on trial, and the results to date are most gratifying.

In point of numbers the Central Christian Bible School does not take first rank. For the nine weeks of the new year the attendance has averaged 80 1-3, and the offering \$3.67 4-9. And yet in these two months the school has been able to set aside \$8.66 for the Juliette Fowler Orphans' Home, and \$7.74 for missions. If we succeed in maintaining this average throughout the year our offering to the Home will be \$51 96, and that to missions \$46.44; making a total of \$98.40 for missionary and benevolent work. This does not include the special days in April, June and November which will add some \$50 to this total.

In addition to this the Bible School has made four offerings for the support of the church, amounting to \$13.50. Maintaining this average the Bible School will turn into the church

treasury a total of \$81.00 for the year. The offering for the fifth Sunday goes into the "picnic fund." For January it was \$3.37.

These results are very gratifying indeed. The policy which has made them possible is very simple yet far-reaching in its effect in that it seeks not only to enlist the school in behalf of missions and benevolence, but to develop regular and systematic giving. This plan makes giving definite. To put it concisely the policy is this: The church assumes the financial obligations of the Bible School. In return the school makes two offerings each month for the support of the church. Then the offering for the first Sunday in each month goes to the Orphans' Home, while that for the fourth Sunday is given to missions. The fifth is known as "Picnic Sunday."

In adopting this policy each school is free to turn its offerings into any desired channel. But inasmuch as we have regular days for giving to our organized work both at home and in foreign lands it seemed good to the Central Christian Bible School to turn its offering into the channel of district missions.



Here is an opportunity to enlist the Bible Schools in the work of restoring the missionary and benevolent spirit of the New Testament church; to take the power that God has placed within the reach of every church and turn it into an evangelizing agency—an opportunity to preach the gospel to every district in America, and thus to make it possible through the establishment of missionary churches, to herald the same good news to every district in the lands that know not the Christ.

I offer this as a suggestion. The policy is working well in Lampasas, and for the sake of developing the habit of definite, regular and systematic giving I would like to see it tried in every church in the State. It means much for the church of "to-day;" it means vastly more for the church of "to-morrow." As I see it, it means the development of that spirit which will lead the church of Christ to abound in the grace of giving.

Lampasas, Texas, March 2.

## OUR HISTORY AND THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

The history of one-hundred years of effort and service by those whose plea has been "Where the Bible speaks, we speak and where the Bible is silent, we are silent" is quite encouraging. Indeed, it is thrilling when we consider the great and permanent advance made towards restoring the New Testament plea, Christ instead of creed, as an object of faith and authority in religion has been the plea and strength of this movement. Much has been accomplished. A brotherhood of one and a half millions, a large majority of whom are committed to this plea, is a victory without parallel in the history of religious reformations. A unity, which while not perfect, will not suffer by comparison with that of any "Creed bound" religious body. A liberty, not yet full and free but easily surpassing that attained by efforts which have been made for even a larger liberty than that by which Christ made us free.

Such a combination of unity, loyalty and liberty as this movement under God, has brought to, and commends itself to the thinking Christian world and has had much to do with the leavening of Christian thought in favor of the above mentioned plea. A century ago this plea was most unpopular; now it is the most common and generally accepted teaching of the pulpits. It is true there are many with us, and more not of us, who do not fully understand the far-reaching consequences of such a plea for the restoration of Christ to His proper place at the Head of His body, the church. But very encouraging growth has been made in that direction, and men, cannot now, if they would, turn back the tide of Christian humanity which is joining in the cry of "Back to Christ." Let us then, while not abating for one moment our zeal for this plea, inquire briefly, what shall we do with the victory? What responsibilities come

to us in view of the successes attained? What shall this great brotherhood, gathered by this great plea, render to our God and humanity for "All his mercies shown?" I would answer first of all things.

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### An Example of United Service.

The best vindication of "Our plea" is to demonstrate its practical efficiency in bringing to pass that for which Jesus, our leader, teacher and master gave himself, namely, the Salvation of the world from sin. To fail in this is to pronounce either that our Savior and his plan of saving men have proven unequal to the work undertaken, or that we are impotent even with his proffered help, or worse, that we are unfaithful to the great trust given unto us by one whom we call our Lord

and Master. What shall our answer be?

