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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION. Auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Full Proceedings of Its Ninth Annual Session, Held at Brewton, Ala., November 13th and 14th, 1901.

The 9th annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, met in the Presbyterian church of Brewton at 10 a. m. Wednesday, November 13, 1901.

Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. L. M. Pettit, Mobile—hymn, "Coronation."

In the absence of the President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham, and at the suggestion of the Vice-President, Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, First President of Central Committee, was asked to take the chair.

On assuming the chair, Mrs. Hamilton explained the absence of Mrs. Stratton, and delivered her message of love sent to the body.

A most charming welcome was extended by Miss Mary Robinson, Brewton, and responded to by Mrs. L. A. Smith, Prattville.

Committee on Enrollment was Mrs. J. M. Rabb and Mrs. Fuller, of Brewton.

The President's address, full of wisdom and earnestness, was read by Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Pensacola, Fla., was recognized, and a hearty welcome extended to her.

THE YEAR'S WORK

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Central Committee of Woman's Missionary Union.

President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

Vice-President, Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake.

Vice President Executive Committee, Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake.

Leader Young People's Mission Work, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham.

Leader Babies' Branch, Mrs. Florence Harris, Montgomery.

Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Morrow, 1711 8th Ave., Birmingham.

Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake.

Associational Vice-Presidents.

Antioch, Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin, Healing Springs.

Birmingham, Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Mt. Pinson; Mrs. N. A. Barnett, East Lake.

Cahaba, Mrs. D. W. Ward, Greensboro.

Calhoun, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.

Central, Mrs. A. L. Hanlan, Alexander City.

Clarke County, Mrs. J. F. Savell, Thomasville.

Cherokee, Mrs. H. L. Ison, Center.

Conecuh, Mrs. Jefferson Beeland, Greenville.

Etowah, Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Gadsden.

Eufaula, Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.

Florence, Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Florence.

Harris, Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls, Ft. Mitchell.

East Liberty, Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.

North Liberty, Mrs. M. B. Neece, Huntsville.

Marshall, Miss Lizzie Walker, Albertville.

Mobile, Mrs. A. H. Pettit, Mobile.

Montgomery, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Prattville.

Newton, Mrs. A. N. Jones, Newton.

Pine Barren, Mrs. L. A. Moore, Furman.

Muskel Shoals—Miss Bettie Irwin, Moulton.

Shelby—Mrs. W. G. Parker, Columbiana.

Tennessee River, Mrs. T. E. Callan, Fackler.

St. Clair, Mrs. G. W. Hodges, Ashville.

Tuskaloosa, Mrs. L. O. Dawson, Tuskaloosa.

Tuskegee, Mrs. W. J. Hudmon, Opelika.

Union, Mrs. L. A. Robertson, Carrollton.

Zion, Mrs. J. T. Broun, Andalusia.

Adopted.

Reports from the following Associational Vice-Presidents were heard:

Montgomery, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Prattville.

Mobile, Mrs. I. M. Pettit, Mobile.

Tuskegee, Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, Opelika.

Birmingham, Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake.

Eufaula, Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.

BY LETTER.

Selma, Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Selma.

Shelby, Mrs. W. G. Parker, Columbiana.

Harris, Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls, Ft. Mitchell.

Calhoun, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.

East Liberty, Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.

Pine Barren, Mrs. L. A. Moore, Furman.

Union, Mrs. L. A. Robertson, Carrollton.

It was gratifying in the absence of some of our vice-presidents to have reports from their pastors.

Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary, addressed the Union in the interest of the Sunday School Board.

The outlook of this the first year of the 20th Century, is most encouraging. God has so wonderfully blessed us during the past year. Our beloved missionary, Miss Willie Kelly, was at home almost a year, and under the auspices of the Central Committee, visited the churches and societies of the State, talking to the women and children of her work among Chinese women.

Interest in missions has been greatly quickened and the influence of her visit home will last forever.

All she asks of us in return for her labor of love is a keener interest in Foreign missions, especially in China, and our prayers. How she pleaded for our prayers in behalf of herself and the Chinese women. Let us remember her always at the Throne of Grace.

Another blessing was a visit to the Central Committee from Miss Anna B. Hartwell, of Tung Chow, China, missionary of the Birmingham Association. Her delicate health did not permit her to speak often or to stay in our midst long. Her words and her presence were an inspiration. May our loving Father restore her health and permit her to resume the work that is dearer to her than life.

Another subject for rejoicing is that we exceeded our apportionment, both in Foreign and Home missions. We are now asked for \$2,300 for Foreign missions and \$1,200 for Home. Please remember that the Home Board requests that all Box contributions shall be kept separate from cash reports. Therefore the amount asked is a money contribution.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee have been followed as in former years.

The Christmas offering was larger for 1900 than it has been for a number of years. Thirty-eight boxes have been sent to frontier missionaries and a number to the Orphan's Home.

Particular attention has been given to the organization of societies in small country churches. Miss Armstrong wrote to every pastor in the State, asking for the name of a good

woman worker in his church. The names were sent to the Central Committee. The committee divided the work among them, writing and sending literature to each name. Thirty-five new societies have been organized and others renewed.

Many changes have been made in the list of vice-presidents, which is unfortunate as it takes a year at least to learn how to make a good vice-president.

We regret that we have lost by removal to Kentucky our efficient vice-president, Mrs. B. D. Gray. Mrs. N. A. Barrett, of East Lake, has been chosen to succeed her.

We congratulate the women of Alabama that we have among us Mrs. C. A. Stakely, the president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This should give a wonderful impetus to our work.

Letters written by Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Malone, 535

Postals 1180

Packages of literature distributed 394

Mrs. D. M. Malone, Sec'y Central Com.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Amounts reported by Associations for all purposes:

Bethel 52 95

Bossmore 305 57

Bigher 485 00

Bothelem 5 00

Birmingham 2735 75

Calhoun 982 25

Cahaba 149 41

Conecuh 471 24

Columbia 112 60

Coosa River 57 00

Cherokee 24 00

Central 81 80

Clarke County 240 10

Eufaula 154 55

East Liberty 290 83

Etowah 67 00

Florence 480 00

Harris 675 83

Marshall 52 75

Mobile 190 32

Montgomery 2885 88

Muskel Shoals 190 44

Pine Barren 102 15

Shelby 253 90

Selma 1017 10

Tennessee River 148 27

Tuskegee 253 90

Troy 48 10

Tuskaloosa 129 35

Unity 15 00

Zion 44 79

Total \$12,627 79

Amounts contributed to:

Foreign Missions \$ 1394 68

Home Missions 3953 42

S S Board 169 89

State Missions, including contributions to Orphanage 1243 65

Charity 314 42

Church aid 4578 08

Total by Ladies' Societies \$11,758 14

Contributed by Sunbeam Bands to:

Foreign Missions \$ 492 47

Home Missions 159 07

S S Board 17 45

State Missions, including Orphanage 165 52

Charity 28 55

Church Aid 16 50

Total by Sunbeams \$ 874 65

Grand total \$12,627 79

Motion was made and carried to adjourn and hear the Convention sermon. Closing prayer by Mrs. Chipley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer service was in charge of Mrs. W. A. Barrett.

An address on Foreign Missions was delivered by Dr. E. E. Bomar, assistant secretary.

A plea for Miss Willie Kelly was presented by Mrs. S. A. Smith, after which pledges were taken for her support.

Secretary told of a delightful letter received from Miss Kelly, written in Mid Ocean, and gave extracts from it.

Subscriptions were taken for Foreign Mission Journal.

In the absence of Mrs. Florence E. Harris, Montgomery, the Babies' Branch was introduced by Mrs. Hamilton, who was followed by Mrs. C. A. Stakely, Montgomery and Mrs. Smith.

Song "Jesus Lover of my Soul" was sung.

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith and amended by Mrs. Stakely that a committee be appointed to draw up a Constitution for the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama, and that this committee be instructed to report

to the body at their session next year. Motion was carried. The chair appointed committee on constitution, as follows:

Mrs. C. A. Stakely, Montgomery; Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville; Mrs. H. W. Providence, Montgomery.

In the presentation of the theme, "The Demands of the Hour" by Mrs. Stakely, Mrs. Providence and Mrs. Barrett, many helpful ideas were given on clearness of vision; money and prayer.

An address on State Missions was made by Dr. W. B. Crumpton, secretary, after which a collection for State Missions was taken. The hearts

of the workers were gladdened by Dr. Crumpton's remark in his discourse that he believed the time had come when a state organizer should be put in the field, provided the right kind of a woman could be found.

Song—"Work for the night is coming."

The president requested all the ladies to come forward after dismissal and meet Mrs. Stakely, President of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Closing prayer by Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Eufaula.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 1901.

The Woman's Missionary Union re-assembled at 9:30 Thursday morning, Mrs. Hamilton in the chair.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Florida.

The chair appointed committee on resolutions, viz:

Miss Alice Hall, Birmingham; Mrs. J. M. Pettit, Mobile; Miss W. E. Hudmon, Opelika.

An excellent paper, "Loyalty to Christ" read by Mrs. G. R. Farnham.

We were very glad indeed to have the Mission Home Department presented by Mrs. J. E. Meadows.

President of W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention. This day's feature of the plan of work presented at New Orleans deserves the earnest consideration of our women.

REPORT ON SUNBEAM WORK.

Number of bands 125

Number organized 17

Number of letters written 250

Number of Programs issued 6000

Number packages literature issued 125

Amounts contributed to:

Foreign Missions \$ 492 47

Home Missions 159 07

State Missions, including contributions to Orphanage 165 52

S S Board 17 45

Charity 28 55

Church Aid 16 50

Total \$ 874 65

Another year's record has been made on high for the Sunbeam Bands of Alabama, and the lines show decided progress. May the increase in numbers be evidence of increasing interest and consecration to the great cause of missions. The child's heart has ever been the same. Certainly it is the one thing fresh from the Creator's hand and today as in the time of the Christ, the "Child in the Midst" serves as example to its elders in ready sympathy, willingness to help, in earnestness and enthusiasm.

"Nay little child-heart, you have never need To fear us—we are weaker far than you."

The young need, it is true the steady hand of a Leader, upon the helm of their tiny barque, lest the winds of youthful exuberance convey them beyond the bounds of discretion but with help at the rudder no more promising work presents itself to the church of Christ, than the training of the children for service.

Some of us who have seemed to be one ideaed and almost fanatical upon this subject are encouraged no little that a greater interest is showing itself along these lines. New literature and more of it than ever before is being issued for this work and upon the program sent recently to the mission societies special talks and prayers "for those who must in the future bear the burdens of responsibility in mission matters, appear."

