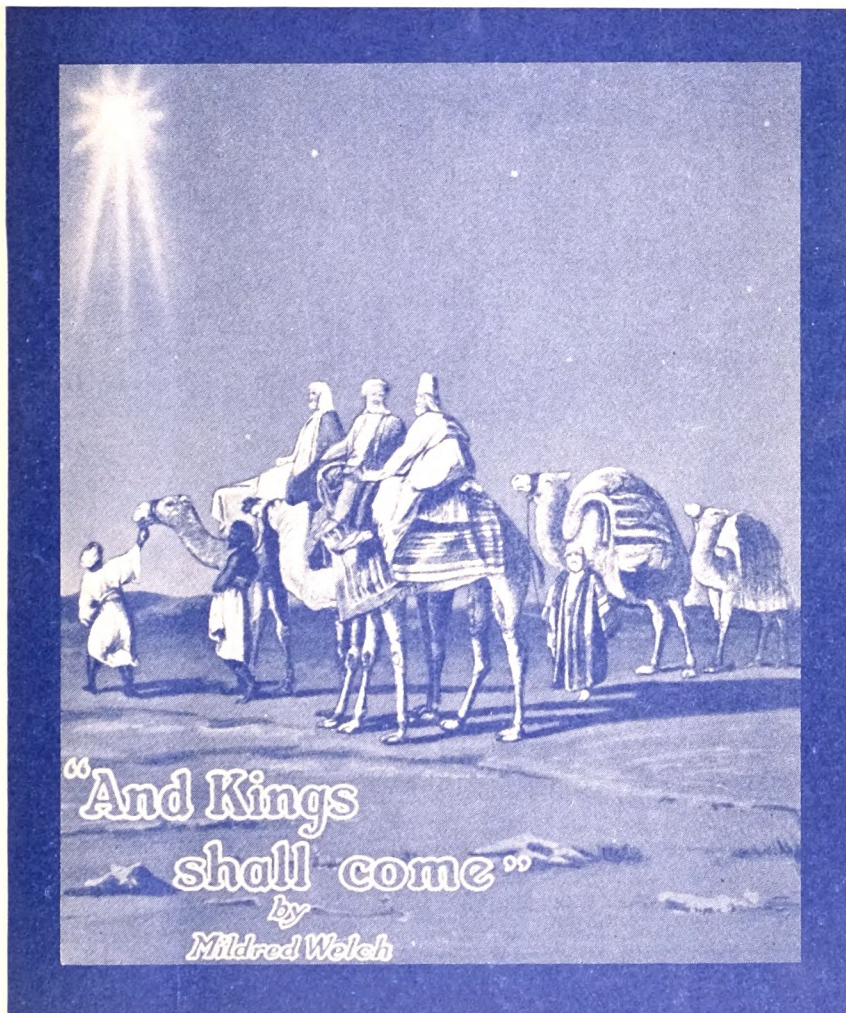


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## *Advance or Retreat---Which Shall It Be?*

R. E. MAGILL, *Secretary*

It is again necessary to remind our churches that the Assembly Agencies face a serious situation due to the decrease in collections for their current expense budgets.

On October first the decrease had reached alarming proportions and the facts were given in the November Survey. At the end of seven months, or November first, the situation was not im-

proved and only about 25% of the amount fixed by the Assembly has been raised. The table herewith shows receipts from living donors and the decrease as compared with 1923: The Committees are forced to borrow large sums to pay worker's sal-

aries, thus increasing operating expenses and making it impossible to enter new fields where the need is most urgent.

The Budget fixed by the Assembly contemplates

	Goal for Year	Receipts for seven months	Decrease for seven months
Foreign Missions	\$1,581,750	\$402,791	\$57,272
Home Missions	760,000	181,527	2,935
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.....	356,250	65,796	11,614
Publication and S. S. Work .....	95,000	52,444	10,639

Delayed offerings in April and a generous offering on Rally Day ran the Publication receipts ahead of last year.

a modest advance in the work of each agency but the offerings to November first, if continued at the same ratio means that we shall have to go to the Assembly of 1925 with staggering

debts and a report that the old basis of activity was not maintained.

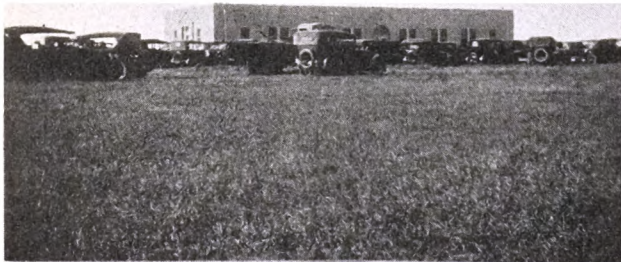
Such a report would be discreditable to our church and dishonoring to the Great Head of the Church.

Again we ask shall we advance or retreat?

# Mexican Girls' School

## A Red Letter Day

HOMER McMILLAN.



Opening Day at Pres.-Mex. through the eyes of the camera. At the top is a group of Pres.-Mex. girls wearing the dresses which they made for the occasion, during the first week of the school. The bottom picture shows a group of distinguished visitors. Reading from left to right: Dr. J. B. Hudson, President of the Board, Victoria, Texas; Dr. A. G. Jones, of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin; Dr. Homer McMillan, Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. E. Trevino, Pastor Mexican Church, San Antonio; Dr. J. W. Skinner, President of Tex.-Mex.

