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The image contains a page from the Houston Chronicle dated September 2, 1906. The page is titled "APOSTOLIC RALLY" and includes a section titled "BRUNNER TABERNACLE, HELD BIG CROWD YESTERDAY." The main article discusses the Apostolic Rally held at the Brunner Tabernacle on the previous day, with a focus on the movement and what it stands for. The article references a Baptist Service postponed due to rain.

The text mentions that the rally was a great day with hundreds of faithful attendees, and the service was postponed due to rain. It highlights the enthusiasm of the audience and the importance of the Apostolic Faith movement. The article also includes a quote from a speaker, emphasizing the need for unity and the need for the church to be a moral influence.

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APOSTOLIC RALLY

BRUNNER TABERNACLE HELD BIG CROWDS YESTERDAY

Parham Speaks on Movement and What It Stands For—Baptismal Service Postponed Because of Rain.

Yesterday was a great day with the Apostolic Faith people at Brunner. The big tabernacle on Patterson avenue was crowded with hundreds of the faithful, and the services from morning to night were attended by enthusiastic audiences. Rev. Charles F. Parham, projector of the movement, and W.F. Carothers, State director, were both present and addressed the various assemblages of the day. The baptismal service, which had been announced for yesterday afternoon and which attracted hundreds from the city, could not take place on account of the heavy rains of the morning and the preceding night which muddled the stream and made the banks slippery.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the great crowd of workers and others identified with the movement lined up in front of the tabernacle and had their picture taken. It was a big group and when the pictures are finished they will be sent back to Kansas and other points where the movement is being established, to bear testimony of the activity of the workers in Texas. Many will be kept by members of the Texas delegation as souvenirs of the first annual encampment of the movement in this State.

When the camera snapped and the photographer motioned that it was all over, there was a rush for the seats in the interior of the audience shed. Projector Parham struck up a hymn, and the crowd joined in with lusty voices as they moved in to the seats on the platform and others to seats in the body of the
building. Another hymn was sung and then another, "Just give me time to tune up," said the leader, "and you'll hear some music." Then he announced a new hymn. "You old Methodists and Baptists and Presbyterians and the rest of you can sing this," was the comment. The hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers," and they sang.

PARHAM SPEAKS.

In his address, which followed the sermon of Rev. W. F. Carothers, Projector Charles F. Parham told something of the history of the movement. He is a small man, and when he speaks he stretches his body and raises his voice to a high pitch. He laughed and related humorous incidents in the course of his address, and he neglects not to say something about the "hireling preachers" who "have a fine flow of language," and "a theological education." Mr. Parham himself, as he remarked yesterday, was licensed "an exhorter" by the Methodist church when he was 14 years of age.

He told something of the history of the movement during the course of his address yesterday afternoon. He referred to the prophecy in the Bible in which it was said that before Christ should come again this gospel must be preached to every people. "Bible religion declined when formalism took root and drove true religion out," he said. "Thus rejuvenated the gospel with his resurrection of the doctrine of justification by faith. Wesley reclaimed another truth, the truth of sanctification, and so others have found bits of lost truth and restored them. The Apostolic Faith movement has gathered the fundamental faith from every church and from every sect and from every age, it
has brought all these together and when the Apostolic Faith is fully comprehended it will be found to be the living truth expressed in one movement."

HEALING BY FAITH.

He remarked on the doctrine of healing held by the adherents of his faith. "Over 100,000 people in the United States today are trusting God for healing, and they are not Christian Scientists or Spiritualistic healers on religion, but I know what I am talking about. I was sick, diseased in body and limb, the doctors nearly ruined me and stunted my growth by their medicines. Ossification was setting in and nothing, it seemed, could save me from that. You know an ossified man lives forever. That's what's the matter with these church members. They are ossified. They are old dead church members and if they don't get right for God the devil will get them for kindling wood. 'Go in the church,' they say, 'and get saved.' Yes, go in and get saved--saved for nothing. 'I thought you preached to sinners?' somebody asks. I do. 'But you are preaching to church members.' Well, two-thirds of the church members are not saved. It is a hard fact, but it's the truth, and the old Angora goats don't dare dispute it.

"I was healed from all my ailments, and today my health is perfect. And then God has manifested other powers. Six years ago he actually fulfilled the second chapter of Acts at the Bible school in Kansas. The baptism of fire came down and the students went out speaking in tongues."