To-day we believe in "the Divinity and Son-ship of Jesus" as never before. This is the very "soul and center" of our plea. Now let us prove it by serving him, instead of following our preferences of either theories or methods. Let us preach the Christ with "all of the facts, commands and promises of the Gospel." Let us give to the dying men the glad tidings that Jesus saves from sin. Let us realize that the supreme test of our loyalty is to be found in the service rendered and the sacrifices made in giving the glad tidings to others. When we have become as sensitive to this test as we are to some brother's aberration in doctrine, or theory or method of work, we will have made a great and most needed advance.

## TEXAS MISSIONS AND THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

It is a laudable ambition which seeks to excell in good things. Centennial aims are announced by the leading workers in most of our states. Shall we, of Texas, lay behind or be content with a mediocre effort while our brethren are faithfully forging to the front? I fancy that I can hear thousands of disciples in this great and much blessed commonwealth, say "No, God help us, no" It will help us forward to have some definite aims.

First, Let us unite in the work of evangelism. Missions means evangelism. Let every church deter-

mine to hold a great meeting at an early date; make the best possible preparation; use home talent; unite as earnestly and faithfully as you would if lead by a great evangelist. Let pastors "swap work," and thus aid each other. Advertise well; use the best talent available for an earnest, spiritual song and praise service. Plead with your people to "Wake up, this is our Centennial meeting, let all work heartily as unto the Lord." Emphasize the fact that Paul may plant and Apolos water, but God gives the increase. "Be not weary in well doing



for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not." Proclaim the whole truth in love and your efforts cannot be a failure.

Second, Let every church help hold a mission meeting. Support your own or some other minister, while a meeting is held at some point where the chances are good for planting a church.



A. D. ROGERS

Make a thorough effort to pay the minister's salary, and let collections be taken in the meeting faithfully, and after paying incidental expenses, turn over balance from offering to the State or district mission treasury to aid in other mission meetings. All ready we have some forty such meetings promised. May we not hear from others? The purpose of this call is a united, faithful and enthusiastic general evangelistic effort. With the unfailing help of our Lord we can and must give the "Old plea" a fair chance. Write me

to-day that you will be with us for a fitting Centennial effort.

#### CORSICANA, JUNE 4-8.

We have the best of reasons to expect our next State Convention will be the most largely attended we have ever had. Corsicana gives a cordial invitation; is centrally located, easily accessible by rail; has a beautiful and amply large new church building. The program is attractive. The largest report as to mission work accomplished, is already assured. It is a rich feast that includes addresses from J. T. Ogle, president of the convention; C. G. Brelos, our German minister from the Gateway to Texas, F. L. Jewet of the Bible Chair; Chalmers McPherson, strong and true; M. M. Davis, "The old reliable," young in spirit and full of fire. Then the boys from the field. We all want to hear from W. A. Bogges, A. D. Rogers, H. F. Reynolds, Baxter Golightly, A. S. Thomas, G. N. Weaver, J. H. Bristor, A. W. Jones, M. M. Smith and that old war-horse of the plains country, Emanuel Dubbs, and others of our more than thirty Texas Mission workers which space forbids to mention here. Let us all get ready for Corsicana, June 4-8.

In our last issue of this journal we gave a reliable list of four hundred and forty-four churches which have contributed to missions through some of our boards. There are fully five-hundred churches in Texas which favor the organized and united work. It is the failure of the negligent church that hurts the work. Is your church on the negligent list? Get on the firing line.

## Report of New Calendar Committee

According to a recommendation of our National Convention at New Orleans last October, a Calendar Committee was appointed consisting of one member from each State Society and three members from each general society. This committee had its meeting in St. Louis on January 14th, and begs to make the following tentative report:



#### Missionary Calendar.

First—January, vacant.

Second—February and March, Home Missions.

Third—April, May and June, Foreign Missions.

Fourth—July, Educational Day.

Fifth—August and September, Church Extension.

Sixth—November, State Missions.

Seventh—Third Sunday of November, Boys and Girls' Rally Day.

Eighth—December, C. W. B. M.

Ninth—Easter, National Benevolent Association.

Tenth—Ministerial Relief, supported by a pro-rata appropriation from each of the General and State Societies.

Eleventh—It was further recommended that the fiscal year end and the books of our General Missionary Societies close on the 31st of July instead of the 30th of September.

