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## Our Texas Letter.

The week closing with the fourth Sunday was a busy season for the Baptists of San Antonio. The Baptist Young People's Union and the Sunday-school and Colportage conventions held their annual meetings in the Alamo city during those days. The sessions were well attended. When the Texas Baptists get together they make a big showing, and it takes a city of some size to hold them. I regret that I did not get to see the B. Y. P. U., as I arrived the morning after that body had adjourned. Bro. A. J. Harris, of Fort Worth, was the president. Our Alabama brethren have doubtless heard of him through Bro. Dawson. Bro. Harris is a short and stout man, and is also Bro. C. I. Seasholes, of Dallas, the president of the Sunday-school and Colportage convention. The latter is certainly one of the best presiding officers I have seen.

I was disappointed in not meeting more of our Alabama preachers who have moved to Texas the past few years. Bro. J. M. Robertson, of McKinney, formerly editor of the Baptist Reflector, of Chattanooga, a native of northeast Alabama, is a man of prominence. Bro. J. F. Dobbs, of Hempstead, came from the same locality. He is a modest man, and is doing good service as pastor and also editor of the South Texas Baptist. Bro. Vallic Hart, the singer, spent one day at the convention. He and Bro. S. O. Mitchell have just closed a fine meeting at Eagle Lake, where Dr. J. L. Lloyd, another Alabamian, is pastor. Bro. J. C. Hudson, formerly of Alabama, was also at San Antonio. He is pastor of the North Houston church.

One of the pleasant experiences at the convention was to meet Bro. T. C. Boykin, the Sunday-school evangelist of Georgia, who is now laboring in Texas. This was the first time I had seen him since the summer of 1874. It was then as a boy I was taking my first lessons in farm life among the hills of Chilton county, Ala. Bro. Boykin was at Mulberry church, making an address on Sunday-school work. His speech on "Helps and Hindrances" was one of the rich feasts of the convention. Mr. B. A. Pickren, my host, an engineer of the Southern Pacific railroad, also a Georgian, was one of Bro. Boykin's attentive

## of Greenville, Ala., was one of the absentees, and it was a matter of regret.

Bro. J. A. French, although not at the convention, is numbered among the Texans, and was made a member of the Sunday-school board. We shall be glad to see him at our State Convention next October.

San Antonio would remind a person of the Damascus of Scripture history. The health of the city is excellent. She is nestled among the hills of Bexar county, with ever-flowing springs, and the San Antonio river runs through the heart of the city. I do not wonder that it invalids seek a residence here. It is the largest city in the state, and has more miles of street railway than any other city of same population. The United States government has one of its largest military posts on Government Hill, an eastern suburb of the city. The San Antonio Express, the leading daily paper, has a fine building. The report of the convention proceedings given by this paper was excellent.

Speaking of invalids, a moment ago, reminds me that I found Bro. J. B. Moody, known to many Southern Baptists, seeking health for himself and wife. He believes San Antonio is the place, and while resting here for some months, he will supply for the Sunset Baptist church. There are about six Baptist churches in and around the city.

Doesn't it look strange that Alabama is getting too much rain while Texas, and its cattle and crops are crying aloud for water? In all my life I never saw such parched fields as I saw between Houston and San Antonio. In some places the pastures had been burned in spots by sparks from locomotives. Two months ago the crops were fine, but now the prospect is gloomy indeed. The cotton is lost beyond redemption. The corn is very small, and is blooming up to the very top of the stalk. The cattle look as if they were hollow. The cry is water! water! water! Alabama knows nothing of droughts such as we experience every few years. Last year we had enough rain—in fact, too much for the cotton.

J. M. KAILLEN.  
Houston, June 29th.

Bro. Dawson in Texas.

The San Antonio Express makes the following mention of Rev. L.

## Prayer, Preaching, Planning and Giving.

No one since the Secretary of the Mission Board sent an inquiry of our leading pastors in a city and country asking as to their plan for taking Foreign Mission collections. Below are given some of the answers received. A wise man can always learn a lesson from the experience of others:

J. H. Kilpatrick, White Plains, Ga.: Our collections for missions are quarterly, beginning with January. We raise for all benevolence about \$325 per member. Of this \$1 per member for Foreign Missions. Pastor's salary \$400—two Sundays in the month. Members last reported, 134. Nearly all the members give something. We have more members than ten years ago, but not so much money.

