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For the Alabama Baptist.

Brazilian Bits.

At last the revolution in the interior of the State of Bahia is vanquished. The monarchists, if they had a hand in this trouble, must be cruelly disappointed. It seems that they staked a great deal upon this affair, and for all that, they had good reason to hope a good result. Four times the regular troops were beaten back, and if the government won, it was not without fighting as by force. The rebel forces were starved to death. As long as it is over, that is all I care for, and with me agree all the peace-loving inhabitants of Bahia.

BUT IS ALL OVER?

I am afraid we are just at the beginning. Trouble is brewing everywhere, and new revolutions are expected daily. The South of Brazil is the eternal peace disturber, and rumors are about that soon we shall hear of a new war, and this time it will be of the blood.

What will decide the future integrity of the great Republic? For, to speak plainly, the South wants to separate and establish a new republic, based upon the mad principles of positivism.

May the good Lord have mercy on poor Brazil, for positivism, you know, is worse than yellow fever.

Speaking about positivism, I may just as well add that it is making big strides in Brazil. They have already one temple in Rio de Janeiro, and I do not know how many more in other places. But not content with the word preached, they are utilizing the great power of the press, and slowly but steadily are filling the land with its pernicious doctrine, which, fortunately, is not understood by more than three-fourths of the population.

But why don't we, who have the truth, the whole truth, don't we utilize the press and fill the land with leaflets and books that teach the love of Jesus? Why? O, but that is a mystery! No one knows why, but nevertheless it is a fact. It is a pity!

And a great pity still is the lack of preachers, missionaries, pastors, etc. From the few we had, two returned and we are left almost alone. Three missionaries for 16,000,000 souls!

Nevertheless we work on and the Lord is blessing his work. It is true that we have not done much, but something has been accomplished and God's name has been honored. O for more men and means! How the cause would prosper! Stir up, brethren, and help us to conquer Brazil for Christ before he returns, for you know his coming is drawing near.

And that makes me think that you have a good chance of getting information about Brazil and the work accomplished in this republic. Call on Bro. J. J. Taylor. He will tell you things that he has seen with his own eyes and handled with his own hands. Call on him to tell you all about our needs and opportunities. Ask him about the Campos church and about the one thousand dollars we need to finish our church building. He knows all about it, and he will tell you all.

That will be enough proof for today. Don't you think so, Bro. Editor? So I'll finish this, wishing you and the brethren of Alabama all the sweet blessings of heaven in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yours for Brazil,

SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.

Missionary.

Campos Baptist Mission, Oct. 18, 1897.

Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, with its \$100,000 endowment takes a place in the front rank.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

The Gnat and the Elephant in Georgia.

Alabama Baptist: I notice in the paper that Georgia is excited over the death of one or two young men who were killed in football games. This is as it should be. All states would do the right thing to protect their citizens from such exciting sports as foot ball, prize fights and the like. But where do the good news and consistency appear in having the legislature to forbid football when there have been but very few people killed in it, while the saloon has killed its thousands of men, and not only a young man here and there, but women and children by the hundreds of thousands. Why make so much ado over a small mortality, while giving so little attention to vastly more deadly matters? Are the Georgians aiming at gnats and swatting elephants?

It is certainly not wrong to prohibit football if it keeps getting killed at such a rate that it is killing as many boys and girls as the saloon kills. But what do we hear from the latter? I see no "goose-grabber" lifting up holy hands against it as though he was excited over the death of the thousands of lovely women and children, to say nothing of the stalwart men who are plunging headlong to sin. And nearly all this slaughter is going on by legislative act, and hence it is legal. Who is it that legalized this greatest of evils? Certainly it is not done by those who are so excited over the football gnat; they surely never voted for a whiskey man to go to the legislature, or signed a petition for a license to any one to make or sell the liquid fire that is so wonderfully destructive. And yet it may be true that there are some who have done this very thing. They are not so excited at the death of a man out of the ordinary way while they are at ease over the starving thousands around them, caused by their legal act. If law can prohibit the one, why not the other?

Georgia has several near neighbors who would do well to look after their fences on this line, by putting the right men at the helm of state. By this means not only football and prize fighting will be doomed and relegated to forgetfulness, but the saloon and all its kindred also. If the elephant is swallowed the gnat will not gag any one. Try it and see.

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Contemplate More.

Dear reader, for contemplation should precede action always; because right should come before preference; and conscience before action.