The above Calendar was adopted as a tentative report by a vote of eighteen to six. Brother McLean asked that his protest against the motion to adopt the above Calendar should be recorded, also Brother Myhr, of Tennessee, requested his protest to be re-

corded. It was moved that this report be sent to our religious papers for publication. The Committee desires to emphasize that the above report is only a recommendation to the National Convention at Pittsburg next October, and does not go into effect until after that Convention, provided it shall be adopted by a joint meeting of all the Missionary Societies.

#### REPORT OF NINE MONTHS' WORK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY BOARD,

Number of workers employed, 33.

Number of days worked, 5534.

Number of sermons, 2917.

Number of Confessions and Baptisms, 646.

Number added by letter and statement, 654.

Number from denominations, 157.

Number of net gain, 827.

Number of total additions by Texas missionaries, 1462.

Cash raised for support of Texas Missionaries, \$17,515.85.

Cash raised by Texas Missionaries for all Texas Mission work, houses, lots, etc., \$30,703.65.

Pledges taken for Texas Mission work, buildings, lots, etc., \$20,405.85.

Places aided by one or more sermons, 429.

Churches organized, 18.

Sunday Schools organized, 14.

Houses built, 11.



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H. F. Reynolds starts well in his work as one of our state evangelists.

The new church building at Hamlin approaches completion. William Pearn, minister; Boggess, evangelist.

New church buildings are under way at both Eastland and Gorman. Reynolds has visited and aided both churches.

God is continually testing men, and some of your least considered deeds may decide your fitness for your most glorious opportunity.

The Hillsboro District Convention will be held with the Ross Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, April 20-22, inclusive. A. K. Scott, evangelist, is working industriously. Ross Avenue Church will give us a cordial reception. Come.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 8, 1909.

Christian Endeavor Day was observed with a delightful program and a good offering, but best of all an excellent young man volunteered for the mission field. He is studying with the minister, H. B. Robison. The C. E. society and Junior Band each support an orphan in India.

The El Paso church has just raised \$300 to become a living link in the Home Field. The New Mexico and West Texas annual convention will be held here May 29th to June 2nd.

There were five accessions to the membership during January by statement and letter.

H. B. ROBISON.

### STATION "A" DALLAS.

Report of A. K. Scott, Evangelist.  
Hillsboro District for January and February:

Places visited and revisited, 25.  
Number of sermons, 30.  
Number by statement, 13.  
Money raised on salary, \$150.00.  
Money pledged for missionary work, \$300.00.  
Money pledged and raised for church lot, \$250.00.  
Money pledged for church building, \$1300.00.  
All moneys raised and pledged for all purposes, \$2000.00.

A. K. SCOTT.

A new church home at Anson where Edward Owers ministers.

Long-faced religion is not the kind that wears well. If you are happy on your way smile—let your light shine.

## Program Texas Christian Convention Corsicana, June 4-8, 1909

Friday, June 4, 1909.

8:00 p. m.—C. W. B. M.

Saturday, June 5.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional Services.

9:15 a. m.—President's Address

J. T. Ogle.

10:00 a. m.—12:00 m.—Two sessions simultaneously—C. W. B. M. and Bible School.

2:05—5:00 p. m.—Two sessions simultaneously—C. W. B. M. and Christian Endeavor.

8:00 p. m.—Christian Education Address—Chalmers McPherson.

Lord's Day, June 6.

9:00 a. m.—10:00—Bible School and Address by Secretary W. N. Wiggins of Texas S. S. Union.

11:00 a. m.—12:00—Preaching in all offered pulpits.

2:00 p. m.—3:15—Lord's Supper, in charge of A. J. Bush and Dr. T. F. Driskill.

3:15 p. m.—Christian Education Rally with an Address by .....

7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor Vesper Service. Colby D. Hall.

8:00 p. m.—Preaching in all offered pulpits.

Monday, June 7.

8:00 a. m.—Devotional Services.

9:15 a. m.—10:05—Report of Board and of Corresponding Secretary.

10:15 a. m.—10:45—Foreign Missions, F. M. Rains.

10:45 a. m.—11:15—Address: "What Texas Christian University Stands For"—Clinton Lockhart.

11:15 a. m.—12:00—Christian Endeavor.

2:15 p. m.—Devotional Services.

2:30 p. m.—3:30—Home and Church Extension Secretaries.

