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Big Bear Creek Association.

After waiting for some one to write up the Big Bear Creek association, and as no one has written, I will give you readers some dots from this body, which convened with Little Bear Creek church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. S. Stockton, who was chosen moderator. There was a full delegation present. Brethren M. Finney, J. S. Gibson and J. R. NeSmith were present from the Little Bear Creek association. Brethren Mat Lyon and J. C. Hudson were present the first day. All of these brethren added much to the interest of the meeting.

The missionary sermon was preached by Bro. J. S. Gibson, Sunday at 11 o'clock, in the grove, to a large congregation. Bro. Finney preached at 2 in the evening and Bro. NeSmith Monday night. The preaching was splendid. The meeting was marked by perfect harmony throughout. There were twenty dollars raised Sunday. On Tuesday, during the time Bro. Finney was making a speech on Foreign Missions, Bro. NeSmith took up a collection for foreign missions, first calling on the preachers. There were none but who responded nobly, and in a few minutes twenty dollars in cash was raised. After paying off the missionaries there was \$2.80 cash in the treasury. There was subscribed by churches and individuals \$265. The association selected four missionaries to labor in the destitute places. If there was an anti-missionary present, it was unknown to your scribe. The speeches on education were earnest and effective.

This body is making an effort to establish a denominational school in their midst. It is to be deplored that so few of our ministry are educated. The moderator stated during the session that he was placed at great disadvantage for the want of an education.

Judge A. L. Moody was present, and though he has moved out of our bounds he still has a deep interest in our work, and pays liberally. He was for many years clerk of the association.

Bro. J. T. Bolding is chairman of the Executive board and treasurer of the association; his whole soul is in the work. He is a very cautious man, and very efficient. He is the right man in the right place.

Bro. J. M. Douthett is doing a noble work among his churches. He shuns not to declare the whole counsel of God. After a very precious meeting the association adjourned to meet with Harmony church, Franklin county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

J. O. A. PACE

From Our Missionaries.

Messrs. Editors: I herewith hand you for publication two letters, one from Miss Mary J. Thornton and one from Mrs. M. F. Crawford, to the Alabama Baptist Convention, received by me after the meeting of the Convention, on my arrival at Selma, Nov. 13th.

TUNG CHOW, CHINA,

Sept. 25, 1890.

To the Alabama State Convention—
DEAR BRETHREN: Ere this reaches you the news of my arrival in Chefoo, Aug. 6th, will have reached you. After nearly two months' travel, I felt quite tired and worn out. Especially tiresome was the trip from Chefoo to Tung Chow, a two days' journey overland in a shenize (shenize) although I said good-bye to my last familiar friend in Montgomery, Ala. I never felt that I was entirely among strangers, and I have much cause to thank God for his exceedingly gracious kindness to me throughout the entire journey. It was hard, oh, so hard to leave friends, relatives and native land and start all alone for heathen China. Especially was it hard to say good-bye to a gray-haired mother, thinking, perhaps, it would be the last time I would ever be permitted to see her on earth. Only those who have had the test know what the trial is. But the Lord was my strength, and the same Savior who said, "Go," also said, "Lo, I am with you always." The consciousness of doing the will of Him that sent me made the bitterness of parting from loved ones sweet; and I can truly say I feel that happiness, that peace which I never felt until I fully obeyed my Savior's command and turned my face Chineward. I now thank God from the depths of my heart that he made me missionary to China, and that he gave me sufficient courage to be separated from my loved ones for the time being. The separation, at longest, will be brief, for soon we will meet uponder where separations will be unknown. May he, in his infinite goodness and grace, give me health, strength and wisdom sufficient for the work here. My heart is often made to bleed over the condition of these people. Brethren, we need more workers on the field at once, men and women whose whole desire is the conversion of souls. This the Shan Tung province, has about 36,000,000 inhabitants, and our board has only eleven missionaries to teach these people the way of salvation. Of these eleven, only four have sufficient knowledge of the language to be actively engaged in the work; three others can work to some extent, and we need to begin work. Dr. and

these many years. Just here, let me say that Alabama may well be proud of Mrs. Crawford. It may well be said of her, "She is as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove." Dear, noble woman, she had hoped soon to see Mrs. Bostick take some of her work, but just as this noble young sister was entering the work the Lord saw fit to take her. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Miss Moon has been on the field about seventeen years and feels the need of rest. She wishes to return to America next year. Brethren, do not wait till these veteran workers shall be compelled to give up the work before you send reinforcements. Besides, what is eleven, were all of us fully prepared for active work—what is this small number when we think of the great mass of heathen around us?

Dear brethren, please pardon me, but may I ask that Alabama, my own beloved Alabama, give more for foreign missions than the asked for \$7,500? Send us more help and that quickly. The Lord asks it, the work needs it. Shall all these years of seed sowing in Tung Chow be given into the hands of other denominations to harvest? Or what is worse, shall they be left to spring up among thorns and be choked to death? It is sad to see these people groping in darkness and sin and feel so powerless to help them. Since I began this letter two or three funeral processions have passed our gates. Their piteous wails fill one with indescribable pity. I heard one of our older missionaries say this afternoon that these processions some times cost thousands of dollars. How much better it seemed to me if these people could be brought from darkness into light, and instead of uselessly throwing away this money, give it to the spread of the gospel.

