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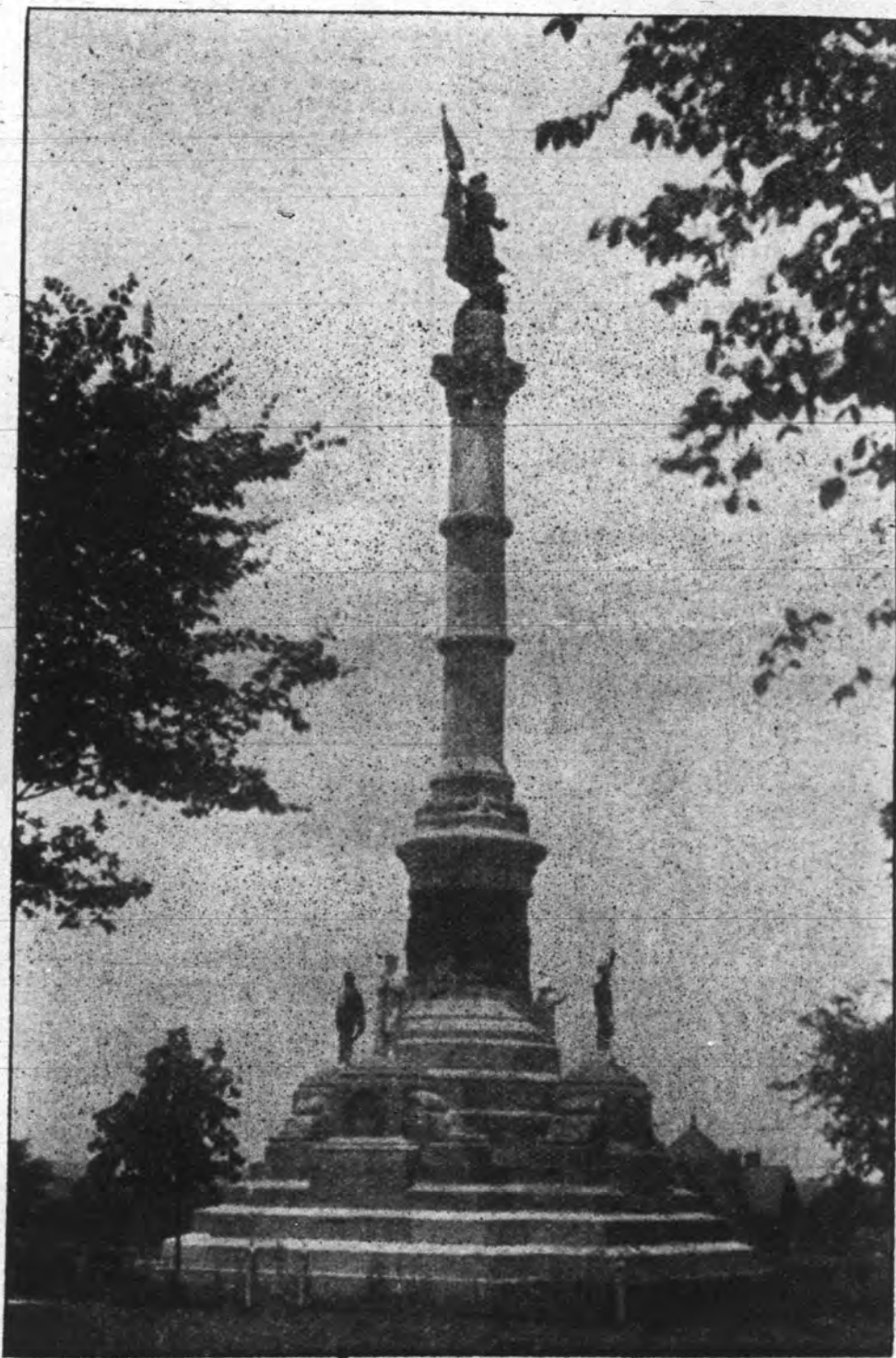
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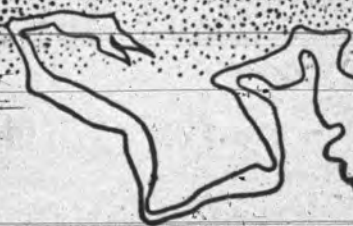
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BIRMINGHAM NEWS.

Rev. C. S. Johnson paid us a pleasant call last week on his way to Springville, where he is pastor.

Rev. F. F. Green, of Irondale, visited us last week. He is a justice of the peace, and dispenses law as well as the gospel.

A brother from the vicinity of Union Church says the church there is prospering under Bro. J. W. O'Hara's pastoral care and that everybody is devoted to him. How could it be otherwise?

In a brief trip to East Lake we found everybody happy over the recent forward movement in missions on the part of the church. Pastor J. M. Shelburne says it was the easiest thing he ever tried.

Rev. M. M. Wood is doing excellent work as pastor of four churches and as field representative for the Southern and Alabama Baptist for the Birmingham District. Receive him kindly and subscribe for the paper.

Bro. Robt. J. Overall, assistant manager of the circulation department of the Birmingham Ledger, visited us last week and subscribed for his State paper. He is a Tennessean, and was well trained under the Baptist and Reflector.

Dr. D. D. Jones says his church at Woodlawn has "the finest preacher and pastor combined in all the land." But who does not know it? We hold it somewhat against Pastor Blackwelder, however, that he does not write us something about his work.

There were about 650 cards of profession handed in during the Munhall meetings. The pastors will now visit those who signed the cards and converse with them about joining the church for which each signer expressed a preference.

Rev. N. S. Jones, recently of Montevallo, paid us a visit enroute to his new field at Burlington, North Carolina, his native State. Alabamians hate to give him up, and follow him with good wishes. We hope he may come back to us some time. May the Lord bless him greatly in his new work.

Howard College faculty and students are busy preparing for final examinations. Most excellent work is being done by both the professors and the students. What a fine moral and religious atmosphere pervades the institution! Surely no Baptist parent can afford to pass by Howard College when in search of a college in which to educate his boy. Let every church send a contribution for ministerial education at once, so that the college may have the money for the summer canvass for students.

STATE NEWS.

Bro. R. M. Hunter of Elba is assisting Pastor Gable in a meeting at Columbia.

Rev. D. E. Brundeshaw, of Kinsey, was among the "Old Vets" who attended the reunion at Dallas.

The Lafayette Sun says: "Rev. J. L. Gregory preached a fine sermon at County Line Church Sunday." He is given to doing that way.

The Randolph Leader reports increasing interest in the meetings which Dr. W. J. E. Cox, of Mobile, is holding with Pastor Risner and his church at Roanoke.

The Newton Harmonizer reports the death of Rev. B. T. Jones, of Newton, Alabama, one of the most devoted and useful ministers in all that section of our State. He will be sadly missed, for all loved him.

Rev. Arthur Crane, of Charleston, is assisting Rev. W. J. Elliott in a meeting at Wetumpka. Bro. Elliott writes that brother Crane's "plain, powerful gospel sermons are making a deep impression on the people."

Dr. Jno. P. Shaffer writes that he stood the trip to East Brook much better than he expected, and is hopeful that his stay may restore him to health. We sincerely pray that the change may prove beneficial.

Rev. J. R. Jester writes that he had a delightful stay in Eufaula, and a very spiritual meeting, with quite an ingathering. The Eufaula people are among the best that Alabama or any other State can claim.

Bro. B. T. Eley, a prominent Baptist layman, has been nominated for mayor by the democratic citizens of Union Springs. We wish all our cities would elect such men. A different order of things would obtain if they did.

