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## OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

REV. D. L. MOODY thinks that four-fifths of the converts in the world have been brought to Christ in revival meetings. The case may be different with many of our churches in towns and cities, but it is safe to say that with our country churches, most of the additions are largely the result of protracted meetings.—Central Baptist.

The same is true in good measure of the churches in the cities. Just why it is so generally true of all the churches may not be very easy to answer; and really it is not of first importance. The fact that that appears to be with God "a set time to favor Zion" should constrain us to look for that time and wait daily before the Lord. We do not say that there may not be conversions at the stated services along during the year, for there will be, if pastor and church do their duty; but the fact has long been known that the great majority of the best members of the churches were added during protracted meetings. With many the seed was sown at some other time, and the protracted meeting was the harvest time; but with many others the work begun and culminated during the meeting.

"LIFE of Patrick Hues Mell. By his son, P. H. Mell, Jr." Such is the title of a book that has reached us from the hands of the author. As might be expected when the son writes the biography of the father whom he not only loved but admired, this is not merely a dry statement of facts and incidents, but the hand of affection appears all through the work; and yet there is nothing which good taste would condemn. Rather we fall into sympathy with the writer because he is the son writing of his father in full confidence born of his own filial sentiment that everybody else honors his father and will be glad to read the particulars of his life. And he does not misjudge. Dr. Mell so impressed himself upon those within his reach that it is a pleasure to know his history. We want to know when, where and how he started in life, and how he clambered to the exalted and influential position which he held for so long. All this is told in the book before us in a style of composition that is pleasant to read, and with a sense of propriety that disarms the critic. It is a valuable book in Baptist history, and also to the era that is passing by. It is published by the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky.

SEVERAL Methodist papers belonging to the northern division are discussing the propriety of extending, or of entirely removing, the time limit to the pastoral term. Our Methodist brethren thought they secured some special advantages by fixing such a limit, but they are evidently awaking to some of the disadvantages which it involved. There can be no question but that the circulating system has been an injury to the ability of the ministry. A pastor who is limited by law at its beginning, will lack something of the heroic breadth which is secured where the term is made to depend upon ability and efficiency.—Central Baptist.

We print the above not only as indicating a change in the custom of the Methodists, but also for the purpose of adding a few words to what is said. Almost without exception the Baptist ministers in Alabama, whether in town or country, who are regarded as preachers of ability, and who also have influence with our own people, and perhaps with others as well, are men who at some time in the earlier years of their ministry remained a long time in one pastorate. By a

long time we mean at least five years. "A rolling stone gathers no moss," neither does a rolling preacher gather much solid material to give him strength in the pulpit and at the fireside, or cultivate and develop those traits that give him influence with the people. Young brother, look for a place to which you are reasonably well suited and there "stick" and grow.

The catalogue of Howard College for the academic year 1894-5 has reached us. The printers did their part very well, but the proof-reader allowed the statement to be made by asterisk and foot note that Dr. B. H. Crumpton and J. A. French, of the board of trustees, are "deceased." We are pleased to say that this is not true, and we hope it will not be true when the next catalogue is printed. With the curriculum, the teachers, and all the moral and material surroundings of Howard College, we do not see why it should not have the earnest and undivided support of the Baptists of the state. The patronage the past year was very good for the times, but we hope it will be double next year. To some important respects the college is in better condition than it has been in a long time, and with returning prosperity throughout the state it ought to rise above all hindrances and become a still more potent factor in the educational world.

THE Western Recorder is quite too sensitive, or perhaps we might say suspicious. Recently the Religious Herald, speaking of the Northern Baptists and the amount of money raised by them, said that "almost every one is organized." Commenting on that paragraph, this paper said a few words on the necessity of organization for the accomplishment of an object, and also about those who declaim against what they call "too much machinery." The Recorder sees in those brief comments the advocacy of a number of organizations or societies among church members. Thus its own comments show. But it is too suspicious. We did not use the plural s, but wrote "organization," once or twice preceded by the word "thorough." We are not running after multiplied organizations but we believe in having all the machinery necessary to carry on the work which the Lord has laid upon us.