3:30 p. m.—5:00—Men in the field—C. G. Brelos, W. A. Boggess, A. D. Rogers, W. F. Reynolds.

8:00 p. m.—Two Addresses—L. D. Anderson and E. O. Sharp. Thirty minutes each.

Tuesday, June 8.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional Services.

9:15 a. m.—11:15—Reports of Committees.

11:15 a. m.—11:45—Address—F. W. O'Malley.

2:15 p. m.—Devotional Services.

2:30 p. m.—3:00—Business Session.

3:00 p. m.—4:45—Julieta Fowler Orphan Home.

8:00 p. m.—Address—M. M. Davis.

### SUNDAY PULPIT SUPPLY.

Arranged by Committee of the first Christian Church, Corsicana.

10:10 a. m.—W. N. Wiggins, Secretary of the Texas S. S. Union Sunday School Address.

First Christian Church—J. O. Shelburne, 11:00 a. m.; A. F. Sanderson, night.

First M. E. Church—Cephas Shelburne, night.

Second M. E. Church—E. R. Cockrell, 11:00 a. m.; H. M. Brooks, night.

Protestant M. E. Church—A. C. Parker, 11:00 a. m.; S. D. Perkinson, night.



First Baptist Church—Chalmers McPherson, 11: a. m.; J. W. Lowber, night.

Second Baptist Church—E. C. Boynton, 11:00 a. m.; Prof. A. O. Riall, night.

Third Avenue Presbyterian—L. D. Anderson, 11:00 a. m.; J. J. Lockhart, night.

First Presbyterian Church—Dr. Clinton Lockhart, 11:00 a. m.; Dr. G. A. Faris, night.

First Presbyterian Chapel—Arthur W. Jones, 4:00 p. m.

Union Presbyterian Church—E. M. Waits, 11:00 a. m.; Dr. A. Clark, night.

Odd Fellows Home—G. L. Bush, 4:00 p. m.

State Home—D. A. Leak, 4:00 p. m.

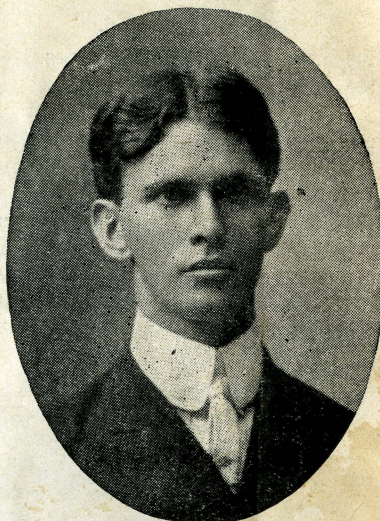
#### BURNET DISTRICT CONVENTION.

This is a new district made up of the churches in the following counties, viz.: Mason, McCollough, Brown, Mills, Lampasas, Burnet, Blanco, Llano and San Saba.

The organization was effected in the convention held at Burnet, Feb. 27-29. Subject (as to territory) to the ratification of the churches in the counties mentioned, most of which were represented in the meeting. These churches agreed to co-operate in mission work in the district to be done under the direction of an executive committee, which was chosen, namely, J. C. Oatman, Llano, chairman; E. J. Bradley, Lampasas, secretary; W. P. Cochran, Marble Falls; M. B. Brown, Burnet; and F. M. Miller, Brady. J. H. Stuckey of Bertran was chosen president. Dr. Geo. Harwood, vice-president and Miss Essie Hudson of San Saba, secretary of the next con-

vention, which is appointed for Marble Falls about six months hence. W. H. Anderson made us a good presiding officer and will prove a strong worker in the district.

The writer and E. J. Bradley shared the hospitality of the delightful home



W. F. REYNOLDS

of Brother and Sister Jas. A. Stephens, who are pillars of the church at Burnet. A better day is dawning for our church in that region. With our glorious plea, a united and faithful effort will surely bring success.

Is yours one of the two-hundred churches which has made the offering for State Missions since November 1st, or do you belong to a church which has failed to get into line in the last offering?

Ah, for a man to arise in me  
That the man I am may cease to be!  
—Tennyson.

#### Conventions and Mission Rallies are Appointed as Follows:

Stamford District—Rule, March 22-23.

West Texas District—Colorado, March 27-29.

North Texas District, Bonham, April 5-7.