At present, I am in Tung Chow, where I will stay (D. V.) until next fall, when I shall probably go to Ping-tung. Misses Moon and Knight are there alone. We had hoped to have two families there this fall, but fear now that we shall be disappointed. We need a physician there. Cannot Alabama send us one?

I speak an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may give me strength and health sufficient for the work, that our hearts may be filled more and more with the love of Christ, and that the hearts of the heathen may be prepared to accept the bread of life. Although I am absent from you in person, yet will I be with you in spirit. May God bless you and help you to do more in the year 1891 for the cause of missions than ever before.

Ever yours
in Christian love,
MARY J. THORNTON

Chefoo, China.

TUNG CHOW, Sept. 27, 1890.

DEAR BRETHREN: May I join with my dear sister, Miss Thornton, in calling your attention to the needs of this great field. You do not hear of hundreds of converts pressing into the kingdom in this region, but that need no discourage. The seed is being sown, a harvest here and there is gathered, but the great harvest is in the future—near or more distant future, as American Christians shall send many or fewer laborers to the field. Let us trust in him who said, "My word shall not return unto me void;" let us believe him who said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and let us undertake great things for Him, knowing that he will not put us to shame.

Yours in Christ,
M. F. CRAWFORD

Church News.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Since our pastor has not the opportunity of meeting the ministers' conference, the second Baptist church never gets a report with the Birmingham churches; but with your permission we will occasionally speak through your columns. During the latter part of the summer we had quite a warm meeting, which resulted in the addition of eighteen to our number and in building up the members in Christian love and zeal.

Notwithstanding we began the year with forty-nine members, almost one hundred are now on our roll, and although we have expended \$1,235 in church improvement and pastor's salary, we sent \$66 for missions.

On the last Sunday in every month our sunbeams meet, at which time we have an address by some one on giving. Bro. McGaha gave us a splendid address last meeting, and some have expressed themselves as being much benefited and determined to do much more than they have ever done.

COALBURG CHURCH

The work at Coalburg is encouraging. On the 26th of September we elected three deacons, two of whom were ordained yesterday. We also elected a clerk and a treasurer, besides appointing among other committees, a building committee. We expect to have our house under way in a short while.

We try to give every member some individual work to do for the Master, so that each one may be kept warm and out of the evil that is suggested to an idle mind.

Four were baptized by Christ by baptism on the 26th.

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practiced in our social intercourse, give greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Rev. H. Talbird, D. D., and his Wife.

I have been looking for a notice of the late Dr. H. Talbird in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, from some one, as so much of his valuable life was spent in Alabama. As he was my father-in-law, I preferred that another should have written of him.

Dr. Talbird was a native of South Carolina, thoroughly educated, a fine preacher, a splendid college president, a patriot and soldier. I met him for the first time at the old Ash Creek church, in 1858, at a protracted meeting, where and when he persuaded me to go to Howard College instead of another, which I had under consideration. The pleasant address of the man, his fine sermons and special interest he took in myself induced me to attend the college, then presided over by himself. He was surely a model president. He was the most complete combination of discipline and courtesy that I have ever known. He so tempered strictness with the politeness of the true gentleman that he won the affection, confidence and respect of all his boys. Indeed, his management so polished rigor as to beautify it and divest it of every objectionable feature.

He was the cherished pastor of the church at Montgomery for several years before he was elected to the presidency of the college. Here he became the adopted father of my wife, whose parents, Dr. Armstrong and wife, were members of his church and were buried by himself. After the war, he served the churches at Carlisle and Furman, for a few years, and then removed to Henderson, Ky., where he conducted a successful pastorate for several years; thence he removed to Lexington, Mo., where he remained the almost idolized pastor until failing health required him, about five years ago, to seek a warmer climate, when he made his home in Florida, where he labored till his death, even to the very attack that took him off. I tried to persuade him to quit preaching last January, as he was old, and spend the balance of the time with my family, but he said he wanted to preach just as long as he could. He had charge of two churches at least when he died. His last years were spent with Mr. Willis, a son-in-law of Dr. Russell Holman, former secretary of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was well cared for in his last days. God bless those kind and faithful hands that ministered to him in his days of age and weakness.

He was a colonel in the Confederate army and doubtless would have wreathed his brow with military fame had disease not forced him from the field.

If much of worthy praise could be spoken of any minister who has fallen at his post, after a life of devoted service, truly it could be done of him I loved him as if he had been my father. All loved him who knew him. The church below has sustained a heavy loss, but the church above has received a valuable accession. We bow in humble submission.

His devoted wife, whose life seemed to be wrapped up in him and his pleasure, could not long survive the shock. Two weeks passed away, and having constantly refused nourishment, she went on to him.