WE gave notice some time since of having received a prospectus of a book, published by B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., called "The Story of the Confederate States." Some weeks ago we received the book. It is a beautifully bound work, containing 420 pages of actual history, printed on fine paper in large type, which will be very convenient for old veterans whose eyes are not as good as they once were. It contains the history of the Southern States from the time they were settled by whites down to the present time. One of the special features of this book is the many portraits of the distinguished men of the South. Among the portraits we find those of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson ("Old Hickory"), Tyler, Clay, Calhoun, Sam Houston, Davis, Toombs, and every general of any note whatever in the Confederate army.

It is one of the few histories which has a picture of Gen. Geo. E. Pickett, who led the famous charge at Gettysburg. Hon. Joseph T. Derry, of Georgia, the author, was an ardent "rebel," and is a forcible, clear and interesting writer. The book will, no doubt, take well in the South, especially with the old soldiers, who will at once appreciate its worth. We do not know the price. Write to the B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va.

A BROTHER said to us, sometime since, that Bro. Dunaway's people allow him to say what he pleases. We have given him the same liberty this week. It was added that "he says some queer things sometimes." The reader will judge whether or not he has done the same this time. But it is good to talk about our State Mission work, even if one does not always say exactly the right word. Let the subject be kept before the people. It is the work of the Baptists of the state, and one has just as much duty and responsibility in connection with it as another. If the feeling of indifference which is so hurtful can be broken up, much will be gained. But erroneous notions ought not to go unchallenged. Bro. Dunaway repeats a complaint that has been made against the State board from the time the first evangelists were chosen and sent out, namely, that the board creates destitution by taking pastors from the country churches and placing them in the field or in the towns. But where else can preachers be obtained? farmer.

And if the board takes a preacher from the country, why may not his place be supplied by the churches as well as if he had died or moved to Texas? The truth is that many churches are without pastors because each member insists upon having his own choice, or else because the support offered is too meager.

The condition on which Bro. Dunaway offers his five dollars to State missions is equally old as the complaint above discussed, and equally as unsound. We may make plain our meaning by relating two or three incidents. Early in the history of the State mission work a pastor gave one of the missionaries an urgent invitation to visit one of his churches. The missionary replied that the church was in good working order, and did not need a visit from him. "But," responded the pastor, "the members want to see you and hear you preach: they want to judge for themselves whether you are worth the money they are asked to invest in your work, and if you do not come, the State board will get very little money from that church." The missionary found the same to be true of nearly every well organized church. It may be replied that the churches were wrong, but it will be admitted that they were quite natural.

Again, at a session of an association in which that same missionary was laboring (and in which Bro. Dunaway has lived) the committee on State missions recommended in their report that the missionary be requested to confine himself strictly to the destitution. The missionary was about to rise and object, when Elder Jefferson Falkner arose and said that it would be a hard condition to impose upon the missionary, and unprofitable also. "Because," said he, "if the preacher is confined to the destitute places, and preaches only to congregations that have no spiritual life, he will dry up spiritually, and his preaching will become merely dry, lifeless lectures that will be worth very little. In addition to that, there are churches that have regular preaching, but still they are truly missionary ground. It is better to leave the whole matter to the churches and the missionary."

The association adopted Elder Falkner's view. These incidents occurred while Bro. Dunaway was perspiring over Greek roots at Howard College, and that is sufficient evidence of the antiquity of the objection raised. Yes, there will be differences of opinion among brethren as to the best way of doing the work before us, and there is no harm in a kindly expression of those differences. But there is harm in abuse and ill-natured fault-finding, and we cannot print anything of that character.

Dr. J. H. HALL, who has been for so long pastor of the Baptist church at Newnan, Ga., has recently become one of the regular readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. This fact, perhaps, caused us to feel greater interest in a printed sermon by him which has just come to hand. The title is, "The Gospel of Blood," and the text is 1 Cor. 15:3. While we would not have said some things precisely as the preacher says them, yet we recognize the whole as being right on the line of the good old doctrine that "Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." The sermon is good food, well prepared, for the sinner and the Christian alike.

FIELD NOTES.

The Whittle-Hale European party has reached the number of 25. Paul Jones, son of Rev. Sam P. Jones, will be in the company.

Rev. H. R. Culbertson, who has been moderator of Etowah association from its organization, died July 17 at his home at Hokes Bluff. Further notice hereafter.