THE opening of this Christian Industrial School marked a great advance in the work of our Church for the Mexicans in Texas. For years such a school had been the prayer and the hope of the Mexican Presbyterians, and its need had long been recognized by those concerned with Mexican evangelization.

On October 8th the first building was formally dedicated with an impressive and inspiring program. There was an audience of perhaps 500 people—both American and Mexican—from Taft and neighboring churches, some coming from points seventy-five miles distant. Thirty students from the Boys' School at Tex.-Mex. were present in a body, having come sixty-five miles from Kingville to express the joy they felt in the opening of a Christian School for the girls of their race.

On account of the large attendance the dedication services were held out of doors. The guests parked their cars in a semi-circle in front of the place arranged for the speakers and for the students from the two schools who furnished the singing.

In the services fitting reference was made to all who contributed of their time and means to make this Christian School possible. Dr. John B. Hudson, president of the board, voiced the appreciation of the board for the magnificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Green and other friends in Taft, who gave 200 acres of improved farmland for the use of the school, and \$10,000 in cash toward the cost of the first building, as well as other concessions in water, gas and electricity.

Mrs. J. L. Brock, President of the Texas Synodical Auxiliary, spoke of the interest and gifts of the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and read messages of congratulation and good will from Mrs. W. Winsborough and the several Synodical Auxiliary presidents.

Miss Katherine Gray, Dean of the School, voiced her hopes and expectations for the future.

The dedication address was delivered by Dr. A. G. Jones, of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. Dr. Jones' long residence in the Southwest, and his intimate knowledge of the religious and educational needs of the Mexican people, fitted him in a singular way to speak of the large influence a Christian School for Mexican Girls must have not only on the work of the Presbyterian Church in Texas, but also on the work of the Church in Mexico.

The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Eli Trevino, pastor of the Mexican church in San Antonio and a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Trevino was trained for the ministry by Rev. H. B. Pratt, and has given more than thirty years of service to the Mexican work in Texas.

Dr. Homer McMillan, representing the Assembly Executive Committee of Home Missions, expressed appreciation for the contributions of every sort, but emphasized in a special way the contribution of Dr. J.

anner, whose successful experiment in Christian Industrial education for the boys at Kingsville had pointed way for the school for Mexican Girls.

When the School for Mexican Girls was proposed, board turned to Dr. Skinner for help, and he gave untiringly and ungrudgingly of his time and strength and experience in supervising the construction of the building, outlining the course of instruction and seeing the teachers.

The dean of this new church school is Miss Katherine Gray, who at one time was Superintendent of Public Education for the State of Texas, and later a missionary in our church in Mexico. Miss Gray brings to this best work of the church a knowledge of the need, an appreciation of the worth and a love for the Mexican people that is invaluable.

There were twenty-four pupils enrolled when the school opened, October 1. This was all that could be accepted and they were carefully selected from the more than two-score applicants for admission. It is hoped that in October, 1925, the second building will be ready to receive twenty-four more girls from our Mexican Presbyterian homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Green, of Taft, Texas, whom God had blessed with means and loving hearts, asked that they be allowed to provide for the school a site, unsurpassed in location and in beauty, and a generous contribution besides. Thus the School for Mexican Girls has begun and thus it has developed. It has the interest and the love of a grateful church. It is the prayer of those responsible for its management that all those who have aided in its establishment may have their reward in lives redeemed and made fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Pres.-Mex. Notations

### FOUNDATIONS.

from the Auxiliaries of Texas.....	\$25,000
from Auxiliaries of other Synods .....	25,000
from Citizens of Taft community.....	10,000
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Total Cash.....	\$60,000
from Coleman Fulton Pasture Co., 200 acres of land—value .....	\$30,000

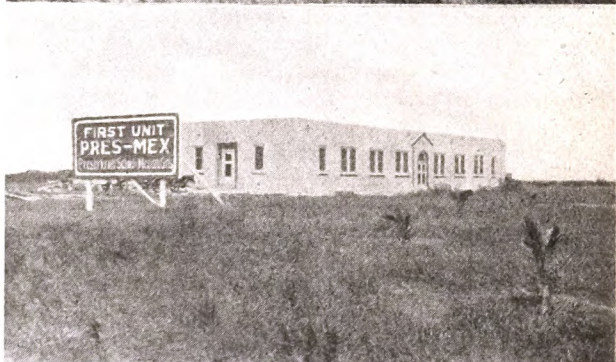
### IMPROVEMENTS

for dormitory .....	\$14,000
for water .....	2,000
for sewer system .....	300
for caretaker's house .....	250
for school building and laundry.....	600
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	\$17,150

\$1000.00 insurance has been written on the dormitory and \$300.00 on the school building.

The first offering for room equipment received came from the Auxiliaries of Texas-Mexican Presbyterian.

The students during the first week of school thoroughly cleaned the building and made their dresses to be worn at the dedication. (See picture).



This too shows Pres.-Mex. on Opening Day, which would not have been complete unless Pres.-Mex. was represented. The boys were there in "all their glory" as can be seen from the top view of this picture. The small frame building in the center will be used as a temporary classroom. The bottom picture shows scene during the dedicatory prayer.