No truer woman or more pious Christian ever lived. It was her meat and her drink to do honor to Christ. Religion was her almost constant theme. As a pastor's wife, she was unexcelled. She did most of the pastoral visiting in her younger days, and through her, many were attracted to his church. Did I but speak of her as she seemed to all who knew her well I would be charged with extravagance. Be that as it may, she too has gone, and we are doubly afflicted.

Both of these lived to be past seventy-eight years. They were ready for the sickle in two ways, spiritually and physically. They sleep side by side near the banks of the St. Johns river, Florida. Sweet be their rest until they shall wake in the morning of the resurrection.

B. H. CRUMPTON.

Dallas, Texas.

Wanted—A Revival on the Inside.

That is a serious question raised sometime since by the Baptist and Reflector as to the need of the hour. It reminds us of Henry Drummond's opening words in his latest stirring booklet, "The greatest need in the world; the Perfect Life." "Man," he says, "is all for quantity; God all for quality. The need of the hour is not now of us, but, so to speak, a new brand of us."

But read what the black-eyed editor of the said paper says:

Brethren, Baptists of Tennessee and of the Southland, hear us. We never spoke with greater earnestness in our life than we do now. Read every sentence as if it were in italics and double leaded. We do not need more members so much as we need better ones. We have got plenty of members now, such as they are. Indeed, we fear that we have got too many members. We have many who are simply leeches upon the ecclesiastical body, sucking its very life blood, barnacles upon the old ship of Zion, clogging its progress, weeds in the garden of the Lord, choking out other and better vegetation, which shall bring forth fruit for the Master.

What we need more than anything else is to pull off the leeches and scrape off the barnacles and root out

the weeds. We do not need a revival from the outside so much as a revival on the inside, to heat the church to a white heat with the flames of the Holy Spirit and burn out the dross, a revival which shall have an expellent as well as an attractive influence, a centrifugal as well as a centripetal force.

In plain English, we have got too many unconverted church members, and we ought to get rid of them. They are unconverted as shown by the divine test of "By their fruits, their lives, their actions, their words show that they are unconverted. They have never been regenerated by the Spirit of God. It is the theory of our Baptist churches that none but the regenerate are to become members of them. But, alas! in spite of all our precautions, many goats have slipped in among the sheep, and the zeal for numbers—an unholy zeal born not so much, we fear, out of the desire for the salvation of souls as out of a rivalry with other denominations and a desire to excel them—we have not been as careful as we ought to have been about whom we should receive. The consequences that we have a mass of undigested materials in our churches, and spiritual dyspepsia is the result. We need to get rid of this before we take in new material.

The saddest part about all this is its truthfulness, not as to Tennessee only, but as to our whole Southland. It is well to sound the alarm—to "cry aloud and spare not." Wanted—yes badly wanted, "a revival on the inside."

Letter from Dr. Tichenor.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton—
DEAR BROTHER: I returned from Cuba a day or two ago. An attack of fever prevented me from learning all I desired to see and learn. But everything betokens that our mission work is moving forward prosperously.

The heavy trials are proving the steadfastness of our people and drawing to us more and more the sympathies of the masses. Our brother Ariaga was arrested and imprisoned while I was there upon a most frivolous charge. He is proving himself a true man and a noble worker. With his facile pen he is proving a power in Cuba for our Baptist cause.

The health of our missionaries is good and the Lord is prospering their efforts to promote his gospel.

Bro. Diaz, upon whom rests the care of all the churches, is uniting in his zeal and activity.

Will the brethren of the convention pray especially for our people in Cuba?

I had hoped to be with you, but I find I am yet feeble to make the venture. Say to brethren Cleveland and Anderson that our work was never more blessed of the Lord. We have more missionaries than ever before, and our receipts to Nov. 1st show an increase of five thousand dollars over the same time for last year. We are greatly encouraged. May the good Lord abundantly bless your meeting.

My love to all the brethren.
Your brother,
I. T. TICHENOR.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6th.

The Curse of Drink.

Some weeks ago Mr. Denison, of Rutledge, who had been for some time under the influence of whisky, and feeling that the whisky habit would kill him, determined to die by other means, so took morphine. A friend tells the true facts of the *Wave* and states that his last request was, that the *Wave* should publish the following article. A more powerful sermon could not be preached to young and old men who are cursed with the habit of strong drink.

"Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the dotting mother, extinguishes natural affections, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes devoted wives widows, children orphans, fathers, friends, and all of them beggars and paupers. It feeds rheumatism, nerves gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, misery and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses, and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels, and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries, and furnishes victims for your scaffolds. It is the life blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It violates obligations, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It invites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps to massacre his wife, and the children to grind the paracidal axe, burns up good men and consumes some of the best of women. It nurses perjury, defiles the jury box and stains the judicial ermine. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness. And it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and unsatisfied with its havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, dyes reputation, and wipes out national honors, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin."

On Washington Letter.

(From our Washington Correspondent.)