J. G. Lowrey, Clanton, July 19: The prospect for a corn crop is very fine in this section. Fruit and watermelons plentiful. I am preaching a series of doctrinal sermons here this week. I think people need to know what Baptists believe, and why they believe it.

J. J. Pipkin, McKinley, July 18: We are having a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the saved are being added to the church. Rev. Wm. A. Parker, of Thomasville, is doing the preaching, to the delight and edification of the growing congregations. He is a strong man and a lovable character.

Deacon J. R. McLendon, of Natel, in this county, produces for sale through the labor of his bees honey with as delicate flavor as could be desired. The bees feed mostly on the flowers of the wahoo. The comb and the honey are both white and clear. This is one of the small industries which contribute so much to the comfort and prosperity of the

The article on the first page of the converted tramp of whose baptism Rev. J. H. Curry wrote us a few weeks since. We let him tell the story in his own way, making such changes only as perspicuity required. It appears that he was first attracted to the Baptists by the kindness to him of those who bore the name. That is worth remembering.

R. M. Hunter, Jasper: What say the brethren, can we not have a temperance issue of our ALABAMA BAPTIST? Will it not do good to bring a number of facts before our people at this time? Whiskey is running a number of our churches. We must give the trumpet its uncertain sound. Brethren, speak up on the subject. With the consent of our good editor, let us have a temperance issue, and that right soon. Let Rev. W. B. Crumpton lead the van.

A meeting of the executive committee of Montgomery association was held on the 22d, and a movement put on foot looking to a enlarged work during this association year. A circular letter will be addressed to the churches in association setting forth what was accomplished during the last association year, and what we propose to do the present year. An effort will be made to hold a Baptist rally in every church in the association.

J. W. O'Hara, Blossburg: We re-established the church at Brookside yesterday (July 14), and received two members by letter. Several more will come in soon. The Sunday-school, though it is a union school, is working well. They use Methodist literature for the present, due to the fact that the Baptist cause has been neglected.—The papers you send me each week aid me very much in the work. Two or three persons have said that they will subscribe soon.—Pray for God's blessings to be upon us.

Geo. E. Brewer, Opelika: Will you not please publish the report upon "Tithing," as made by the committee at the Convention? I am sure nothing more Scriptural can be published—and some will see it as obligatory, and their contributions will be enlarged, and they made happier. Those who do not accept it cannot plead ignorance, and thus excuse themselves. It will put some to investigating, and the results are not doubtful. You know that of the large number who at Washington said they had tried it, not one but acknowledged himself blessed in it.

A gentleman down the Midland road enquired, "What has become of Mr. Hare?" Answer was given and he continued, "The last time I saw him was when he was editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. He got off the train down here one morning with a grip and a little rifle; he said his health was bad, and he was going to spend the day shooting squirrels." "And what of the squirrels?" "Well, there were just as many in the woods at night when he quit as when he started out in the morning." Of course; but then even Davy Crockett didn't kill a bear every day.

Selma association meets with Center Ridge church, at Carlisle, Dallas county, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in August, (18th day.) That is near the line of the railroad from Selma to Pine Apple. Minter is the railroad station. If you are going on the train, write in due time to J. C. Yates or Jos. Swink, Carlisleville. If those who go from points on the Western railroad will buy tickets to Minter instead of Selma, they will save money. The train from the east reaches Selma about 11 o'clock a. m., and that on the Pine Apple road leaves at 2:55 p. m. Cut this out, if you are interested in it.

Bro. T. N. Cox, of Midway, writes a lengthy eulogy of his pastor, Rev. M. P. Reynolds, and makes an earnest appeal that we do not disappoint him by failing to print it. Now, there are times when we must appear to be both hard-hearted and stubborn, and this is one of them. We are glad to know that our brother has such an excellent preacher and pastor, that he is appreciated, and that he preaches his good sermons to large congregations—all that is pleasant to us, and it gratifies us to publish it; but that is as much as we have room for on that line, and it is all that ought to be said on the subject.

We have reports of good meetings as follows: At New Harmony church, in New Providence association, Bro. Hawkins, pastor, 19 accessions. The pastor was assisted by Rev. J. G. Thomas, of Honora, Ala.—At Spring Creek church, Alabama association, Rev. W. H. Cheatham, pastor, 1 accession, and church much revived. Pastor was assisted by Rev. T. T. Dobbs. (Let

it be borne in mind that the next fifth Sunday meeting will be held with this church.)—At Silom church, Alabama association, Bro. Cooper, pastor, 17 accessions and church much revived. Excellent material was gathered into this church.

