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TWO FACTS AND TWO CONCLUSIONS.

There are two things about the Baptists which are not a little striking and suggestive, and which, accounted for as they may be, ought to inspire our people with far greater zeal and courage than has ever animated them.

They are, first, that while we are the largest denomination in the United States, counting only professedly converted members, the average salaries of our ministers are less by far than those of any other sect of Christians.

The second is, that while the other leading denominations are greatly ahead of us in their missionary contributions to foreign lands, our success in these fields surpasses all the other denominations combined. We believe figures and facts will sustain both of these propositions. Now, these facts authorize two conclusions that ought to appeal to our people so potently as to leave no alternative. First, we are paying our pastors and evangelists. Our resources are ample, both in our numerical strength and in our means. Our State and county tax would pay an adequate salary to every pastor in our country, and certainly we ought to love the kingdom of Jesus Christ as well as we love our country. Our State and county tax will not average more than three-fourths of one per cent. Thus, if a church member should have one thousand dollars of taxable property, his *pro rata* share of the pastor's salary would be only seven dollars and fifty cents. Suppose the taxable property of a church is one hundred thousand dollars, that would yield seven hundred and fifty dollars, more than double the average salaries of our pastors, taking the whole country into the count. Now, just think of it, reader, three-fourths of one per cent on your property for your church! Does it not appear that a church that is not worth that much to you is not worth keeping up. Perhaps there is not one half of the members of our country churches that pay one cent to their pastors, in some localities. We have known wealthy men who professed to love Jesus Christ, men worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, who did not pay five per cent on their taxes! Could there be an adequate reformation in this respect, how it would multiply the efficiency of our preachers! And then how it would react upon the churches in developing their power and usefulness!

Secondly, If standing third or fourth among other denominations in the United States in what we pay to foreign missions, we have achieved a success greater than all these denominations combined, have we any reason to doubt that if we were to double our men and money in these foreign fields that the increase in the ratio of results would be the same? At least this is not an unreasonable presumption. If the meagre "tithes" we have brought into the "store-house" have resulted so gloriously, what may we expect when we bring in "all the tithes" other than that he "will pour out a blessing that there shall not be room among us to receive it." There are nearly, or quite, one million of white Baptists in these Southern States. What could not such a host do if they were all animated by the true spirit of missions? The truth is, our agencies have not reached one half of our members. And many of those who are in line are vastly behind their obligations. They are not more than half awake. We have a hundred associations this year in which one half of the churches set up any

RIVER AND HARBOR CONVENTION.

On the 17th of November a large body of representative men from Alabama, Florida and Mississippi met in the city of Tuscaloosa to consider the importance of deepening Mobile Bay, and opening up the tributaries to the bay to water navigation, so as to secure an outlet for the commerce of the States of Alabama and Mississippi to the world. Elaborate papers were read to the Convention on all the subjects embraced in the purposes of the Convention by experts, and we have never heard these subjects handled with so much ability.

Major Lane, of Birmingham, the temporary chairman of the meeting, led off in a lucid *resumé* of all the objects of the meeting was called to promote. This was followed by a masterly speech from Senator Pugh, than whom there is not a more brainy man in the State or in the South.

After the regular organization of the Convention was completed, the committees went to work in a way that meant business. Never have we been more impressed with the *personnel* of a public meeting. They were business men, representing the material interests of the people. Some rather startling facts were brought out in regard to congressional appropriations for river and harbor improvements.

For instance, the Ohio river and its tributaries have received over \$8,000,000, first and last, to improve their navigation, while all the tributaries to Mobile Bay have received but a fraction over \$800,000,—that is about one-tenth of what the Ohio and its branches have received. And all this in the face of the fact, that as a means of developing the mineral interests of the country there is no comparison between the two enterprises, the mineral resources of Alabama being immeasurably greater than those of the country drained by the Ohio. The great need of our people is cheap transportation for our agricultural and mineral products. Our rivers could be all opened at a comparatively trifling expenditure, so that coal, iron, cotton, &c., could be transported to Mobile at rates so cheap as to monopolize the market for all the markets in Central and Southern America, the West India Islands, and indeed all the world. As an entrepot for coal, for steam ships, and for transportation to foreign markets, Mobile would be unsurpassed. We hope this matter will continue to be agitated until something like justice will be done to our State; for in developing the industry, it will be an immense contribution to the general prosperity of our common country.

S. H.

EVANGELISTS JONES AND SMALL AT BIRMINGHAM.

