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International Y. M. C. A. Convention at
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We have just had with us the Inter-
national 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,
with her hospitality and divers am-
usements, and it is quite certain that
they left behind them good impres-
sions and wholesome influences that
will not be effaced for years to come,
if ever.
The body as a whole was charac-
terized by youthful strength, whole-
some vigor and fervid enthusiasm
tempered 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
the churches.

note of like kind, on a so-called

brother. I would sell all but one
suit of clothes that I might practice
what I preach.
This world will never be won for
Christ until our practice walks hand
in hand with our doctrine.
I believe our churches should dis-
cipline their members when they
are able and will not settle their
hands to the surface either principle
or policy. I am persuaded that dis-
honest dealings among church
members are hurting the cause of
our Lord as the devil never can do.
A. W. DALL, R. M. HUNTER.
To the Trustees
of the North Alabama Baptist College
Institute and Normal School,
Danville, Ala.
The Trustees of this institution

HOME MISSION BOARD COLUMN

FOREIGN POPULATION.
In writing the report of the
Home Mission Board for the year
1897 the following facts were
used in connection with the work
among the foreign population.
This is a broad and difficult field.
Minds that have been imbued with
the error of doctrines and signs
of a corrupt Christianity
fold themselves slowly under the
sun of righteousness, but they im-
pressions they receive are endur-
ing and their religion when matured
of experience is of sturdy growth, and
the fruit of their godly lives is
cheering to behold. The liberality
of our German churches is not less
than fourfold greater than that of
our English speaking people.
After this paragraph was written

ble position, can afford to indulge

in bad habits or despise the good
opinion of those who know him
best. He has to stand trial before
he begins, and must maintain a good
character in order to retain the en-
dorsement of the security company
which stands pledged for his hon-
esty.
All men, and especially boys and
young men, should be impressed
with the fact that success in life de-
pends largely upon character.
Truthfulness, honesty, sobriety,
promptness, carefulness, watchful-
ness and politeness, these elements
go to make up the successful man.
For The Alabama Baptist.
No. 115 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery.
It was covered at Danville, according
to announcement, Sunday, April 17.

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To the Churches of the Mont-
gomery Association.
Pursuant to a resolution passed
at the meeting of the last associa-
tion at Wetumpka, authorizing the
organization of a Sunday-school
Convention within the bounds of
the association, a meeting was held
with Bethel church at Fort Deposit,
on Saturday and Sunday, the 10th
and 11th of April, at which there
were nine churches in the associa-
tion represented. There was a fine
spiritual interest manifested, and
the discussion of live, practical
questions bearing upon the Sunday-
school work was heartily entered
into.
The undersigned were appointed
as an executive committee of the
convention to communicate with
the churches as possible encourage the
building up of the Sunday-school
work, and securing all the infor-
mation possible with regard to the
work, that we might be able to
make a full report to the associa-
tion, which meets with the Adams
Street church, Montgomery, in July.
We are especially desirous of secur-
ing a hearing from the churches not
represented at the Sunday-school
Convention at Fort Deposit.
Now, brethren, those of you who
have Sunday-schools in your
churches, let us hear from you at
once, stating the condition of your
school, how many teachers and pu-
pils you have, and whether or not
you are growing spiritually and in
numbers. And especially do we
want to hear from the churches that
have no Sunday-schools, and let us
see if we cannot organize at once.
If we can help you in any way, we
will be delighted to be of service.
We shall be glad to get a report
from every church in the associa-
tion. There were no statistical re-
ports made to the Sunday-school
Convention; hence, it is important
that we hear from all the churches.
Be sure, in selecting delegates to
the association, to send some who
are actively interested in Sunday-
school work.
The following churches were not
represented at the Sunday-school
Convention at Fort Deposit: Beth-
any, Bethesda, Clayton Street,
Deatsville, Friendship, Haynesville,
Hope Hill, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Leba-
non, Mt. Zion, Pine Level, Pratt-
ville.
Use the following form in giving
information concerning your school:
Superintendent _____
Secretary and Treasurer _____
Merrill, but they _____

