

Mr. William M. Ege,
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Mrs. Simons and I were sorry to have missed seeing you, but know that you enjoy meeting other of your good friends here.

Should I meet Reverend L. O. McCracken, now of Anthony, I shall be glad to know him because he was your pastor and you have liked him.

During my connection with the Kansas Baptist Convention, I recognized that we were slowly being enveloped by the Southern Baptist Convention. Just how they have organized their Fifth Column, I don't know, but they know when a vacancy is to occur sometimes before it is made known to the church that is particularly interested. I have been on the Pulpit Committee for many years and we have more applications from Southern Baptists than we do from members of the Northern Baptist Convention. I do not believe that this is best for our state, nor for the church, but I don't know just how we are going to help it. Our Dr. Wise and scores of other religious leaders in Kansas have come to us through the Kansas City Seminary, which has largely been dominated by Southern Baptist influences.

I am always glad to hear from you and at this season of the year, Mrs. Simons joins me in best wishes for you and yours for the Holiday season and for the coming years.

Cordially yours,

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