This is a God-given trust and those

who assume it find it full of promise and bearing its own reward.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Leader Sunbeam Bands.

Adopted.

Mrs. Hamilton spoke to the report in her own tender way, touching every heart. The subject of work among the young was continued in a discussion of The "Child in the Midst."

(a) As a Great Possibility.—Mrs. I. M. Pettit.

(b) As a Great Opportunity.—Miss Alice Hale.

(c) As a Great Responsibility.—Mrs. S. A. Smith.

The hour had come for the arrival of the children from the Orphan's Home, and the Union disbanded for the time in order to hear the discussion of the orphanage, see the children and hear the sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by the Vice-President, Mrs. Barrett.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor led in prayer, afterwards making an address on Home Missions.

An hour with our associational vice-president was spent very pleasantly discussing difficulties and improvements. Many good suggestions were made. A committee was appointed to propound and answer the many questions that are constantly being asked. The committee consisted of Mrs. H. W. Providence, Mrs. W. E. Hudmon and Mrs. J. E. Meadows.

Report of committee on resolutions presented by Miss Alice Hale.

We the committee on resolutions beg to submit the following:

Be it resolved, First, That we desire to offer the gratitude of our hearts to an Allwise Providence who has permitted us to assemble again in the capacity of a Woman's Missionary Union and who has so richly blessed our work during the past year.

2nd, That we return to our homes with renewed zeal and energy, determined to carry out the commands of our Lord.

3rd, That we tender our thanks to the kind people of Brewton for their generous hospitality and cordial greeting.

4th, That we thank the Presbyterians for the use of their church and choir.

5th, That we consider ourselves especially blessed in having with us Mrs. Stakely, President of the Woman's Missionary Union.

6th, That we wish to express our sincere regret that our faithful president Mrs. Stratton could not be with us, and that we extend to her our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Alice Hale,

Mrs. W. E. Hudmon,

Mrs. I. M. Pettit.

Report of Committee on Enrollment, presented by Mrs. J. M. Rabb:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Mrs. Arnold, Pollard,

N. A. Barrett, East Lake;

Blackman, Montgomery;

Sydney Catta, Fort Deposit;

W. H. Clanton, Montgomery;

J. H. Eubank, Ensley;

T. A. Hamilton, Miss Alice Hale, Birmingham.

Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, Opelika;

G. R. Farnham, Evergreen;

J. W. Kramer, Brewton;

S. P. Laddsey, Bellville;

E. M. Lovelace, Miss Laura Lovelace, Brewton;

Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton;

D. M. Malone, East Lake;

J. R. McGill, Moundville;

B. B. McKenzie, Eufaula;

J. W. Minor, Ensley;

E. T. Parker, Brewton;

I. M. Pettit, Mobile;

J. D. Pittman, Evergreen;

A. J. Preston, Prattville;

H. W. Providence, Montgomery;

Mrs. M. C. Rabb, Mrs. J. M. Rabb, Brewton.

Mrs. C. A. Stakely, Montgomery;

L. A. Smith, Prattville;

Mack Stamps, Huntsville.

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Life's Journey.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

As we speed out of youth's sunny station,
The track seems to shine in the light,
But it suddenly shoots over ethereal
Or sinks into tunnels of night.
And the hearts that were brave in the morning
Are filled with repining and tears,
As they pause at the city of sorrow
Or pass through the valley of tears.
But the road of this perilous journey
The hand of the Master has made;
With all its discomforts and dangers,
We need not be sad or afraid.
Paths leading from light into darkness,
Ways plunging from gloom to despair,
Wind out through the tunnels of midnight
To fields that are blooming and fair.
Though the rocks and the shadows surround us,
Though we catch not one gleam of the day,
Above us fair cities are laughing,
And dipping white feet in some bay,
And always, eternal, forever,
Down over the hills in the west,
The last final end of our journey,
There lies the great station of Rest.
'Tis the Grand Central Point of all railways,
All roads unite here when they end;
'Tis the final resort of all tourists,
All rival lines meet here and blend.
All tickets, all mile-books, all passes,
If stolen or begged for or bought,
On whatever road or division,
Will bring you at last to this spot.
If you pause at the city of Trouble,
Or wait in the Valley of Tears,
Be patient, the train will move onward,
And rush down the track of life's years.
Whatever the place you seek for,
Whatever your game or your quest,
You shall come at the last with rejoicing
To the beautiful City of Rest.
You shall store all your baggage or worries,
You shall feel perfect peace in this realm,
You shall sail with old friends on fair waters,
With joy and delight at the helm,
You shall wander in cool, fragrant gardens
With those who have loved you the best,
And the hopes that were lost in life's journey
You shall find in the City of Rest.

The Greatness of the University of Chicago.

BY ROBERT MORRIS RABB.

It is not my purpose in the criticism to draw The Standard into a discussion with the Baptist Courier. If the Courier can answer my statements let it do so directly with the individual in view. I mean with myself in view. The Baptist Courier (South Carolina) of July 11 has an editorial on the University of Chicago. There is, first, a quotation from the Religious Herald, which noble paper has among its contributors an admirer of all that is doing at the said university. Such, also, is the case with the Baptist Courier, which is one of the gentlest, sweetest papers I know of. I am sorry to see gentleness and sweetness degenerate into weakness. This editorial on the University of Chicago, like a great many articles in Baptist papers on that Baptist school, is boot-blackish (if I may coin a word.)

It is the duty of a Christian journalist to be explicit. The large diversity of readers, the continual danger of plunging men into needless controversy, as well as a love for truth in its fairest colors, should move all men who write for the public to be explicit. We forgive mudslingers in philosophers who always stir the bottom of the clearest fountain before calling other to drink out of it. Now I hold that a religious journalist must judge all things by the standard of Christianity. He does not have any other standard. I identify religion with Christianity as the only religion. "Chicago University, the greatest school on the North American continent, was made possible by men with money. And when it reaches the fifty million mark, which President Harper sees in the future, we trust it will hasten on toward the second fifty. The work which this institution is doing is simply marvelous. Our smaller institutions have nothing to fear from the University of Chicago. It is already too far ahead to be rivalled, or to excite jealousy. Let it move onward and upward." Speaking of Furman College at Greenville, S. C., the writer adds: "It is doing more work, perhaps, in proportion to money basis than the University of Chicago. It is doing just as good work, though of a different sort. A thousand dollars here will do as much good as ten thousand at the University of Chicago." These are some of the things the Courier has to say. Now, I agree with the writer of the editorial that Furman College is doing as good work as the University of Chicago. Unless it has degenerated, it is doing much better work in Christian education than can be done at the University of Chicago.

Furman College has always had a sweet Christian spirit about it, and has blessed South Carolina with a noble ministry and a noble citizenship. Her sons are in the uttermost parts of the earth.

My point of criticism is, first of all, the Courier's failure to contrast the material greatness of the University of Chicago with its spiritual littleness.

I mean precisely what I say. I call any institution little, little at heart, little in soul, little and mean in the sight of God, that back any man or set of men in the work of destroying faith in God's Word; in attacking Christian orthodoxy which has built the churches; in despising a man for holding tenaciously to unqualified faith in the Bible; in encouraging students in rationalistic scepticism; in a denial that God ever spoke to any human being or gave the Ten Commandments to Moses; in denying the miraculous birth of Jesus; casting doubt on his deity, questioning His bodily resurrection; squinting at the Trinity (the foundation of Christianity), and in setting up evolution in the place of inspiration.

Now, brother, you see I know just what I am talking about. I have studied in this school. I suffered as an alien and an intruder because I withstood these men face to face in their nefarious business. The two most influential men in the Divinity school are Professors Harper and Burton. No man today knows whether Professor Harper is a Trinitarian or a Unitarian. He has pretended to teach religious truth for twelve years, and yet no one can tell where he stands. This much is clear: His whole sympathy is with such men as Haupt, of John Hopkins; Budd, of Strasburg (a blasphemer); with such men as George Adam Smith (the spiritually minded man who rips up the Old Testament), and Bishop Chaney. Furthermore, President Harper, in contempt of the constitution of the Divinity school, has placed in the chair of New Testament Greek Mr. Otaw, who is a Congregational Unitarian, a man who, I learn, has been rejected twice from ordination by his own people.

Professor Earnest Furton, head professor of New Testament Literature, believes that a man to be a scholar in his field, must assume a skeptical position toward the New Testament. I can illustrate what I mean when I state some of the results of his own scholarly investigation. He does not believe that Matthew wrote the first gospel; he traduces the gospel of John; he claims that Jesus was in error when He quoted Psalm 110 as applying to Himself; he believes that Jesus was wrong as to Jonah's being three days and nights in the belly of the fish; he really rejects the miraculous birth of Jesus as unnecessary, and encourages his students to do the same thing. He makes little of the blood of the cross, according to the "new theology" position; he denies the bodily resurrection of Christ, and doubts future punishment as eternal.

Professor Foster, in the department of theology, is a Unitarian, and a universalist, and has openly declared that orthodoxy is doomed, and that inspiration can no longer be defended. Leaving out Professor Price, the entire Biblical department is dominated with the theory of higher criticism, and is favorable to the views I have detailed. I defy contradiction. And yet Baptists must go around singing the praises of this great Baptist school. The dean of the school is deeply touched by any attack on higher criticism, and is disposed to call the man who makes it "narrow."

But the brother who wrote the Courier article, to be read, of course, at Chicago, may say that I seem to see only the divinity school in the university. Far from it. I see this: In speaking of the greatness of the University of Chicago you must make a distinction between intellectual greatness and Christian devotion. I do not say Christian greatness, but say Christian devotion. The School of English at the University of Chicago is a great school, but its head professor claims to be an agnostic and never goes to church. The School of Latin is a great school, but its head professor is a Unitarian. The School of Psychology is a great school, but its head professor is practically a materialist. I cannot speak of other departments.

You see, when you come to speak

of greatness, you ought to state your standard.

Money and intellect can never constitute a great religious school.

I do not depreciate Professor Harper's intellect. He is the great leader. But I do say that he, in his skeptical condition, should not attempt to teach religion. He throws you in the ditch every time. You can never tell what he will say next. He is a nihilist in religion, pure and simple. It is the moral quality in a man that makes true greatness; and I have never yet been able to see that religion and morals are to be supposed as separable.

A point or two: I know a young man who came to the University of Chicago to prepare for the ministry. He went through the School of Philosophy. When he came out his religion was gone. Is that man's soul worth fifty millions? A father told me that he sent his daughter there, a beautiful Christian girl. She came out with her religion practically gone. How many millions is her soul worth? A young Presbyterian boy went to school there. He was invited to the home of one of the professors, who so belittled religion that that boy, before he was twenty, became an uncompromising infidel. Another professor in the school set drink before his class whom he invited to his home. I will substantiate every one of these statements if I am compelled to.

