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These Baptists in every country seem to be moving with new life during this centennial year. Not only giving close attention to the extra work, but falling not a whit behind in general contributions.

Every issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST is doing good in arousing the missionary spirit, but we need more readers. The pastors of Alabama can give us those readers if they half way exert themselves.

The Baptist Home Mission Society of the North asks for \$600,000 for their work for the present year. If they give that large sum, surely the great number of Baptists at the South should give \$450,000.

MUCH suffering has been occasioned all over this state by the recent heavy rains. Along the Bigbee river especially great distress prevails. More favored sections are contributing to the relief of the needy.

How it makes the blood tingle and the heart leap with joy to see what great things God is doing for the Baptists. Dr. Harper has secured the million dollars he asked for the Chicago University, and now he is looking after raising an additional million.

The Board of Ministerial Education asks your attention, on the first page of this issue. Brother, see if your association is doing its duty. The Board is in need of funds. The work of educating our young ministers is a grand and noble one, and we should put our hearts into the service.

Do NOT let us, while zealous for a proper celebration of the centennial of missions, forget our regular work. Dr. Tupper reminds us that only a *thoroughness* in our regular work will enable us to do the extra work.

\$7,756.54 has been received by the Foreign Mission Board since May 1. It is important to send out the 100 new workers, but more important to sustain those already on the field.

A MAN in Virginia has just made a gift of \$15,000 to the Lutheran Orphanage. The Baptists of that state are also moving actively in their orphanage work. It is a good time for Alabama Baptists to put some active agency at work for our Widows and Orphans' Home. Let us not be ashamed to make a small beginning. If our committee will start the work, others will join them.

It is unpleasant for us to be compelled to mention so frequently through the paper that we need money, but it seems that unless we occasionally do this, brethren overlook their duty to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. This, as everybody knows, has been a close year. We have labored to give the Baptists of the state a good paper. We have spent more money than our income justified, hoping that the pastors who so deeply appreciate the worth of the paper would do their utmost to get their people to subscribe and pay promptly. Brethren, our common cause demands that you cooperate with us. And remember, that good wishes do not help us pay solid bills that must be met. We want money, and a little help from all will enable us to double our number of readers.

From Huntsville the writer ran up to Gurley's. Brethren Preston Rogers and C. H. Smith were holding a meeting with that church. At the home of brother Roberts we found a pleasant abode for the night. The Baptists have been awake to their opportunities, and have completed a good house of worship. This is well located. A splendid congregation greeted the preacher Monday night and gave close attention to his sermon. There are some sixty Baptists in and around the town, but as the town is growing they expect their number soon to be enlarged. At present the principal industries of this place are bucket, pencil and spoke and handle factories. A railroad is being built up the Paint Rock Valley. This road will penetrate some very fine iron and coal beds, and naturally the people look for a general boom. Our stay at Gurley's was cut rather short by an attack of sickness which forced us from the road for a few days. We left brother Brown to represent the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and feel sure that he will soon send us a number of new subscribers.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention meets in Meridian July 21st (today).

MANY earnest pastors in this state are deeply troubled because their members appear to have gone wild over politics. Those who usually take most interest in church affairs are entirely taken up with politics. They remain out of church during Sunday-school and keep others out to hear them talk, then they wait until after the prayer and Scripture reading, and come in while the second song is being sung. Their minds are so engrossed about other things that they are no inspiration to the preacher, and receive no good from the sermon. They are needlessly bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. We need more Christ's leadership than that some candidate shall triumph.

"CHARACTER SKETCHES."

Many of our readers have read that great book. Those who have not read it have often heard of it, as it has had remarkably wide sale in every section of this country. Dr. G. A. Lof-ton, the author, has, in this book, so full of illustrations, given the world one of the most valuable volumes that adorn our libraries or reading tables.

It is worth many readings, and the oftener read the more beautiful, instructive and elevating does it become. It is more fascinating than a novel, and is fuller of merit and virtue than of fascination. Life is made an object lesson, and the common faults and errors of life are held up to our vision.

This book is sold only by subscription, and can be bought only from authorized traveling agents. The Alabama Printing Company, of Montgomery, are General Agents for any and all unoccupied territory, and will give liberal commission to responsible, active canvassing agents in any section of the country.