Central Committee.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Mrs.
L. F. Stratton, President, Birmingham;
Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice President, Bir-
mingham; Mrs. L. C. Brown, Secretary,
East Lake; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Texas,
Birmingham; Mrs. Geo. E. Bager, Vice-
President Ex. Com., Montgomery.
PRAYER CARD.—MAY.
Africa.—"Lift up your eyes and
look on the field." S. B. C. Mis-
sion opened, 1850; missionaries, 61;
native assistants, 8; churches, 61;
membership, 247; baptisms, 61;
schools, 31 scholars, 110; Sunday-
school scholars, 150. Contribu-
tions, \$457 49.
Study Topics.—Kriger, the Afri-
can; Curtin, and the Foreign
Republic; the African Union; the
return to Africa; the African
religion a more hopeful state than
Chinese indifference, or Japanese
rationalism.
There has been a remarkable
growth of Christianity in Uganda,
since King Mwanga ordered the
massacre of bishop Hannington
and so many Christian converts,
less than eleven years ago. Dur-
ing bishop Tucker's recent visit to
the country he ordained five natives
to the diaconate and three to the
priesthood, licensed twenty-two as
preachers, and confirmed more
than two thousand converts. One
of the natives recently ordained
was Sheikh Mukasa, who, in 1890,
was one of the envoys sent to the
coast by the British to see the con-
sular situation. "His earnestness
and devotion," the bishop writes, "are
beyond all question." The ordina-
tion service was attended by
from 3,000 to 4,000.—Missionary
Review.

WHAT DO CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES

SEND ANNUALLY TO AFRICA.
More than ten million gallons of
the "happy" vilest, deadliest stuff
ever manufactured were sent by
these six Christian countries into
Africa.
England sent 3,134 gallons.
Germany sent 7,825,942 gallons.
The Netherlands sent 1,026,146
gallons.
United States sent 737,650 gal-
lons.
France (pure alcohol) sent 495-
944 gallons.
Portugal sent 91,525 gallons.
Boston, the headquarters of the
American Board of Commis-
sioners of Foreign Missions ex-
ports of rum to Africa for five
years ago, was 500,000 gallons.
The cause of this trade is
the "happy" vilest, deadliest stuff
ever manufactured, which is
224 gallons, besides 141,573 gallons
of other spirits."
MISSIONARIES HANDICAPPED.
Rev. James Johnson, who has
labored in the island of Logos for
eighteen years, states that "pack-
ages of gin and rum were found
everywhere. Large steamers loaded
with liquor lay at anchor; ware-
houses were crammed to the doors
with gin; canoes were loaded with
gin; highways and byways, the
river bank and the bush were lit-
tered with demijohns. The very
soil of Abiokuta, seemed composed
of broken bottles. At Aforjays
the seats in the churches were
empty gin boxes.
Notwithstanding discouragements
of this kind, our missionaries write
as follows:
From C. E. Smith: Dear brother-
—Last Sunday I baptized ten
persons. There was one very old
woman, and one girl about fourteen
years old. The rest were three
young men and three boys. I have
had them waiting a good while
that we might not be mistaken in
receiving them. This makes six-
teen baptisms in this church this
year. Not as many as at other
times, and very few in comparison
to this great host of unbelievers;
but as the number of Christians in-
creases I feel that the responsibility
of their training is very great.
Ogboomon, Dec. 20, 1896.
From W. T. Lumley: Dear
Brother—Despite all Christian
and civilizing activity and effort
Abbeokuta is in the deadly grip of
the rum trade. Where polygamy,
run-down Mohammedanism are
the only things which remain
and principles of Baptists are held,
even by other Christians, and you
have some idea of the evils that
afflict our cause in Abbeokuta.
Yet amid all, I am thankful to say,
we are not entirely without some
signs of hopefulness.
Abbeokuta, Nov. 24, 1896.
A letter from Rev. M. L. Stone,
Logos, Africa, informs us of the
death of Rev. A. S. Eli, one of
our native pastors stationed at
Hausa Farm, Africa. This loss
is the heavier to our work on ac-
count of the diminution of our
forces in Africa by death and the
necessitated return home of other
workers.
The insurgent war in Cuba con-
tinues, as to what extent no one
can tell from the conflicting reports.
As yet the United States Congress
has taken no steps, but still adheres
to neutrality.
An old backer resembles a pair
of scissors with only one blade.
The preaching that is aimed at
the head generally misses the heart.

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ADVICE WE RECEIVE.

