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CLIPPINGS FROM HERE AND THERE.

Rev. A. B. Carlisle, of Texas, has sailed for Porto Rico to do missionary work.

There never was a church building in Laf Sutan was the first one in it.—D. L. Moody.

God is not pledged to provide crowns for any martyrs except those of his own making.

Of all the converts in Japan only two have ever caused our missionaries any anxiety as to their Christian walk and conduct.

Character is bounded on the north by sobriety, on the east by integrity, on the west by industry, and on the south by gentleness.

If our churches had the social influence of women and the business sense of men, it would not take long to make a nation of angels.

Without a belief in personal immortality, religion surely is like an arch resting on one pillar, like a bridge ending in an abyss.—Max Muller.

The Philadelphia Publication Society is soon to bring out revised New and Old Testaments, all the work of which is being done by Baptist scholars.

June 30, 1896, there were 6,187 distilleries and 1,866 breweries in the United States, representing (1890) a total capital investment of \$209,270,249.

Physical cowardice is rare, but moral cowardice is so common that you may find it in the first man you meet, or—near home—in the man who meets him.—Examiner.

The last three chapters of Revelation correspond with the first three of Genesis. Creation, and new creation; the Paradise of man and the Paradise of God; Paradise lost, Paradise regained; man expelled, Paradise brought back.—Rev. H. Bonar.

Some one asked a Kansas pastor if his church was united and he said: "Oh, yes, frozen together."

The same report might be made of an Alabama church here and there.

Last week when the Maria Teresa, which was being towed to Norfolk, ran into a severe storm, oil was poured on the water as they sought to transfer the more than two hundred officers and sailors.

says that the work could not have been accomplished without the oil. One of the writers were disposed to laugh at the Bible expression "pouring oil on the troubled waters." He is a small man indeed who takes it for granted that the Bible is mistaken in any given particular because he and some others do not know or know that there is no mistake.—Baptist Argus.

Other instances have recently been reported by ship captains. The latest that we remember occurred a few weeks since. The captain said that in a storm, when the waves rolled against his ship so powerfully that he could not control it, he filled a canvas bag with oil and suspended it over the water. The oil dripping rapidly upon the water and spreading out, formed a heavy, smooth surface over which the wind slipped as over glass, and the waves ceased to trouble.

On the Wing.—No. 15.

R. F. RILEY.

Politer and more attractive people than the Swedes I have never seen. They are meek and gentle in disposition, sunny-hearted and energetic, and are what the girls would call "real sweet" people. Their politeness is remarkable. Not business, but simple and modest, and therefore attractive. I may say just here that the American abroad finds people in the majority of European countries far more polite than are his own countrymen. When one rises at the hotel in the morning, he is saluted all along the hallways by the servants with a "good morning," the boys and men invariably lifting their caps, and the girls bowing most gracefully. In the hotel office it is the same.

At the time it is the same still, only that the guests greet you with a morning salutation as well as the servants. When one rises to leave the table, he may be a total stranger to all, he bows a parting salutation. But this is more gently done in Sweden than elsewhere. Stockholm is called "The Venice of the North." It is situated upon a cluster of islands between the Malar Lake and the Baltic Sea. The connecting link between these seas is broad and is dotted over with large and small islands, past which the water passes, in some places with amazing swiftness. These islands are knitted together by numerous handsome bridges where they are sufficiently near, and where they are too remote little steamers are used, passing here and there every minute or two. For beauty of situation Stockholm is unrivaled except by Constantinople. It is unlike Venice in that it is built on islands, and is a beautiful city, with its bridges, people and ornamental gardens. The city is marvellously clean, and one portion seems almost as inviting as every other. It has a population of about 250,000. The king of Sweden and Norway, Oscar II, resides here, and the Royal Palace is a great plain building four stories high, and attracts one's attention more by its massiveness than by its beauty. It crowns an eminence close to the junction between the sea and lake. It is considerably more than a hundred years old, and without it shows the signs of age in a most trying climate.

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BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF ALABAMA—Prof. P. H. Mell, Auburn, President; L. W. Terrill, Birmingham, Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTICE.

The State Board of Missions will meet in Montgomery on Thursday, 22d inst., at 10:30 o'clock, in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. A full attendance is very necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST are open to ALL the Boards for the furtherance of our varied interests. Be it known, that it is the province of each board to publish such of its proceedings as may be necessary, or as it may wish made public. This paper cannot afford to publish the action of boards unless officially authorized to do so. Every effort will be made by us to advance and build up our cause. We appeal to the brethren to help us in this undertaking. To rightly serve the denomination, the Baptist cause in Alabama, we will give our best efforts, earnestly and zealously. Let us "Go forward" and possess the land.

WHILE at the Convention at Opelika we were the guest of the Cooper Hotel, one of the best in the state. Beds good, table good, and servants polite and attentive. We were treated royally, and speak ad-

visedly in saying that when you go to Opelika, and must stop at a public house, we can unqualifiedly recommend the Cooper Hotel.