A young man from Mississippi went there to study for the ministry. He was so belittled by the students, for holding to his orthodoxy, being continually insulted by "divinity men," at the table, he was so scandalized by the infidelity of the classroom, that after three months he left the place. He said to me: "I can bear it no longer." How much money will it take to make Jesus pleased, with causing one of His least to stumble? I know a minister who went to the place to prepare for larger usefulness in his denomination, who yet stood against every attack upon God's word; who wrote articles against higher criticism. As a result, that man was disgraced by a vote of the faculty, denied a candidacy for the doctrine, belittled by his face, pronounced incapable of scholarship (although he had graduated from two of the best schools in the country, and stood among the first in his classes), all because he fought higher criticism, which blasts vital religion wherever it touches it.

You see, brother, you ought to specify just what you mean when you write an article for a religious journal and call a school great; for there are certainly different sorts of greatness. Samson was great; so was Solomon; Paul, the apostle, also. But each stands in a separate class.—Baptist Standard

The man whose soul is young, and whose message is on fire with zeal, is still counted young, because he is young in heart, and his years make no difference. The people of this world demand a great deal, but in most cases the preacher who is laid on the shelf does that for himself. If he had been doing all his years with his might whatsoever his hands found to do, he would still be the same. It will not do to count so much on feeling. We should train ourselves to act from a sense of duty. Duty well done will inspire to a feeling in keeping with all that is demanded by the interests of the gospel. But if a preacher allows himself to become slow in speech and drowsy in introduction, and lazy in his attitude, and forgetful in sympathy with a moving, rushing, on-going world, he will soon be called old; but the man who is on fire with the gospel, whose tongue is quick with a message of sympathetic love, and whose heart moves toward every boy and girl as readily as with the most aged, that man will never grow old in a community. The preacher marks the age limit for himself and lays off the dead line.—Baptist and Reflector.

"WINTER HOMES IN SUMMER LANDS."

The above is the title of an attractive booklet just issued by the Passenger Department of the Southern Railway. It is beautifully illustrated and fully describes the winter resorts of the South. A copy may be secured by sending a two-cent stamp to Mr. C. A. Benscoter, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn.

In the Mountains.

LIDA B. ROBERTSON.

Long ago the "summer boarders" have returned to their occupations and firesides. Only a few straggling ones of us are still here to test the bracing air of winter. The thermometer is at eighteen, but one does not feel the cold, as in a far lower latitude, because the atmosphere is so dry.

When I came up here in June, a drummer on the train told me a joke that was going the rounds in New Orleans about our Convention there. He said: "A boot-black on a street corner was burnishing one of our delegates' shoes. Looking up into the delegate's face he declared, 'you Baptist folks is been worth heap more to this town than them Methodist fellows what held that mission conference here; none of 'em would shell out their money for tobacco or bar-rooms!'"

Since being here I heard, at a Methodist ladies' missionary meeting, an account of that conference. The leader stated that before that meeting prayer-cards were sent out to every city, rural and wayside church, for distribution to individuals, imploring their prayers for the conference; one result alone was a fifty thousand dollar contribution for a Methodist college in China. From this it would seem a far wiser plan for us Baptists to return to the Scriptures: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing, it shall be done of my Father in heaven," than to be seeking solution to our problem in "new boards."

The dispensary is in operation in Waynesville. It is the distributing point for all of Haywood county. In eight months it has cleared six thousand dollars. I heard a teacher say, "Yes, it was that much money in the county's treasury, and it bespoke that much cold, hunger, rags and illiteracy in the county's homes." And I heard a stranger say he never saw so much drinking among respectable young men as in Waynesville. These are dots for meditation, for "dispensary" advocates in our State!

Six years ago a box of clothing, for distribution among the mountain needy, came from Philadelphia to the Episcopal mission at Waynesville. A certain cabin was a recipient. A child in the cabin sickened with virulent sore throat and died. With a country community's usual kindness the neighbors flocked to visit the bier and the bereaved family. Passers-by along the road went in too. In a few days the vicinity was horrified at the epidemic of sore throats and deaths up and down the valley and mountains, which the physicians diagnosed as diphtheria. A prosperous farmer, whose land adjoined the cabin, vigilantly kept his children at home, to guard them from infection. Nevertheless four of them died, supposedly catching it by playing in the brook that ran through both premises. Wherever articles of that box found their way, death followed, until the number borne to the cemetery was about two hundred. Alas, what a havoc of calamity that intended kindness bestowed! We conjecture that the contributors of the infected things is under the delusion that the gift did much good. Yet how terror-stricken that "contributor" would be if their history could be revealed! How like our own deeds! The poison of evil which we sow, we follow not up its history, but its disasters will be traced against us in heaven's records.

We drove through the apple-ranch where the farmer who buried his four children lives. We halted at the front gate. A wee girl inside held up a doll and excitedly clamored: "Here's my dollie, here's my dollie!" Observing her overtures to us, though strangers, to exhibit the treasure of her child-heart, I enticingly coaxed: "Come out here little one, and show me your dollie." Her eager feet flew heedlessly through the gate—and to my dismay, bumping the dollie's head against the post; but it was unhurt, so as I sat in the buggy she held it up to me. Her father, standing on the ground near us, looked upon her with marked tenderness and said: "It is her birth-day doll."

I was about to ask the date, when its extreme unsoiled newness impressed me, and I logically divined: It must be today. Sure enough, the father said: "She is three today." Duly admiring the bisque baby, I inquired of the proud on-looking "dittle

mother." "What is her name?" "Mama," she answered promptly. I yielded her precious possession back to her. As she reached up for it one little eye closed under the bright glare of the sun. Her father explained, "One eye is very weak." I implored him for her sake to seek an oculist's care—for what does one need more, either in material or spiritual things, than perfect vision?

We go to the village of Bethel to church. It has three pretty churches, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist in a stone's throw of each other. They have Sunday school every Sabbath, and preaching alternately. The Sunday schools and the members of each church, together, always insure a good congregation to the different preachers. I never saw such harmony as prevails in this (Pigeon) valley between the Christians.

The three churches at Bethel are the result of a once "Union school" and church. The Methodists and Presbyterians built their houses first, and gave their portion of the old house to the Baptists, who sold it and put the money into a new one. A rosy-cheek, interesting mountain girl, of about eighteen, teaches the Bible class of grown people. Non-intimidated by the presence of city strangers she arose and, in sweet shyness, taught us well. When she stood before us, she said: "No one else would take the class." As she heard the lesson with impassive dignity I recalled some of the alarmed "speeches" in our assemblies about women saying anything in the churches. I reverted too to my observations in this valley, and elsewhere here in the mountains, that nine-tenths of the teachers of the Word in the Sunday schools are women. Which establishes the premise: that there is no hide-bound rule about the workers in God's vineyard, nor his harvest field.

In the superintendent's closing prayer, as I bent forward, tears of emotion fell upon my hands, as my thoughts bounded over the mountain peaks, and the valleys and the rivers—over the six hundred miles, to the worshippers in my home-city, and to the bowed heads all over the world—in His name—and how the Bible and God's house unite hearts and make strangers at home. Indeed, that in His house and by His Word there are no strangers!

Garden Creek, N. C., Nov. 20.

Some of the daily newspapers of the country are trying to boom Admiral Schley for the Democratic Presidential candidate in 1904. Such talk is in our opinion ill-timed and ill-advised. Because Admiral Schley made a brave and sagacious naval commander at Santiago does not argue that he would make a wise president. He is entirely untried as a statesman, and it is to be supposed that he knows no more about statesmanship than a pig does about Sunday. Our sympathies were entirely with him in the recent Court of Inquiry, and we believe the honor of the Santiago victory is due to him, but we don't go so far in our hero-worship as to wish to see him made president without his ever having demonstrated the fact that he is competent to fill that station.—Greenville Advocate.

People who sow their "wild oats" always ignore the fact that a reaping follows every sowing. For the indulgences of to-day a man must pay in the sufferings of tomorrow. This is a law that changes not.

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What is it to Win a Soul?

BY REV. W. E. FENDLEY.

This may be instructively answered by describing what it is not.

We do not regard it soul-saving to steal members out of other churches already established and train them to utter our peculiar doctrines. We aim rather at bringing souls to Christ than making converts to our synagogue. There are sheep-stealers abroad of whom I will say nothing further than they are not brethren; or at least do not act in a brotherly fashion. To their own Master they must stand or fall. We should count it utter meanness to build up our own house with the ruins of our neighbor's mansion. We infinitely prefer to quarry for ourselves. What indeed is the prosperity of any church if it impedes the progress of the Kingdom of Christ?

It is because God blesses people through the churches that we desire to see them prosper, and not merely for the sake of the churches themselves. There is such a thing as selfishness in our eagerness for the aggrandizement of our own party, and from this evil spirit may grace deliver us.

The increase of the Kingdom is more to be desired than the growth of a clan. We would do a great deal to make a Pedobaptist brother into a Baptist, for we value our Lord's ordinances. We would labor earnestly to raise a believer in salvation by free-will into a believer by grace, for we long to see all religious teaching built upon the rock of truth, but we would in that act bring them to Christ, and not to our own peculiar views of Christianity. Our first care should be that the sheep is gathered to the Shepherd.

In the next place we do not consider soul-winning to be accomplished by hurriedly inscribing names on our church book, in order to show a good increase at the end of the year. This is easily done, and many pastors make great efforts just here, but if it be regarded as the alpha and omega of a pastor's efforts the result will be deplorable.

By all means let us bring true converts into the church, for it is our duty to teach them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded them, but this is to be done to disciples, and not to mere professors, and if care be not used we may do the church more harm than good at this point. To introduce unconverted people into the church is to weaken and degrade it. All hurry to get people into the church is very mischievous to both the church and the supposed converts. I have in mind several young men who were good moral fellows, and their life led certain preachers to feel safe in persuading them to make a profession, they were so hopeful. They made the profession, but were unconverted. Today they are considered the rankest hypocrites; they are much further from God today than they would have been had they been kept in their places and warned that they were unconverted. A converted person will join the church without any persuasion.

Some of the most glaring sinners to me today were once members of a church and were, as I believe, led to make profession by undue pressure, well meant, but ill-judged. Do not, therefore, consider that soul-winning is or can be the multiplication of baptisms and the swelling of the size of your church. What mean these dispatches from the battle-field? Last night fourteen souls were under conviction; fifteen were justified and eight received full sanctification. I am weary of this public bragging, this counting of unhatched chickens; this exhibition of doubtful spoils. Lay aside such numbering of the people, such idle pretense of certifying in a minute that which it will take a lifetime to decide. Hope for the best, but in our highest excitement let us be reasonable. After all much good has been done. Only eternity can ever tell just what has been done. God will give honor to whom honor is due and bless each one when he takes his children home. Alameda, Ala.