Certainly the Lord is abundantly blessing the Baptists all along the line. All the boards practically out of debt; the Judson clear of debt; the Howard sure of relief, and now comes the glad news that the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, have settled the "Whittitt matter."

We rejoice with joy unexpressed over the wise and honorable settlement of the "Whittitt matter." At one time it seemed that trouble was sure to come; but God over-ruled the storm on all sides. We rejoice further that the position assumed by the Board of Trustees is practically the position taken by the ALABAMA BAPTIST and held by it from the very inception of the controversy. While we may not have been as fortunate and happy in expressing our views as the trustees, yet by reference to our treatment of the question we could not arrive at any other conclusion. We are in perfect accord with the action of the convention, and had we been present we would have given vent to our hearty endorsement by singing the following hymn:

CONVERSION OF CHILDREN.

Quite a diversity of opinion exists among our Baptist people regarding this important matter. Within the past few years our mind has undergone a great change. We have spoken to many thousands of children during the past ten years, and the result of our observation and investigation leads us to conclude that many, very many children understand saving grace and have a knowledge of Jesus, to a greater degree than many who are much older in years.

Baptists have always held the conversion, in the popular acceptance of the term, is the work of the Holy Spirit; and there is no reason why children should not experience that work at an earlier age than many suppose. Childhood is naturally trustful, teachable, forgiving, unless warped and spoiled by adverse influences; it stands very near the kingdom and exhibits the qualities which mark the beginnings of Christian life. Jesus loved little children; he took them in his arms and blessed them, and to certain converts he said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Psa. says, In malice be ye children; and Peter refers to childhood as illustrating qualities which Christians should cultivate."

Childhood is naturally pious and spiritual; it is not, and sometimes it discloses deep depravity, but by nature it is the best part of the race. Our humanity is like a wreck high and hopeless on the strand; the graceful outlines and fair proportions of the vessel are traceable; the anchor of hope remains, the rudder of conscience still holds and the needle of faith points toward God, while the lamp of love flickers here and there discloses evidence of a grandeur that has passed. But the department of childhood is least damaged of all. Death there is, but death like that of Jairus' daughter, the body still flexible and the bloom scarce faded from the cheek; but in maturer years it is death like that of Lazarus laid in the tomb and hastening to decay.

Argued from these facts the conversion of children seems pre-eminently reasonable. God can change the hardest heart, but not less the heart that is fresh and responsive.

SOME SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

Dr. Gibson, the efficient secretary of the Georgia State Mission Board, has formulated some suggestive tables which indicate the condition of affairs in our sister state. Two suggestive facts lie upon the surface to which attention will be called as soon as the figures are presented. Here are the figures: In Georgia there are 1,548 missionary Baptist churches—so-called. Of these, 360, with a membership of 22,965 give not one cent to the cause of missions. Then 178 churches, with a membership of 11,012 give to all causes \$74.71, which is less than one dollar to the church. Another class, numbering 238 churches, with a membership of 19,084 contribute \$733.81 making about \$3 to the church. It thus appears that 776 churches, with a membership of 53,000 pay \$908.52 to all causes—less than \$1.00.

Of the remainder, 772 churches, embracing a membership of 86,131, contribute \$87,670.79. Now for two suggestive facts. With this alarming deficiency Georgia South in contribution.

Another suggestive fact is that if our churches were only measurably active and doing their duty, the treasuries of our boards would be overflowing with means. Think of 22,765 men and women who claim to be redeemed—who claim to represent in part the great principles which have been operating through long ages for the salvation of the world, doing not one thing for the world's redemption! What does Christ think of this mass of humanity which parades his name in the world as his exponents?

But scarcely better is the next class, whose 178 churches, with an enrollment of 11,012 give less than one dollar to the church.

Still with this inert bulk of humanity infesting so-called Baptist churches—in spite of this, Georgia leads in the contributions to the different causes.

It is not here claimed that the churches which make up the grand total do anything like their duty. Doubtless they could do immensely more. Then if the drones could be brought up to a similar performance of duty, where would be the limit to our work at home and abroad.