Rev. John Bass Shelton, of Montgomery, is conducting a revival at Opp. The meeting commenced last Sunday and already thirty have joined the Baptist church and a total of about sixty conversions. This is the first of the summer revivals held in this section. Rev. Mr. Shelton preaches with marked eloquence and power, and his efforts are resulting in great good.

Weogufka Baptist church is in good condition. Rev. L. H. Hastie is the pastor. Bro. Hastie is one of our pioneer preachers, somewhere in the sixties, yet strong physically and otherwise, and perfectly original in everything. We have a good Sabbath school at both the Baptist and Methodist churches. The people of the town and vicinity attend both schools. E. C. Mitchell.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

The Religious Herald says: "Dr. J. J. Taylor has received notice from the American Baptist Publication Society that the manuscript of his recent sermons on Christian Science has been accepted for publication, and will soon be issued as a tract."

President P. D. Pollock, of Mercer University, has given \$500 to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to establish the Constance Pollock Publishing Fund. This is a noble and timely gift and we congratulate the Board and President Pollock.

"The former students of Richmond College, living in Norfolk, Va., and vicinity, have organized an alumni association, and will consider the interests of the college. In how many places in Georgia do Mercer's alumni ever meet and, reviving their own interest in the school, consider her good?"—Index.—And how about Howard Alumni?

At the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, there were 2,448 persons present at the Easter service of the Sunday school. There were sixty persons ready for baptism on that day. This is the largest Baptist Sunday school in the world. There have been about 200 additions each year to this church during the nine years of Dr. Cortland Myers' pastorate.—Standard.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief, who is so well and favorably known in Georgia, left last Friday for Union Springs, Ala., where he entered upon his duties as pastor of the First Baptist church. The brethren of Alabama covet the best gifts, as is manifested in the calls of brethren Gross and Moncrief to churches in that State. These brethren carry with them the best wishes of hosts of friends.—Christian Index.

Dr. H. W. Battle has had occasion recently to preach a special sermon referring to certain notorious political practices in the good city of Petersburg. He fearlessly denounced these nefarious practices, and it is encouraging to note that the good people of the community have rallied to his support. The Petersburg Index-Appeal in a recent issue, referring to Dr. Battle's sermon, says, editorially:

"It was at one time deemed a reproach for a minister to have anything to do with politics—a field which affords more opportunity for his good work than any other. But that time is past, and it is recognized that it is the minister's business to save the sick, and not the whole. But a very short while ago this whole community was ringing with praises of the brave words of one minister who used his pulpit to denounce the corrupt use of money in elections."

In this case, it was, of course, more a question of morals than of politics.—Religious Herald.

FOREIGN NEWS.

CHAN KWONG UET PO.

By R. E. Chambers.

The above is the name of a Baptist monthly which has just been started by the China Baptist Publication Society. The translation of the title is "The True Light Monthly." It will circulate throughout China and will begin the work for the Chinese Baptists which is now done so well for American Baptists by the various State papers. Though there are many dialects, not to say spoken languages, in China, and many people of even the same province cannot converse together, yet the book language—the printed character, is the same throughout China. Hence a religious newspaper published in Canton can be read by natives of all the provinces.

There are thousands of Chinese scattered throughout the country, and much valuable missionary work is being done among them. Some of our best workers were either converted in the United States, or received valuable training there, and we have a number of stations that are supported by Christian Chinese who are in America.

Those who are working among the Chinese will, we feel sure, find the "Chan Kwong Uet Po" a valuable ally in their work. And those who do not feel fitted for personal work among the Chinese, can certainly use this paper. Let those who live in cities or towns where there are Chinese send to the undersigned for some copies, and give them to their scholars, or to the Chinese in their laundries or other places of business.

A paper published in Canton is especially suitable for circulation among the Chinese in the United States, as nearly all of them are natives of this province. During my recent visit to America, I did not meet one who was not a Chinese, and I traveled from Massachusetts to Texas, and from Virginia to Vancouver. The general contents will be similar to that of any ordinary religious newspaper. It will be in small pamphlet form, printed and bound in Chinese style. For one copy, the price for one year, including postage, is 25 cents, United States currency. For ten copies sent to one address, 20 cents each per year. A lower rate will be given for larger quantities.

The undersigned will also be glad to furnish Chinese books and tracts in Chinese, suitable for both Christians and non-Christians. Many Chinese are providentially in America. Has not God thus put upon the Christians of America the responsibility for their enlightenment? Their conversion may mean the conversion of many heres. Will not each reader of this communication help to reach and save the Chinese at their doors?

Canton, China.

OUR SERMON.

By Rev. A. J. Moncrief,
Union Springs.

"Go Forward"—Ex. xiv. 15.

Change and motion are the condition of the universe. All life, animate and inanimate, is undergoing constant change, either progressive or retrogressive. And, indeed, even dead matter is undergoing the change of either decomposition or petrification. There is no such thing as a standstill in the physical world. What is true of the physical world in this respect is also true of the spiritual world. There is either a constant growth in grace or a decline of faith. We are daily approaching nearer God's glorious ideal for us or else we are retrograding therefrom. The will of God for every newborn soul is progressive, and he says to the life of faith, "Go forward."

The spirit of Christianity is essentially progressive and it recognizes no obstacles to its progress. The outlook of its conquest is universal and its ultimate end and aim are perfection. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is the declared purpose of conquest: "Be ye perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect," the purpose of ideal. He who aims to do less or be less than this has missed the true spirit of Christianity, for this is the character-aim and life-purpose of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So I bring you this morning, in my first message, the clarion cry of faith, and bid you in the name and omnipotent Spirit of God, "Go forward," in the work of his church and service of his kingdom. Let this be our watchword, and "forgetting the things that are behind," and ever encouraged by the sure promise of Him who cannot fail, let us set our faces to the front and press onward and upward "toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

But, lest we should forget our watchword, I would emphasize two or three thoughts that grow out of it and try to impress them on your minds.

I. The Necessity of Progress.

When I say that progress is necessary I simply mean that there is only one alternative, decay, which is death. When the tree ceases to grow and to put forth its life in new branches and leaves, that moment decay sets in and it is only a question of time when it shall cease to be. When our bodies cease to take nourishment and exercise they at once begin to die. When our minds cease to study and think they begin to lapse into ignorance. In like manner nourishment, exercise, growth—which means progress—are essential to the life of the spirit. By faith we receive, by activity we put forth that life, and this process must go on forever. Life cometh by faith but is saved by activity and he that puts forth most, possesses most. Use and service prolong the life and enhance the value of all things, for rust and decay destroy much faster than wear and tear. Timber left exposed to the merciless elements, unused, decays much more quickly than when built into a structure or made into furniture or manufactured into tools for man's use. We may state then as a proposition that progress is necessary in order:

1. To Prevent Rust or Decay.

Applying this principle to the church it will be seen that the measure of its life is its usefulness, the measure of its

power is its activity. Let it not be forgotten that the life is essentially "the gift of God," but the measure of it is its true use. "Freely ye have received freely give," and "give and it shall be given unto you," are the law of the proportion of life, verified in every human experience. That life that is receiving the largest returns of grace is the one that is making the largest investments of energy and capital in the Lord's work. The same is eminently true of the church. Its organic health and life depend upon the expenditure of that received. Soul-saving enthusiasm, missionary zeal and consecrated liberality are the spirit and exercise that bring about a healthy and vigorous condition of the church-body. The reaction or reflex influence of every effort put forth is two-fold in blessing. But let it not be thought that this is the incentive to effort: it is only the merciful result. So good is our God that even that effort that we are compelled to put forth in order to resist decay and death brings two-fold blessing.