Junior D., Blocton: On last Friday evening we had the pleasure of hearing Rev. P. T. Hale, of Birmingham, deliver a splendid lecture on his travels in Europe. For two weeks the ticket sellers were placing the subject before the minds of the people, and they were thoroughly prepared, and anxiously waiting to hear it. The majority of our population are from the old world, and the lecturer's descriptions of the cities and other places so familiar and so dear to them gave them great delight. The lecture was grand beyond description; and we are indebted for this rare treat to our wide-awake, loving and energetic pastor, Rev. G. T. Lee. Bro. Lee has been our pastor only a few months, and has already endeared himself to his church, and all the people of Blocton.

A. J. Preston, Abbeville: Our meeting at Newton closed last Thursday night with 17 accessions, and the church greatly revived. We had received previously to our meeting, since Jan. 1st, 33 members, making a total this year of 50. Our work at Abbeville has not been so prosperous; yet we have a good Sunday-school, and our services have been well attended all this year. Bro. Shelton, who so won the hearts of the people of Newton, is now with us, and is doing some very fine preaching. He relies entirely upon the gospel and the Holy Spirit for results. He is just my idea of an evangelist. We need more such men in the field to counteract the clap-net methods of raising great big excitements with very little gospel and as little of the Holy Spirit. We are expecting a glorious meeting here.

H. C. Sanders, Brundidge, July 21: Last Friday week we closed a glorious meeting with Antioch church. Brethren D. T. Hunt, A. E. Pinckard, W. H. Simmons and Richard Copeland were with me part of the time. The church was greatly revived, and there were twenty-three accessions, nineteen by experience, three by letter and one by restoration.—On the next Saturday we began a meeting at Bethlehem church, at Hilliards X Roads. Here I had the work to do myself except two sermons by Bro. Jake Macon. The church was revived. On Thursday morning I had the pleasure of baptizing ten happy souls, three of them my own children, and now only the baby in my family is left. Four joined by letter, making in all fourteen. I leave this evening for another week's meeting at Antioch.

W. J. D. Upshaw, Lineville: We have just closed a very interesting Institute with Lineville church. Bro. Anderson preached on Saturday and Sunday of the first with wonderful power and demonstration of the Spirit. The sermons were characteristic of the preacher. They were clear, concise, forceful, logical, and thoroughly scriptural. During the week we had two other good sermons by Bro. Anderson, and also by Brethren Garrett and Bentley. There were in attendance thirteen preachers, all of whom were well pleased with the work, and much edified. The institute resolved itself into a permanent organization to be known as the Ministers' Institute of the Carey Baptist association.—All who attended the exercises were perfectly delighted with the system.—We hail with delight this God-given phase of ministerial education. Brethren, let us build up our people.

W. T. Shell, M. D., Pigeon Creek: Our Sunday-school is thriving, with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm being taken by both teachers and pupils. All seem to want to learn more about their Maker, and to try to live closer to him.—Our protracted services are to begin Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Bro. A. A. Sims, our pastor, who is highly esteemed and loved by us all, has been requested by the church to invite ministerial aid. We hope to have a good meeting. Bro. Sims has been pastor of this church only a short while.—The school at this place, which has been taught for twelve months, with only about one month intermission, will close for a vacation this week.—This warm weather must be the extreme to the severe cold spell that we had last winter.—The writer while on a recent visit to Tampa, Fla., was informed while there that the people there were getting ready to build a Baptist church which will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The Baltimore Convention.

The Fifth Annual Gathering of Baptist Young People.

Ten thousand delegates were expected. Did they come? Well, when the mammoth tent at the entrance of Druid Hill Park was reached by this delegate at ten o'clock Thursday morning, more than that number of delegates and visitors had already congregated. It was given up to be the largest assembly of Baptists the world had ever seen, and the enthusiasm was equal to the numbers. "I've never before seen anything like this," was heard from many lips, and seemed to be the feeling of all. The heat was intense, and no one could enter the tent without a member's or visitor's badge, and yet it was packed from the first, and hundreds—it seemed at times thousands—were unable to gain admission. It was a sight to please and to ponder—especially at night, when the waters of the lake reflected as a mirror the brilliant lights and sights and moving things in and about the big tent on the shore. It was a veritable Midsummer Night's Dream—a land of music and enchantment.