Agents make considerable money from the sale of this book, as it is by far the best seller now in the market. Those who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity should write the Alabama Printing Co., Montgomery, Ala., for terms to agents.

Our first report of this meeting was lost, and that will account for any shortcomings in this write-up.

Pastor Thompson had been faithfully preparing his people to enjoy a great feast, and they were not disappointed.

Dr. Tichenor did not come, but Bro. Geo. B. Eager was there, ready to open the meeting Friday night. It rained, but we had an audience and everybody was instructed and encouraged by a masterly address. Bro. Eager took up the cause which brought us together, and showed how greatly God had blessed us, and what possibilities he has placed before us.

It rained, but at 10 o'clock the devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Ivey. Following this, several brethren discussed "The place for prayer in missions." Dr. Eager made reference to a Presbyterian preacher, who said that while Christ gave missions the first place in his prayer, Christians give it a very small place in their prayers.

The afternoon was given to a workers' conference. Dr. Frost led in speaking of "The work before us and how to do it." A number of brethren made good speeches. At night Dr. Gambrell told us of the "New Missionary Era."

SUNDAY MORNING came with sunshine. The Sunday-school was well attended. The children sang with joyful hearts. The talks before the pupils by brethren Frost and Crumpton were capital talks.

The sermon at 11 o'clock, by Bro. Gambrell on "The two sides of the missionary work," carried the people with great power. From the attention given, it was manifest that many were feeling, "I never thought of it in this way before." At the conclusion of the sermon, a collection was taken. The general reputation of Huntsville has been more on the anti-slavery side until the last few years, since which time the mission spirit has been growing. To the delight of the pastor and members, pledges and cash rolled in until \$263.50 had been given for this special cause. No wonder the pastor and his faithful co-workers wept for joy.

THE MASS MEETING Sunday afternoon was well attended. Bro. Crumpton gave his map lecture, after which brethren Gambrell and Frost made helpful talks.

THE CLOSING SERVICE Sunday night was perhaps one of the best of the series. Dr. Frost spoke of the "Children and the Centennial." He pictured the necessity of every superintendent and teacher being full of the missionary spirit, and the opportunities before them. No man should have a school in charge unless he has a consuming desire to spread the knowledge of Jesus. The teacher should be of a similar mould. The Baptist cause in Huntsville is ahead of what we ever before knew it to be. Bro. J. L. Thompson is awake to every denominational enterprise, and is earnestly leading his

membership in the same lines. He is fortunate in having several brethren and sisters who can be trusted to support him in every good word and work, and it is only a question of a short while when the Huntsville church will be recognized as one of our most aggressive and influential churches. They recognize and appreciate their surroundings, and are taking advantage of the general spirit of progress. A good woman gave the church a nice lot for a chapel near the cotton factory. A house will soon be erected. That is a most fortunate location, accessible by four streets and in the midst of what will soon be nearly one thousand people. Huntsville is growing stronger every day and that without a boom. She has two paying cotton mills already built and a third now going up. Her railroad facilities are increasing, her agricultural lands among the finest in the South, her climate and water simply superb, and her citizens intelligent, refined and progressive; there is scarcely a limit to which the town may not reasonably aspire. Our Baptist people are determined to grow with the town and plant mission stations as rapidly as they are needed. One of the best results of our visit to Huntsville was the securing of eighteen new subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. This success was due largely to the constant work of the pastor and brethren Neece, Pettus, Brown and Whitman, who have been constantly urging this duty on their brethren and sisters.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The pastor of one of our prominent Southern churches, a man of uncommonly strong literary bias, tells the following story:

I was once urged by a good sister of my church to talk to her son, a youth of some twenty-one years of age, who was somewhat wild. An appointment was accordingly made for him to meet me at my house on a certain evening, and the desired "talk" was had. In the conversation I urged him to spend his spare time in reading. He replied: "Oh! I do read. I read a heap." I asked him what sort of books he had read. He answered: "Well, I've read 'Romeo and Juliet,' but I don't remember now whether it was written by Dickens or by Waverley."

A brilliant business man in Mobile tells an anecdote that will keep company with the last:

A young swain, not much given to literature, was visiting his sweetheart, who was reading a favorite popular novel when he walked in. Closing the book, which was lying on her lap, she asked him, "Do you like novels?" He replied: "I haven't never tasted none; but I'm monstrous fond of young 'possums.'"