But there is yet a higher moral reason for the necessity of going forward and onward in our spiritual lives and church work. It is necessary in order

2. To Fulfill the Divine Purpose.

The greatest obligation that can rest upon the life is the fulfillment of that purpose revealed to it. This is a necessity of conscience and to the quickened and enlightened soul there is no law so binding. But what is the will of God for the individual and for the church? It is that the one through the other should join hands and heart with him in the accomplishment of his purpose to bring "all the world" into the kingdom of Christ, and that to this end we should be purified and sanctified. Every soul is conscious that it is not what God would have it be. There are longings to be better and wiser and more useful, and these testify of a higher and holier life, toward which we must press onward and upward. God's ideal for the life is so high that there is no limit to the progress, and none has ever reached a plane where there was nothing higher to which to aspire. Paul says, "We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glorious ideal, but in mercy we are being set right with him through Jesus Christ." That ideal, so short of which we have fallen, will never be reached until we "grow in all things into him." Beecher said, "Obedience to the perfect law of God is a gradual attainment." Indeed all conformity to the perfect will of God is a process of life, and not only is it gradual but it calls for continuous effort. Call this "growth in grace," or "sanctification," or what you will, it is God's purpose for the life, and is therefore laid as a necessity upon it.

With thus emphasizing the necessity of progress in the kingdom of God, both to the individual and the church, let us consider,

II. The Means of Progress.

It will be observed that I have made no distinction between the individual and the church in these applications. None should be made, for although there are diversities in gifts and operations there is one God and one law to which both in like manner are subject. They are the same in life, in character, in mission and in destiny. But my message this morning is addressed, primarily, to the church-body, and in considering the means of progress I want to discuss

those conditions in the church that promote her life and advance the cause she represents. First of these and fundamental to all others is

1. Divine Grace.

By this I mean the favor of God, evidenced by his in-dwelling. Without this the church is nothing and can do nothing. Machinery, however perfect and capable it may be, is worthless and useless without power. So whatever the church may possess in the way of numbers, wealth, influence and material advantages of all kinds counts for nothing unless it is energized, and directed by the Spirit of life. There is too great a tendency in this material age to give too much emphasis to, and put too much dependence in these worldly things. When we would estimate the strength of a church do we not too often ask how many members it has and how much wealth and how great influence is theirs? These may indeed stand for great strength if they are consecrated, and therefore they are not to be despised, but to depend upon these or unduly emphasize them is a grievous error.

Much is said also about organization and some churches like to boast of the number of societies, leagues, unions, etc., which they have. Organization is a good thing, and a necessary thing, but however thorough and systematic, it can never take the place or do the work of the Spirit. Only that organization which grows out of a need and serves a definite purpose in the church is advantageous. Every other is a parasite upon the church's life, drawing from her strength.

Let these have their place and be made the most of, for God does not condemn them, but let it never be forgotten that the church is only the body whose life is the Spirit, and that only as this life is in it and over it is it of God. First and of paramount importance then is it

that we seek the favor of God, and so condition our lives that his Spirit may dwell in and possess us. With this, let me repeat, all things are possible; without this all things are naught. In this church I desire that Christ shall "in all things have the preeminence," and be recognized as head over all. That all emphasis shall be given to the work of the Spirit, and all glory to God, "whose we are and whom we serve."

The second means or condition of progress in and of the church is:

2. Unity and Co-operation.

This means mutual love and combined effort; harmony of spirit and unity of action. This is essential to the best results, indeed to any worthy results, in the work of the church. Not only is progress impossible to a divided house, but the Lord himself said that such a house could not even stand.

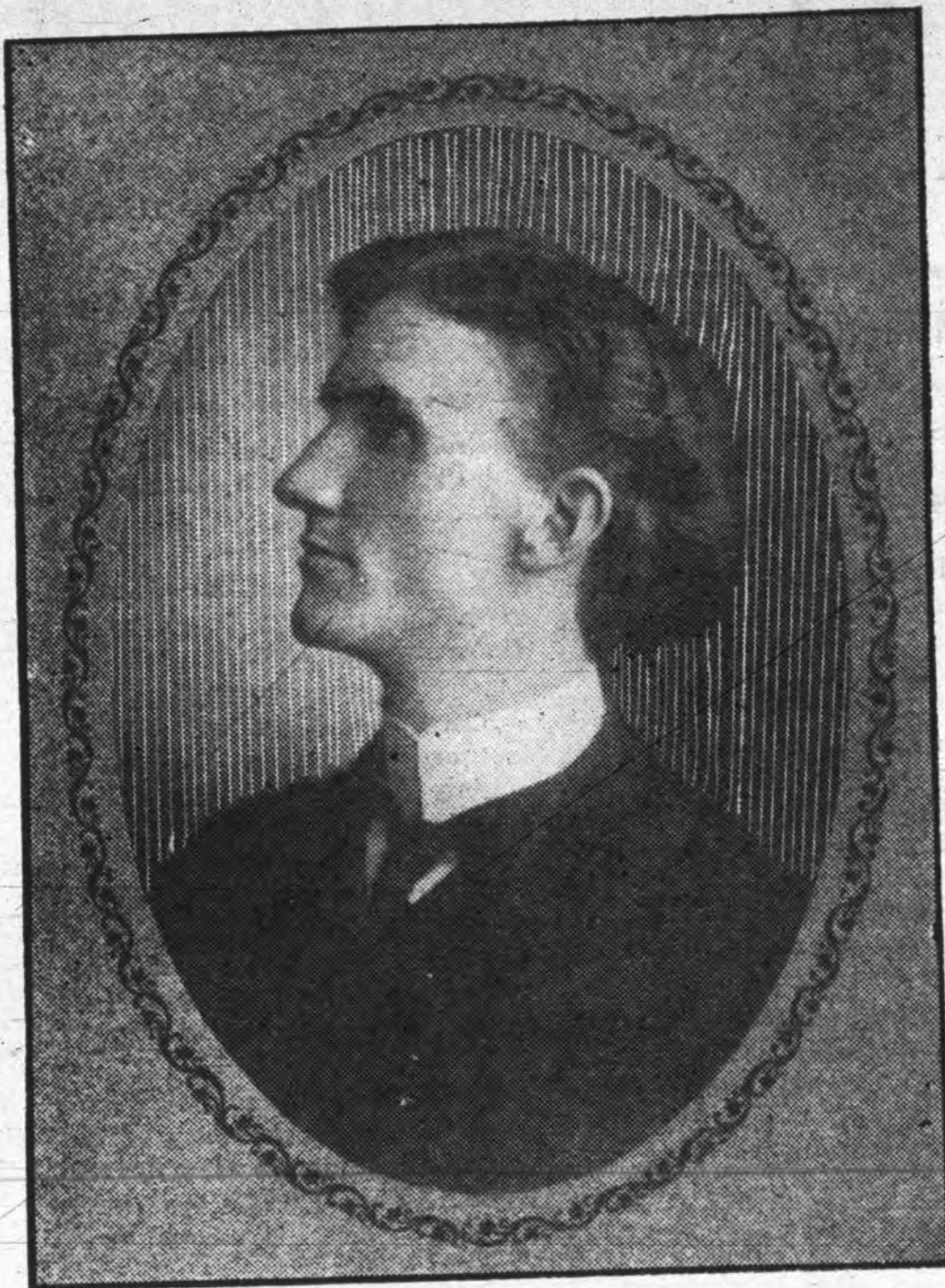
In order to have this unity and co-operation two things are necessary, they are:

(1). Recognized Leadership.