The interior of the vast egg-shaped, or elliptical canvas temple beggared description. Myriads of flags—Baptist Union flags, Union Jacks and Old Glorys—fluttered on every side from posts and poles; across the entire front of the great choir gallery stretched in broad bands the colors that represent the four sections into which the territory of the international Union is divided. Green for the South, red for Canada, blue for the states west of the Mississippi, and gold for those east of the Mississippi; and from the top of a large pole in front of the main stand scores of ribbons of these colors were festooned down to the speaker's rostrum. High above all else was the platform of six tiers of seats where the trained chorus of 500 voices and the great orchestra of fifty pieces were accommodated. The speaker's platform was a degree lower, but eighteen feet above the floor, and showed elastic capacity for more than the allotted two hundred.

A report of such a meeting at best is about like showing a bottle of water as a specimen of Niagara Falls—the water may be from the rushing river, but the roar and foam and power of the cataract—who can give them? From the welcome song by the great choir to the close of the multifarious exercises of the convention—sunrise prayer meetings, state rallies, departmental meetings, and tent exercises—it was a sublime scene of youthful earnestness—the incarnation of enthusiasm, devotion and fervency of spirit. Such singing, and such speaking one rarely hears, and such devotion to business, such harnessing of young life in the Master's service are rarely seen.

"A growth has been ours," said the president in the opening address, "that may well make the hearts of our faithful workers rejoice. The day of doubt and questioning as to the work to be done by our Union is fast passing away." Mr. Eugene Levering, in his address of welcome, said that no convention of equal importance had ever been held in the Monumental city.

Dr. H. M. Wharton, speaking in behalf of the Young People's Societies of the city, was enthusiastically cheered—especially when he said that Baptists believe in the everlasting separation of church and state—"they do not believe in the red hat, but they do believe in the red school house."

The annual report of the board of managers, read by General Secretary F. L. Wilkins, was primarily a record of most cheering progress in every department of the work. "The growth of the Union since its beginning in Chicago four years ago has been simply phenomenal. No other Baptist institution or organization in the world has ever made such increase in so short a time."

"The young people's movement is like the measles," someone said, "when one man has it no one in his neighborhood is safe. Certainly this proved so in Baltimore, as it has seemed to do all over the land. The whole city caught the infection. The business portion of the town was a continuous bewildering of decorations by day and illuminations by night. The papers—even the Sun and the American—vied with each other in reporting to the utmost detail all the varied exercises and belongings of the convention, giving whole pages to reports and illustrations."

But what of the various gatherings and exercises themselves? Sunrise prayer-meetings at fifteen or twenty different places, business meetings, rallies, workers' conferences, in addition to the great tent gatherings? From ten to fifteen thousand people thronging the meeting places for days in spite of the terrific heat, speaking, listening, singing, praying, laughing, applauding, sometimes weeping, and in the midst of it all quietly resolving to make the life better and the work of the coming year commensurate with the uplift and enthusiasm of this great meeting—who can be doubtful about the issue? "But," the question may be asked, "what is the Union doing with all this life and enthusiasm? What work has it accomplished?" Well, read the annual report. Talk to some one who has seen it in local work. Inform yourself. And you will see that it is training an immense multitude of our young men and young women to do the work of the Lord and to do it the way of the Lord more perfectly; it is informing them as to our doctrine and history; it is promoting spirituality and fostering missionary activity in

thousands of young lives, and thus helping mightily to bring up a generation of Baptist people, prepared of the Lord for the responsibilities and duties of the great future.

Think of the boiler power generated in such a meeting to furnish steam for the coming year's work. "There is nothing like news from the Holy war to cheer us on in the Holy war." "Many a revival has been started by the news of a revival somewhere else."

"But," you say, "the movement may prove a Jonah's gourd, after all." Well, possibly so, for all things are possible. But it were well to remember that even Jonah's gourd was of the Lord: it grew because he desired it to grow, and it did not die until it had accomplished the purpose of its existence.

Geo. B. EAGER.

Montgomery, July 23, '95.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Correction.

