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SECULAR NOTES.

Commissioner Culver is zealously looking after the placing of Alabama's exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial, which is now open at Nashville. This is an important matter to this State. Our varied resources should be full and complete that the world may know how great we are. Messrs. W. S. Hutchison and W. H. Raymond and some other Alabamians are organizing an Alabama association in Nashville, one of the main purposes of which is to show courtesy to Alabamians who visit the Centennial.

Officers of the Improved Order of Red Men for the ensuing year, for Alabama:

Grand Sachem, R. V. Star, of Greenville.

Senior Sachem, W. C. Kimbrough, of Mobile.

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K. of P. State officers elected recently at Huntsville, are as follows:

Supreme Representative, Tenn. Comax, Montgomery.

Past Grand Chancellor, John H. Donohoe, Talladega.

Grand Chancellor, Charles R. Beckwith, Laverne.

Grand Vice Chancellor, J. G. Thomas, Mobile.

Grand Prelate, J. B. Wadsworth, Birmingham.

Grand K. of R. and S., L. J. Adler, Usticktown.

Grand Master, Exchequer, J. Giel, Montgomery.

Grand Master at Arms, D. C. Cooper, Oxford.

Grand Insignia, Guard, W. H. Wilder, Birmingham.

Governor Black signed the Greater New York charter on the 5th inst. The following is a brief synopsis of the main provisions of the new charter:

The municipality is divided into five boroughs, Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond, which are in turn each sub-divided into ten council districts. The mayor will be elected for four years at a salary of \$15,000 per annum, instead of for two years at \$10,000, as at present. With the exception of the comptroller, who will be elected by popular vote, all municipal officers will be appointed by the mayor, who may be removed during the first six months of his tenure. There will be only one police force, under a bi-partisan board of four, at present. The department of public works is abolished, and water supply, sewer, bridge and street bureaus will replace it, their heads to be appointed by the mayor. There will be a municipal legislature of two houses, the council of twenty-eight members elected from designated districts, and the assembly of five members from each of the twenty council districts in the Greater New York.

Brooklyn and Long Island City are no longer known on the map. Greater New York covers a territory of 450 3/4 square miles, thirty-two miles long and sixteen miles wide, with an estimated population of about 3,400,000, second in both respects, only to London. The first mayor will be elected November next.

For The Alabama Baptist.

International Y. M. C. A. Convention at Mobile.

We have just had with us the International Y. M. C. A. Convention, made up of picked young men from all over the Union, from Canada, from South America, Australia and perhaps from other countries, six hundred in all. Mobile seemed to have charmed them with her hospitality and diversions, and they left behind them good impressions and wholesome influences that will not be effaced for years to come, if ever.

The body as a whole was characterized by youthful strength, wholesome vigor and fervid enthusiasm mingled with genuine piety. Among the leaders and speakers were a score of men whose fame is national, and in a few instances international; and the two persons whose influence was felt most were Jno. R. Mott, of New York, and Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., of Northfield, Mass. Both are men of power, Mr. Mott as an organizer among

young men, and Mr. Scofield as a speaker. The two men were notable for their spiritual power. It set the keynote for the whole convention, and will doubtless be long felt by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Much business of importance was transacted, and new and significant steps were taken in the direction of establishing more thorough and uniform study of the Scriptures in all Associations of the world.

The address of Bishop Seassons of Louisiana, on the value of Personal Work in saving man, was distinguished by a manner too self-conscious, and a style too ornate, and thought too general to be deeply impressive; all of which was in direct contrast to the plain Bible studies, which were a positive inspiration to everybody. Absolute harmony, and genuine, prayerful and hearty cooperation were everywhere apparent; and the spirit that underdominates all such conventions would do well to catch, and having caught, to keep. Not a personal allusion was indulged, nor a single thorn thrust into anybody's side. Why can not preachers meet together in the same way?

Among the speakers in the various appointments for Sunday was Mr. Pierce, a rich manufacturer, and leading Baptist layman of Dayton, Ohio. He spoke in the St. Francis Street Baptist Church on some aspects of the Y. M. C. A. work from a business point of view.

Altogether the convention was a good one, and it is to be hoped, left a good impression on the young men of Mobile. It was a very apparent that the Y. M. C. A. is evolving into better things. Its methods are becoming less mechanical and more spiritual. Its tone is more spiritual. Educational and athletic no longer seek to take the place of religion; and when it takes other things, it is to become more and more a part of the religious life of the church members, instead of being things to pass their time.

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This world will never be won for Christ until our practice walks hand in hand with our doctrine.

I believe our churches should discipline their members when they are able and will not settle their honest debts. The discipline will bring to the surface either principle or policy. I am persuaded that dishonest dealings among church members are hurting the cause of our Lord as the devil never can do.

Avondale, R. M. HUNTER.

To the Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist College Institute and Normal School, Danville, Ala.

The Trustees of this institution received by the Home Board from the pastor of a small German church in Missouri, which has been planted by the board:

"Dear Bro. Tichenor: Owing to the hard financial condition of the treasury of the Home Board, this church at its last business meeting adopted the following resolution: 'That we pledge ourselves to raise within the first quarter of the beginning conventional year at least \$50, besides our regular annual collections.'

"That we at once inform the board about this resolution, so that this amount may be counted in if a special collection for the Home Board should be taken at Wilmington."

"As we have started a subscription list right away, I am glad to tell you that \$45 are signed already and I hope that we will be able to send you \$60 instead of \$50 by the first of August."

"If the brethren could only do as they would, I am sure they would gladly give twice as much, but the high waters of the Gasconade river have done so much damage in the last two years that they are not able to do any more."

"We could be self-supporting now if it had not been for the great expenses of these years, and the destruction of property by the river floods."

"Wishing you a very blessed meeting, I remain, dear brother, Yours in Christ, ECKHARD UMBACH."

Bay, Mo., April 24th.

For the Alabama Baptist District Meeting.

The western district meeting of the Cahaba association will convene with Macedonia church near Havana on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.: Devotional exercises and organization by the moderator.

10 a. m.: Is the religion of today an improvement over that in the days of the apostles? Revs. J. B. Pool, J. Lovelace, Joo. Tucker, J. H. Payne and J. M. Ford.

11 a. m.: Introductory sermon, by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, alt. J. B. Pool.

2 p. m.: Is the influence of our churches what it should be? If not how may it be improved? Rev. J. E. Barnes, P. T. Harris, J. Lovelace, Jasper Horn, W. A. Christenberry, T. S. Nabors, Joo. S. Davis.

3 p. m.: How may our churches be best disciplined? Brethren Joo. Tucker, J. W. Mitchell, J. B. Pool, K. T. Stringfellow, G. W. Carter, J. M. Ford, Joo. Stivender, J. W. Haggard, J. C. Spencer