There can be no agreement of action without a directing head. This is true in all organizations. There must be one whose business it is to lead, and whom the body will follow. God is "head over all," but under himself he has appointed human leaders to go in and out before the people and teach and lead them.

We Baptists are a democratic people, believing in the rule of the majority. To our way of thinking this form of government conforms most nearly to the New Testament Scriptures. But sometimes we abuse the idea and exercise unwarranted and hurtful independence. As a rule, however, there is no church that more fully recognizes the authority of God's appointed ministry or where he has more respect and

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Rev. A. J. Moncrief,
Union Springs, Ala.

Alabama the Banner State in Sunday School Work.

Bunyan Davie, a Prominent Baptist of Clayton, Elected President of the Convention.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Alabama Sunday School Association was held in the beautiful town of Troy, Ala., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 22-24, 1902.

The attendance was really larger than was anticipated, but as is well known Troy's hospitality knows no bounds and every one was delightfully entertained. The weather was ideal and the sessions of the convention were most pleasant and profitable. Men and women who are very prominent in Sunday school work from all parts of the State were there and the convention was full of interest and enthusiasm.

The convention opened Tuesday night at the Baptist church, one of the handsomest church edifices in South Alabama, where all of the sessions were held, with a devotional exercise in the nature of an experience meeting, conducted by Dr. A. B. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist Church. This service was of great interest, and there were many expressions of consecration to the cause of Christ.

tive Committee, made the report of that committee. Hon. G. L. Comer delivered an address on the subject of "home co-operation." His address was characterized by great zeal and earnestness, and emphasized the necessity of home preparation by teaching and example to prepare the child for more mature religious training and Christian life.

The Convention met Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock and was opened by devotional exercises conducted by J. M. Shofner of Talladega, after which the president delivered an eloquent address on the subject of State work. In his address he showed that Alabama was the banner State of the Union in Sabbath school work, having outstripped Pennsylvania in this respect. In a very earnest and eloquent manner Mr. Atkins set forth the necessity for Godly consecrated work on the part of those laboring in the interest of Sabbath schools, and especially on the part of those who taught. He said that Sabbath schools were not only for children but grown up people as well.

M. M. Sweat of Montgomery submit-



J. S. Carroll, Troy, Ala.

cient Sabbath school workers of the State. Her address was delivered with an earnestness which indicated unmistakably that her heart is set upon the noble work she has espoused. In thought and insight to the best methods with which to prosecute her work, surely none can excel her.

Reports were called for from district, county and city superintendents. The reports of these Sunday school officials show much work and development in the Sabbath school interests of the State. Very few of them submitted written reports. In some counties the number of Sabbath schools and scholars had doubled and tripled within a remarkably short time, clearly indicating the great progress being made by the home department and primary methods inaugurated by the State and county conventions. As notable examples of this, are the counties of Lee and Talladega. In fact, in all the counties organized, where these methods are established, the most remarkable progress was shown to have been made.

This evening's session was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. C. Sturgeon, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Troy, after which a very eloquent address was delivered by B. Davie of Clayton, on the subject of the "Country Sunday School." Rev. Geo. O. Bachman of Nashville, the State superintendent of Tennessee, delivered a masterful address after which a collection was taken for the work.

The following officers were elected:

President, B. Davie, Clayton.

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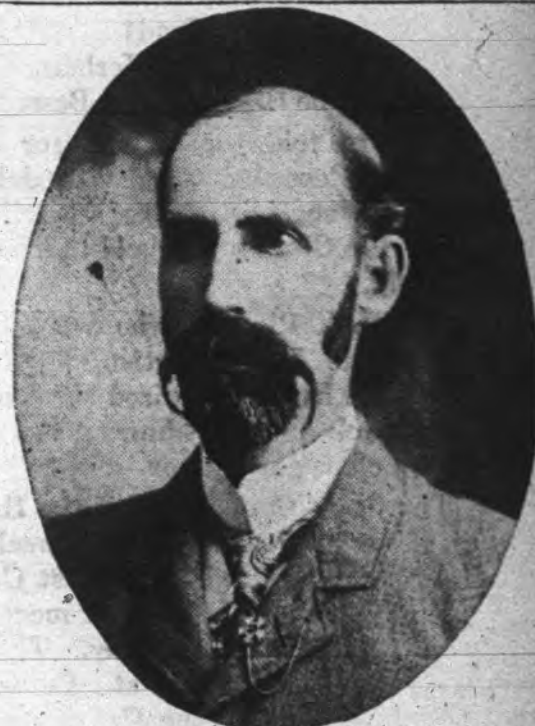
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Executive Committee—George G. Miles, chairman.

Meeting at Denver.

The Tenth International Convention will be held at Denver, Col., June 26-30, next. This convention represents the Sunday school work of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Alabama will be entitled to forty-four (44) delegates. These delegates are to be elected by the State Convention. Entertainment will be provided at Denver for regular appointed delegates upon what is known as the Harvard Plan, namely: Lodging and breakfast only, (however, supper is included for those who arrive in the afternoon of Thursday, June 26th.) Delegates will be expected to provide their own dinners and suppers. The railroads will give round trip



R. E. Pettus, Huntsville, Ala.

rate of one fare plus two dollars and fifty cents.

Any person desiring to go as delegate will do well to send their application to the General Secretary, Judge Joseph Carthel, Montgomery, Ala., and he will see that they are submitted to the convention.

A Baptist Normal College.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, the General Sunday School Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is preparing a normal course, in which he will, among many other things, show the relation of the Denominational to the Inter-Denominational work, thus securing a more hearty co-operation among the churches.



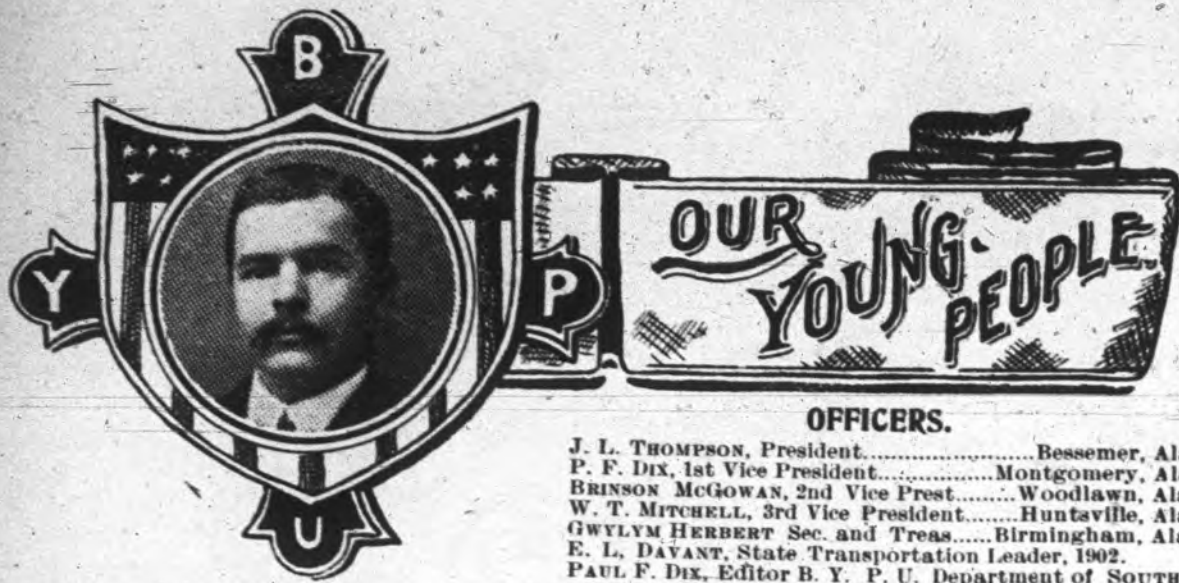
Michael Cody, Montgomery, Ala.