The man who fails to do what he conceives to be his duty soon begins to think he has no duty.

We should not ask others to do for us what we would not do for them under similar conditions.

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Topic: "Children of God," Rom. 8:14-17.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

(November.)

- 25th, Acts 18:1-17. Guardianship assured (vs. 10). Compare Jer. 1:18, 19.
- 26th, I. Thessalonians 1. The power of a good example (vs. 5). Compare II Thess. 3:7, 8.
- 27th, I. Thessalonians 2. The "glory and joy" of a Christian worker (vs. 20). Compare II Thess. 1:4.
- 28th, I. Thessalonians 3. Paul's love for the brethren (vs. 10). Compare I Thess. 2:17.
- 29th, I. Thessalonians 4. The will of God for us (vs. 3a). Compare Rom. 12:2.
- 30th, I. Thessalonians 5. "Pray without ceasing" (vs. 17). Compare Eph. 6:18.

—Baptist Union.

We are very glad indeed to have this week a letter from our former State President, Dr. T. W. Ayers, now a medical missionary in China. We are glad to hear of the B. Y. P. U. work there, and we are sure that the prayers of all our young people will go up for the B. Y. P. U. at Hwang Hien.

Dear Bro. Dix:

I read with much interest every week the B. Y. P. U. column in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and I want to contribute a short article to it by telling of the organization of a B. Y. P. U. at this station in far-off China. The Union was organized last night with thirty members. We elected a president, vice-president and secretary and treasurer. We start with two committees, a Lookout committee and a Social committee. The Lookout committee is going earnestly to work to see if we can't have a Union here which will have as large an attendance as any Union in Alabama. The Social committee will have a social meeting once a month. This will usually be something in the order of a feast. All our members are boys and, therefore, we cannot have the kind of social meeting you have in Alabama. About fifteen of our members are Christians, all of whom will lead a public prayer.

I hope great good will result from this Union in developing Christian workers, which we so much need here. Will not the Unions in Alabama pray that great good may come from this little Union in this land of heathen darkness?

Christian greetings to the Unions in Alabama.
T. W. AYERS.
Hwang-Hien, China, Oct. 7, 1901.

The Hercules B. Y. P. U.

Our strength: We with our "Boy President," not boasting, can say that we are stronger than we have ever been.

Our young men are such that justly deserve the praises of all that know them. Nor should I forget the young ladies. We have some that are equally as zealous about their work as the young men.

Our mechanism: We have a president, Mr. F. Hanlin, vice-president, Mr. T. Richey, secretary, treasurer

Judge George Hillyer has been elected chairman and attorney in fact of the Cuban committee of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist church. Judge J. T. Pendleton has been elected a member of the board. The elections are the result of the vacancies created by the death of Hon. Porter King, who had not only been a member of the board but chairman and attorney in fact of the Cuban committee. The Cuban committee, of which Judge Hillyer has been elected chairman, has in hand property to the amount of \$100,000.

The Bible is worth nothing to those who construe it to suit themselves.

and corresponding secretary

The Union is divided with committees, namely: Financial, Musical, Program, Look-out and Social. Our work: We meet every Sunday p. m., using the Quarterly, which is a great help to us. Our subjects are always fully discussed, laying stress on the "temperance" lessons.

We have all learned, that to prosper or to accomplish any good, we must cast aside all malice and hatred, and so we have, and now we move along in the channel of love.

We have an entertainment about once every two months. This keeps up the kindly feeling among us all, and also is a great help toward entertaining strangers.

Our aim: Our intentions are to make our services so interesting that it will draw other young folks to us, especially the boys. If we could get these young men to meet with us it would bring them from the worldly places they so often visit.

As we "press onward to the mark of the high calling" we do not forget to ask the prayers of God's children.

May we all live that our influence may be for good; that we may be the cause of bringing some lost soul to the one and only Christ; for

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul—
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.

A. ROBERTS.

Avondale, Ala.

Ed. B. Y. P. U. Dept.

DEAR BROTHER—Sometime during the month of September we organized a B. Y. P. U., enrolling 31 members at the 1st meeting. The officers elected were: H. A. Thoraton, President; E. J. Duncan, Vice-President; Miss Carrie Adams, Recording Secretary; Mrs. May Goggans, Corresponding Secretary; W. A. Cleveland, Treasurer. The President then appointed the regular committees, putting each member on some committee. We now have about 50 on the roll. We meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and always begin on time. The meetings are very interesting and profitable. The most active members are under 21 years of age and joined the church last August. The officers are all under 21 and are doing excellent work. We now have about 50 on the roll, and attendance is very good.

I want to mention the organization of our Mission committee. Each member of this committee represents some foreign country where we are doing missionary work: for instance, the chairman represents China; another Japan; another India, and so on. They are gathering up all the information they can on the country they represent. Each member of this committee is to be provided with a scrap book for preserving the information they gather of their respective countries. The collection taken the last Sunday in each month is set apart for Foreign missions. We hope to do good work for the great cause in which we are enlisted.

Yours fraternally,

MAY GOGGANS,
Corresponding Secretary.

God permits temptations to overtake us in order to develop us and lead us into a nobler life. He never tempts us with evil, but every man is tempted with evil when he is drawn away with his own lust and enticed. Hence James (1:2-4) writes: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

A change in the government does not always circulate more change among the people.

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Missions, Christian missions, constitute the greatest civilizing, energizing power in the world. Commerce, finance, patriotism, education, science, art, literature, each in its turn has stamped upon its history the spirit of Christian missions. Why not? As another has queried: Why was Christ's long journey from heaven? Why his sojourn amid poverty and scorn? Why his toilsome ministry in Galilee and Judea? Why the journey to Jerusalem, and the known betrayal, rejection and cruel death there? Ah, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." With the spirit of the Master upon them, thousands have gone forth on the same errand. There is no walk, or profession, or business in life that the cause of missions fails to make better. It leaves its impress on all human life where it touches; and all worldly progress and spiritual progress is committed to man. That was a true saying of the liberal man: "The most satisfactory investment I ever made is what I gave away." Let us work for missions, give for missions, pray for missions.

GRATITUDE is one of the beautiful graces to be cultivated. The ingrate is one of the meanest of creation. To acknowledge the receipt of a benefit denotes the right spirit. The mind which does not so feel is not as it ought to be. When Paul wrote of those brethren, "Neither were they thankful," he seems to stamp the sin of ingratitude as peculiarly odious.

The devout Christian surveys the sovereign benevolence of the Creator in every person, in every object, in every quality, and in every event. When we extend our views to a future state and contemplate the operations of grace—sovereign, distinguishing, efficacious grace—we are, or should be, melted into reverential awe and grateful praise and exclaim, "Why me, Lord!" Glory, everlasting glory to Him that sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb of God that was slain, who hath redeemed us to God by His blood, and hath given us the earnest of His own inheritance. Such praise, such acknowledgment, such worship, comes from a heart overflowing with gratitude.

WIT AND WISDOM differ in form and substance and power. Wit is a flashing meteor, a darting ray. It is said authors and actors are ashamed of being funny. Passion never laughs. The wit finds his place at the tail end of the procession. Wit sends out many colors, but never the object. It never puts forth "white light," that is the office of wisdom. Poetry uses the rainbow tints for special effects, but always keeps its essential object in the purest white light of truth. Coarse wit, shallow wit, without a point, is contemptible.

There should be a fitness of things in wit and humor, so as not to wound. Sparkling wit, emanating from a pure, exalted thought, carries a force that scores a point. Too much wit sickens and tires. It is well that good humored wit comes to spice and brighten, but when it drifts into sarcasm then it loses its force and weakens the actor. "A little fun now and then enlivens the hearts of the best of men."

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS.

As we looked over the assembled wisdom of our ministerial force in Alabama, in our recent State Convention, some serious and sad thoughts took hold of our memory. Here and there was seen the aged father, bearing the frosts of many winters, long in the harness, a watchman upon the tower, a herald of the cross, truly an ambassador of Christ. Not many years ago he was one of our strong, devout young preachers; active, energetic, consecrated. Now his work is nearly or quite ended. Soon his chair will be vacant, his voice in our councils stilled, and his work completed.

While these thoughts were rapidly passing through our mind, memory went back years ago, when Henderson, and Renfro, and Winkler, and Cleveland, and Curry, and Hendon, and Purser, and Lawler, and King and Wilkerson, and Lovelace, and Keeble, and others whose names escape us, were central figures in all of our State meetings. With them "it is finished," and they have gone up higher. Those who took their places will soon finish their course, and receive the crown prepared for them.

While these reflections are tinged with the deepest sadness, yet, it is all well, for it is the Lord's will. We are cheered when we note that the going of the fathers away from us have not left us desolate. Young men, strong men, stalwart men, consecrated Christian men, have stepped modestly into the vacant places and are wisely and well carrying on the great work so nobly carried on by the old fathers in their day. The mantle of our Elijahs has fallen upon the shoulders of the young Elishas, and it remains to be seen how that mantle will fit. As for our part, we have no fears along any line. Our young men and middle aged men, to whom we look for guidance and progress and experience, have been trained in the schools of books, and the schools of experience, and the school of hard labor and necessity; with such an array of ministerial force we need have no fears of a successful forward movement and great achievements.

Within the last Conventional year a number of young preachers, Seminary boys, have taken work in this State and are pushing ahead. We rejoice to see them. We need their labors. From memory we mention the following: Rev. A. G. Mosely, Evergreen; A. Y. Napier, Auburn; J. R. Curry, Athens; J. W. O' Hara, Trussville; M. E. Stewart, Sheffield; Jo. W. Vesey, East Florence; J. R. McGill, Moundville; Sam. Bennett, Demopolis; Otis Sutton, Tuskegee; D. P. Lee, South Montgomery; B. P. Lawrence, Geneva. There may be others, whose names we have not. These are fine young men, full of zeal for the Master. From them we expect great things, provided they put the ALABAMA BAPTIST in every home of their membership.

Hence, in looking over our State field, and measuring up our preaching force and the work to be done, and the results to be accomplished, we can thank God and take courage, with conscious assurance that this Conventional year will be a successful one, and the Master's work will be faithfully and wisely and well done.

"GO FORWARD."

Our State Convention completed its labors and the messengers are again at home in their respective pulpits. Last week we gave our readers full proceedings. Now what?