Our temperance folk are greatly disappointed at the action of the present commissioners of the District of Columbia in deciding to annul the rule adopted last year providing that only 400 retail liquor licenses should be issued for the year beginning last Saturday, and the reason given for this change of front is truly discouraging. The commissioners, or rather the two who voted to do away with the rule limiting the number of retail licenses to 400, take the ground that they have authority to abridge the rights of men now engaged in the saloon business, and that all they can do is to restrict the number of licenses to issue to 400.

This position is perfectly absurd. The commissioners exclusive control over the liquor traffic in this District, and their right to refuse to issue licenses whenever, in their discretion, they may see fit, has been upheld by our courts, and if they should refuse to issue more than 400 licenses their action would be perfectly legal, and nobody knows it any better than the two lawyers who are the civilian commissioners, one of whom, to his credit be it said, strongly opposed the changing of the 400 limit.

Isn't it about time, anyway, for reputable people to stop talking of the rights of saloon keepers? They have no rights that society should recognize. When a man for the sake of gain engages in a business which thrives on the money that should go to feed and clothe the starving and ragged women and children, and which fills our prisons with criminals, from the petty thief to the burglar and murderer, he declares war against humanity, and forfeits any rights he might have possessed when engaged in a legitimate and respectable business.

Saloon keeping is neither to the respect or consideration of society. I regret that our local rulers should have made this concession to the "rights" of the rum sellers. It will be used as an argument elsewhere to enable those who are engaged in the nefarious business to obtain the recognition of their "rights."

The American Sabbath Union

Earnestly repeats its requests for petitions from all classes of citizens to the World's Christian Commission, for closing the proposition and uniting all work in it and for on the Sabbath. It is neither too soon nor too late to press this vital question upon the commissioners. Every petition ought to be in Chicago ready for their next meeting on the eighteenth day of this month of November, whether action should be taken then or deferred. If postponed let the petitions still come on.

We have already received nearly four hundred petitions, representing many hundreds of thousands of citizens, either over their own signatures or by the organized bodies with which they are connected. The churches and religious bodies have spoken out decisively. Business men of the highest standing in Hartford, Lowell, Lynn, Binghamton, Philadelphia, New York and other cities are coming nobly to the rescue. Now let the stream of influence flow on, widening and deepening, towards the great city of the West. We shall be happy to receive and present all memorials and petitions that are sent us, and to advocate them by our representatives before the commission.

Address Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D., General Secretary; Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Office of The American Sabbath Union, 23 Park Row, New York.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Fierce Reformers.

Under this caption, the Hon. Wil Brewer makes an onslaught against Sam Jones and Tolstoi. We are very willing for the latter to stay in Russia and keep his books there, too. The former, however, is one of us—a South-raised, Georgia-born preacher—who is keenly alive to the interests of his fellow-countrymen; who in his inimitable, earnest, powerful attacks on the sinners of Satan, exposes a man's heart to his own view; who is the staunch, unwavering friend of women and children; hence, the bitterest foe to whisky saloons, gambling dens, and to violators of the decalogue generally. The man Sam Jones, who is preaching for the Master, and as he says, for eternity; the man who is trying by every known means to lift his fallen brother, turn his face and soul to light and truth, and put him on a heaven-bound train, should find an Aaron in every true Christian to stay his hands in the great fight against the devil and his minions.

Col. Brewer plunges into history with facts to prove that reformers are self-righteous, and intolerant. They "in against love, loyalty and light," and it is "sheer usurpation" to make a wholesale condemnation of sin. Does he ignore the command, "Cry aloud, and spare not"? He gathers proofs from Gil Blas, Walter Scott, Lever, Byron, Shakespeare—Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Spain—Emerson, Cromwell, Hume and a host of others.

Col. B. says: "Few of us realize how bad we are, or how bad things are around us, until some worthy philanthropist comes and shakes us up." Then is it not time the "telegram" should be written on the wall, and the reform bayonets begin to

gleam in the back yard? Verily, we think the day has come for reform, and earnestly thank God for sending Sam Jones, the greatest reformer of this century. Doubtless we find many a Mr. Irvine, who was "like a good meal o' victuals, you were the better for him without thinkin' on it" and many a Mr. Ryde, "who was like a dose of physic—he gripped and worried you, and after all left you touch the same." Jones is neither—his preaching is phenomenal; he is an originality; his power to sway a multitude is God-given; his severe and trenchant abuse of wrong-doers is peculiarly his own style; that could do evil in delivering his message clearly enabling him to strike such fearless and unexpected blows is inimitable.

During the meeting in West Point, Miss, Mr. Jones turned to Mr. Ridgeway, the Campbellite minister, and said: "Bro. R., haven't I told the truth?" "Oh, yes, Bro. J." "Well, Bro. R., don't you endorse what I said?" "Yes, sir, yes—perhaps I should not have used all your words." "Bro. R., have I hit you?" "Oh, no, no, sir, not at all." "Well then what are you grinning for? It's the hit bound that yelps."

I entertain great respect and admiration for Col. Brewer, and have long wanted to thank him personally for placing on record in his invaluable history, the honorable, truthful and just mention of the brave Confederate 4th Alabama Regiment Infantry. I have no need to criticize his article. We do not all view things in the same light; as he says, "There is a wide range in these matters."