George Cooper, Richmond, Va.: To the First Church the day for the annual offering for Foreign Missions is the day of highest spiritual privilege. It is the great day of the year. The other Sabbaths of the year seem to stand about this one as the foot-hills stand about and look up to the great peak that rises thousands of feet above them. From this height we look out on the horizon of humanity. Then most thoroughly we feel that we are not the final objects of God's salvation, but the media through which the light is to shine on those in darkness.

For some years we have held special services on each night of the week preceding the Sabbath of offering. These do not take the place of the monthly missionary service. They are times of prayer for the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts with renewed love for the work and generous response to its needs. We try to reach our people by way of the throne of prayer as well as by other methods. These have been very precious seasons. Prayer has been answered! No great sermon has been needed. Low-toned appeals have been dismissed. Spiritual power has been manifested in the service of the offering. Gladly it is made.

Our offerings for all causes aggregate about as much as for home expenses. We aim to give as much as we spend for ourselves. Of this Foreign Missions receives the largest proportion. For recent years our gifts have been for Foreign Missions from twenty-five

## to the president and

A. Tupper in conducting services. The music was by the delightful choir of the Baptist church. Rev. Taylor, D. D., of Mobile, distinguished alumnus of Howard College, preached the sermon on the text, "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith we have made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

The sermon was a scholarly discourse so closely woven together it is impossible to give a fair idea of it in a brief synopsis. It began with an eloquent apostrophe to liberty, in which the speaker said that the glory of this country was not in its great cities and its great enterprises, but in the liberty of the old world, which had become famous by song and story, and that here in the liberty of the new world, this liberty was freedom from idolatry. Nations and men always trusted in some human mentality to satisfy the longings of the heart. The world is all in bondage to form and ceremony, until the gospel comes to its relief.

A liberty consists further in freedom from the demands of the God of the world, and the growth of the Kingdom of God. The speaker gave a thoughtful account of the relation of sin. Sin is the bondage of the soul, and the bondage of the soul is the bondage of sin and the slavery of sin. The speaker stated that sin is the subject of sin, and that sin is not merely the rock that is the soul, but that which is in bondage to sin. But Christ, who is the author of liberty, is the great deliverer. Liberty is, as the speaker said, a man who acknowledges Jesus as king is a free man, and is ever on the side of the poor and God-anointed Democracy to up as a great deliverer of the world the beauty of liberty and so our forefathers when they came to this country brought their children with them and learned from all men are created equal in the inalienable right to liberty in the pursuit of happiness.

Liberty in state is based on the individual. Italy and in were once great nations, but since there was lack of individual liberty their glory has passed away, while Germany and other nations which have recognized the right of the Bible are the great ones of the free. The only lib-

## erty that will stand is that which comes out of the individual and which recognizes accountability to God.

The yoke is easy and the burden is light to all such. Men in all ages have created monuments, and properly so, to the great champions of popular liberty, but the greatest liberator the world ever saw was Jesus Christ, who stooped to the humiliation of an ignominious death that he might proclaim freedom to the slave.

In conclusion, Dr. Taylor, with great earnestness and pathetic tenderness, besought the young gentlemen of the college that if any was under the bondage of sin and in sorrow because he had strayed from the way of truth, to come to Christ with his burden and he would find in him all the sympathy of a father and a sure relief from his distress.

from his old friends, and the warmest commendation was heard of the sermon.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Muscle Shoals Association will be held with Harmony church, five miles from Moulton, on the Hillsboro road, beginning Friday, August 28, and continue three days. A full attendance is greatly needed and earnestly requested. The following is the program:

Friday, 10 a. m.: Introductory, by Eld. J. Gunn; Eld. R. T. Wear, alternate. Subject, The extent of human depravity?

2 p. m.: The author of, and change in, regeneration. Eld. J. Shackelford and W. T. Cobbs. 3 p. m.: What difference, if any, is there between regeneration and baptism of the Holy Ghost? Elds. R. T. Wear and J. D. McClannahan.

Saturday, 9 a. m.: Miscellaneous business. 10 a. m.: The resolution referred to this meeting for discussion will be introduced by M. Briscoe, followed by all who wish to speak. 11 a. m.: What plan could we adopt to get all our ministers to attend our fifth Sunday meetings? Introduced by Rush Stockton, followed by other discussors. We hope all the deacons will take part in this important subject. 2 p. m.: Is there any way by which regenerated persons can show their faith in the world their faith in a

## Central Committee.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President, Birmingham; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice President, Birmingham; Mrs. L. C. Brown, Secretary, East Lake; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer, Birmingham; Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, Vice-President Ex. Com., Montgomery.