The convention was then organized, with W. T. Atkins of Selma presiding. N. J. Hubbard of Talladega was elected secretary, and L. C. Palmer assistant secretary.

G. G. Miles, Chairman of the Execu-

ted his report as treasurer.

Miss Minnie Allen of Anniston made her report on primary work, and delivered one of the most interesting addresses of the session. It is evident that Miss Allen is one of the most active and ef-



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Rockford.

We have organized a B. Y. P. U. here at Rockford; have an enrollment of twenty members. Our programs have been interesting and we have had a good attendance at every meeting. The older members have given their approval of the movement, and our pastor, Bro. C. C. Heard, has promised us his aid and service at every opportunity. We meet weekly and ask for your prayers that our union may prosper and that we may do something for our Master.

Allen Suttle.

Collinsville.

We have had some discouragement, especially in regard to weather, but now we feel very hopeful. Our last devotional meeting was well attended and very much enjoyed. At our last business meeting four names were added to the list as working members and the members generally are becoming enthused over the coming convention. We hope to appoint all the committees right soon and make all necessary arrangements for entertaining the convention. Our young people need the convention to stimulate them to work and make them more loyal to their church and to the B. Y. P. U. — Mrs. G. Y. Newman.

B. Y. P. U. Paragraphs.

Subscribe for "The Baptist Union" and "The B. Y. P. U. Quarterly."

Remember the B. Y. P. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Asheville, N. C., on the 8th of May, the day preceding the meeting of the S. B. C.

The good news comes to us every week of the organization of new Unions. Brother J. M. Head of Andalusia tells of the organization of new Unions. church. Who are the officers of your Union, Brother Head? Send their names to Mr. Gwylym Herbert, the secretary of the State Union, Bessemer.

We are told that the editor of the Western Recorder was greatly delighted with the success of the meeting of Louisville City Union, held in his church recently.

Dr. W. L. Pickard, who was once pastor of the First Baptist church, Birmingham, has reorganized the Union in his church in Lynchburg, Va., since taking charge as pastor.

The State Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama will meet one week later than the time fixed by the last Convention. This puts the time of meeting on the 16th and 17th of July. The Convention will be held at Collinsville. The date fixed by the Convention conflicted with the National Convention.

We call attention again to the importance of reorganizing the Birmingham District Union. It can be made a source of great benefit to the young people of this whole section.

At the recent meeting of the Louisville Union Dr. B. D. Gray's subject was "Training for Service." The address is said to have been a very able one. Sixteen churches were represented at the meeting.

It would be a great thing for our B. Y. P. U. work in Alabama if some of our pastors would take more interest in it. Try it, brother pastor. You can do nothing that will bring quicker and better returns.

Brother Crumpton's sermon to young men ought to be preached in every pulpit in the State. It is full of good advice. I know of no one who can handle the delicate phases of the subject in hand just as Brother Crumpton does. The popular evils of the day are presented with all candor and fairness, and it is done in such excellent spirit that no one can find fault with the speaker on the subject. It was my privilege to have this sermon delivered to my young people when I was pastor at LaFayette, and then it was given to our young people here in Bessemer a few days ago. It is sure to bear good fruit.—J. L. Thompson.

The Young People's Union of Boston has placed 100 gospel cards in the street cars of that city. There is no estimating the good that may result from this kind of work.

I wonder what the Union at LaFayette is doing? Let us hear from you, President Burnett. Then there is the Roanoke Union in the same section of the State. Speak out, brethren.

The B. Y. P. U. State Convention of South Carolina has just closed a most profitable session at Gaffney. Brother Bailey was made president, and Brother Louis Bristow secretary. Though only one hundred delegates were present, the meeting was marked by enthusiasm and zeal.

On Monday night, April 14th, Rev. W. B. Crumpton lectured for the Union of Bessemer. His subject was "The Original Tramp, or How a Boy Got Through the Confederate Lines." It is a most thrilling story of the speaker's experience in his tramp from Chicago during the spring of 1862. I commend the lecture most heartily. It is full of interest from start to finish.—J. L. Thompson.

The Texas encampment of the Young People, to be held at La Port, June 18th, will have "Evangelization" as the general theme for the meeting.

During the recent tour in the Orient by John R. Motz, of the Y. M. C. A., it is reported that fully 2000 young men publicly announced their purpose to enter the Christian life. In China the Young Men's Christian Association is called "The Christian Association of Men of Vigorous Years."—The Baptist Union.

The Baptist Outlook of Indiana has just issued a B. Y. P. U. number of that paper. The Outlook is a most excellent paper, and it is doing some fine work in the interest of the young people.

W. W. Gains, of Atlanta, in a letter to the the Baptist Union, says: "The Alabama Baptist gives a whole page to B. Y. P. U. matters. So far as we know it is the only Baptist paper in the South thus to favor our work." We thank brother Gains for this tribute to the enterprise of our State paper.

Who from Alabama is going to the National Convention at Providence? It is true that the Convention city is a good way off, but Alabama ought not to be without a large delegation on that account. If you can't go yourself, send your pastor.

Our denominational papers are giving more and more attention to the young people's work. The "Baptist Outlook" of Indiana has just issued a young people's number. Our neighbor, "The Baptist," of Miss., is giving to its readers a sprightly page in its B. Y. P. U. department.

Dr. T. W. Ayres, our Medical Missionary to China, has organized a Union at Hwang-hein. Dr. Ayres was the president of the Alabama State Union at the time of his leaving for the foreign field. Our young people should feel a special interest in his work in China.

On behalf of the Baptist young people of the State, the president of the State Union extends a most cordial welcome to brethren Pugh and Gross of LaFayette and Selma. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing both of them at the Convention at Collinsville. They will add largely to our working force. We are expecting much of them.

"Alabama is another State in which our work is quickening."—W. W. Gains in The Baptist Union. We are thankful to our Georgia brother for this compliment. Almost every week news comes to this department of the organization of new Unions in various parts of the State. The outlook is most encouraging. It only needs to have the pastors push the work a little more vigorously.

You will greatly accommodate the secretary of the State Union, if when you organize a Union you will send him the names of the officers with their post office addresses. Also notify him of any changes made when you elect new officers. By doing this you will facilitate his work very much.

Every officer of the various Unions throughout the State will receive a message from the President of the State Union in the near future, which you are requested to examine carefully. Do not read it and throw it aside. Have it read before your Union and take action on it. It means much for our general work.

The Unions are beginning to speak out. We are glad to have it so. Let others follow the example of Ackerville, Fairmount, Orrville and others. We do not like to have to "buttonhole" you. What is your Union doing, and what does it propose to do? Let us hear from you.

If you have not done so, get ready to go to the Southern Union. It meets the

8th of May at Asheville, N. C., the day preceding the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. You can have the opportunity of visiting both Conventions. There is no better place to visit than Asheville.

We are glad to hear of the splendid work that is being done by brother Richard Hall at Orrville. His young people are delighted with the training he is giving them in Christian Culture courses.

The coming of Dr. E. B. Pollard to the pastorate of the church at Georgetown, Ky., is quite an acquisition to the young people's work in the Blue Grass State.

The monthly social of the Bessemer Union was held with Miss Mabel Rodgers on Fifth Avenue, April 11. Miss Mabel is a charming hostess.