Ala. Baptist: In your issue this week you refer to Prof. Charles H. Winston, the recently elected president of the Foreign Mission board, as one much given to criticisms of the Home board methods. Permit me to correct the mistake by calling attention to the fact that J. B. Winston, treasurer of R. F. and P. R. is the man who annually seeks to distinguish himself by criticisms of the Home Board. I am not certain that the men are even closely related. Charles H. Winston is professor of physics in Richmond College, and he is a man who bears himself most nobly in position to which he is called by the Foreign Mission board. I am sure you will hasten to make this correction.

Fraternally,

J. S. DILL.

Richmond, July 20.

For the Alabama Baptist.

John D. Renfro.

Mr. John D. Renfro, the youngest son of the late Dr. J. D. Renfro, died at the home of Mr. F. M. Wood, Woodlawn, Ala., July 19. The remains were taken to Talladega for interment. For twenty years Dr. Renfro was the beloved pastor of the Talladega Baptist church, and in the beautiful cemetery at that place himself and wife, with seven of their children, have been laid to rest. The train was met by a large number of the friends of the family. A short but impressive service was held at the grave. Rev. W. A. Hobson read some appropriate selections of Scripture, after which Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., led in a most earnest and touching prayer. The benediction was given by Dr. J. A. French, pastor of the Baptist church of Talladega. Mrs. John R. Sampey is the only remaining member of the family of our distinguished brother. May she be the object of heaven's tender care, and her life long be spared to her many and devoted friends.

Never was any one more faithful and careful of the suffering than was Mrs. F. M. Wood, aunt of young Mr. Renfro, throughout his illness. The Lord reward her. Mr. Renfro was only twenty-five years of age; a young man of an unusually bright mind, with a future full of promise. He was at one time reporter for the Louisville Courier-Journal, and later for the Montgomery Advertiser. It will be a comfort to those who knew him to hear that John made confession of faith in Christ, and said before his departure that all was well with his soul. Among his last words to his earthly friends he spoke of soon being with Papa.

W. A. HONSON.

Woodlawn.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Montgomery Association.

The Montgomery Baptist association met with the Hayneville church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 16th, and continued until 12 m. Thursday, the 18th.

Every committee reported, a fact unprecedented in the history of the association. Some of the chairmen could not be present, but the reports were there in charge, in several instances, of brethren next on the committee, who spoke to the same.

The former officers were re-elected, viz: T. L. Jones, moderator; J. C. Pope, clerk, and J. H. Dickinson, treasurer.

The reports were full and quite practical, and were well discussed. [We may print the salient points of some of them next week.—Ed.]

The attendance was good and the spirit delightful.

The association adjourned to meet with the Wetumpka church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August next. The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday-school workers within the bounds of the association were invited to hold a meeting on Monday night preceding, and one hour Tuesday morning in connection with the association.

The good people of Hayneville entertained the association right royally. Beginning with the meeting of all delegates at Letohatchie with conveyances, there was not a moment spent in that hospitable community when a "shadow of complaint" could have arisen. The people said they were glad the association had met with them, and the association was glad to be with that people.

J. C. POPE.

Divine wisdom makes use of human wisdom, and it is the privilege of human wisdom to make use of divine wisdom, but it is a fatal mistake ever to substitute human for divine wisdom.

We are quick to spy the evil conduct of others; but when we ourselves do the same, we are not aware of it.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At the Orphanage.

Our Orphanage is now permanently located at Evergreen. The first steps toward its establishment were taken by Mrs. Woodson, when five years ago she gave to the Baptists of Alabama certain valuable property for the maintenance of a Baptist Widow's and Orphan's Home. This good sister has turned over to us all of her real estate, worth several thousand dollars, to be used after her death for this great purpose, except the Florida property. She has given that for immediate use.

The home was not actually started, however, till two years ago when in a small rented house it was opened on the tenth day of March, with three inmates.

We have received into the Home 44 children, of whom 23 are girls and 21 are boys; and have sent out by adoption 10 and 1 by apprenticeship.

The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

The older children attend school at the academy, and the younger ones are taught in the Home. They attend Sunday-school and church, and Sunday afternoon they engage in singing and reciting Scripture. Seven of the motherless have been baptized. These have organized a child's prayer-meeting, in which they themselves lead.