BALQUITHER.

From the Examiner.

The Apostle Paul on Mars Hill.

BY C. E. W. DOBBS, D. D.

Paul's Athenian discourse has ever secured a model speech, as Dr. H. B. Hackett said, "remarkable for its adaptation not only to the outward circumstances under which he spoke, but to the peculiar mental state of his auditors." DeWette pronounces it a "model of the apologetic style of discourse." Neander says it is a "living proof of his apostolic wisdom and eloquence." Hemsen sees in the speech "the skill with which he was able to bring the truth near to the Athenians," and finds "nothing like declamatory pomp; it is distinguished for clearness, brevity, coherence, and simplicity of representation." Dr. Robinson, speaking under the im-

personal survey of the scene, says that "masterly" as the address is as Hackett said, "remarkable for its adaptation not only to the outward circumstances, but to the peculiar mental state of his auditors." DeWette pronounces it a "model of the apologetic style of discourse." Neander says it is a "living proof of his apostolic wisdom and eloquence." Hemsen sees in the speech "the skill with which he was able to bring the truth near to the Athenians," and finds "nothing like declamatory pomp; it is distinguished for clearness, brevity, coherence, and simplicity of representation." Dr. Robinson, speaking under the im-

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One specially pleasant feature about the party consisted in the fact that it was so widely representative, there being five churches represented, and a handsome party that did not belong to any.

We had some fine music, and on the whole it was one of the most delightful social gatherings I ever witnessed. And now we wish to say that no other words or deeds are needed to convince us that we are held in high esteem.

J. M. JOINER.
Ft. Payne, Ala., Nov. 12, 1890.

From the Ala. Christian Advocate.

Never Whipped.

Commenting on some reverses that the Prohibitionists have suffered of late, the New Orleans Times Democrat concludes:

"The trouble is that they do not seem to know when they are whipped, or at least will not stay whipped."

This is the size of it. Stick a pin there, Mr. Times Democrat. The prohibitionists know they are not whipped; that is the reason they seem to you not to know they are whipped. They are in a firm alliance with the eternal powers, and fail they cannot. What seems to you, Mr. Times Democrat, final defeat, is only a shifting about of the guns.

The prohibitionists will succeed; you may depend on it. Perhaps not today, nor to-morrow, but next day. Did you chance to read the unqualified declaration of the recent General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South—"We are a prohibition church." There are more than twelve hundred thousand of them, and they are not afraid.

It is a splendid thing to "rescue the perishing," but it is a better thing to preserve them from perishing. God forbid that we should relax a single effort to reclaim the drunkard; but it is a far easier and far more hopeful work to take hold of the tender life, and try to train it, before it has run to weed—to mold the child for Christ before it has been thrown into the fire of blasphemy and drink and vice, to come out a black cinder—Canon Fleming.

It is our own past which has made us what we are. We are children of our own deeds. Conduct has created character, acts have grown into habits; each year has pressed into us a deeper moral print; the lives we have led have left us as we are to-day.—Dr. Dykes.

As God glorified Christ in heaven, so the Spirit glorifies him on earth, in the hearts of believers.

thought that he had made a mistake in preaching as he did on Mars Hill; neither do we find any proof that he regarded his visit to Athens as well-nigh a failure. It was no failure. On the contrary, the historian records a success under the circumstances, gratifying and suggestive. "Certain men came unto him and believed; among whom also was Dionysius, the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them." These converts witness to the fact that the discourse was no failure. It was no small triumph of grace that one of the judges of Athens' high court was led to Christ. Eusebius and other ancient writers tell us that Dionysius became pastor of the church afterwards organized at Athens, and that finally, with martyr blood, he sealed his faith and faithfulness to his Lord. Of the woman nothing save her name is known, but the exception would indicate probably a woman of rank. And the "others with them"—names unknown to us but written in heaven—surely they, as well as the distinguished converts mentioned, are the true witnesses to Paul's blessed success at Athens.

From Bro. Joiner.

I have heard of handsome things being done by the members of a church for an incoming pastor and his family. I have also read of how beautifully, on anniversary occasions, they have expressed their appreciation of his services, but I do not remember having read of just such an event as occurred here last evening. Since I resigned the pastorate of this church about a month ago a great many people, of all denominations, and of no denomination, have come to me and expressed their sincere regrets that we were going to leave the city, but a large party, being like Moses, "slow of speech," were not satisfied with such expressions of sentiment. So about 8 o'clock yesterday evening they began to pour into our parlor in such numbers that I saw we were overpowered, and surrendered at once, it being easy to see that they were armed. They said they had come to let us know what they thought of us, and when we held their means of expression, with one consent, we said, "It is the most eloquent party we ever saw." They had pressed into service and made to speak, a large quantity and fine variety of choice fruits, luscious cakes, dry goods, notions, shoes, etc. Then there was a package delivered by

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It is a splendid thing to "rescue the perishing," but it is a better thing to preserve them from perishing. God forbid that we should relax a single effort to reclaim the drunkard; but it is a far easier and far more hopeful work to take hold of the tender life, and try to train it, before it has run to weed—to mold the child for Christ before it has been thrown into the fire of blasphemy and drink and vice, to come out a black cinder—Canon Fleming.