PASTOR G. A. HORNADY, of Lafayette, had the great misfortune of losing his residence by fire a few weeks ago. He lost not only much of his household goods, but all his theological books. Brethren, let's all of us contribute and replace his library. You may have duplicate copies of books, or some that you can spare; send them to him. We are sure he will highly appreciate such kindness, and it will be doing a generous act in helping an unfortunate brother. Who will send?

THANKSGIVING.

One week from today, being Thursday, the 24th, is THANKSGIVING. Much, very much, have we as a nation for which to be thankful. As a people God has followed us with his goodness and mercy, until today we are the most Bible-religious people on the globe. We stand in the galaxy of nations as the bright particular star, sending out our search light to every land, even the islands of the sea, proclaiming the tidings of salvation to the lost—to such as sit in darkness.

We should be thankful as a state that famine and pestilence have not disturbed us during the past year. Our commonwealth has been exempt from mobs and unfriendly commotions either in civil or political circles. We are today in a favorable position for a forward, progressive movement in civil life, in commercial life, and in religious life. Why not rejoice with each other and give thanks unto the Lord for these encouraging conditions? Let us leave our business for a while on Thanksgiving day and assemble in our meeting houses with our brethren and sisters and neighbors and have a praise service, showing forth our gratitude to God for his manifold blessings. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us.

We earnestly appeal to our preachers to have services on the 24th day of November in all their churches. Let all the people come together with their families and show forth their appreciation of the occasion, and render unto Him that made and presides and thanksgiving that is just and right.

THE CONVENTION.

The Baptist State Convention which was held last week at Opelika, was one of the most interesting, instructive and progressive conventions held since the close of the civil war. We make this assertion because it has been our privilege to attend many of these meetings, and we were never more delighted with the work done. The reports that were read, the speeches made, the devotional exercises, the running discussions were all of the very highest order; in fact, some of the addresses have never been surpassed, if equaled, in any convention. In the past we have heard our strong men, Winkler, Teague, Renfro, Henderson, Hawthorne and others, and we rejoice to see our young men grandly and nobly filling their places and moving forward.

The convention was a success in the way of contributions. Two collections were taken, and the amounts needed were raised without any trouble. These collections were: \$614 for Seminary students' amount of money due the American Baptist Publication Society—\$415.12—has been settled; also the amount due the Sunday School Board—\$1,061.81.

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The Baptist women of the state have contributed to our board during this year in cash and merchandise \$1,050.81.

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J. L. Thompson, president of the State Board of Missions, made annual report.

He said the report covered only ten months; also, as other boards had been separated from this board, the receipts were necessarily smaller.

The report stated that at no time in the history of the board have we begun the work of the year under more discouraging circumstances.

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proposed saying something about the different speeches. We don't expect to get through writing about this convention in a year's writing, but we must stop now.

Bro. T. M. Callaway, pastor at Talladega, kindly reported the proceedings of the Convention for this paper, and he did his work well.

requested to make Howard College one of the denominational institutions to be regularly and systematically fostered.

Report of the Board of Ministerial Education was made by W. A. Hobson, president of the board. Of the twenty-one ministerial students present this session, five are boarding in college, six are in college, seven are in full, eight are in part, ten have regular preaching stations, five preach occasionally.

This year there are thirteen our students in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Receipts from all sources since last December \$1,575.55.

Report of the Institute board made by Rev. G. S. Anderson, reported that we have in Alabama 1,017 white Baptist preachers, 130 have had training of the schools. We have 1,720 white Baptist churches, this number 500 or less contribute the monies to the treasury.

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2. The Correspondence Secretary

This work was begun in January and concluded in the 1st of next year with 26 matriculates. For 1883 year we have no enrollment of pupils.

3. The Sermonizer, 2,000 copies of which are published monthly. There are 940 subscribers.

Dr. Geo. B. Eager read the report on the Judson.

The 60th annual session of the Institute has been one of its most brilliant and successful years in its history. The institution is now free from debt, and is on a foundation.

During last session 168 pupils were enrolled, 117 of whom were teachers. Twenty-two officers and different departments. Special Agent Patrick, D. D., for the institution, is going to move, and by the grace of God I am going to move with it.

2. Another peril is the tendency to innovation. It is our duty to ask for the old paths, and contend earnestly for the faith delivered to the saints. The cry of the age is: "Ring in the old, Ring out the new."

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The committee asked to amend their report by striking out first and second recommendations, and instead recommend that as soon as the amounts subscribed are paid in on the \$767, the State board will collect as rapidly as possible the amount necessary to pay off the mortgage debt of \$1,100.

Rev. A. J. Dickinson discussed the State Board of Missions. He called attention to the fact that it is not Board of State Missions, but State Board of Missions. The work embraces our whole mission field. Our work is more than state missions. The board is not performing the work laid upon it, because the brethren are withholding their contributions. The work of this board is to teach. It must have teaching agencies. Four missionaries are sent out to teach 120,000 people. It seems like a burlesque on our state work. We wait power equal to the work that challenges us.

A telegram was received from the Alabama students at the Seminary, sending greetings, and referred to 2 Thess. 2:16. The secretary was requested to send an appropriate reply.