On a recent trip to our old home in Talladega county, we were detained one day in Birmingham during the late visit of Sam Jones and Sam Small, and we took the occasion to visit the tent where they were preaching. Mr. Jones had left that morning for Atlanta to deliver a temperance address, but Mr. Small occupied the stand. There were present, we suppose, about twenty-five hundred people, and we must say that Mr. Small's sermon, founded on the healing of blind Bartimeus, was able and impressive. As we looked at him, so recently recovered by Divine grace from the very cesspool of depravity, as he himself acknowledges, and heard the strains of eloquence that poured from his lips, we could but thank God for such a man. We could not feel that

one of the most triumphant vindications of the divine origin of Christianity ever seen. With talents and culture of the highest order, with manners delicate and refined that make him an ornament in any circle, with a *person* that at once impresses his immense audiences, and more than all with a heart all aglow with his sublime mission, what could we do but abandon ourselves to the spell of his chaste and subduing eloquence? Whatever may be the eccentricities of Sam Jones' style and methods, the most morbid sensibility can allenge nothing of the kind against Sam Small. As Cowper expresses it, he is "serious in a serious cause!"

Nay, he never "Courts a grin where he should woo a tear."

But what of Sam Jones? Well, reader, we did not meet him, but in mingling with the best men in Birmingham, unless they are all mistaken, you may write it down that he is no common man. The critics may just as well let him alone. He moves in a sphere vastly above their reach. He breathes an atmosphere that never flamed their brows. We have read Dr. Pendleton's article on "Sam Jones and his methods," and while we subscribe to most that he has said, as it applies to other preachers, yet our brother Jones does not belong to the "roll of common men." His plans, styles and methods are perfectly natural to him, while if another undertook to follow him it would be a ridiculous farce. Let Sam Jones continue to be Sam Jones, and let us all thank God for a gift so capable of reaching such vast multitudes that our ordinary ministrations have failed to reach. We need such men occasionally to break up those old incrustations of routine and habit which have inveterately grown upon our churches and have emasculated them of their spiritual power.

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We received a few days since a letter making a very good suggestion, so good that we copy it here. "Our denomination ought to have more denominational solidarity and church and State pride. Can you not urge the minister to set a day in December to press the claims of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, because it is the *Baptist* paper and because it is an *Alabama* paper? I intend to take more interest in its circulation, and if need be I will leave off other papers to enable me to continue my support to it."

We want every pastor to note this and at each church make an appeal during December for the paper. This effort will add largely to our list. Remember that we will take new subscribers at the rate of five or more at \$1.50 during December.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

We have just received an urgent appeal from Dr. Tichenor for help for the Home Board. The Board wants \$10,000 by January 1st to meet pressing obligations then due. Alabama ought to send at least \$500 as her share. Now is the time to help. Make an effort at once for this object. The Board is doing grandly.

FIELD NOTES.

Clerks of associations will please send two copies of the minutes at once to Wm. A. Davis, Statistical Secretary, Montgomery, Ala.

Bro. Hardy Jones has moved to Verbena. His correspondents will please note the fact.

Gen. Ira R. Foster died in Gadsden on the 19th. An obituary notice will appear next week.

On Friday, 27th, several churches will meet in convention at Scale to organize a new association.

Rev. A. L. Blizard has moved to Abbeville, and becomes joint editor and proprietor of the *Times*.

The date on the paper following your name shows to what date you have paid. If your time is out, ought you not to renew?

The Florida Convention passed a strong resolution on the subject of pushing mission work in Cuba, and subscribed liberally therefor.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Lloyd, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving day.—*Opelika Cor. Advertiser*.

Bro. J. L. Long wants it known that he is not to be an idler since he has given up Friendship church, but will work while there are souls to save.

Deatsville is having a protracted meeting at her Baptist church. The reporter learns that there is considerable interest manifested.—*Wichitka Times*.

The Young Ladies Working Circle of the First church, Montgomery, gave a most delightful entertainment on the 19th. The net result was about \$100 in the treasury. The entertainment will be repeated on Thanksgiving night with some changes in the programme.

Mrs. Nancy Martin, aged ninety-one years and for fifty years a member, died on the 13th, full of years and honor. Dr. Wharton's funeral discourse from the text: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," was a grand appeal to imitate her noble example.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has recently held its State meeting in Birmingham. The discussions were very profitable, and the ladies go forward with renewed zeal for another year's work. The columns of this paper are ever at their service and our pen and money shall aid them in their noble work.

The ladies of the Baptist church who gave the oyster supper on last Friday night at the City Hall realized about \$50 from their labor of love for the church. We learn that it is the beginning of a series of suppers and entertainments for the churches and wish them all success.—*Greenville Advocate*.

Our previous meeting at Brewton did not "cost" of the moral power of Birmingham with the evangelist within and the *Age* as the vehicle of thought, but it did come of the labors of evangelist Thomason, than whom there is no better, assisted by the good Christians of Brewton, and under the blessings of our Heavenly Father.—*J. E. Bell, Georgiana*.

"Success to the paper in its new home. I pray God to bless every effort that is being made to spread his gospel in Alabama.—S. M. T. The editors of this paper need the prayers of the good people of this State. With a congregation of over 10,000, ours is a mighty responsibility. May God give us grace (loving favor) to wisely use our influence.