It is our own past which has made us what we are. We are children of our own deeds. Conduct has created character, acts have grown into habits; each year has pressed into us a deeper moral print; the lives we have led have left us as we are to-day.—Dr. Dykes.

As God glorified Christ in heaven, so the Spirit glorifies him on earth, in the hearts of believers.

Central Committee

On Woman's Work for Missions and in the Churches.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Pres., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, Vice Pres., Anniston, Ala.
Mrs. I. V. Sage, Treas., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. I. C. Brown, Cor. Sec., East Lake, Ala.

NOVEMBER—PRAYER CARD.

Japan.—"The Isles shall wait for his law." Mission founded in 1880. Missionaries, 4. The pressing need—a school, with lady teachers.

Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOV. 27, 1890.

Deafness Can't Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by local applications. Send for circulars. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75 cents.

From the vantage ground of the heavenly hills we shall see more clearly than in the valley of shadows, why life is what it is.—E. J. Spence.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Christ is the Prince of Peace, that came into the world with a song of peace, that gave out of the world, as a legacy of peace, and whose ministers are ambassadors of peace.

IF YOUR BACK ACHES

Or you are all worn out, really good for nothing. It is general debility. Try **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.** It will cure you. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

It was little sentence, "Christ is a real Savior for real sinners," whispered to Luther in his monkish cell, but it gave peace to his heart and experimental knowledge of the justifying righteousness of Christ, and began his career as a reformer, and his work still goes on.

Wanted to Sell

A splendid \$85 organ for \$75. New and guaranteed for three years. Address **HARE & POPE.**

Sorrow itself is not so hard to bear as the thought of sorrow coming. Alas, ghosts that do us no harm do terrify us more than men in steel with bloody purposes.—T. B. Aldrich.

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers of the California Fig Syrup Company.

Christ for us is all our righteousness before a holy God; Christ in us all is all our strength in an unholy world.—Robert McChesney.

Neuralgic Persons

And those troubled with nervousness resulting from overwork will be relieved by taking **Brown's Iron Bitters.** Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

When you find yourselves overpowered, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody.—Kemble.

Excursion to the Dayton, Tenn., Land Sale.

For the grand sale of lots and lands at Dayton, Tenn., December 2, 3, 4 and 5, agents E. T. V. & G. R. System will sell tickets to Dayton and return at low excursion rates, good ten days from date of sale. Dayton is now a city of 5,000, situated on the Queen and Crescent Route, in the beautiful Tennessee Valley, surrounded by an inexhaustible supply of coal, iron and timber. Two furnaces are now in full blast, and behind in orders. Two flour mills, pump works, planing mill, brick works, and other industries. Ample accommodation at the hotels for all who come. Full particulars on application to agents Queen & Crescent Route.

If a man does not make new friendships as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair.—Johnson.

Horseford's Acid Phosphato

Recommended by Physicians of all schools, for the brain, nerves and stomach.

As burning candles give light until they are consumed, so godly Christians must be occupied in doing good as long as they live.—Cawdry.

Nothing More Dangerous

Than a neglected cough," is what Dr. J. F. Hammond, professor in the Electric Medical College, says, "and as a preventive remedy and a curative agent, I cheerfully recommend Taylor's Cherry Cure of Sweet Gum and Mullein."

The thoroughly great men are those who have done everything thoroughly, and who have never despised any thing, however small, of God's making.—Ruskin.

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Surely the day when, perhaps, we have been fluent in worldly conversation, and yet have neglected our opportunities of speaking a word for our Master, must be a lost day.—Bridges.

Catarrh in the head is a constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional remedy. Like Hood's Sassaaparilla, which purifies the blood, makes the weak strong, restores health. Try it now.

Within every man's thought is a higher thought—within the character he exhibits to day a higher character.—Emerson.

It is dangerous to neglect catarrh, for it leads to bronchitis and consumption. Hood's Sassaaparilla cures catarrh in all forms.

Christ will not cast water on your smoking coal; he never yet put out a dim candle that was lighted at the Sun of Righteousness.—Rutherford.

HOW TO CHOOSE A COLLEGE.

Friendly advice to Young Men on this subject will be contributed to the forthcoming volume of *The Youth's Companion* by President Seth Low, of Columbia, Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, President Merrill E. Gates, of Amherst, and Prof. Goldwin Smith.

Without God's providence, nothing falls out in the world without his commission, nothing stirs without his blessing, nothing prospers.

"The tree of deepest root is found, least willing still to leave the ground," and this could once have been most truly said of chronic pain of any sort. But after the lapse of so many ages, a sovereign remedy has been found in Sassaaparilla, every provident householder should keep it.