PRAYER CARD.—JULY. Home Board.—"Thou shalt open thy hand unto thy brother, to the poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Missionaries, 411; churches and stations, 1,626; baptisms, 5,617; Sunday-schools organized, 373; teachers and pupils, 12,635; churches constituted, 97; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 2,595. Receipts of Home Board, \$75,927.54. Study Topics.—Great increase of foreign element. Dangers to our institutions. Undeveloped rural districts.

Home Board Recommendations to Woman's Missionary Union.

1. The Home Mission Board asks that the Woman's Mission Societies make an effort to raise for its work during the conventional year 1896-7, thirty thousand dollars; one half in cash to aid in paying the salaries of our missionaries, and the other half in boxes of supplies for those of them upon the frontier.

2. We invite special attention to the work among the colored women and children in and about our homes. While the two Baptist Home Mission organizations of America are co-operating to elevate this race, no more helpful work can be done than may be done by Baptist women of the South for the moral and intellectual improvement of these women. On this all true progress depends. There is placed before us an open door. May many enter it to engage in this Christ-like work.

3. The board renews its earnest solicitation that the wants of our foreign population, Mexicans, Germans, French, Chinese, Indians, and the struggling Cubans may receive special favor from the Baptist women of the South. Let our cities become as some of the great cities of this and other continents, nor our rural districts as some sections of the country where our Christian Sabbath is set at naught.

4. That the board suggests that the mission societies take special interest in The Mission Journal of the convention, and also in The Alabama Baptist and Our Young People.

5. Gratefully acknowledging the liberal help the board has received in past years from the week of self-denial, we earnestly ask for its observance in the interest of our Home Mission work during the coming year.

EXPLANATORY LETTER FROM DR. TICHENOR.

Such has been the uniform and increasing interest manifested by the women of the Southern churches in the work of our Home Mission board, that I feel it scarcely necessary to add a word to the requests presented to them by the board. Whenever we have asked for a specified sum, their liberality has equalled it and oftentimes exceeded it. To make a request of them is deemed by the board tantamount to receiving the sum requested.

The year's work before us promises to be the most extended one in our history. Not to speak of other departments, our work in Cuba must, before the end of the year upon which we are entering, be greatly enlarged. We cherish the confident expectation that before the close of the current year the patriot cause in Cuba will have succeeded and that beautiful island will be free. That will mean the removal of all obstructions to our mission work, and the opening of that enticing field to our missionaries. I will not stop to enlarge upon the amount of means and the number of men and women that will be required to meet this opening of Divine Providence.

Another, and what seems to me an equally important field is the work which must be done for our negro women throughout the South. The co-operation of the Home Mission Society with the Southern Baptist Convention and with the state boards of our Southern states in the work of evangelizing the negro, is meeting with the most gratifying success, and is being received everywhere with the deepest interest on the part of our people. We know that the true basis of all morality and social order, and the uplifting of any race, whatever its color, must rest upon the culture and the high moral character of its women. This is the one great point which is not embraced in the co-operative work of these bodies. The experiments which have been made by our sisters in Baltimore, assure us not only of its necessity, but the ease and economy with which a great work in this field can be accomplished, and the board proposes this year to work vigorously along this line. Not much may be accomplished beyond organizations here and there before our next meeting, but if we sow the seed with a generous hand, we are sure it will ripen into a glorious harvest. We shall need

## the sympathy and co-operation in this work of all the Baptist sisters everywhere, and we invoke their consideration to this great work, and their active efforts in promoting it.

I feel I need say nothing about the noble work of sending supplies to our missionaries. In that your generosity has exceeded all expectations, though it has not surpassed the needs of our workers. We are confident that in the coming year, as in the one that has passed, you will not be forgetful of those who are laboring for us on meagre salaries, and under the trying conditions of our wild frontier.

Thanking you for the kind interest you have evinced in the past, and wishing you a most pleasant and profitable meeting, I am,

I. T. TICHENOR,  
Cor. Sec.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### Geneva S. S. Convention.

The Geneva Baptist Sunday-school Convention met with Elbethel church, about eleven miles north of Geneva, today. Sunday-school convention is rather a high-sounding appellation for the rather limited delegation from our Sunday-schools; but the enthusiasm of those few caused the large congregation to be apparently well entertained. Mr. R. P. Coleman, a young brother only 24 years of age, delivered a real eloquent address upon Organization, its power, necessity, results, etc., as applied to families, governments, and in spreading the gospel.