One of our correspondents thus comments upon and disposes of a very dangerous, though quite popular treatment of certain passages from the writings of the Apostle Paul:

In 1 Cor. 7:12, Paul uses the following language: "But to the rest speak I, not to the Lord; if any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and he be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away." In the fortieth verse of the same chapter he says: "But she is happier if she so abide, that I have the Spirit of God." From these passages it is sometimes argued that Paul was here speaking his own unexpressed opinions on the points discussed, and that he means to disclaim any inspired authority for these decisions. We are satisfied that this view rests upon a false exegesis. In the twelfth verse the apostle is simply making a distinction between cases in which Christ had left no such instructions (see verse 10), and cases in which the Master had left no such instructions. Honeybeare and Howson bring this out in their translation: "But for the cases which follow, my decisions are given not by the Lord Jesus Christ, but by myself." We are satisfied that Paul was deciding these cases upon his authority as an inspired apostle, and we think his language, properly interpreted, sustains this view. In the fortieth verse, Conybeare and Howson translate: "And I think that I, no less than others, have the Spirit of God." In other words, the apostle was here vindicating his apostolic authority to decide these cases, on the ground that he was inspired to teach Christian morals—that he did possess the Divine Spirit. The expression, "I think," is not properly interpreted as indicating any doubt on Paul's part. He is entirely satisfied that he speaks as moved by the Spirit of God.

There is no rational doubt that our correspondent's exegesis is sound; and we commend it to the study of any of our readers who have any doubt as to Paul's authority on the points indicated.

The following edifying paragraph is copied from one of our daily papers:

Mr. —, who is always in the forefront of enterprise, has just finished improvements in his saloon on — street, opposite the — House, which makes it by far the most attractive place in the city. It is ornamented with rare flowers and works of art, the whole set off by an elegant fountain, which is constantly playing, keeping the spacious hall cool and delightful, and in the basin of the fountain beautiful gold fish, thoroughbred young alligators, posthorne turtles, and other attractive natives of the deep, are perpetually disporting themselves, to the delight of all spectators. Above all, sweet music is discoursed in ravishing strains at frequent intervals. In fact, everything combines to make — a saloon the most attractive and popular resort in the city.

And upon this we can cordially adopt the following commentary from a correspondent of the *Religious Herald*:

For use of Sunday-schools the Centennial Chapel Cards and Certificates may be obtained free, in any number required, by sending to Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, No. 10 E. Fayette street, Baltimore. The circular to Sunday-schools from the Home and Foreign Boards and the leaflet "Annie's Brick," will be sent with each order. Should a larger distribution of the leaflet be desired, it can be purchased at a cent per copy. Woman's Mission societies or individuals in Alabama may obtain the Chapel Cards and Certificates free by applying to the Central Committee, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Box No. 585, Birmingham, Ala.

In this artistic "puff" we have taken the liberty of inserting blanks, as we are not anxious to do a job of free advertising of a grocer. The "puff," however, is suggestive of the devil can utilize art in a bar-room. And then, we remember that the daily paper is more generally read than any other in the world, we are obliged to confess that the devil is skilled in the choice of his agents. The end to which the daily press is subsiding the grog-shop is one of the most appalling signs of our times. Some time ago we read in a daily paper an invitation to the whole city to come to a certain grog-shop and drink on the next Sunday night. The name of the grog-shop was signed to this communication. You may make your own comments on this.

From the same source comes this paragraph:

Dr. Wm. H. McGuffey, for many years Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Virginia, tells a story of a Universalist preacher, who, when preaching to a large crowd in a new place, said: "You don't imagine that I believe in you, do you? You never to be punished for your sins. If you go on sinning against God, he will certainly punish you in the next world; and you may be so wicked that he will punish you for thousands of years." At this point, a rough fellow cried out: "Well, parson, if it is going to be as bad as that, a body had better join the Methodists, and not go to the devil at all." Though not a Methodist, we think this reply was pertinent.

Some thoughtful people are inclined to the opinion that if it were common and allowable to reply "right out in meeting" to remarks made by the preacher, the custom would be helpful to the interest; and it is pretty certain that it would tend to make preachers weigh their words and their statements a good deal more carefully than they usually do. Of course a crank would now and then give some uneasiness, but we are not altogether sure that uneasiness is always and necessarily a bad thing. If the preaching and the hearing are all done in such a way as to cause no uneasiness to anybody, we suspect that the best results of preaching will be missed. Indeed, there is good reason to suspect that the devil likes that kind of preaching which leaves everybody highly pleased. Such preaching will hardly hurt him much.