Could such a statement as is made above be tabulated in Alabama, we should find certainly a distressing condition of things. We languish and shrivel because of

the divine voice called, he was prepared to answer, Here am I. At the age of eight Josiah began to reign, and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. From a child Timothy was instructed in the Scriptures, and as a young man he became a disciple and a minister of the word. But in many of our homes but little effort is made to lead the children to the Savior, and in some there is positive hindrance. As Talmage suggests, the world comes along in April of a child's life and sows tares; comes along in May and sows dog-fennel; comes along in June and sows Canada thistles; comes along in July and sows sheep-sorrel; and when the best seed time is passed and the summer nearly gone, we come into the field with a great fluster and scatter the seeds of truth. The world was on time, but we are too late. The ground is pre-occupied, and the devil has taken possession.

Our venerable brother, Dr. E. S. Teague, has said that he has never known the Baptist denomination to have such unity of faith as now prevails throughout our ranks. In former years, the Baptist denomination has been rent and torn by factional troubles as one has succeeded the other throughout eventful periods. But these agitations are past and a calm of doctrine has settled upon the denomina-

tion. Significant innovations occur, but they become occasions of passing and quiet comment without raising a whirlwind of passion. Hyper-criticism or meniscism have been suggested on the outskirts by certain great leaders; but no flutter has followed, and our ranks remain unbroken. So far as the Whittitt controversy is concerned, Dr. Teague regards it as unnecessary. Our people have never shunned investigation of the most probing kind, and they do not fear it now upon a mere side-piece of history. He regards it more a matter of merit than of seriousness that district associations should seek to vote a historical matter true or untrue.

Our distinguished brother accounts for the preservation of unity, and the solidity which everywhere obtains throughout the denomination, to the theological seminary. The substantial training there imparted has given praise to the denomination, boldness to the growing pastors and a perceptible strength to the churches.

We had never thought of these things just as our philosophic brother has, but a casual observation proves that he is eminently correct in his conclusions. The combination of all elements into a solid whole makes the Baptist denomination a unit.

mainly an appeal to the young people to start life right. A profanity, gambling, drinking and all sinful pleasures were received by letter; one by experience. We have an interest in harvesting souls. The field is an open one. The enterprise is inviting. Upon the pastors as leaders must come the responsibility of success or failure.

We believe that the moral tone of our people is rapidly improving. A few generations have wrought a wonderful change. The country grog-shop is gone forever. The race-track is a thing of the past. Gambling haunts are watched with such a wary eye that they would obscure retreats in city and in country alike, and their influence is necessarily restricted. The time was when a swaggering, reeling, young man would be accorded courteous attention in social circles. Such a thing now is unknown. Once, men disreputable as drinkers

He can save those that are afar off, but not less those that are nigh. He is the God of the aged, but not less the God of the young.

Being possible the conversion of children is desirable. It saves the child, saves time, enhances usefulness. Many a parent stands by the grave of his dead boy with aching heart, because his destiny is uncertain. Bright and manly fellow, he made no profession of faith, and now he is gone. Where? And the settlement of that awful question is involved in the conversion of the child. Or if the assurance of mature years was given, why should the morning and freshness of life be thrown away in the service of Satan? If a man lets his trees stand in the nursery till they are half grown and then cutting away roots and branches undertakes to set them in the orchard, he never grows with the same vitality and vigor that they might have shown, had they been transplanted earlier. Childhood is the period for the most effective education in spiritual as well as in

FIELD NOTES.

Inadvertently we failed to check the date on our outside page, should be May 13th, instead of 6th.

B. F. White: Our last meeting was a good day at Eden. Large congregation than we have had for some time. The Sunday-school was good; the brethren do not hold like they should. The outlook is encouraging.

Since putting in type the letter of Bro. Stout on our first page comes to us of the very death of his wife. He was in the Southern Baptist Seminary

W. J. D. Uphaw, Round Had a good meeting at Linn last Sunday. Good congregation. Fine interest in Sunday-school work. Prayer meeting good, especially the ladies. Lineville, Ala. still booming. People encouraged. We are praying for great revival.

We call special attention to advertisement in another column of a gentleman who is a successful teacher. If you need a fine instructor and schoolman, a thorough young Christian to teach your school, correspond with him at Tuskegee, Ala. We have known him long and well. He will do his promises. He is well qualified.