Will all State and Associational officers of the B. Y. P. U. and all officers of our denominational societies and associations see that the Providence Convention of B. Y. P. U. A. is fully presented in all Sunday school and Associational meetings and all B. Y. P. U. rallies occurring between this date and July.

Any literature in reference to the Convention may be obtained of the Transportation leader of the State, or directly from the Chairman of the Rally Committee, Rev. Frank Rector, D.D., Pawtucket, R. I.

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WOMAN'S WORK

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Letters for Sunbeams.



My Dear Sunbeams: I am sure you will be glad to see this letter from our own "Coz. George," the founder of the Sunbeam work. Perhaps some day we shall be able to add to this bit of history, by giving some account of what the Sunbeams have done and are doing since he turned them over to the fostering care of the W. M. U. Bear in mind, meantime, that the Alabama Sunbeams are making a chapter in this history. Let us see to it that it is an inspiring record.

Your friend,
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

West Appomattox, Va., March 20, 1902

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: In answer to your letter in which you make inquiries about the origin and early history of the Sunbeam work, I prefer to give you a few facts, which you can use as you may see fit in the preparation of the desired tract. Upon leaving the Seminary at Louisville, where I graduated, I went to live for a season with my father (who was then on a leave of absence from Rome, the chaplain of the University of Virginia). I became pastor of three country churches, one of them being Fairmount, in Nelson county, Va. This was a small, not very strong, church. It had, however, a good Sunday school. The primary class was large and prosperous, and bore the name of "Sunbeams." There was in this class the custom of a penny collection weekly, I think, and perhaps once a

month, went for missions. Certainly the penny once a month for missions soon became a feature. Information about missions was given. The children were encouraged to have missionary hens, and other ways to make their money for their gifts. Thus in the summer of 1887 the first Sunbeam Society was organized. The class in which the society was organized was taught and led by Mrs. A. L. Elsom, a consecrated, pious woman, a member of the Fairmount church. The society was at once a success. So much so, that several other societies were organized in neighboring churches. Then I wrote a letter about the work for the Herald, and still other societies were organized. Next the Foreign Mission Board gave a helping hand, a constitution was printed and other literature provided. A "trip around the world" was arranged for; Sunbeam Days, etc. Thus the work advanced not only in Virginia but in other Southern States. Numerous societies were organized. During the first year gifts from the Sunbeams as reported to me amounted to \$1,582.14; the second year, \$2,179.73. And so on for eight and a half years I had charge of the work, and in this time the Sunbeams reported to me \$25,901.88. Some of the ideas which I wanted to be fundamental as far as possible in the work were: The children to be encouraged to make the money they gave; to give not less than a penny a month; the children to be instructed as to missions, the geography, the habits, the religion, etc., of heathen and papal lands; the names of missionaries, etc.; the Bible basis for missions; emphasis to be laid especially on Foreign Missions, with the belief that that would mean finally interest in all of the various branches of mission work. Sunbeams were to carry sunshine with them every day and to send it around the world. Hoping that what I have given you may be the information you desire, with very pleasant memories of your cordial co-operation when I had charge of the Sunbeam work and of my visit to your home, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
Geo. Braxton Taylor.

Up Fool Hill.

J. B. Gambrell.

Fool hill lies just where the undulating lowlands of boyhood rise sharply up to the highlands of manhood. It is climbed only by big boys; and the big boy is an institution in this world. He is, indeed, a series of personalities in one extraordinary combination. The only certain thing about him is his uncertainty. Like a spit-devil he is loaded and will go off with a spark, but just which way he will go is an unknown and unknowable thing. But the chances are that he will go zigzag, and whichever way he goes, you can trace him by the sparks.

When you notice the boy feeling of his upper lip, and a suspicion of something slightly darker than the skin appears, you may begin then to look sharp. The boy has come to the foot of fool hill, and he will begin very soon to climb. The great problem is to get him

over the hill in good repair. That done, you have blessed the world with a man. Big boys are nearly certain to have the big head. This is no bad sign. It is an awakening sense of power, without the wisdom of discipline. Our boy entering the fool age is a caution. His voice is now fine and splitting, now coarse and grating. He begins a sentence coarse and ends fine, or fine and ends coarse. He is rank and sets digging to the world. All his judgments are pronounced and final. There is nothing he cannot decide instantly. He knows instantly and by intuition who is the greatest lawyer in the whole country, if he is a reading boy, or the best doctor. He can tell you who will be the next governor or anything else politicians are so anxious to know. He is authority on prize fights or cards or anything else he knows nothing about. And when he pronounces on anything, he has spoken. The governor is "Dick" somebody, and the supreme judge is "Tom." And, by

the way, he often differs with these and other dignitaries. He sings in unearthly strains, with tendencies to the pathetic and savage all in a breath.

With the big boy there is nothing medium. He uses adjectives freely and always in the superlative. He sees things in strong colors, for he is the flood of passion. Fight! Yes, anything and on the shortest notice. He ought to fight to prove himself, so he feels. About this time his mind undergoes some radical changes. He wonders at the dullness and contrariness of his parents. It is a constant worry to him that he can't manage his father without a world of trouble, and he wonders what is the matter with the "old man" anyhow. Churches and Sunday schools are too dull for him, and the preacher is just nowhere. He can give him any number of pointers on theology and preaching.

Rushing on into everything like mad, he stops short and bewails the coldness of this unfriendly world. Now he has more "dear friends" than he can shake a stick at; now he feels that he has not a friend in the world. He wants sympathy, while he tries the patience of everybody who has anything to do with him. Such is the boy in the fool age. The great question is what to do with him. He is climbing "fool hill" now and the road is bad. Father, mother and friends are all anxious and often vexed. Homes are deprived of all their peace by this great double-action marplot. But the question will not down. What shall we do with him! If he is turned loose now he will be like a wild engine on the track, smashing things. If he is not handled wisely there will be a catastrophe. The ever-recurring question is, what shall be done with the big boy climbing fool hill? The impulse often is to let the fool go. But that will not do. He is now like a green apple—sour, puckerish and unwholesome. But like the apple, if we can save him, he will ripen into something good. We must save him. Saints and angels, help us to save this human ship in the storm, freighted with father's, mother's, sister's, brother's love and with the infinite wealth of immortal nature! We must save him for himself, his loved ones and his country.

The chances for saving him will depend mainly on what has been done for him before he struck "fool hill." If, from infancy, he has been taught subjection to authority; if his mind has been stored with Scripture texts, with noble poems, and recollections of the pure, the sweet, the good, you have in him the saving elements. We must never forget that in the final analysis every person saves or loses himself, no matter what influences help or hinder. A well-taught boy may climb this dubious hill without a bobble, but if the new life gains the temporary lead the chances are that the enduring good elements will reassert themselves and become paramount. Hence the transcendent importance of ballasting this ship betimes before the storm sets in. Noble ambitions early planted and carefully nurtured are of great importance.

During this period of trial great wisdom and tact are needed. There must be gradual lengthening of the ropes. If you tie this mustang up too tight he will break the rope and maybe break his neck. It often happens that more can be done by indirection than otherwise. Some good woman, other than the boy's mother, may be a saviour to him.

He feels his great importance and you must recognize him. It is just here that the churches have failed and the saloons

have succeeded. Show the embryonic governor that you recognize his parts and call on him for service. The harder the service the better he will like it. Get in with him. Make him feel that you count on him, and do not be too critical, but pass his imperfections by. He will be about nearly everything, but never mind; he only sees things large and sees them double and mixed, being now partly boy and partly man, and seeing with two sets of eyes.