N. E. Texas District, Timpson, April 13-15.

S. E. Texas District, Beaumont, April 16-18.

Cisco District, Stephenville, April 23-25.

Mineral Wells District, Mineral Well, May 21-23.

Will the brethren in these districts please make a note of the dates of these meetings and do what they can to increase the interest and enlarge the attendance. Advertise in the papers most read in your district. Any newspaper read in the district will be glad to publish these meetings.

Crowell reports a new church about complete. J. B. Faulkner, of Quanah, has given counsel and timely aid to this enterprise.

New church buildings are soon to be erected at Pearsall and Laredo. D. D. Boyle is working with these churches.

A new church home for San Antonio is assured. We need very much a forward movement in that great and growing city. We have many members there now, not as yet identified with either church.

One of our able and worthy Texas ministers, now doing successful work as the pastor of a strong church, by the increase in the value of some real estate owned by him, feels able and willing to work for small pay and

makes the following offer, viz.: to go to some important town where mission work is needed and put in full time if our State Board will give toward his support \$25.00 per month. He will collect what he can in his field of labor and deposit collections in the bank as a nucleus for a building fund. This is reliable and when this brother's name is known it will inspire confidence. What man or woman will make this brother your Living Link? What church will undertake this promising work? I will be glad to give more definite facts to those interested.

#### FOUR MONTHS' WORK BY W. A. BOGGESS, STATE EVANGELIST.

Places assisted, 15.

Places, regular preaching arranged for, 11.

Preachers located, 6.

Additions, over one-third new ones, 74.

Church buildings dedicated, 1.

Church buildings saved from confiscation by the "Antis," 1.

Church organized, 1.

Churches re-organized, 2.

Lots secured, 2.

Church building — Money raised — Building now under Construction, 1.

Cash for all purposes, \$1,374.30.

Amount of pledges for all purposes, \$5,506.50.

Respectfully,  
W. A. BOGGESS,  
State Evangelist.

Send us five subscriptions, all of these will go one year wherever you may say, for one dollar. Can you do better work for a dollar?



**HOW HE SUCCEEDED. HE TRIED.**

Read this from J. B. Holmes, an unfailing friend of Missions.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 2, 1909.

Dear Brother Mason:

I am glad to be in receipt of your letter and am "gladder" still to say that the response Sunday insures the Living Link for next year. In fact we made a better start on our pledges than we did last year and have Brother Lowe now distributing the Calendars and completing the canvass funds for both Missions and Current Expenses. He is doing well and while we raised four times as much for Missions last year as in any year past, I believe we will do much better in 1909.

**THE CONVENTION, CORSICANA, JUNE 4-8.**

Our minister, our board of officers and the whole congregation are justly expecting the largest convention ever held in the State. No pains will be spared on our part to make it a success.

The other churches have offered their pulpits to our visiting ministers, and Bro. J. H. Hughes and I have selected from among the large list of good men, enough to supply the pulpits both morning and evening. Even our State Home and the Odd Fellow's Home asked to be remembered. We certainly hope that no one whose name appears on the list will fail to respond. Brethren don't fall down on us.

Corsicana is a beautiful City of 15,000 souls. Our churches are up to the average and possibly in advance. Our public school buildings, public li-

brary, splendid homes, miles and miles of brick sidewalks, street railway, the largest oil field in the State, a citizenship that is noted for properly caring for a convention all conspire to make it desirable that you visit us and help to make this a great convention.

Homes and breakfast given to all that come. Other meals can be obtained at reasonable rates in the hotels, boarding houses and restaurants. Bro. J. H. Hughes, our minister, our congregation and the whole city say come.

Fraternally,

T. F. DRISKILL.

**A COLORED CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PROPOSED.**

Elder A. J. Hurdle of Dixon, who is president of the Northeast Texas Christian Missionary Convention, informs us that his people, under the auspices of the churches in Northeast Texas, have bought and nearly paid for forty-nine acres of land one mile north of Palestine upon which they hope to build a Christian Industrial School in the near future. Inasmuch as there is a proposed school under the auspices of Christian Women's Board of Missions, some have thought the two schools were proposed by opposing factions. Elder Hurdle declares that there is no antagonism, but only a desire on the part of his people to build, own and control a school themselves. This is surely a laudable ambition.

We owe a large part of our happiness in life to the mistakes we have made.

Prepare to meet God.