In order to shine a Christian does not need great talents, or wealth, or conspicuous position. Every consistent, right living child of God, be he ever so humble, is a candle shining in the spot where his Lord has placed him.—Cuyler.

A Christian's Death. It Is Only a Dream.

As a dream, ought to be in every home in the land. In sheet music. Send 50cts. to W. E. Penn, Eureka Springs, Ark., and get a copy, and thoughts about death will undergo a great change.

God's treasury, where he keeps his children's gifts, will be like many a mother's store of relics of her children, full of things of no value to others, but precious in his eyes for the love's sake that was in them.—Fenelon.

It is with infinite satisfaction that I state the fact that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has been long used in my family and always with marked success. R. F. Jarvis, Chief Eng. Fire Dept. Petersburg, Va.

A life hid with Christ in God is like a tree planted by the rivers of water, fed from exhaustless unseen springs, bathed in the boundless sunshine, nourished by earth and heaven.—Faunce.

PROGRAM FOR A. S. CONVENTION

of the Central association, to be held with the Baptist church at Rockford, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30, 1890.

Exercises for Saturday, 11 a. m. 1. Music. 2. Prayer, by Rev. L. H. Hastie. 3. Song. 4. Organization. Subjects for discussion:

1. What relation does the Sabbath-school sustain to the church? Opened by Rev. L. H. Hastie.

2. What is a Sabbath-school, and what is it designed to accomplish? Opened by Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw.

Sunday 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. S. Johnson.

11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Geo. E. Brewster. T. J. Pennington, Chalm.

A CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.

Something of Interest to Our People. Montgomery is not backward in enterprise and the incorporation and organization of the National Building Loan Association, whose officers and directors are well known business men of this city, which is already an assured success, demonstrates it can do what has been done in larger places.

Building and Loan is not a new or untried scheme, but fifty years successful progress in building up the cities of our country proves it to be of mutual advantage to both investor and borrower. The National is no exception to this rule.

The advantages of other associations of like character are many.

1. The home office in Montgomery.

2. Col. H. C. Tompkins, Jacob Greil, Dr. P. LeGrand and Dr. B. J. Baldwin, are among its officers and directors.

3. Mortgages are made non-negotiable.

4. All moneys are required to be promptly paid out on first mortgage security.

5. You can draw out at any time after six months with 8 per cent interest.

6. Your stock will mature in from five and a half to six years.

7. The rate of expenses is lower than any other Association.

8. This Association issues special certificates for stock fully paid up. Paid up stock is sold at \$25 per share in advance to members who desire to make all their payments at one time, and thereby save themselves the trouble of making payments from month to month. To members investing this way, a dividend of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, will be paid on the price of the stock. The dividend would therefore be \$15 every six months on twenty shares costing \$300.

9. The amount of the dividend is deducted from the profits earned, the balance being credited to the stock. When the amount standing to the credit of the stock reaches \$50, the stock is deemed to have matured, and the holder may withdraw the same and receive \$50 per share therefor. Members may withdraw this stock and receive the full amount paid thereon and a portion of the profit the directors so elect, at any time after six months; but the additional profit shall not be less than 2 per cent per annum if withdrawn after one year.

10. When a share is matured the holder can withdraw at any time and receive in cash the matured value.

11. Small investors stock makes equal profits with large investors.

quantity" was discussed. At night the subject was "Cheerfulness in religion," one received under watchcare. \$8 in Sunday school, collection \$2.01, singing the finest ever heard. The musical entertainment given last Tuesday night was pronounced a grand success. The collection taken by the financial agent amounted to about \$40.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH.—Revival continues. So far there have been thirty-five additions. Large audience yesterday. Rev. V. O. Hawkins, of the conference now in session in this city, preached at 11 a. m., and Dr. D. I. Parker at night. A thousand dollars were raised at the morning service, for the new church. Four baptisms at night. One received for baptism and one by letter.

Bro. Brown, the sweet singer in Israel, from Atlanta, was in the meetings at South Side, was present. **Revivalists.** November 24.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE.

W. C. Ward—A living proof that a first-class lawyer may be a first-class Christian. Z. D. Roby—The incarnation of consecrated common sense and good old mother wit.

P. H. Mell, Jr.—One of the silent men of the Convention, but one of its best listeners and keenest thinkers—a chip of the old block.

J. J. Taylor—Clear, crisp, brainy, breezy, out-generals. We may well be "proud" to have him in our "metropolitan pulpit."

T. C. Hiden—A living battery of nerve and brain force held by the grace of God, in perfect self-mastery and kept in perpetual activity.

T. G. Bush—A model layman, clear-eyed, level-headed, large-hearted, liberal-minded and ready "into every good word and work."

T. C. Teasdale—Robbed in the snow of eighty winters, yet in living touch with the world and cherishing a pardonable pride in himself and his book.

D. I. Parker—A good type of the "self-made man," strong, sensible, practical and pious; a "born leader" and just the man to be financial agent of Howard College.

W. B. Crumpton—Our state standard-bearer and standard-bearer, courageous, kind, earnest, full of common sense—that would we do without him?