Although the time for the convention was unfortunately set for a fourth Sunday when the pastors of our churches must be absent attending their respective appointments, yet the meeting was a decided success. The singing was excellent, the dinner fine, every one seemed to be delighted, and it is hoped that all were edified. There was one feature that deserves special mention, viz., the death of gossiping groups about the church during the exercises.

The next meeting of the convention is to be held at the same place on the fourth Sunday in June, 1897.

Will the editor please allow me to say a word here to the pastors of this Association? Brethren, if there is a disposition on the part of the convention not to accommodate you in holding its sessions on a fifth

We had a fine attendance, about 33 in all. The lectures were good, and I have no doubt much good was done. The weather was very warm. We put in ten hours each day, and as you may imagine, we were thoroughly tired out when we closed on Friday night. The good people of Newton gave us our fair entertainment. Bro. W. W. Faulkner and myself were entertained in the comfortable home of sister Wiley. The special feature of the meeting was very pleasant and profitable. We went into a

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION under the name of Southeast Alabama Ministers' Conference, with Bro. R. Deal, president, A. J. Preston, secretary, J. F. Register, committee. These brethren constitute an executive body, who will have charge of all the affairs of the conference. The next meeting will be held at Dothan, Abbeville. The meeting closed with a collection for missions amounting to about \$40. This one of the banner churches of Alabama. Pastor Preston did the honors of the occasion in good style.

I was with pastor Underwood at this church last Sunday. It made me feel a sort of longing for the "old country" of my childhood to be in this country. The lands are rich, and the crops were good, and the people well-to-do. The crowds on Sunday were there in great shape. Bro. Underwood said "my coming didn't have one thing to do with it—that they always came to when they could get there. Be that as it may, they were there, and we had dinner on the ground, and plenty of it, and as it was a special occasion, we had a collection for missions, which I regarded as very handsome. After dinner we had an address from Bro. Jesse Dickson. By the way, this was Bro. Dickson's day here in his Sunday-school work. Addresses were made by others; among them was one from Bro. McLendon, of Ramer. Much good is being done in these meetings.

I regard this as one of the best country churches I have ever visited. Sorry I did not have the pleasure of meeting Bro. Amos Jones, at whose home I spent a pleasant evening, but he with his two daughters were at Richmond at the Confederate reunion. Bro. Underwood has a strong hold on these people.

SPRING JUNCTION. We spent the night here. Had a very good service at night. I was not well. Bro. Underwood didn't believe I was sick, and refused to believe I could. I intend to visit them again. Bro. B. A. Jackson is pastor here. S. O. Y. RAY.

He who can laugh at himself may laugh at others.

Dr. F. L. Wilkins, of Chicago, was in Texas for the first time, and his address at the B. Y. P. U. Convention on "The Baptist's Future" was reported as a masterly effort. Bro. W. D. Powell, of Mexico, in his usual manner, thrilled his auditors by relating hair-breadth escapes, but by telling of dangers being removed. God's Word is marching on in the land of the Montezumas.

Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, was among his friends, and captured the convention by his earnest words in speaking of the work of the Sunday-school board of the Southern Baptist convention. His array of figures to show what had been accomplished in five years opened the eyes of many to see the importance of the board. He made no boast, but thanked God for what had been done by the Baptists of the South.

Bro. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., President of the Southern B. Y. P. U., made a fine impression. Many complimentary remarks were made about his address. I enclose clipping from the local paper, so that you may read what was said of him.

The secretary of the Sunday-school and Colportage board, Bro. W. C. Luther, after four years of most efficient service, resigned in order to accept the position of district superintendent of the American Baptist Publication Society. His new field of labor includes Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Every effort was made to retain Bro. Luther, but we had to yield to the inevitable. His successor is Bro. E. C. Everett, of San Antonio. We wish for him a large measure of success, and to speak for him the hearty co-operation of Texas Baptists.

Bro. J. B. Cranfill, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard was not well enough to attend the convention. His assistants, Miss Hollie Harper and Bro. Carroll Smith, represented the paper, and have doubtless prepared excellent reports. Miss Harper was a faithful city missionary in Dallas for several years, and is a leader among the Baptist ladies of Texas. Bro. Carroll Smith is an enthusiastic worker of the B. Y. P. U. as well as a writer of ability. Bro. S. A. Haynes, editor of the Texas Baptist and Herald, was a prominent figure at the convention. He is an aggressive man, and has a strong following among the conservative Baptists of Texas.