The importance of our distinctive principles will be questioned by no one who has embraced them from genuine conviction. The doctrine of a spiritual membership who have voluntarily submitted to the ordinances and covenanted to worship and serve the Master, as a Gospel church, is simply essential to the cause and Kingdom of Jesus Christ. But to hold the tenet as a dead letter in our creed, will prove of no benefit to the church or the world. Baptist churches are, more than any other, bound to be exemplary, working and liberal churches. For they have no strong government, no wealthy endowments or corporations. They must rely upon spiritual appliances alone for their prosperity and influence. Whatever we may say, however strongly we may vindicate our principles and practices by Scriptural arguments, men will judge the claims of our denomination by practical tests. Our principles must be commended by the effect they exert upon our character and conduct, or the world will insist that something else will do as well.

A gentleman once loaned an Episcopal lawyer Carson's great work on Baptism, with the request that he would give him a legal opinion as to the plea for believer's baptism. After some months had elapsed, the lawyer returned the work with the remark: "You have the argument beyond all question." But he was convinced against his will; for his church relations remained unchanged to the day of his death, and in the meantime he had persuaded his wife, who was a Baptist in sentiment, to join the Episcopal church "for the sake of harmony in the family." How many similar cases we have seen! Pedobaptist churches have so many Baptist members that not a few of them would be quite broken up if this element were withdrawn.

The question: How can this evil be corrected? is worthy of grave and prayerful consideration. Of course speaking the truth in love will effect something. But living a higher Christian life will certainly effect more. One of our strong men, making a tour of Missouri, made some thoughtful and pertinent observations upon this subject. He says: "While I would have our peculiar tenets preached in our pulpits and advocated in our papers, yet the man who will just now move our people to increased activity in the matter of pastoral support, and religious giving generally, will do more to further the cause of the Master than any other measure he can adopt. I am not half so much afraid that our people are going to wreck upon the dire strand of heresy as I am that they will die from the slow approach of death, brought on by the heresy of do-nothingism. This may be a strange sort of heresy, but why not? If unsoundness in the faith is heresy in doctrine, why then is not unsoundness in work heresy in practice? And is not one as fatal to our permanency and progress as the other?"

These are precisely the ideas which our State Secretary and his co-missionaries are everywhere inculcating. They are striving according to our opportunity to organize the churches for effective work; by encouraging the members to maintain a regular Sunday service, to devote themselves to the study of the Word of God, and to cultivate the blessed grace of giving. The blessing of God upon the labors of these devoted men will largely contribute to overcoming the evils we deplore. Brethren, "Go Forward."

FIELD NOTES.

The forms close on Tuesdays at noon. Copy should be sent in from Wednesday to Monday.

Thirty four women delegates to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Fort Worth occupied the pulpits in as many churches last Sunday, preaching morning and evening.

The Baptist church at this place has decided to have preaching for two Sundays in each month, instead of one as heretofore. This will give us preaching in our town every Sunday in the month.—Ashland News.

The Young People's Working Circle of the Prattville Baptist church have placed a very handsome pulpit in their church which adds very much to the appearance of the church and as much to the credit of the Y. P. W. C.—Prattville Progress.

Elder J. W. Parker, of Ozark preached at Baptist Rest Saturday and Sunday. There were two accessions to the church by experience, and the ordinance of Baptism was administered to them at the pool near the First Baptist church, the pastor, Elder J. E. W. Henderson.—Brundidge News.

The Baptist pulpit was filled on last Sabbath evening by Rev. A. Y. Napier of Auburn. This young minister is one enjoying a well deserved reputation, and many enjoyed his sermon here. He has relatives and friends in our midst who were glad to welcome him.—Union Springs Herald.

Rev. C. T. Culpepper and family moved to Wedowee on last Thursday where Brother Culpepper goes to serve the Baptist church at that place. We regret to lose Brother Culpepper as a citizen, and heartily recommend him to the people of our sister county town.—Ashland News.

All the congregations in town met at the Baptist church last night to join in extending a welcome to Rev. Mr. Sutton. After a sermon by Mr. Sutton, Rev. Mr. Trawick in behalf of the Methodist and Presbyterian (which has no pastor now) churches, delivered a very beautiful address of welcome.—Tuskegee News.

The Baptist church at Linden being without a pastor and out in the street will be put on wheels next week and carried to its final resting place, where the shepherdless flock hopes it may long rest in peace. Mr. Lowery, of Thomastown, has taken the contract to move it to lot 51, which was set apart for a Baptist church in the year of our Lord, 1888.—Linden Reporter.

Rev. J. L. Thompson, of LaFayette, who was recently tendered the pastorate of the First Baptist church here will preach next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Thompson is a most excellent preacher. The call is a unanimous one and it is sincerely hoped that Mr. Thompson will see his way clear to accept the pastorate of the church.—Bessemer Weekly.

Rev. J. M. Solley, of Sycamore, Talladega county, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Alabama City, and with his family will remove to that place. Mr. Solley has been preaching in the counties of Talladega, Clay and Shelby for a number of years, and is recognized as a faithful and earnest disciple of the Master. He has the love and esteem of all the people, who regret to see him depart from our midst.—Mountain Home.

Rev. Lamar Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of Phenix City, and Miss Minnie Monk were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's parents in Summerville, Dr. W. H. Smith of the First Baptist church in Columbus performed the ceremony. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a visit to the home of the groom's parents, carrying with them the very heartiest congratulations and best wishes of their friends in this section.—Opelika Post.

Next week the Charleston exposition will open with a religious service in which all denominations will take part. An elaborate musical program will be rendered under the direction of Madame Barbot, opening with an ode especially written for the occasion. The formal opening of the exposition will take place on Monday, December 2. Senator Chauncey Depew of New York will deliver the principal oration, and President Roosevelt will start the wheels moving by wire from the white house.—Monroe Journal.

On Sunday morning last, Rev. Richard Hall, pastor of the Florence Baptist church, submitted his resignation as pastor, to take effect one month from that date. Mr. Hall has received a call to take charge of the church at

Orrville in south Alabama. On Sunday next the congregation will consider the resignation. The Times would regret to see Mr. Hall leave Florence. He is an able and faithful minister, and a most pleasant and genial gentleman. We hope the congregation may see its way to retain him.—Florence Times.

At Saturday's session of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Fort Worth, Tex., Mrs. Stella B. Irvine from Minnesota, reported as to Sunday school work. Sunday school temperance work is being carried on very largely. Pledges are being pushed in Sunday schools. Better temperance notes, items and stories are being printed, with corresponding increased value. Nebraska had the first temperance department and California is to have temperance instruction in all its Sunday schools. Twenty-three states continue quarterly lessons in the International Sunday school series. It will be pushed in other states and Canada.

In a talk on purity, Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of New York, said that 200,000 children are arrested every year in the United States. She made the surprising statement that there are in Chicago on one street twenty saloons that have playrooms for children, fitted up with toys and everything tending to a child's amusement, and where a child is also served with alcoholic candy and in many instances drink is furnished.

Pastor W. Y. Qulsberry has just returned from Brewton, Ala., where he attended the Baptist State convention. He reports a fine meeting, with respect to the work accomplished last year, and plans suggested for the present conventional year. He was successful in getting the convention to accept the invitation of the Central church to meet with them next year. This will bring to our city three or four hundred of the leading Christian workers from all parts of the state. This body of workers are not purely preachers, but among them are many lawyers, bankers, physicians and prominent business men. The object of the convention is to look after the missionary and educational work of the Baptist denomination in Alabama and through its boards to aid in world-wide evangelization. Pastor Qulsberry said the convention gladly accepted the Scottsboro school property, valued at \$19,000, and appointed for its management a board of trustees. This school has now 108 pupils, with six professors. This valuable property was secured largely through the influence of the Central Baptist church. The school is free from debt.—New Decatur Advertiser.

After my return from the Weogufka Association, I went to Bethesda. Those people are under the leadership of Bro. J. D. Martin; he has a splendid field around Bethesda. There were large crowds morning and evening. Everybody enjoyed the word of God. I then went to Macedonia where the good people under the care of Bro. W. S. Armstrong listened to me preach. The crowd was small owing to the cold weather and a death near-by. This church is in the Weogufka Association, but they are missionaries and they practice what they preach. They are the kind of brethren we love to see.—R. R. Brasher, Shelby, Alabama.

"Sawing Wood and Saying Nothing."

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Nov. 23rd.

That has been the attitude of the Prohibitionists in Alabama for some time. They were powerless before the last Legislature, owing to the composition of one of the committees, to get anything favorable through. They watched with greatest interest the framing of the New Constitution. While there is nothing in the instrument favoring them, there is nothing unfavorable to them. It is said, we are now to have fair elections. If that is so, it is time for the Prohibitionists to make themselves felt. I announce as my platform, "Prohibition where possible, but the Saloon, never."

There are good people enough in Alabama if they will unite and if they can have their votes fairly counted as cast to elect a temperance Legislature.

Let every God-fearing man who wants to see the demon downed, make up his mind now to join hands with the enemies of the Saloon. Let them speak out. W. B. CRUMPTON.

The man who humbles himself does not seek to humiliate somebody else.

Woman's Missionary Union.

Continued from 1st page.

Miss Janette Stewart, Montgomery.
Ethel Taylor, Brewton.
Mrs. Wilson, Mobile.

A resolution was offered and adopted, that the program for the W. M. U. be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST at the same time as program for the Convention.

Collection for Orphanage.
A table of literature had been displayed during the session of the Union and large quantities were distributed.

With the adjournment of this meeting closed the 9th session of the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. T. A. HAMILTON,
President.
Mrs. D. M. MALONE, Sec'y.

Notes from Bro. Crampton.

WRITING LETTERS.

Let me suggest: Some brethren write me about their field and work and, in the middle of the letter, say, "Find inclosed a postal order," etc., or they may say it at the close. In either case the busy clerk must read the whole letter to get at the part which specially concerns her. Brother tell about the money first and then fire away on other lines; but rather than have you out of humor with the suggestion I will take it all back and let you write as you please.

"I WANT TO TRY THEM."

That is the way a good many express themselves when writing for cards and envelopes. I am always a little doubtful about the brother who writes that way and frequently I find, when I visit his church, the unused envelopes and cards about the pulpit or in the book case. "I am going to use them in my churches," has a very different ring about it. That sounds like business.

"SEND FIFTY OF EACH."

That brother hasn't caught on. If he has fifty members who sign the card, he sends that number of cards, but he needs for that number six hundred envelopes. He needn't get them all at one time. The cards are used one time during the year, the envelope every month.

HAVING A REST.

That must be the condition of the pastors and churches on Mission contributions. They are going into winter quarters too early. We must press our collections right along brother all the time or we will find ourselves awfully left at the Convention.