E. B. Taggart—One of our student thinkers, both philosopher and sage, a Bacon, Carlyle and John Foster in one—sitting like a sphinx in the assembly of the saints.

J. P. Shaffer—One of the "wise men from the East," one of the "big men" of the Convention, every ounce of whose avowals is consecrated to the service of God.

R. E. Riley—Lean and lithe, but large-minded and tenacious. An educator by birth and training, with rare talent for acquiring and imparting, stimulating and controlling.

Wm. A. Davis—The statistical and secretarial genius of the Convention, with Napoleonic quickness of execution and a sort of Julius Caesar-like accuracy as an analyst.

S. H. Ford—As full of genial humor and love of "Grace Truman" as he was thirty years ago—If his "TS" have been "knocked out," Baptist to the core, but not "crowing bitterly."

M. H. Lane—Conspicuous for his fine figure, high wit and eloquence and "big stream" propensities—always in a good humor, but looks like he might get mad in a minute.

D. M. Ramsey—Might have been a Mark Twain if he hadn't been a "person"—full of quaint humor and "rings of speech," but withal sensible, progressive and "as kind as a kitten."

W. P. Harvey—A big, bristly, bristly Baptist (not a "sort of a Baptist"), fully bent, first, last and all the time, on the success of the *Western Recorder* and "the Baptist Book Concern."

M. B. Whitson—The "ready man" of the Convention—ready to stem a storm in the interest of peace or principle, or to pass a complimentary, the fluent speaker as well as the ready writer, author, preacher and poet in one.

A. L. Eckard—First Baptist bishop of Birmingham, "Manding like a stone wall," "where the wall was built," having braved to-day with no uncertain sound against the multiplying evils of Alabama, for us, in his age.

Levi W. Lawler—As modest as a girl, but honest and honorable. Religious commissioner for Baptist Convention, a man as well, sounder in appearance than ten years ago, and a good deal of good service in him yet.

J. T. P. Bell—The bright, bristly, bristly and secretary of the First Baptist Union Board, one of the best as well as one of the best of our "Sanitary men," author of "Orthodoxy and Orthodoxy," a good missionary and "fosterling" foreign missions on the home field.

W. G. Cleveland—One of the "independent" a lover of sport, of young men in particular, who at times willy, willy, after purchase, even when "disappointed," though practical, as brave as Caesar, but a sort of born "evangelist" who believes that "prudence is the better part of valor."

Jonathan Harshon—The peer of P. H. Mell in the chair, the gentle gentleman and general favorite everywhere, not "lording it over God's heritage," but presiding with grace and severity rarely mixed, relieving the tedium of the most tiresome sessions with a sort of summer-timeliness, play of pleasant and good.

Backhold "ye altar" must not exhaust his material. There are others whom his hand is reaching to portray.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

It was deeply regretted that none of the officers of the Central Committee could be present during the convention, having been inevitably kept away.

By an urgent request of the absent officers a special meeting of the ladies was called Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, and held, through the courtesy of the Methodistists, at the St. Francis Street Methodist church.

Through the kindness and efficiency of Doctors Riley, Melson and Reger, a creditable meeting was held. Dr. Reger occupied the chair.

Dr. Riley read the report of the secretary, Mrs. G. G. Brown, which was very satisfactory to those interested in women's work in the state.

My request Mrs. Ramsey read an article contributed by Mrs. E. H. Woodward, of Crave Hill, upon missions, also one from Mrs. Geo. B. Rager, vice president of the Central Committee, upon the duties of the vice presidents of the association. The ladies then introduced Rev. T. P. Bell, of Richmond, Va., to the assembly. In earnest, brimful words he pleaded for those who are Christ in all lands—influencing greater and effort on the part of our

Have you a Pittsburgh, Rochester, Duplex, or a Student Lamp?

Do they work satisfactorily? Do your Lamp Chimneys break? You get the wrong sort!

The right ones are the "PEARL GLASS," made by Geo. A. Macbeth & Co., Pittsburgh, makers of the celebrated "Pearl-top" lamp chimney, which have given universal satisfaction.

women in their behalf. He contrasted Christian women's position to that of heathen ones. Christ only had elevated woman to the dignity of being man's real companion, and not slave.

By their prayers and substance, will our women not remember the women whose Jesus is unknown? For the lack of further time, the meeting closed.

Monday, subsequent to the reading of the central committee's reports and the discussion of woman's work in the Convention, a second meeting of the ladies was called in the basement of the church. By request, Rev. T. P. Bell again addressed the ladies upon missions. The result was the formation of a ladies' missionary society in the church. Would that all our women who are lethargic and indifferent about missions could hear Mr. Bell; they would wake up and try to help answer the cries for help, and for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Monday, subsequent to the reading of the central committee's reports and the discussion of woman's work in the Convention, a second meeting of the ladies was called in the basement of the church. By request, Rev. T. P. Bell again addressed the ladies upon missions. The result was the formation of a ladies' missionary society in the church. Would that all our women who are lethargic and indifferent about missions could hear

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