"Earnest Willie," Bro. W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, was at the convention. He is still an invalid, but, seated in his rolling chair, he speaks in such a manner as to win the hearts of his hearers. It is a pleasure to talk with him. Bro. W. M. Harris, of Galveston, late

recently attended the state convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Texas, at San Antonio.

Moderator Harris next, in a happy way, introduced Mr. L. O. Dawson, of Alabama, president of the Southern Baptist Young People's Union. Bro. Dawson, in an especially happy way started off in an interesting speech.

"When I first met Bro. Harris," said Mr. Dawson, "he used to tell me great yarns about Texas. He used to tell how a voting precinct in Texas was as large as a county elsewhere; a county as large as an ordinary state, and Texas itself larger, by a couple of acres, than the planet whereon it was situated. Well, out there in that great district he said the cattle used to be chased by cowboys, the cowboys by Indians, the Indians by the wind and storm and the storm again by the cattle, and so on."

This graphic description of Texas turned loose was followed by a few choice stories at Moderator Harris' expense, after which Mr. Dawson spoke as follows:

"I believe," he said, among other things, "that the Baptist Young People's Union is organized on a broad idea. There is not a single narrow idea in it that has come to my knowledge. I believe that we have the Bible with us from Genesis to Revelation, and I believe that we have the material in our ranks to win the whole world to Christ."

"Yet, with all that, it is a sad fact that we often find our young people falling away from us, joining other congregations. I believe that this work that we are engaged in is necessary in order that our young people may know why they are Baptists."

"Of course many people say that the Bible is so explicit that if the young people but study the Bible they cannot help but grow up Baptists. This would be the case, too, were it not for the counteracting influences that are soon brought to bear on the young Baptist. He gets into the city and is told that it is fashionable to be a non-Baptist, and that it is all right, since they are all converted Mr. 'Used to be,' when a Baptist married a party of another church it was the natural thing for the Baptist to join the other denomination. But it is now otherwise; they are Baptists forever."

The speaker closed with a detailed statement of the workings of the Union and words of praise as to their helpfulness in church work.

Education is leading human souls to what is best and making what is best of them. The training which makes men happiest in themselves also makes them most serviceable to others.—John Ruskin.

Julian Broadas, Berryville, Va.: Every member of the church is furnished with an envelope by the committee on Foreign Missions, marked Foreign Mission collection. At the same time the committee is expected to distribute tracts on Foreign Mission work. The Sunday before the collection, the pastor makes a talk on the needs of the work and the duty of giving to it. Our time for taking the collection is the 3rd Sunday in February. I do not know what the amount was last convention year, as our treasurer does not make his report till August; for several years previous it was about \$150 per year. Under the above plan our contributions have been larger than formerly.

C. C. Brown, Sumter, S. C.: Our mission method is very simple. At the end of each year promises for the next year are made by the members, on a little card circulated among them. These amounts are entered against the subscribers by a collector, on a book kept for the purpose, and comprise a regular account of indebtedness. Pledges are payable monthly. If not paid within three months, the collector in person visits the subscribers and collects the dues. We have 280 members. About 120 are contributors to Foreign Missions. We gave last year \$120 to your board. The Foreign Mission receipts are about 10 per cent of the total income for home expenses, including everything.

J. C. Brewton, Eastman, Ga.: We have 125 members. For all purposes we raised during the last conventional year, \$1,685, which was paid out as follows: Pastor's salary, \$700; Foreign Missions, \$450; Home Missions, \$125; State Missions, \$125; ministerial education, \$75; Mercer University, \$25; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$25; charities, etc., \$150. For missions and kindred objects we pay monthly. Once a year we have a week of prayer, self-denial, and study for missions. These meetings have been exceedingly helpful. We endeavor to view the work from a scriptural standpoint and then give our means from a sense of duty and as a glorious privilege. No begging is ever done to raise money for the Lord's cause.

J. L. White, Macon, Ga.: It is the custom in our church to take an annual collection for Foreign Missions during the month of March. Besides the three missionary societies make monthly contributions. The total for past year was \$1,000. Our membership numbers 725. Our home expenses are \$6,000, which includes the salary of a city missionary. This last amount does not include our gifts to education, Home Mis-

sions, charity, etc. It is our purpose to secure the gifts to missions by December, so that the Board for our use should our churches their contributions early in the winter, the great question would be solved.