The Chicago Standard is not much given to verbal criticism, but when it does turn its attention in that direction its criticisms are apt to be worthy of attention. Here is a specimen which is well worth noting by a number of writers whose correspondence has happened to come in our way:

We find that the word "caption" is frequently used by editors and other writers to mean the title or heading of an article in a newspaper. This is a proper use of the word. The word "caption" too, we find condescended with "caption." The two words mean altogether different things. Washington city is the capital of the United States, and the Congress meets there, and transacts its business in the building which is called the "capitol." It may seem peculiar to correct such an error as this, but it may save some writers from the greater puerility of making it.

To the *Christian Standard* we are indebted for the following paragraph:

Many of our wisest preachers believe that a great deal of harm is done by elaborate pulpit efforts to define and label the modern phases of unbelief. They think it is much wiser to look carefully into the essence of any current error, and then to state that essence in every-day, homely language, that average people can understand, than to lecture in scholastic style upon "agnosticism." The vast majority of the real "agnostics" never heard of "agnosticism," for the worldly-minded, self-satisfied people, who really know nothing about God, constitute no small part of the hearers in many of our congregations. It is all important for the preacher to tell them what he knows about God—that he has learned from his own personal experience of God's grace and mercy in Christ—that he knows from the testimony of other trustworthy witnesses, and especially what he knows from the earnest, humble and prayerful study of God's Word. In this connection we quote a few sentences from an old teacher of "homely" style:

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FIELD NOTES.

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Bro. W. D. Hubbard recently assisted Rev. W. M. Burr in a meeting at Columbia.

There will be a fifth Sunday meeting at Day's Gap, beginning Friday before the 5th Sunday.

Bro. Siler, of Kentucky, is preaching this summer for four country churches near Verbena.

Bro. F. S. Moody, of Tuscaloosa, has been elected president of the Alabama Historical Society.

Bro. T. A. Hendon, one of our ministerial students, has a good school near Warrior for the summer.

Brother, sister, if your subscription has expired, please forward your renewal at once. We need every cent that is due on the paper.

Despite the hard times and hot weather, the brethren of Birmingham are encouraged in their church work. All church work seems on the up grade.

Sister A. J. Brooks still keeps up her Sunday school at Verbena. These collections help all the boards, and this year they give \$5.00 to Pura Cova.

Rev. J. P. Shaffer has written a letter to the East Liberty Baptists calling their attention to the centennial of modern missions, and urging them to fall in line.

The Montgomery association is now in session at Lowndesboro. Brethren, do the grand thing by all our institutions, the centennial, and — the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Bro. W. D. Hubbard is supplying for Dr. Eager at the First Baptist church, Montgomery. The church considers itself fortunate in having the ministrations of so goodly a man.

Prof. Lovett has taught school at Verbena for the past year. As a teacher, a Christian and a gentleman, he won the good will of everybody. He will teach in Ft. Deposit next session.

A centennial meeting will be held with Colliene church, Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st. Visitors will get off at Benton on the evening or night of 29th. Provided with conveyance.

Dr. Jos. Shackelford is holding a meeting with his Hillsboro church. He recently closed a successful meeting at Luka, Miss. The meeting at Danville will be protracted after the 5th Sunday.

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The *Daily Commercial Bulletin*, of New York, says: "Reports from Montgomery, Ala., are that the fire in the Goetter, Weil & Co. building started in the wholesale department, and was extinguished with about 50 barrels of water. The firemen were then liberally supplied with whiskey and beer, which they imbibed freely. Later in the night the retail department was burned without any salvage of consequence. Liquor at a fire is a bad thing for insurance companies and investigation should be made. Montgomery is one of those towns where the license charge is abnormally high. This case should be rigidly investigated and the facts made known." Just how it is that whisky cools a man in summer time at a hot fire and warms him in the winter when he is freezing, is a mystery to us. While the insurance companies are investigating, we hope the doctors will also investigate and report.