THE CHEAPEST BIBLES.

Can be found at the Alabama Bible Society, Dexter Avenue, in this city. They handle only Bibles and are compelled by their charter to sell them at cost. I want to be accommodating but I am too much out of the office to be purchasing agent for the brethren.

A TEXAS WONDER.

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and the Montgomery Drug Company.

READ THIS.

Ripley, Tenn., June 1, 1901.—Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.: Having tried various remedies without satisfactory results. I was persuaded to give your "Wonder" a trial. I have used one bottle and although my case is one of long standing that baffled the skill of the best physicians, yet it yielded at once to the "Texas Wonder," which I heartily recommend to all suffering from kidney troubles. Yours truly, W. H. BAILEY, Pastor Baptist church, Ripley, Tenn.

ren. Write to the Society and they will be glad to serve you.

I did want to write some Trip Notes before the Convention, but had no time to do so. I wanted to speak, especially, of two trips—one was to Orrville. Of course I write about that place and section and people that is my home. They have called Richard Hall, of Florence. I think Richard knows a good thing when he sees it. He will leave one of the best towns in Alabama, but the call to Orrville from anywhere, if I was a preacher, would be irresistible. And Orrville is now to be on the L. & N. Whoever heard of a railroad taking up its track and moving it to the town—it is always the other way; but the unheard of thing has happened in the case of Orrville. Now the name of the town should be changed to

ELLISBURG.

Since there are ten families of the Ellises, or their kin, in the place. When they get the brick Baptist church, water-works, etc., it will be an up to date town—it will.

I visited Selma, too, but Orrville treats me so much better than Selma I am tempted to leave the latter out. When a man preaches a \$300 sermon and gets only \$125 for it, and all that for other boards. But they promised me better things in the future, and I believe they will carry out this promise. When that gem of a new house is completed (the foundation is now laid), and a gem of a pastor is installed, we are going to see Selma go back to her old place at the head of the column. By the way, the Second church is pastorless also.

I got Bro. Barnes to make a trip or two into Lamar county, on the Kansas City Road, away over next to Mississippi. He heard the Macedonian cry and yielded to the call of four churches and moved. God be praised for a young man and a young wife who have the courage to make a change like that. We are going to hear from Barnes—the people love him and he has faith and sense and tact.

Away off from Roanoke, where the railroad stops, fifteen miles in the hills, is

WEDOWEE.

the court house town of Randolph—and their court house is a beauty too—just completed and up to date, clock and all.

Bro. Geo. W. Stevens is the enthusiastic president of a prosperous college.

Brother Culpepper has just taken hold as pastor of the church. There is good timber in that young man and he is going to do a world of good.

The first session of the Randolph County Association met here. It is going to be a strong Association. The first year they gave for missions nearly \$1,000.

The Roanoke church did the right thing in withdrawing from the great East Liberty Association and joining hands with the weaker churches in Randolph.

I saw something of Risner and his new church. It is going to be a beauty. How the town does grow! Some handsome residences are going up. A good sister took me up stairs in her elegant home and showed me "Bro. Crampton's Room"—that's the name of it—think of that, you people who say you wouldn't be a Secretary for anything. The Lord sparing me I'll sleep in that room at least once a year.

Let me drop back to the Convention and give you

SOME FIGURES.

that made a Secretary's heart glad. Do you know, kind reader, that Alabama gave for Foreign missions \$3,800, for Home missions \$1,835 and for State missions \$1,067 more than last year, or a total for missions of \$27,494. If we add the \$2,606 of merchandise for Home missionaries and the \$486 for Sunday school missionaries, and it ought to be added, we have a total for missions of \$30,586. Add to this the amount for other objects accounted for by the State Board \$6,088, we have a total of \$36,674.

Now with our spirits stirred on the great work of evangelizing the lost world, let's set our faces like flints and take hold of the work with a new grip. What do the brethren say about \$40,000 for next year?

W. B. C.

TYPEWRITERS—Easy Terms, large discounts. Rev. J. W. B., Brookside, Ala.

Pastorium.

Just before the death of our beloved and venerable Prof. Dill, he wrote an extensive article in opposition to the use of the word *pastorium*, which was not answered because he was in very feeble health, and I did not wish to say one word that might cause him any unrest; and besides I was perfectly willing that any one might consult his taste about the matter. Furthermore the word was so firmly established that I knew it was too late for it to be seriously injured. At the request of a valued brother, however, I wish to give a brief history of the way the word got into the standard dictionary, the best, all things considered, now extant.

I will say that I sent a large number of excerpts, in which the word was employed, to Funk & Wagnalls, who were then engaged in publishing, or rather preparing to publish, the great dictionary. They wrote me that the word had been sent to their lexicographers (about two hundred of the finest scholars in America) and that its fate would be decided by them. Among these lexicographers were Prof. Harper, of Chicago University, and scores of other scholars and college presidents, who examined, carefully, everything that went into the book. That was the last I heard of their action till, on getting my copy of the dictionary, I found the word in it. Even before this, Prof. Carroll, then of John Hopkins University (but later Prof. in Richmond College), wrote a column and a half in defense of the word, saying it was the very word to describe a pastor's home, and giving *pastorium* as an analogous word, which made him think it ought to be spelt *pastorium*, but he said that euphony made *pastorium* all right. The word is now used in nearly all the States by many, and surely is a much better word than parsonage for a Baptist pastor. It belongs to a large family of words, thoroughly embedded in the language, and in such company will certainly live.

The finest scholars of the age have endorsed it, and without in the least reflecting upon any one who does not like it, and liking them none the less for their position, I shall leave it to its destiny.

M. B. WHARTON.

Those Unpaid Subscriptions.

I mean the subscriptions made publicly during the session of the Convention, and to be paid sooner or later during the ensuing year, and remaining unpaid when the year expires. They are a sad, sad feature in our work. I don't see how we can get on without taking subscriptions for certain objects, yet if the subscriptions are to be unreliable to the extent that the list is worth only about one half its face value, or less, that means of providing for pending necessities ceases to serve its purpose. Let us all take special care on this point. When such promises are called for, if we are at all doubtful about the payment of them,—that is, if we are not very sure that the obligation will be met with a good degree of promptness,—let us forbear to subscribe either for ourselves or our churches. In matters that we can anticipate, such as the annual call for the Seminary students' fund, we would do well to take the cash with us to the Convention, whether for ourselves or our churches. If we fall in that the next best thing is to forward the money as soon as possible after our return home. Of course the subscriptions are all right if we who make them will certainly see that they are duly paid. Otherwise they are all wrong. To promise and leave the amount unpaid is bad in itself; I mean it is morally bad. Besides, it is very injurious to the cause. We all intend right in this matter; henceforth let us all do right in it. With much love to all the world.

Your Brother,

SOFTLY.

State Board of Missions

Will hold the regular annual meeting at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., Montgomery, Tuesday, December 3rd at 12 o'clock. A full attendance of the members is desired.

G. G. GILES,
President.

Up in the Old Dominion.

The General Association of Virginia met in Richmond last week. The attendance was quite large, about 400 delegates being enrolled. It was the first meeting of the new century and seemed permeated with the idea of being epochal.

The delegates probably regarded the educational question the chief issue of the meeting. For more than a year a proposition from Mr. Rockefeller has been before Virginia Baptists, wherein he offers to contribute to Richmond College the sum of \$25,000, provided the sum of \$75,000 is first raised. About one-third of the required sum had been promised prior to the Association, and it was hoped that another third might be secured during the meeting; but this hope was not realized. The morning of the second day was devoted to the subject; and after able addresses by leading brethren, a subscription of about \$4,000 was made. For reasons that have not appeared in print, the movement does not seem to carry the hearts of our people. Dr. Hatcher, who is at the head of the enterprise, however, appears quite hopeful, and promises surprising things in the next four weeks.

The State Mission work received a great impetus. It was stated before the body that there are in Virginia 700,000 persons who make no profession of faith in Christ, and that in some counties only one person in six claims to be a Christian. The State Mission Board was authorized to plan its work on a basis of \$20,000. The acute stage of interest was reached when a resolution touching the temperance question was offered. The Constitutional Convention, now in session, has before it a proposition to require saloonists to get the written consent of a majority of the registered voters in any precinct, in which they propose to do business, before they can secure license. The resolution before the Association requested the passage of this requirement. An old schoolmate and personal friend of mine offered an opposing resolution, which did not receive so much as a second. In opposing the resolution which was before the body he took the remarkable position that it was out of harmony with our teaching and practice for Baptists to pass resolutions touching legislative matters. This, in Virginia, where the Baptists led the fight for the amendment to the Federal Constitution, which guarantees religious liberty!

One of the greatest speeches before the body was made by Dr. T. B. Thomas, whom we have taken from Alabama.

Some regarded it as the ablest address of the whole meeting. But Dr. Hawthorne, another Alabamian, spoke with great power on the temperance question; he also preached the annual sermon before the body, and did it well.

The next meeting will be in Norfolk with the Freemason Street church; and we shall be glad to have the ALABAMA BAPTIST represented in the meeting.

J. J. TAYLOR.

Norfolk, Nov. 18.

Sam Jones in Mobile.

We have recently had the original and only Sam Jones to conduct a meeting in Mobile and the old town was shaken as it has never been before. Many were opposed to his coming, called him a blackguard and said he would do more harm than good. Many of these same people heard him regularly and changed their views about him and some of them confessed the Saviour before men. Some who cursed him at the start were with him at the finish. He made a profound impression upon the whole community and I believe only eternity can reveal the results of his work here. There were from five to seven thousand people who heard him every night. His service to men only on Sunday night, Nov. 10, was the greatest service I ever witnessed. About seven thousand men were present and they were mightily moved by the Spirit of God. It reminded me more of Pentecost than any thing I have ever seen.

What the visible results of the meeting will be we can not now tell. It is certain that many church members who were indifferent before the meeting are now thoroughly aroused and we believe that many will unite

with the different churches of the city. On Wednesday evening of this week I received four from one family and three of them were members of the Roman Catholic church. I have received five for baptism as a result of the meeting and am expecting others on Sunday.

I regard Sam Jones as a very remarkable man in many respects. It is necessary to hear him through a meeting to properly estimate him. At times he is as eloquent as any man I ever listened to. Yes, he is harsh at times and he is mighty in the use of invectives but he makes men think. He reaches men that other preachers do not touch and if they are not converted they are greatly helped in their moral life, but many of them are converted. The meeting he held here was in some respects the greatest I have ever witnessed.