You are fighting the devil for a soul, and you can't afford to be impatient, or give way to anger when your fool boy takes an extra flounce. When he gets on a bad bent give line, as the fisherman does when there is a hundred pound tarpon at the other end of the line. In the quiet times pull on the line, but not too hard. And remember all the while that time and heaven are on your side. With age comes discretion. Once up fool hill the road stretches away ever smoother and better toward the pearly gates.

Our big boy is among us. His folly breaks out in dudsiness. He is an unturned cake, but likely there is good substance in him. He is worth cooking. If you see him on the street, take him by the hand and say a good word to him. His mother will be glad of it. Look him up and ask him to your house. Reach after his heart, for he has one. Two worlds are interested in that young fool, and underneath his folly there lies sleeping, maybe, a great preacher, or other dignitary of the commonwealth.

This article is affectionately dedicated to big-headed boys by one who loves them.—Texas Baptist Standard.

What is Good?

"What is the real good?"
I asked in musing mood.
"Order," said the law court;
"Knowledge," said the school;
"Truth," said the wise man;
"Pleasure," said the fool;
"Love," said the maiden;
"Beauty," said the page;
"Freedom," said the dreamer;
"Home," said the sage;
"Fame," said the soldier;
"Equity," said the seer
Spake my heart full sadly:
"The answer is not here."
Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard:
"Each heart holds the secret;
Kindness is the word."

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

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Children and Schools.

Edward Bok is making a strong and timely plea in the Ladies' Home Journal for a more rational regard for the physical limitations, in the education of children. According to his showing the average public school has many things laid to its charge. In the graded and normal schools, even, an amount of work is laid out for a given time which is practically impossible of thorough accomplishment. Mr. Bok lays emphasis upon the effect of this strain upon the child's health. As the child grows older, however, there is developed a moral danger which seems to have been overlooked. The impossibility, for the average student, of accomplishing thoroughly the tasks set for him, makes it almost inevitable that the mental habit of hurry and consequent inaccuracy will be formed; but this is not all nor the worst. The sharp competition makes the temptation strong to cover up one's lack of thoroughness, and a moral habit is at least in danger of being formed, no doubt in many cases is formed, which lays the ax at the root of the best endeavor. Thoroughness in preparation is a moral tonic, and any course which makes thoroughness impossible is hurtful to the soul.

Recurring to the physical limitations, much has been done in the way of outdoor games and athletics to keep the body strong and well, but these do not insure mental growth. That requires time. Some minds mature more rapidly than others. Who does not know that the dull pupil often outstrips his bright classmate when they settle into the long race of life! And yet there has so far been no provision made to honor the patient but sure plodder who makes haste slowly.

Another matter which deserves earnest consideration in this connection is the encroachment of the school upon infancy. Even the kindergarten (child-garden) is of questionable utility. We should be glad to read what Mr. Bok would say about sending little tots to the kindergarten who have hardly gotten their "milk teeth." The school age begins too early. There is no valid objection to a child's learning to read early, and if it be supplied with alphabet block and similar appliances, learning to read will be a mere matter of play.

But the chief business of a child is to grow. If children must be sent to school their periods of recreation should be frequent and their tasks easy. Perhaps the greatest need in this direction is more educated and motherly mothers—women who understand that the noblest duty of a mother is to devote herself to

her children, and who can find in the growth and eagerness of their minds ample compensation for any sacrifice of comfort. There is no teacher like a good mother, and every achievement of the children whom "mother" has trained for college or for work adds to the crown of her joy.

The Dallas Reunion.

Mr. J. B. Babb in the Evening News pays the following beautiful tribute to the men who wore the gray:

"The annual recurrence of these events stir to quickening life memories that can never wholly sleep. Wherever the deeds of brave men are told, wherever the songs of chivalry are sung, wherever heroism finds a devotee, the name of the Confederate soldier leaps to the tongue. The cause for which he fought went down, but he placed his standards upon the heights of imperishable glory. His record as a warrior is written in letters of living fire upon the martial firmament, and neither the storms of hate nor the tempest of sectional passion can obliterate its effulgence from the eyes of an admiring world.

"Splendid as was his record on the field, he made another which may vie with it. The only rival of the Confederate soldier in war is the Confederate soldier in peace.

"There is no reason to review recent history. The happy homes, the prosperous farms, the humming wheels and the thriving cities that now mark the spot where the iron hoof of war so rudely trod but a generation ago are suggestive of the heroic struggles and splendid spirit of the men who wore the gray.

"Year by year the ranks of the grizzled veterans are thinning, but fame has woven for them the wreath of immortelles and their memories are enshrined in the hearts of a loving people. Dallas is to be congratulated upon having the honor of entertaining the heroes, and the veterans may rest assured that their welcome came not only from the lips but from the heart and soul.

"The eyes of the South were turned on Dallas, and the prayer of the South went up for her noble guests, that they might be spared to meet in fraternal reunion and their declining years be those of peace and happiness."

John B. Gordon.

John B. Gordon, over his protestations, has again been unanimously elected commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. So well is he beloved that his comrades will not accept his modest "nay" for answer, but again and again manifest their love and esteem by insisting upon his retention of the exalted office. In his life John B. Gordon has proved the truth of the poet's couplet

"The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring"

In war there was none more courageous and more chivalrous. In peace he has striven, while tenderly true to the heroic memories of the great struggle in which he distinguished himself, to bring into closer harmony and more fraternal union those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray.

His eloquence has touched many hearts where bitterness was raging, to gentle resignation and kindly feeling. His own example has led to emulation many thousands upon either side of Mason and Dixon's Line. In all efforts for greater peace and good will among his countrymen there has been no trace

of subservience and no yielding of self-respect. His attempts to bring about a thorough reconciliation are but the expression of a brave and generous heart, and a broad-minded patriotism. John B. Gordon has played his part well in life's drama. His re-election by his devoted fellow-heroes will be applauded by those who love the cause he served so well.—News.

Birmingham Medical College.

We are pleased to note among the many substantial improvements now being made in the City of Birmingham, one of importance is the Birmingham Medical College.

The faculty of this college have found it necessary, in order to meet the demand of this rapidly growing school, to erect a new building. The building will

be a four story structure with all modern improvements and facilities for the convenience of students. The new college will be built adjoining the new Hillman Hospital on Avenue F and 20th Street. The faculty is made up of experienced surgeons and physicians from the leaders in medicine and surgery in the city and State of Alabama.

Dr. J. C. LeGrande, the secretary, informs us that the money has been paid in and the plans and specifications will soon be completed and the work will be begun on the erection of the building by the first of May; and the college will be ready for occupancy by October 1, 1902. Young men who expect to enter a medical college will find every convenience and advantage by attending the Medical College of Birmingham.

Editorial Paragraphs

By all means send your pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention. If possible send his wife also. You could do no better thing for them just now. Try it and see if it would not prove a blessing both to the givers and recipients.

The announcement that Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier, is regaining his health will bring joy to a host of friends. We hope he will "make haste slowly." He has not lost a day. His experiences of the divine grace are richer than they could have been without these "light afflictions," and but for them he would have had no idea how much his friends love him.

Don't forget to send your pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention—or what is better, go along with him, and pay his expenses. It won't take much; get some of the members to help you. He will preach better when he comes back; and, if he preaches good enough already, you will be in a position to hear better, if you invest something in his going. Attend to this at once.—The Baptist.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the American Baptist Education Society will be held at Asheville, N. C., Thursday afternoon, May 5. The program is as follows: Introductory address by Pres. F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond, Va.; presentation of report of the Board by H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary; and two addresses on the topic "The General Educational Revival in its Bearings," (1) on Denominational Schools, by Pres. J. P. Green, of Mo.; (2) On the Qualifications and work of the Ministry, by Dr. E. M. Poteat, of Pa.; followed by discussion.