The Convention adjourned until the night session.

The reading of the 3d chapter of the Constitution was read by Bro. B. H. Crumpton, and soul-stirring singing by the choir and congregation, the convention sermon was preached by Dr. W. G. Curry. He chose as his text 2 Tim. 3:11: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

The churches, he declared, had in all ages been exposed to danger, and they put on strength to resist these dangers. We are still in the midst of perils.

1. One of these perils is the peculiar activity of the times in which we live. Everything is in motion. In the midst of the excitement and hurry of our surroundings we are in danger of infection. Our danger lies in the fact that we cannot control these forces; we are rather controlled by them. In order to cope with this bounding age, we must have a live religion. Senator Brown once said, "The world is going to move, and by the grace of God I am going to move with it."

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SECOND MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services were conducted by Bro. H. L. Martin, who read 1 John, 4th chapter. He remarked that we learn of the infinite through the finite. We know of God's love through human love. Love is the life of God, and it is the life of the child of God. We live through the life of Christ.

Prayers were offered by Brethren S. O. Y. Ray and M. M. Wood.

Bro. R. A. J. Cumbee, chairman of the committee to which was referred a part of the report of the State Board of Missions, read report, recommending that the secretary of our board call upon pastors and other brethren whose churches are now in sympathy and co-operation with our organized work, to give ten days of their time to helping the board, and lay the opportunities and possibilities of the work of our board before the non-co-operating churches.

This recommendation was discussed by brethren W. Y. Quisenberry and A. B. Campbell, and it was unanimously adopted.

The report on Howard College was discussed. In an earnest manner, and after a long session, they were ordered to make an effort for the Alabama Baptist.

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It was one of the most impressive speeches of the convention.

Bro. Willingham would like for every one to realize that this work of missions is God's work. Jesus came back to this world to call Paul as a Foreign missionary. He came back to give John a revelation, and this revelation was for the seven churches of Asia, all Foreign mission churches. It is the duty of some to stay at home and help those who do go.

If a preacher simply fills a pulpit for the purpose of pleasing the people, or the people go to church simply to have a good time, they are falling far short of duty. God will spew such out of his mouth. God has called us into this work to save souls by pointing them to him. Interest in Foreign missions will help the churches at home. When this work was begun one out of fourteen in this country was a member of a church; now one out of three, and one Baptist out of fourteen. There are now 80,000 converts in China; and yet some say, nothing has been done. A transformation has taken place in Japan.

Look at Africa. Livingstone opened the way. Now from north, east, south and west missionaries are taking possession of Africa. And so it is in other countries.

The name of Jesus is the name that will bring harmony out of chaos among the nations of the earth. Some people talk about the Roman Catholicism taking the name. Roman Catholicism can never take this world as long as we have free schools, a free press, and an open Bible.

Most encouraging reports are coming in from our different fields.

The board reported out of debt at last Convention, but while during April more than \$50,000 were received, the six months following only about \$25,000 have been received. The brethren must remember that our expenses are about \$8,000 or \$9,000 per month.

Now let us keep up this work. New missionaries are being sent out.

Don't let us talk about being poor. This country paid one million dollars per day for our recent war. All Protestants in this country give four and a half millions for missions a year. We need a deeper spirituality. We need not only information and consecration, but determination to carry on this work.

The report was adopted. Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. W. Willis.

The names of brethren C. J. Berry and A. J. Dickinson were added to the institute work.

Dr. Eager said he was heartily in sympathy with the institute work, and thought Bro. Anderson was doing a good work. He thought, however, that a great deal more would be accomplished if too much was not claimed for the system used by Bro. Anderson—if he would recognize the fact that this is not the only system for sermon making.

Brethren A. J. Dickinson and J. M. Frost discussed the institute work. Bro. Anderson said in good spirit. He had endeavored since he had been in Alabama to uphold the ministry to the ministry was the greatest work he had engaged in since he had been in Alabama. The Sermon-making, he declared, was only a part of the work, only one feature.

Bro. B. D. Gray at this point again. He felt a great interest in our boys, the young men who have been in Howard and who have been in now. But I likewise feel a deep interest in our fair girls. God

tion adjourned with all the brethren in a most delightful frame of mind.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

After devotional services the important question of Foreign Missions came up. The report was read by Bro. Arnold S. Smith, chairman of the committee. The report showed that progress had been made almost all along the line. The total receipts of the Foreign mission board for the last conventional year were \$124,249.69. Of this amount the Woman's Missionary Union raised \$21,633.51. Our state gave last year to Foreign missions the sum of \$55,930.74.

The true ground for all missionary work is the authoritative commission, the loving command of our blessed Lord.

Brethren J. J. Taylor and R. J. Willingham discussed the report. Bro. Taylor suggested that the thing we needed is to cultivate the spirit of missions. Some failed to join the procession of our organized work because of envy. They can't keep up, so they branch off in order to attract attention. He suggested also, that we be wise in the selection of our missionaries. Some begin to build and are not able to finish. Men are called of God.

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