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brother who was in his situation; capabilities before responsibilities; search before moving; balance before strength; strength before weight; principle before might; duty before pleasure; character before safety; goodness before greatness; struggle before success; justice before gain; mercy before ruling; perseverance before reaching; weeping before rejoicing; toil before blessing; honor before triumph; truth before knowledge; knowledge before wisdom; wisdom before gold; heaven before earth; adversity before revelation; revelation before conviction; conviction before utterance; temptation before resistance; resistance before victory; victory before glory; glory before God; God before man; and the soul of man before all else in the world; for it is all that we can take to God our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off." "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

Since my last writing I have experienced the sadness of parting with three earthly friends to meet no more until we shall stand before His snow-white throne. The departed are Mrs. Matt Hardy, a cousin; Mrs. J. T. Bender, a great aunt, and her sister, Mrs. A. R. Catts, who was the grandmother for whom I was named. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

With love for you through Christ, ANDIE C. CUMPTON.

Pleasant Hill, Ala.

The receiver of stolen goods is held in law as guilty as the thief. And the man who helps to circulate a slander is as bad as the one who originates it. No constraint is put upon any man to act thus. It is wilful and atrocious. To put one's hand into a barrel of pitch, and then go round shaking hands with everybody, is a small offense compared with this. I have frequently found that people who are perfect or most transparent in their actions. It is to hide their own defects that they endeavor to bespeak their neighbor's character. If you go back far enough in their own history, or that of their family, you will find some "skeleton in the cupboard" that had better be kept out of sight. Had they been dealt with as they treat their fellowmen, their name would long ere this have been consigned to eternal infamy.—Rev. Wm. Cochran.

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passers-by, but no one dares mention the hereafter to him.

The nearest church is four miles distant—too far to walk, and having no conveyance, we have met together in a little Sunday-school every Sabbath afternoon, in the sitting room of the hotel, and sung praises unto Jehovah and studied his Word. The children in the immediate neighborhood have always met with us. Last Sunday the proprietors have kindly took some of us to the little Baptist church where Bro. Mason preaches. He gave us a very strong sermon on "examining ourselves." In these days of "holiness," with all of its extravaganzas, that is flourishing like a green bay tree, such sermons and such strong common sense as that of Bro. Mason is truly of our Lord.

No thoughtful person can drive through the pine forests without heartfelt grief over the havoc which the turpentine traffic has produced. "Turpentine boxes" are heaped on all four sides of all trees, little and big. Then forest fires burn deep into them and extinguish what feeble vitality is left from the mercuries "tapping" so our forests now are but one vast area of diseased, sawyer-punctured trees which every strong gale blows off. In a year or more our magnificent timbered forests will be but one tangled heap of decaying logs. When science proclaims so earnestly the important part that our trees play in our rainfall and other natural influences, one cannot feel reconciled to witness the curse that the turpentine traffic has proved to be to our trees which it has taken centuries to produce.

In showing a little fellow of two and a half years of age some magazine pictures, he clasped his hands in delight as we turned to the most beautiful woman in it, and exclaimed "Mamma!" What an exquisite tribute that was to her from her tiny boy's lips. This recalls the many utterances of the sturdiest men and best women here, of the sweet and powerful influence of their mother in their lives. What an inspiration this should be to every mother who is trying to do her best toward her children.

LIDA B. ROBERTSON.

Healing Springs, Nov. 18.

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Ministers' Meetings.

EAST LAKE, TUESDAY, DEC. 14, 1897.

Morning Session—10: Devotional exercises, by Rev. L. M. Bradley.

10:30: Paper by Z. D. Roby, D. D.; subject, The pastor as a leader. Discussed by Rev. J. W. Sandlin.

11:30: Paper by E. S. Tappan, D. D.; subject, Church discipline, as set forth in the Scriptures. Discussed by Rev. W. S. Brown.

Afternoon—3: Devotional exercises, by Rev. J. D. Cook.

3:30: Paper by B. H. Crumpton, D. D.; subject, The second coming of Christ. Discussed by Rev. C. S. Johnson, Sylva, Ga.

5:30: Paper by A. J. Dickinson, D. D.; subject, The Holy Spirit in the New Testament church. Discussed by Rev. G. A. Hornsby.

Evening—7:30: Devotional exercises, by Rev. Wm. A. Parkman.

8: Sermon, by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell.

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

East Lake, Dec. 15, 1897.

PROGRAM.

Morning Session—9:30: Devotional exercises, led by Rev. I. A. White, Orville.

10: Enrollment of delegates, election of officers, and report of Committee on Program.

10:30: Address of welcome and response.

11: Reception of visitors.

11:15: Reception of reports of boards and their reference to appropriate committees.

1. Report of State Board of Missions.

2. Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College.

3. Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

4. Report of Trustees of Judson Institute.

5. Report of Trustees of the Orphan's Home.

6. Report of Field of Directors.

7. Report of Treasurer, Auditor and Statistical Secretary.

1 p. m.: Adjournment.

Afternoon Session—3: Miscellaneous business.

3:30: Appointment of committees to report at this session.

3:45: Discussion of the report of the State Board of Missions, by Rev. J. L. Thompson, President of board.

1. Evangelistic work; Rev. A. E. Barnes, Rev. A. J. Preston.

2. The general work of the board, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary of the State Board of Missions.

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