I am of the opinion that Sam Jones is the worst slandered preacher in America today. It is surprising how many statements were made about him in Mobile that some of us knew to be absolutely false. I had thought that he would not hold a meeting unless a large guaranteed fund was promised him beforehand. My information came from a prominent evangelist and others who spoke as if they knew. He not only does not require any definite amount but he will not even make any suggestions as to how the money he is to receive for compensation is to be raised. He will have absolutely nothing to do with it. He is the cleanest evangelist in this respect I have ever known. I believe in Sam Jones. God is using him to arouse the consciences of many men.

W. J. E. COX.

From Jackson, Ala.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

We have lately closed a very fine meeting in Jackson, Ala., in which Bro. J. V. Dickinson, of Birmingham, did the preaching for us.

Bro. Dickinson is too well known through the State for me to discuss his merits as a revivalist, further than to say that for purity, simplicity and earnestness in preaching the blessed gospel, he can hardly be excelled. Our people were ready for a meeting, and from the beginning the interest was good, and was sustained with increasing power to the close.

Our congregations were so large that we had to move to the college chapel, which accommodates nearly a thousand people, and at several services we had it nearly full, which shows how thoroughly our whole town was influenced by the preaching.

We baptized 16 at close of the meeting, besides several converted in the meeting have united with the other denominations.

The closing service was a strong characteristic sermon, setting forth the significance of baptisms.

We trust it will be our good fortune to have Bro. Dickinson with us again in the future.

To God we give all the praise.

Truly,

S. A. ADAMS.

The Centerville Revival.

We have just closed one of the best meetings in the history of this church. The pastor was aided by Bro. H. W. Provence, of Clayton St. church, Montgomery. He preached fifteen as clear, simple, and pure gospel sermons as I have ever heard. His method in revival work is strictly New Testament. Large crowds were in attendance from the beginning to the end. On Sunday the last day, he preached four times. There were between 25 and 30 conversions, nearly all of whom were young men and women. They did not all join the Baptist church but there will be additions to all the churches of the town. In all there has been 78 additions to our church this year. He is as noble a man of God as I ever labored with.

Our church feels very kindly toward the Clayton St. brethren for the loan of their pastor.

He did our church much good in many ways. JOHN BASS SHELTON.

A hotel landlord in St. Louis, Mo., has established curfew regulations in his house. Promptly at 10 o'clock at night the curfew rings, and guests are expected to turn out the lights and go to bed.

Central Committee Column.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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LIVE OAK, FLA., Oct. 24.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The more I work with children the more convinced I am that all they need is some one to lead them. And who can estimate the fruit? I have been in the work long enough to see children grow up, move off, and organize and carry on the work. I think we have much to encourage us in every branch of Woman's work.

How much I wish you could meet us at Marianna, Fla., in our State Convention the 11th of December. That place is near the Alabama line.

Lovingly,

Mrs. B. M. BEAN.

MARION, ALA., Oct. 20.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

You see from the heading of my letter that I am in Marion, and, naturally, you would suppose, at the Judson.

It was my intention to write to you before I left home, but was so busy with preparing to come over here that I neglected it. Since I have been here my time has not been my own, and I have put it off until today I resolved I would do so no longer.

I left the Sunbeams at home with Miss Evelyn Farmer. She is quite young and inexperienced, but I believe she is in earnest. Write to her, please madam, and encourage her all you can. I think she will make a good worker if we can get her enlisted in the cause.

I have joined the Ann Hasseltine Society, and think I shall soon become interested in it.

I get home-sick very often, for the Sunbeams as well as for home.

With love, I remain as ever, sincerely,

FLOY WHITE.

ROANOKE, ALA., Nov. 15.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Our Sunbeams are going to start up their work again, and I am going to make an effort to keep up their interest and help them do some good work, but, as it is entirely new to me, I am going to prevail on your kindness and ask you to give me some ideas, etc., and offer suggestions as to programs. It seems to me that if an interesting program were always

ready to be given, but at each meeting for the succeeding meeting, that it would be well; but getting up such a program each time presents itself to me as rather difficult. I would so gratefully receive your suggestions or assistance in this, as I am so anxious to make it a success, and I know you are interested in all Sunbeams.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. R. G.)

HATTIE H. SAUNDERS.

ORVILLE, ALA., Oct. 10.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I saw in the ALABAMA BAPTIST a note from you asking for some picture cards to send to Miss Hartwell. As brother and I are too little Sunbeams I thought we would send you some as we had so many. Some of them I didn't know whether to send or not, but they had such pretty pictures on them. If you think they won't do why don't send them, use your own pleasure about them.

I love our missionary, Miss Willie Kelly. I knew her personally, she used to board with my grandmother when I was a baby. We enjoyed having her with us this summer.

Our Sunbeam band is not doing much now, as we have had no president since our dear Mrs. Watson left us, but we hope soon to have another pastor and wife and then we will organize again.

I am a little girl, ten years old, and brother is seven. We will be glad to hear from you if you received the package of pictures.

Yours in love,

EVIE AND GEORGE BURT.

SYCAMORE, ALA., Nov. 7.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Will you please obtain twelve mite boxes and send me. I want these for use in my Sunday school class, and shall thank you very much for sending.

Our Sunbeam work is doing nicely, have now 37 on roll. Thank you for the literature you have sent. Remember your new friend, and may God help me to be just what he would have me be, and do just what he would have me do.

Affectionately yours,

MAUDE PRESCOTT.

Rev. Iri R. Hicks Is Not Dead.

Notwithstanding a widely current rumor that the Rev. Iri R. Hicks was dead, he never was in better health, and never did a harder and more successful year's work than that just closing. He has just completed his large and splendid Almanac for 1902 and, with his staff of able helpers, has brought his journal, Word and Works, justly forward into international reputation. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hicks has grown in reputation and usefulness as the people's astronomer, and forecaster of storms and the character of coming seasons. Never were his weather forecasts so sought after as now, his timely warning of a serious drouth this year having saved the people from loss and suffering. Millions of bushels of wheat were harvested through his advice to plant crops that would mature early. The American people will certainly stand by Prof. Hicks, when it costs them so little and the benefits are so great. His fine Almanac of 200 pages is only 25c, and his splendid family journal is only one dollar a year including the Almanac. Send to Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

His Way and Hers.

The story goes that a rising young politician proposed to his sweetheart in the following novel manner:

"My Dear Miss: I hereby announce myself a candidate for your hand and shall use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination. I know that there are many candidates in the field, and I hesitate before entering the race, but I am in

to stay. My view on love and matrimony have often been expressed in your presence and need not be repeated here.

You know I favor the gold standard of love—and a maintenance of that standard after marriage. If you decide to confer upon me the honor I seek, please fix date for a caucus with your mother. I have no objection to her acting as temporary chairman of the permanent organization. Should the result of the caucus prove satisfactory, we can hold the primaries and select the date and place of convention.

I have never believed in long campaign, so if you decide to honor me I will ask you to make the convention date as early as possible. Devotedly yours,

The following telegram answered it: "Caucus unnecessary. Nomination unanimous. Come at once and fix date of ratification."

One of the saddest sights in the world is that of a soul which has been starved by indolence—an undeveloped, stunted man, who has never sufficiently exerted himself to unfold his godlike power, to cultivate his finer sentiments and faculties. It is not necessary for a man to be actively bad in order to make a failure of life; simple inaction will accomplish it. Nature has everywhere written her protest against idleness; everything which ceases to struggle, which remains inactive, rapidly deteriorates. It is the struggle toward an ideal, the constant effort to get higher and farther, which develops manhood and character.—Success.

He suffers to no purpose who passes through great trials without getting closer to God.

Little Helps About the House.

There is no need to throw away the small pieces of toilet soap, and these accumulate rapidly in a family where there are many children. When you have collected a nice quantity of the scraps, cover them with boiling water and set them in the back of the stove to melt slowly, and stir in enough ground oat meal to make a stiff batter. After it is thoroughly melted, pour the mixture into a greased dish, and when it is cold cut into squares of the desired size. As to laundry soap it is never economy to buy a cheap and poor grade, and if bought in quantities, it should be exposed to the air and dried well before it is used.

Ammonia and kerosene are invaluable aids in housework, and they are especially useful in the laundry and kitchen. Ordinary ironware may be scoured with finely sifted coal ashes, and galvanized ironware may be wiped off with a cloth dipped in kerosene. Tins may be polished with kerosene and wood ashes or with soap and sand, or with the common baking soda. Kerosene is excellent for kindling fires, and the only mistake one can make is in not knowing how to use it, and as Marion Harland says in her book "First Aid To The Young Housekeeper," kerosene, like the fire it is to encourage, is one of the best of servants, but the worst of masters. One safe way to use it is to lay a few pieces of wood on a shovel and pour a little kerosene upon these before they are put in the stove, but an easier way is to fill a tin can half full of the oil and put in as much kindling or as many cobs as the can will hold and they are ready for instant use. Household ammonia in the water in which dishes are washed will help to remove the grease and should always be employed in the first rinsing water. When washing flannels a little ammonia should be added to the water and enough pearline to make a strong lather. They should be washed and ironed in soft warm water, and the work should be done as rapidly as possible, and before they are quite dry they should be pushed into shape and ironed on the wrong side. MARTHA.

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"Papa, don't get rich again. You did not come into the nursery when you were rich, but now we can come around you, and get on your knee and kiss you. Don't get rich again, papa."

A man whose wealth keeps him from his family, sleep, healthy recreation, or the time to enjoy the legitimate pleasures of life, is managed by money.—December "Success."

You can hold your position if you fit yourself to its mold so as to fill every crevice. Be like a cake. At first it is a soft, spongy dough, and is poured into a mold which it but half fills. As it bakes, it rises, and crowds every dent in the mold. Not contented, it bulges over the top; it makes a cake larger than the mold will hold. So, young man and young woman, be larger than your mold. After you have filled every crease and crevice of your position to advantage, work out at the top. It is the largest cake that brings the most money.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES.

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To Destroy Moles.

Bryan Tyson in Farm, Field and Fireside.

Some people claim to believe that moles are a greater benefit than an injury, for the reason that they are almost wholly insectivorous in their diet. This I dispute. A mole will destroy seed corn after it has been anointed with tar from the Southern pitch pines, while every other known animal and fowl, including crows, will pass it by. I think the great majority of farmers will favor their extermination. I therefore submit the following cheap and effective plan to destroy moles:

Mix a proper quantity (no particular rule) of arsenic with corn dough, make a small hole into their roads here and there and deposit a lump of dough in each, about the size of a marble. Cover the holes with any convenient substance, such as clods of dirt, to exclude the light.