Greenville: As announced, W. M. Murray, of Georgia, preached at both services. Sunday morning subject, "The seven blessings," Psalm 91. In the evening the theme was, "Truth thoughts," Dan. 5:6. Bro. Murray and also Dr. Ed. Broughton, former superintendent of the day-school were welcome visitors among us.

C. L. Hughes, Greenville: Pisgah on last Sunday, had a congregation and much interest in our people growing spiritual. Sabbath-school progressive. We have a No. 1 superintendent of the same class of teachers. We are praying for every temporal

fare. Prospects in all my churches bright. We rejoice to see the congregations. We are encouraged to believe that this will be a year in the Lord's work.

The church at Union Springs centrally called its young pastor, E. W. Mar-hall, indefinitely. M. modestly says the call prompted by an excess of kind. The best churches in town, country are adopting the custom indefinitely instead of annual.

The Union Springs church have Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Louisville, to assist in a series of meetings. He will begin on Tuesday morning after the 4th Sunday May inst.

Bro. W. A. Whittle, of Birmingham, writes: I am now at Rockford in a meeting with W. R. Whitley. Prospects bright, but time very limited. I just returned from a month's work in Georgia. The Lord greatly blessed my labors. I was in Rome, Shreveport, Lake Charles, New Orleans. I now have invitations to hold meetings in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee. I have three committal sermons to preach in Alabama and two in Georgia.

R. L. Ennis, Jordan: Our preaching at Mt. Hebron was very successful.

Some practical lessons from this passage are:

1. As to Christ's side of the incident—(1) A Savior ready to hear and answer the prayer of the distressed. (2) A Savior able to relieve the distress, though, like leprosy, it is beyond human understanding how healing may be possible. (3) A Savior expecting grateful acknowledgment of his goodness. (4) A Savior grieving over the absence of grateful acknowledgment.

2. As to the human side of the incident, we have: (1) The needy praying for help. (2) The needy implicitly believing the word of Christ. Else they would not have started to the priest before being healed. (3) The effect of such faith, obedience to Christ's command, in contrast with heartless expressions of gratitude. The nine were doubtless Jews, and as Moses commanded, they showed themselves to the priest. (Leviticus 14:35.) While it is true that God works by law, we are never to forget that his first law is love. It is fair to presume that the nine were cleansed only of their physical disease, while the despised Samaritan was healed spiritually as well. (Verse 19.) (5) God desires that his temporal and physical blessings shall end in the bestowment of the spiritual. Temporal blessings ought to lead men to grateful love to God, and so open the heart for the reception of spiritual blessings.

Program of the fifth Sunday in May to convene with Bethesda Baptist church beginning Friday, May 8th.

Friday, 11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. A. C. Swindall. 1:30 p. m. The importance of church discipline, by Rev. J. H. Colley, S. B. Culpepper and J. H. Hickman.

2:30 p. m. How can the church best stimulate attendance on Saturday meetings, by L. H. Hastie, E. W. Powell and T. J. Pennington.

3:30 p. m. What constitutes an association? and what are its purposes, O. E. Swindall, O. P. Bentley, Jas. Walker.

Saturday, 9 a. m. Devotional exercises, conducted by R. L. Ennis.

9:30 a. m. Growth in grace and how to promote it. O. P. Bentley, J. D. Hughes, S. F. Thomas.

10:30 a. m. What is successful Scriptural church work? W. T. Whitley, W. B. Harmon, L. T. Reeves.

11 a. m. Sermon, by Rev. J. M. Johnson.

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J. R. Keyton, Dothan: For the past few weeks I have attended several meetings of Bro. A. J. Preston, our missionary. At Smyrna, the first Sunday eclipsed all the others. He delivered a map lecture on missions, to four ministers, and about 1,000 listeners. The house would not hold near 200 the congregation. It simply captured all who heard it. Dinner was served on the ground. In the afternoon Bro. Preston preached on repentance, to an attentive crowd. He is an earnest, fine preacher. I was with him at Kinsey, where there were twelve preachers present and the house filled with earnest listeners. Rev. W. M. Wambolt, from Dothan, preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock on missions. Our people were very much pleased. After dinner Home and Foreign missions brethren. At night Bro. Dausty preached for them. Bro. Dausty, pastor of both these churches, and they are in fine condition. Bro. Preston is one of the best workers we have ever seen. He is a grand success.