In Nov. 1893, to make room for our large and growing family, a permanent home was purchased, consisting of the Y. M. Kabb place, eighty acres of land lying on Main street, with a substantial brick residence with ten rooms. Money is greatly needed to improve this property so as to add four more dormitories, a dining room and kitchen, and a school room. The property was bought for \$5,000, to be paid in three annual installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The first was paid when due. The second, amounting to about \$1,800, was due Jan. 1st '95, on which a balance of \$273 is still due.

The third and last payment, amounting to about \$1,930, will be due Jan. 1st '96.

I want every Baptist church, every friend of the Home, and every one who wishes these poor children well, to send something to aid in making this last payment.

The current expenses of the Home are about \$200 per month.

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Mississippi Convention.

This body met at Hazelhurst, a thriving town of 2,500 inhabitants on the Illinois Central R. R.

They have a large delegation present. The town gives them an exceedingly warm reception and abundant entertainment. The secretaries of our boards are here in person or by representatives, and a good sprinkling of visitors from other states. Bro. A. A. Lomax, of Batesville, was re-elected president, and our W. G. Curry preached the sermon, which was one of the best. (By the way, our man over here is one of the biggest they have; and is filling his place without hesitation, and the brethren are anxious for him to do it. They are pleased with him.)

I notice among the missionaries present brethren J. W. McCollum, of Japan, R. H. Graves and wife, of China, and Bro. C. E. Smith, of Africa.

Mississippi Baptists raised more money for missions the past year than ever before in their history, except, perhaps, for state missions. They have a Sunday-school evangelist, a college secretary, a state evangelist, and have had 175 pupils in Mississippi College the past year. They raised one thousand dollars last night for college repairs. They gave Prof. [Sampey] \$500 yesterday for the Seminary.

The convention assumed a debt of \$12,000 due on Jackson church on condition that the church at once or in twelve months complete the building, which will require at least \$6,000, and further, that they release their pastor until the \$12,000 is raised. Bro. Spoles starts out with a subscription of \$9,000. He thinks he can raise by January all the money they will need. The church at Jackson will pay his salary, and it is probable the church will appoint a co-pastor who will, in addition to preaching at the first church, begin the establishment of a second church. This church debt was made at the instance of the convention, which promised to stand by them until the work was done, and will do it. Why can't our convention imitate the Mississippi Baptists and build at once that church at Greensboro? Brethren, the obligation is as sacred, or more sacred, and yet we hesitate. The truth is we must build that house, and if we say so we can do it by the first of January, 1896. And now I want to put my name for \$25 under Bro. Lawhon's \$50, and I promise to raise in addition \$200 more. Who will be next? Let us do it at once. Brethren, we must build that house.

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W. B. C.

"You seem interested in me to-night, Willie," said Mr. Softly, observing that the boy was gazing intently at him. "Yes," said Willie, "I'm waiting to see you bust."

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they do not care much for machinery. Just as they get a good side and reach the place they wish, it doesn't matter with them how the cars are pulled. But they would think it curious to see a train of little cars full of passengers running along the street, up hill and down, and not see anything to make them go. What a wonderful time is this in which we are living.

E. F. B.

The Penny, Penny Peep-Show.

The children, all collected in Mrs. Bell's garden, were talking over a serious matter. They had just heard that little Jim Green could not go to the public school because he had no shoes. His mother, a poor widow, could not buy them for him, and Jim was very unhappy.

That was a dreadful state of things, and Tom and Jennie Bell and Kitty Clover and Nellie May were all very sad about it. Tom attended Doctor Colby's school, and had come home for Saturday and Sunday, and was rather older than the girls.

"In the country Jim could go to school all the same," said Kitty. "For boys are always running about barefooted there. But in town it is different. Oh, I wish some of mine would fit him!"

"Any boy who goes to school with out than wear girls' shoes," said Tom.

"They have to be clumsy for boys," said Nellie.

"How little notice girls take. They are not the same at all. At Doctor Colby's, a fellow came and begged. Said he had no underclothes. We made a collection and took up five dollars."

"Oh, how splendid!" said Kitty. "Yes; only he didn't buy the clothes, but got tipsy at a tavern," said Tom. "Doctor Colby said we ought to give money to only worthy objects."

"But how can you know?" said Kitty. "A person might freeze while you're finding out."