The Rev. C. P. Fountain, of Greenville will preach at the Union church in Hayneville, on the fourth Sunday, 22nd day of November. The Hayneville Baptists hope to secure his services at least once a month. They will be fortunate, for Mr. Fountain richly deserves his reputation for pious excellence.—*Advocate*.

Sam Jones and Sam Small are now in Atlanta helping the cause of the prohibitionists. As results of their meeting in Birmingham we are informed that about four hundred have united with the churches, one hundred and nine of whom joined the First Baptist. Many more conversions are reported and the figures even reach eight hundred, in the opinion of Sam Small.

There will be a Union Thanksgiving Service at the Baptist church, in the city Thursday, the 26th inst. Sermon by Dr. Renfroe.—The other pastors of the city participating. This

announcement is made as the result of a mutual understanding among the pastors. The services will begin at fifteen minutes before 11 o'clock. The whole community is invited and solicited to be present.—*Talladega Mountain Echo*.

Rev. W. F. Pond's house and contents were burned on the morning of Nov. 20th. The fire is supposed to have been accidental. This is a great calamity upon Bro. Pond. Paralyzed last year, and now without a home for his large family. I know that any help that brethren or friends will extend Bro. Pond in this hour of need will be thankfully received.—*J. D. Cook, Cuba, Nov. 21st*.

The Sunday-schools of Evergreen will hold a thanksgiving service jointly at the Baptist church. The service will consist of a concert exercise arranged by Bro. Farnham, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school, to be followed by a Thank Offering. The exercise is divided into Ascriptions of Praise and Thanksgiving, for National, Temporal, and Spiritual blessings. The decorations will consist of corn, cotton, sugar cane, sheaves of rice, wheat and oats, fruits and flowers. A perusal of the programme makes us desire to be there.

Please send me about half a dozen sample copies and I will endeavor to get you up a club, as there are a great many here who ought to take the paper, and in the mean time continue my paper, for I must have it whether I get the club or not. I have noticed that wherever the BAPTIST is taken, you will find an active, progressive membership, alive to all the interests and enterprises of our denomination. There is nothing more helpful to a pastor's work, according to my notion, than a good paper, such as you are giving us. There are a good many pious, good and true Christians among us, and I hope by getting them to take our paper that they will be constrained to more active and zealous work for the Master.—*W. C. Mayes, Wad Green*.

To the Churches of the Alabama Association.

According to the action of the board appointed at the last meeting of the association I have been appointed as evangelist, and directed to visit all the churches of the association, giving the most attention to those most needy. In order that I may comply with these instructions it will be necessary to have the co-operation, counsel and assistance of the pastors and churches to arrange times

for my visits, and the letters he read before the convention from Cuban converts were instructive and awakening. Permanent steps have been taken to carry on the mission, and wonderful results are expected at an early day. Plans were also laid to occupy St. Augustine, the Rome of Florida, as soon as the man can be found. May be Alabama will be drawn on for the

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North River,		55 00
Rocky Mt. Ch. E. W. Solomons,		60 00
Montgomery Ass'n, E. J. Harris,		13 00
Shelby Association, H. C. Reynolds,		80 38
B. G. Goff,		10 00
Shelby Association, H. C. Reynolds,		15 78
S. S. E. Anderson and Sisters,		10 00
J. E. Anderson,		2 50
Bilbiville church, H. A. Flournoy,		1 45
Savoy church, W. C. T. Mosley,		28 01
Pleasant Grove ch. A. E. Burns,		2 34
Lebanon ch. J. M. Vann,		2 24
Cahaba Association, A. Lawson,		52 25
Little Gleaners, Montevallo, W. North,		
Cusseta church, G. W. Shealy,		8 00
Providence church, B. F. Ellis,		4 66
S. S. First church, Troy, Dr. Locke,		25 00
Y. L. M. Society, Montevallo, Miss Lyman,		9 15
Enon church, J. H. Creighton,		2 40
Cedar Bluff Ass'n, J. N. Webb,		5 01
		2 50
Previously acknowledged,		1215 82
		3033 05
		\$4248 87
Home Missions.		
Eufaula Association, A. B. Starke,	\$113	61
Centennial, J. F. Lassiter,		27 96
First ch. Montgomery, W. A. Davis,		8 92
Montgomery Ass'n, E. J. Harris,		6 38
Shelby, J. F. Lassiter,		7 40
Shelby Liberty, P. Henderson,		6 03
Sandy Creek, W. C. Mosley,		12 00
Pleasant Grove church, A. E. Burns,		2 33
Mt. Lebanon church, J. M. Vann,		43
Little Gleaners, Montevallo, W. North,		28
Union Ass'n, W. G. Robertson,		27 96
Cusseta church, G. W. Shealy,		1 35
Enon, J. H. Creighton,		2 31
Previously acknowledged,		213 43
		498 38