For the Alabama Baptist. I was interested in Bro. Dawson's article in the last issue of the Alabama Baptist. I wish he had gone further and suggested some practical remedy colleges cannot be expected to manifest a great amount of interest in, or do much towards, the support of an institution which is in lively competition with their own college. When State universities do what they profess to do, real university work, they may reasonably expect denominational patronage and support. Until then, they may expect the cold shoulder from any denomination which has a college, whose curriculum is equal if not superior to that of the State University.

Another question worthy of serious consideration is, whether the State, under its insufficiently equipped institutions on schools, ought to undertake to maintain a university. It is a lamentable fact that our common schools are poorly provided for, both as to teaching apparatus, and until that is remedied, what right has the State to take money from taxes paid by the many to educate the sons of the few? It is the plea for a first-class primary school and academy in every community, as preferable to makeshifts both in common school and university work.

Again, after a boy has obtained a good start, it is much easier for him to complete his education. Opportunities for making the money needed multiply in proportion to his advancement. It is a matter of justice that all the money possible should be expended by the State in the improvement of our primary and preparatory schools. The boy who most needs State help, the boy of meagre opportunities. "If this be treason, make the most of it."

J. V. Dickinson.

Dear Brother: Will you not take collection for Ministerial Education on the third Sunday in May? We have been waiting until after the convention, so as to have a clear field for Ministerial Education. We are now calling upon all the churches to make the third Sunday in May Ministerial Education day. Will your church join us in this? Our board is very anxious to pay what is due the college on Ministerial Education before the close of the session. If we can do this, the present session will be the most splendid business success in the history of the college. But of course, if the college, after giving free tuition to more than thirty students, is required, in addition, to pay their board it will seriously interfere with the business management. May I not hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience? Brother, please do not neglect this important matter.