Now let us learn these lessons: 1. Mission development we need. 2. A pastor must be a bold, earnest and a missionary at heart. 3. We must pray, and pay for missions if we would lead others to do great things. 4. Every plan must be backed by prayer. No plan works itself. 5. We cannot do all. Brethren should help to carry out the plan.

Every plan should be so arranged that the funds for mission should be coming in during the Convention year, so that the work should not have to be carried on with borrowed money and heavy interest accounts. Members of every church should take the Foreign Mission Journal, which costs very little. 6. Combined individual efforts can only result in a fully. 7. We need deeper spirituality. 8. We need deeper spirituality. 9. We need deeper spirituality. 10. We need deeper spirituality.

R. J. WILLINGHAM,  
Cor. Secretary.

Taylor at Richmond. The regular papers of Richmond, Va., as well as the Religious Herald, speak quite enthusiastically of Dr. Taylor's recent baccalaureate sermon preached before the college in that city on the occasion of the Thomas Memorial Hall of the College was thrown open to the public for the first time for the purpose of a thing of beauty architecture, and the general effect was enhanced by the special decorations. The hall was crowded with people.

To whom is committed the Lord's Supper; to the church or to individuals? Elds. J. W. Sandlin and J. Gunn.

If there be time we want to hear from the brethren on the best plan to conduct revival meetings; also, of what account is a member who will not attend church, help bear its expenses, or pay to missions.

Religious services will be in the hands of devotional committee. T. R. BRAGG, J. A. WALKER, W. S. HOWELL, Committee.

For the Alabama Baptist. Prof. Smith and Howard College.

At this distance I have been watching with somewhat of apprehensive interest the tide of affairs in Alabama relative to Howard College. While the pictures which have been drawn in the paper are gloomy enough, they have been greatly relieved by the expressions of loyalty and devotion on the part of some of the Baptists of Alabama.

I believe the college is destined to live. I do not believe that Baptists will suffer it to die. There will be a sufficient number found who will rally about it and save it. The liberality which is now being shown will eventuate in the redemption of the college.

Now that Dr. McGaha has resigned, I am sure no wiser step could have been taken by the Board of Trustees than to elevate Prof. Smith to the chairmanship of the faculty. A most intimate contact with him of five years served to convince me of two things, viz., his mastery of details, and his remarkable business insight. He will prove a most useful and painstaking officer and one entirely worthy of the confidence of the Baptist pastorate of Alabama. But he cannot succeed, nor can any other, without Baptist co-operation. Altogether, I regard the outlook of the college more assuring than it has been for a long time. There is hard work ahead, and much of it; but there are men in control who will bring things to pass as readily as any others living.

A chairman of the faculty, Prof. Smith brings to his responsible position experience, tact, wisdom, and gift of management. I shall be surprised if Howard College does not prosper during his administration. B. F. RILEY.

Athens, Ga.

Selfishness is the mother of sin. A harsh word to a child may destroy an angel.

The right kind of a Christian will always do right.

A temptation resisted is a foe overcome.

What Has Become of the Children?

They are very scarce these days. It is a rare thing to see them now. We do not mean that there are no young people. They are as plentiful as ever. But we mean genuine, old-fashioned children. Boys that go barefooted and wade in the branch and stump their toes, and have an average of two or three tied up all the time. Boys that carry a small junkshop in their pockets, and don't know near so much about polite society manners as they do about bird-nests and the best fish holes. Girls that go barefooted and wear aprons and sun-bonnets and hunt hen-nests with their brothers. Alas! they have gone out of style now, and we have a generation of little misses who give entertainments in the latest style, send their aprons and "receive" before they are ten years old, and are old in society ways long before they are grown up. Boys and girls who belong to clubs at the age at which their parents were making mud pies and frog houses. There is nothing so refreshing as a genuine boy, so delightful as a genuine girl. But these little grown-up people, with their clubs and receptions, that put on the airs of grown people and talk like Bostonians, present a spectacle that would be ridiculous if it were not so sad.

Our advice to parents would be to keep their children at home. All too soon, the flying years will bring them to manhood and womanhood with all the cares and struggles of maturity. All too soon for you, will they grow out of your home and leave it for homes of their own. While they may, let them enjoy the fresh, innocent joys of childhood. It will be a sweet memory to them in the years to come. They were given, not to be reared as hot-house plants, but to be trained for useful men and women. Let them grow gradually and there will be more sturdiness about their maturity. We have seen a great number of phenomenal children, but they generally outgrow their smartness, as they do their clothes, and turn out to be very ordinary mortals. Don't rob your children of childhood.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

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