"We might take up a contribution," said Nellie.

"We could never get enough," said Jennie. "Shoes is dear."

"Jennie, I wish you would be grammatical! 'Shoes is dear!' repeats Tom. 'You ought to say: 'Shoes are dear,' because it's plural, you know—more than one. A shoe is; but shoes are. But they are not so very dear. There is a pair at the shop around the corner for two dollars and a half."

"Well, Tom," said Jennie, "if I must be grammatical, why mustn't you? You said: 'There is a pair.'"

"Well, that is right. A pair is singular."

"Two shoes can't be one," said Jennie. "So there, now!"

"It's one pair. A verb must agree with its subject in person and number. So you must say: 'There is a pair.' A pair, you see," said Tom.

"Well, no matter," said Kitty. "Let us think of Jim Green. Let us take up a collection. I'll carry around a grape leaf. Jim is worthy."

"You see," said Jennie, "you didn't know nothing about that man, but we know all about Jim."

"Didn't I know nothing?" ejaculated Tom. "The idea of my sister saying that! You did not know anything, Jennie. Two negatives in the same sentence constitute an affirmative. I'm shocked!"

Jennie began to cry.

"I detest boys!" said Kitty. "I'm too polite to say what I think of girls," said Tom, walking away toward the porch.

Kitty curled the grape leaf into a sort of cup and handed it about. Nellie had five cents and Jennie six. She herself put in a twenty-five-cent piece. But that was only a small beginning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell were out, and their children knew besides that they already did a great deal of charitable work. They wanted to give Jim Green his shoes out of their own collection.

"Without asking any big folks," said Nellie.

"Or boys," said Jennie, in a very loud voice. "But what can we do?"

"I know," said Kitty. "Let us make a penny, penny peep-show. Have you a piece of glass?"

There was a piece of glass in the house that the glazier had left when he put a new pane in the kitchen window, and Kitty polished it beautifully. Then she took a stiff piece of pasteboard, and the children picked artemisias and marigolds and poppies and all sorts of bright flowers from their own little gardens, and Kitty laid them nicely on an old book cover. Then she put the glass over it and put an elastic on each side to hold them together, and then she took a big piece of gilt paper that Jennie brought her, and folded it, and pinned it nicely at the back, and cut a place in front like a little door. When she opened it, you saw a bright little picture of flowers.

"Now let us go and show it to all the children in the block and charge a penny a peep," she said.

Off went the three little girls with their "penny, penny peep-show," and all the afternoon they went about doing their best. It was quite dark when they reached home and sat down to count their money. There was a great pile of pennies, but they had collected only one dollar.

"It is such a disappointment," sobbed Jennie. "The public school opens on Monday. Jim can't go. He won't have any shoes."

"Yes, he will," said somebody, and a big silver dollar and a shiny half-dollar dropped into Jennie Bell's lap. Tom had thrown them there.

"Uncle gave me that," said he.



To a Friend in Affliction.

[The following tender and comforting letter was written by Bishop Brooks to one in deep bereavement through the death of his wife. It was recently for the first time made public.]

Dear Friend: I thought much about our meeting last Sunday, and the few words we had together. May I tell you again, where your comfort lies?

It is not in forgetting the happy past. People bring us well-meant but miserable consolation when they tell us what time will do to help our grief. We do not want to lose our grief, because our grief is bound up with our love, and we could not cease to mourn without being robbed of our affection.

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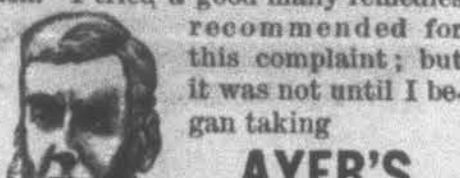
And if, knowing that she is with God, you can be with God too, and every day claim his protection, and try to do his will, in spirit, be very near her.

She is not dead, but living, and if you are sure of what care is holding her and educating her, you can be very constantly with her in spirit, and look forward confidently to the day when you shall also go to God and be with her.

I know this does not take away your pain. No one can do that; you do not want any one to do that—not even God; but it can help you to bear it, to be brave and cheerful, to do your duty, and to live the pure, earnest spiritual life which she in heaven wishes you to live. It is the last effort of usefulness.

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Your friend sincerely,

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