Some years ago I had a piece of land badly infested with moles that I wished to plant in sweet potatoes. Success depended on first getting rid of the moles. As a matter of experiment I concluded to try corn dough and arsenic, as above. Two applications resulted in a virtual extermination. Some of the moles came out of the ground and soon after died. Other poisons may answer as well, but I know that arsenic can be relied on. The best time to apply is perhaps in early spring, soon after the moles leave their winter quarters. Cut this out and preserve. Try it and report what success you have to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

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The Southern Railway has issued a beautiful booklet entitled "Hunting and Fishing in the South," which is a very attractive publication, giving full and concise information relative to the best hunting and fishing grounds along its lines, together with information as to rates of board, game laws, names of guides, and whether or not lands are posted, etc. This publication is complete in every detail and will be of great benefit to hunters and fishermen desiring to take an outing. Copy may be had by addressing either J. C. Bean, Jr., D. P. A., Atlanta, Ga., R. W. Hunt, D. P. A., Charleston, S. C., W. H. Taylor, A. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga.

Southern Railway has inaugurated Pullman sleeping car line between Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, Ga., on their "Atlanta and New York Express" trains Nos. 33 and 34; first car southbound leaving Washington November 3rd; first car northbound leaving Atlanta November 5th, 1901.

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4:15 pm	6:20 am	lv Selma	11:30 pm	11:10 am	
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6:40 pm	1:30 pm	lv Montgomery	9:20 pm	10:55 am	6:30 pm
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May 26th.	82	76	80
Lv. Montgomery	2:45 pm	6:30 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Sprague Junction	3:50 pm	7:00 am	
Ar. Troy		8:00 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Brundidge		8:40 am	10:05 pm
Ar. Ozark		9:30 am	10:55 pm
Ar. Dimmick		9:50 am	
Ar. Abbeville Junction		10:20 am	11:50 pm
Ar. Dothan		10:35 am	12:05 am
Ar. Bainbridge		10:50 am	12:20 am
Ar. Citmax		12:45 pm	2:20 am
Ar. Thorsville		1:40 pm	3:15 am
Ar. Valdosta		2:35 pm	4:20 am
Ar. Waycross		3:25 pm	5:15 am
Ar. Jacksonville		7:40 pm	8:50 am
Ar. Tampa		7:10 am	10:00 pm
Ar. Port Tampa		7:50 am	10:40 pm
Lv. Waycross		8:15 pm	9:00 am
Ar. Savannah		8:15 pm	9:00 am
Ar. Charleston		8:35 pm	4:35 pm
Lv. Sprague Junction	3:50 pm	8:00 am	
Ar. Lufkin		11:00 am	
Lv. Dimmick		10:00 am	8:30 am
Ar. Enterprise		11:00 am	6:40 am
Ar. Elba		12:15 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Abbeville Junction		10:35 am	
Ar. Abbeville		12:10 pm	
Lv. Citmax		4:45 pm	
Ar. Chattahoochee		4:45 pm	

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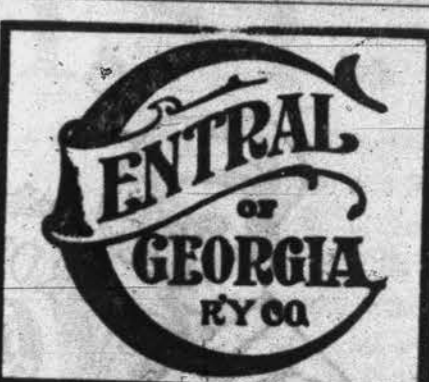
Schedule in Effect June 23, 1901.

No. 4	No. 4
Lv. Montgomery	9:15 am
Ar. Tuscaloosa	1:15 pm
Ar. Tupelo	7:52 pm
Ar. Corinth	9:30 pm
Ar. Memphis	8:20 pm
Ar. Hot Springs	7:15 am
Ar. Jackson, Tenn.	11:30 pm
Ar. Cairo	2:55 am
Ar. St. Louis	8:25 am
Ar. Chicago	4:30 pm
Ar. Waukegan	8:35 pm
Ar. Kansas City	6:15 pm
Ar. Denver	11:00 pm
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BY ENOCH WINDES.

Why is it? First and last, and all between, I have visited about one thousand churches asking for mission money, or money to build meeting houses, and I have never found a church exactly ready for me to come. Always some pressing demand has just been met, or has to be met, or a debt is hanging over the membership that they won't pay, or times are dull, or crops have not been marketed, or something else renders the time of my arrival inauspicious.

Some of the brethren don't like public collections for missions or meeting houses. And most of such brethren won't give any thing privately. Hence a vexing question arises, what is the ground of offence to their religious modesty in a public collection?

David said he spoke hastily when he said "All men are liars." Had he spoken at his leisure and with due deliberation possibly he would have said "Nearly all men are liars." How many of us are strictly truthful along all lines and in all circumstances? But for God's boundless grace heaven's bank would suspend payment in less than two hours.

Generally men and women marry when they can do so. And when they are well on their journey of the married life they begin to show their real character. Things are fixed to them and they are fixed to things, and they haven't time to conceal anything. So we have seen Baptists (are you one of the kind?) who, when they find themselves fixed in grace, appear to develop remarkably in contrariness and kicktiveness.

Without the least hesitation, equivocation, mental reservation, or evasion of mind in me whatever, I wish the Baptists of north Alabama may find all the oil they look for as they buy oil stock, or lease prospective oil lands, provided they will oil the machinery of their spirituality as thoroughly as they will that of their carnality.

Town Creek, Ala., Nov. 19.

A Man of the People.

CLANTON, ALA., Nov. 23rd, 1901.

I notice that Bro. S. O. Y. Ray, has moved to Tuscaloosa for the purpose of doing missionary work in that section of the State. I know of no man better suited to that character of work than Brother Ray, he is a man of the people. He knows the common folks and they know him. He does not walk on stilts but gets down and walks with the people, and in this he follows the example of our Master. I had him with me this last fall and my people fell in love with him, and I feel sure that the cause will be greatly strengthened where he works. Bro. Ray is the friend of the pastors, and they will be helped wherever he goes. We wanted him in Chilton County, but failed to get him. God bless him and his work.

S. M. ADAMS.

The man who robs Peter never pays Paul.

A Live Church.

Is Central Decatur. They gave this year \$500 to support a missionary on the Foreign field and nearly as much for other purposes. The pastor says they will do better next year. I am glad the Convention will meet with these live people another year. Heretofore Huntsville was the only town in the Tennessee Valley with Baptist strength enough to entertain the Convention.

It will not be long before Florence and Sheffield and Tusculumbia will be falling out among themselves about which of the three shall entertain the body.

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Wales Wellington Wallace.

Died, at his home in Shelby county, Ala., on Sunday night, Nov. 10th, 1901. Wales Wellington Wallace, aged 69 years. He leaves surviving him one sister, Mrs. M. J. Mallory, of Cordova, Ala., his widow and eight children.

The wrench of death never grows old, never abates its merciless cruelty to the living, and its coming in any circle sweeps the chords of memory as no other event can do. Gone! Departed! No words convey its meaning—its desolation. And we who still live review the things done, the words spoken, but the sweetness of sorrow is distilled when, as the life that was lived comes back. We find no discord to break the harmony of its great strength and boundless charity.

This man was one of the few on whom his friends could lean as on a granite pillar—gentlest yet strongest of men. Living for his family, yet kindest and most considerate to all with whom he came in contact; none were more wisely guarded, more faithfully shielded. Tender, genial and true, he was a perennial source of consolation to the weary and the sorrowing. The writer knew him intimately for more than 30 years, and during all that time, while an atmosphere of humble, yet cheerful Christianity pervaded his home, he made it the dearest, most inviting spot in all the world to his children, and wonderfully attractive to his friends.

No man was more charitable when sickness or misfortune fell upon the poor around him; he did not send; he went to them and took their cares upon himself. There was room in mind and heart for toleration; he respected those who differed from him, and his own conduct was governed by a finely developed sense of right.

He will be missed in his community—as a wise counselor, a good citizen; he will be missed in his church, for surely no man could be more ready to share the cares of his pastor or of his brethren. It was ever a delight to have them in the harbor of his home, which he always made a haven of rest. But most in that home of which he was the central, guiding figure, and at last, the best of all tributes must be, how indulgently, yet how wisely he governed his little domestic world.

Such a life is a legacy of rare value. In the death of a strong, brave Christian, whose life has made the world better and fairer wherever that life has touched it, there is a note of victory, and our very grief ends in a paean of praise to Him who sent the loved one to us. When the veil of eternity is lifted, not before, will we know how much this strong, brave Christian helped all who came within the magic radius of his influence.

S. H.

In Memory of Cynthia E. Richey.

who was born in South Carolina, December 2nd, 1829; married Rev. Perry Richey, December 25th, 1848; professed faith in Christ in 1850, and joined the Baptist church. In 1866 she became afflicted, and for 35 years she was confined to her room and most of the time to her bed. But she never lost confidence in God. In her last suffering, which was very great, she resigned her all to Christ. At 11 o'clock, November 4th, 1901, her spirit took its flight.

We feel lonely, sad without thee mother, for thy smiles and loving words are gone from our home. She spent her last years with me, her youngest son, and in my efforts to declare the glorious gospel she would encourage me. But now gone is that motherly care. But now gone is that shall meet again in the sweet by-and-by, when all redeemed sinners get home. So good-bye, sweet, sainted mother, good-bye, till we meet with father, brothers, and best of all, Christ, our elder brother.

JESSE L. RICHEY.

Flossy, Lawrence county, Ala.

Mrs. W. F. Odum.

Mrs. Emma Odum was born June 30, 1876; joined the church August 11th, 1891; married to Dr. W. F. Odum, January 24th, 1901, and died at her home in Searight, Ala., Sept. 22nd, 1901. She was a daughter of Hon. J. T. Watson, Aiken, Ala. A loving and devoted wife, a faithful and efficient worker in the church, she will be sadly missed. Her burial at Friendship church, her old home, was largely attended, and the manifestations of grief on the part of those present attested the deep hold she had upon the affections of all who knew her. Her's was a consecrated Christian life. May God bless and comfort the bereaved husband and relatives.

W. F. H.

Andalusia, Ala., Nov. 16, 1901.

Luminous.

The following sentence occurs in an editorial in a late issue of the Baptist Argus, in dealing with the question as to readiness to die: "We must look at it from two standpoints. One is a preparation in the proper adjustment of our relations with our environment." We give it up; it is too deep for us.

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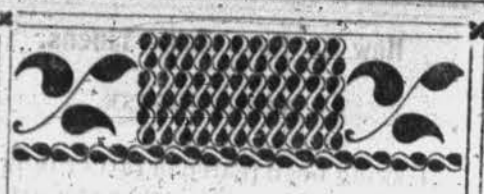
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