C. C. JONES, Treas. W. H. HOBSON, Pres. Board Min. Education.

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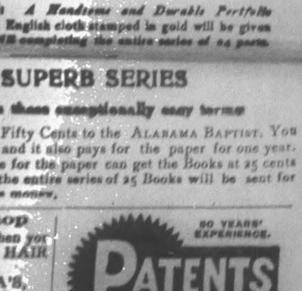
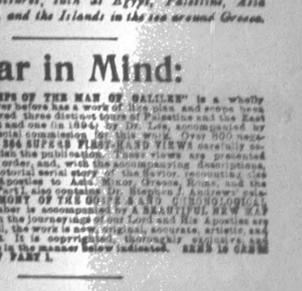
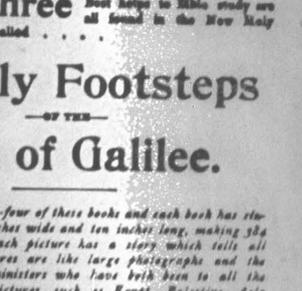
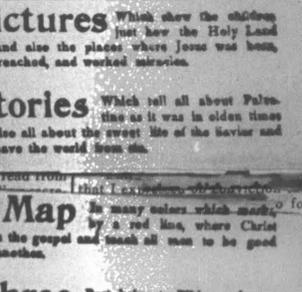
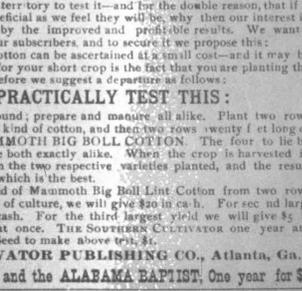
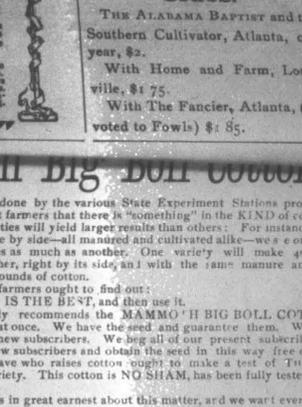
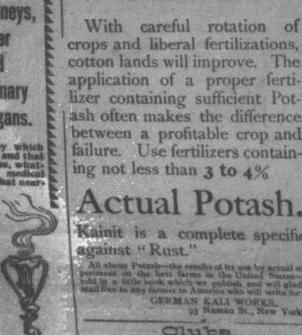
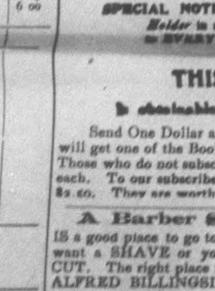
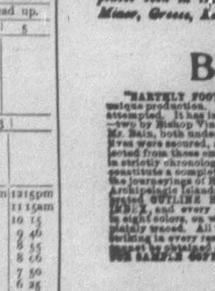
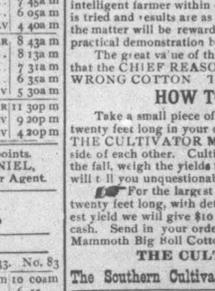
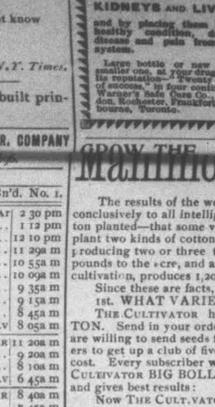
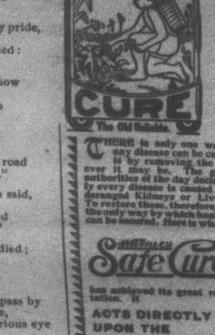
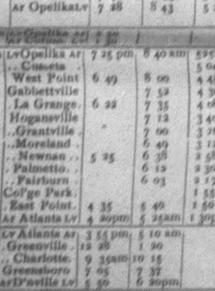
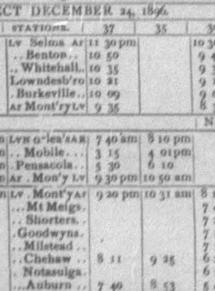
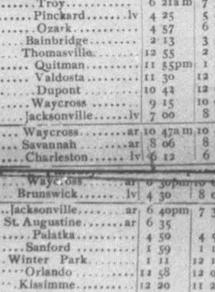
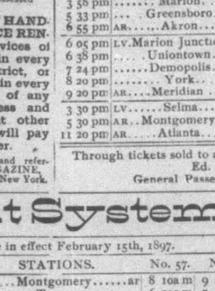
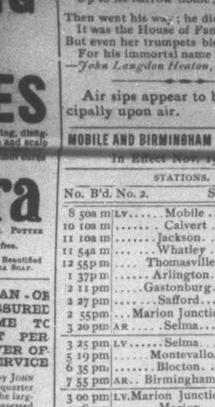
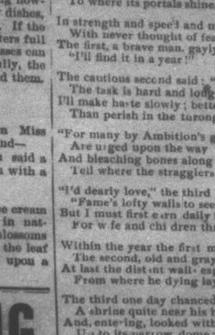
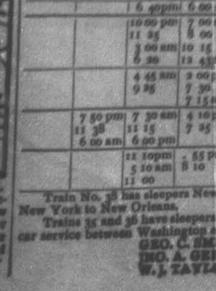
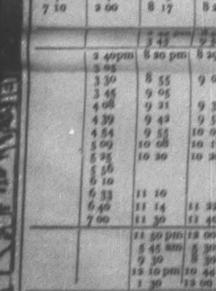
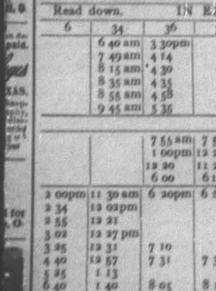