The *Catholic Mirror* of course is against the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday. It may be all right from a Catholic's standpoint to advocate the desecration of the Sabbath, but we can't see it that way. The *Mirror* says: "The movement of a comparatively small body of persons in this country to have the World's Fair closed on Sunday, meets with less favor as the claims of these individuals grows more vociferous. There is no doubt that public sentiment, on the grounds of justice and common sense, is overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the fair open. The working people are demanding, in tones not to be mistaken, that their claims have a right to be considered. Col Shepard and his friends are people of wealth and leisure, and can attend the fair any day and every day in the week; but the working people, for the most part, must go on Sunday or not at all, and they feel the rank injustice of the suggestion that they shall be excluded."

The Adams Street church had two good services last Sabbath. Pastor Eager preached at 10 o'clock from Matt. 22:12, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." This is considered by many one of his finest sermons. At the conclusion of the service, the church raised over thirty dollars for the flood sufferers in Sumter county and West Alabama, which was supplemented by five dollars from Mt. Zion Baptist church, through one of her representatives. At night the ordinance of baptism was administered to two candidates, the pastor making a strong talk on the subject of baptism. The church letter to the association was read, which showed that the church and Sabbath school have contributed for the past nine months, for missions \$120.95; ministerial education, \$25.00; Howard College, \$50.00; S. B. T. Seminary, \$14.50; minutes, \$3.00; pastor's salary, \$1,100; current expenses, the poor, etc., \$200; repairs, etc., \$216.50; making a total of \$2,190.46 since December 1, '91. Pastor Harris says that is the best report he ever knew a church to make.

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The *Catholic Mirror* of course is against the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday. It may be all right from a Catholic's standpoint to advocate the desecration of the Sabbath, but we can't see it that way. The *Mirror* says: "The movement of a comparatively small body of persons in this country to have the World's Fair closed on Sunday, meets with less favor as the claims of these individuals grows more vociferous. There is no doubt that public sentiment, on the grounds of justice and common sense, is overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the fair open. The working people are demanding, in tones not to be mistaken, that their claims have a right to be considered. Col Shepard and his friends are people of wealth and leisure, and can attend the fair any day and every day in the week; but the working people, for the most part, must go on Sunday or not at all, and they feel the rank injustice of the suggestion that they shall be excluded."

The Adams Street church had two good services last Sabbath. Pastor Eager preached at 10 o'clock from Matt. 22:12, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." This is considered by many one of his finest sermons. At the conclusion of the service, the church raised over thirty dollars for the flood sufferers in Sumter county and West Alabama, which was supplemented by five dollars from Mt. Zion Baptist church, through one of her representatives. At night the ordinance of baptism was administered to two candidates, the pastor making a strong talk on the subject of baptism. The church letter to the association was read, which showed that the church and Sabbath school have contributed for the past nine months, for missions \$120.95; ministerial education, \$25.00; Howard College, \$50.00; S. B. T. Seminary, \$14.50; minutes, \$3.00; pastor's salary, \$1,100; current expenses, the poor, etc., \$200; repairs, etc., \$216.50; making a total of \$2,190.46 since December 1, '91. Pastor Harris says that is the best report he ever knew a church to make.

Our friend and brother, Prof. Stevens, who has for some years been a successful educator, has recently gone into the drug business at Roanoke. He is a worthy and useful citizen, and we wish him great success in his new business.

Jno. W. Stewart, Chairman Ex. Com., of the association: The Georgia association will be held at Georgia, beginning Friday before the 5th Sunday in September, instead of Garland at same time as is shown by the minutes.

I will visit a number of pastorless churches next week, and continue to do so till the meeting of the association. Hope to extend the circulation of the BAPTIST some while I am out. — J. W. S., Evergreen. Thanks, brother. We can always depend on you.

Our Centennial Tour

Is over. Troy, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Gadsden and Huntsville were the places visited. Brother Burr called me away into Henry county at Cowarts, where he held probably as successful a meeting of two days as will be held in the state.

The attendance was not large anywhere. It was a disappointment that more pastors in reach of these places were not in attendance. But some of them had good reasons to doubt.

Many of them are farmers, and with all, money is very scarce, while others were too busy helping to elect a governor for Alabama, or trying to have themselves elected, to spare the time.

THE FINANCIAL OUTCOME

Was somewhat encouraging, as the following figures will show:

Troy, : : : : \$800.00
Selma, : : : : 800.00
Southside, Birmingham, 328.00
Gadsden, : : : : 172.00
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