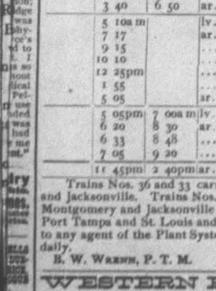
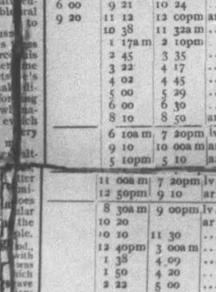
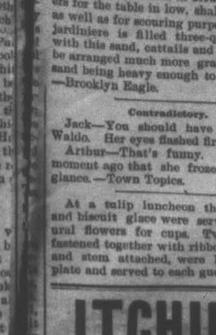
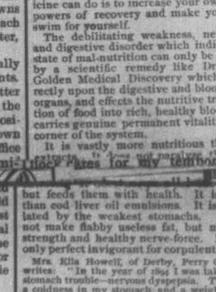
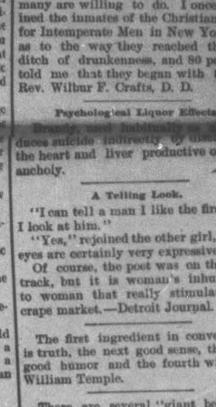
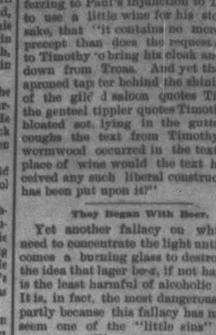
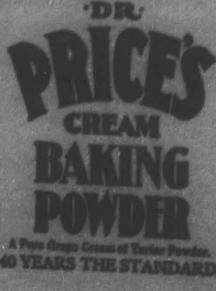
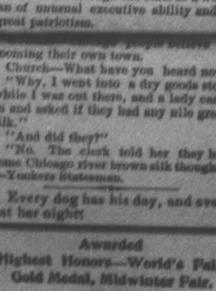
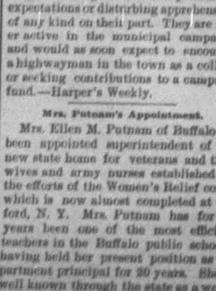
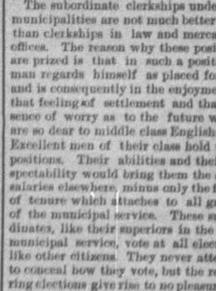
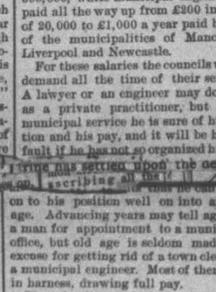
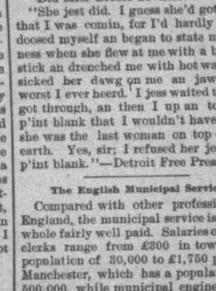
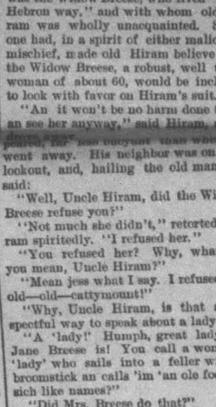
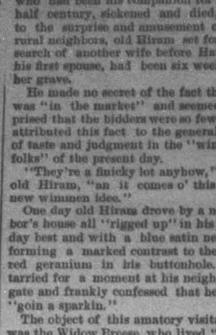
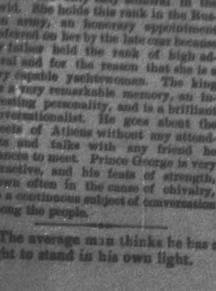
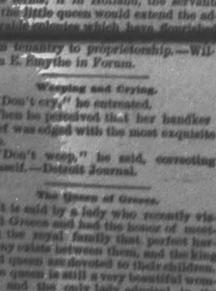
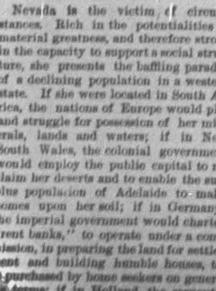
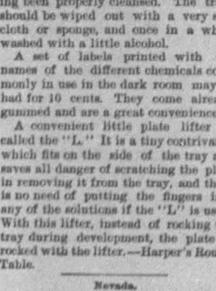
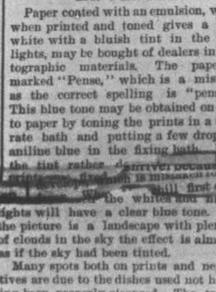
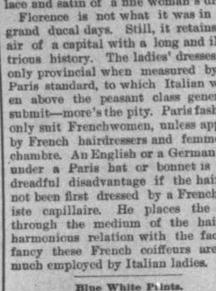
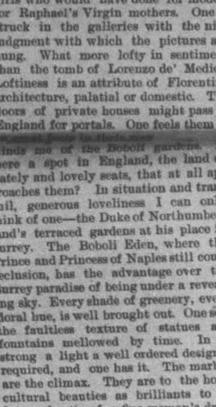
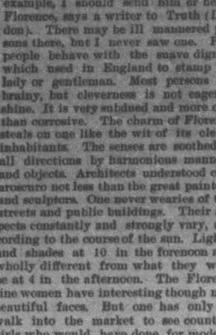
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