We do not know how Alabama came out on Home and Foreign Missions, but we do know that we must begin at once a vigorous campaign for our other interests. The missionaries in the State have been patiently waiting, indeed they have been unselfishly working to help swell the amounts for Home and Foreign Missions. Now they ought to be paid. We need at once \$2,000 for State missions. Brethren, do not neglect these devoted servants, some of whom have been greatly inconvenienced by the delay in the payment of their salaries.

W. B. C.

The Alabama Baptist recently published an excellent picture of President John W. Thomas, of the N., C. & St. L. R. R. In the same paper was a well written sketch of President Thomas by

his pastor, Dr. Lansing Burrows. President Thomas has been known and loved by the writer all the latter's life. For though he is a better looking man than the writer, he is somewhat older. We wish he could attend the Southern Baptist Convention each year, and we would be delighted to have him at Asheville. His presence would be a benediction.—Western Recorder.

The Religious Herald had in its issue of the 10th inst. a well-considered article by Dr. S. C. Mitchell on Gambling. It is not likely that any professional "knight of the green cloth" will read it. The stock gamblers, some of whom in New York have attracted the attention of the whole country recently, will probably never hear of it. But it ought to be read by thousands of Baptist young men and women who may sometime be tempted in this direction, and some of whom, for want of a little serious thinking, are not able to see the beginning of a gambler's career in a "charity raffle." The morality of the stock gambling and the charity raffle is the same as that of the race track or the pool room or the card table, but the secular press does not seem to know it. Dr. Mitchell's paper is timely.

The Baptist Courier last week devoted more than a column to the recent papers of President Mullins in the Argus on the Atonement. After noting the breadth and the excellent spirit of the discussion, the Courier says: "It is a pity that such great subjects should ever be discussed by any but great and penetrating minds, so liable are such matters to be misrepresented by the small mind, which latter is usually dogmatic and positive about in proportion to its narrowness." We venture to suggest that the papers in question would be searched in vain for a sentence like that. "It is a pity" that the average man will insist on doing a little thinking on his own account, but sometimes that is his only way out of a fog. The Courier has had a good many words about the atonement in recent months, and the clearest thing we have seen among them is its agreement with Dr. Mullins. Even of that we are in some doubt. We can never be quite sure of a man who doesn't just say right out in unmistakable English exactly what he means. We are glad, though, that these papers have been carefully read in the Courier office, and that our brother seems in a fair way to gain some clear views of this "great subject."

The First White House of the Confederacy.

The Dallas Reunion, U. C. V.



HOME OCCUPIED BY PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS,
Montgomery, Ala.

The Ladies Memorial Association, of Montgomery, have just issued from the press of the Alabama Printing Company in Montgomery, a beautiful volume of the Association's origin and organization from 1860-1870 compiled by Marielou Armstrong Cory. The volume is a work of art in every way and reflects great credit upon the compiler, and the publishers. It is a beautiful story, setting forth the love of our noble women for the Lost Cause.

Generals Gordon, Lee and Cabell were re-elected and Gen. C. I. Walker elected to succeed the late Gen. Wade Hampton as commander of the army of northern Virginia. New Orleans was selected as the place for the next reunion. General Gordon was given no chance to retire. A voice from the back of the hall cried: "The only way you can get away from the office, general, is by dying."

So for another year General Gordon will be commander-in-chief; Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander of the army of Tennessee department, and Gen. W. L. (Old Tige) Cabell, commander of the army of the trans-Mississippi department.

Chaplain General J. William Jones was announced as the speaker. He spoke in part as follows:

"Varina Anne Davis (more familiarly known as Winnie,) the daughter of the Confederacy, the crowned queen of our affections, was my personal friend, whom I so admired, honored and loved that it is really difficult for me to speak of her in terms that do not seem extravagant." Turning to a discussion of the field leaders he said:

"Time fails me to tell of our leaders—Albert Sidney Johnston, the great soldier, who fell in the hour of victory at Shiloh, prevented, as far as we can see, the capture and destruction of Grant's army; Robert Edward Lee, the peerless soldier of the century, the college president, the stainless gentleman, devout Christian; Joseph E. Johnston, the great strategist and the idol of his men; Gen. G. T. Beauregard, the accomplished engineer and gallant soldier, whose defense of Charleston ranks with the most heroic and skillful in the world's history; Kirby Smith, the able commander of the trans-Mississippi department; John B. Hood, whose heroic daring and maimed body won the unceasing admiration of his men, and "Stonewall" Jackson, the thunderbolt of the war."

Building of Confederate Veterans' Home. Being constructed at Mountain Creek, Ala., by Camp. Jeff Falkner, U. C. V., of Montgomery, Ala.



The main building of the Confederate Home at Mountain Creek, Alabama, will be 92 feet long by 72 feet wide. The building will sit on the crest of a knoll sloping on three sides, and running out level to the public road in front. The building will be two stories high. The first story will have two through halls running the entire length and width of the building, twelve feet wide. These will open onto a veranda running around the entire building; the veranda will be fourteen feet wide. There will be four rooms on the first floor, one at each corner of the building, each room being 20x28 feet. These rooms will be used as dining hall, Ladies' parlor, library, and

a room for executive meetings and general assembly purposes. The entire second floor will be an assembly hall 70x57 feet, with rostrum for speaker. The first story of the building will be built of hewn logs, the second story of shingles; logs and shingles will be stained in creosote stains, and the entire porch and all cornices and trimmings will be painted white.

The entire building will be ceiled inside and amply lighted and ventilated. No pains will be spared to make it a modern, convenient and picturesque building in every respect.

The ground on which the Home is to be built is hilly, and chosen with a view to get the most picturesque effects. A

driveway will follow the topography of the ground on each side of the central building, and along this drive will be built the four and five-room cottages which will be the home of the old soldiers of the South. These cottages will occupy lots 75 feet front by 250 feet deep. Each cottage will be of different design, and the intention of the architects, Messrs. Smith & Blackman, of Montgomery, Alabama, is to make the whole grounds, when completed, one of the most picturesque spots in the whole South. Broad driveways will be run through the groves of native trees, and each "bivouac" will be urged to beautify its separate yards; flowers, roses and palms being furnished for this purpose.

The entire forty acres will be under one fence with two gate entrances, and there will be no fences between the different cottages. The storehouse for the camp has been built, one of the cottages is under construction, and another will be begun, as also the main building, in a very few days. No trouble will be spared to make all the buildings models of comfort in every respect. No cheap or shoddy buildings will be built.

The climate of Mountain Creek is unsurpassed, and the Home will be a haven indeed for the aged and indigent soldiers of the great "Lost Cause" so dear yet to the hearts of all in whose veins runs the blood of the dear old Southland.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

As you know, the Board of Directors of our State Convention are authorized to appoint messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention only so far as the number Alabama is entitled to is not filled up by duly appointed Associational and Church messengers. Not many churches under the rule have the right to do so. Brethren are sending in their names and the same will be placed on the list made up by the Board of Directors, but until the Alabama delegation assembles at Ashville, it will not be known how many of the Associational and Church messengers are present, and, therefore, how many the Board can name. Hence every brother attending the Convention is requested to make his presence known as soon as possible after reaching Asheville to W. B. Crumpton or to me, so that his name may be properly entered, and that it may be known how many messengers the Board of Directors can name. If the number in attendance, of those who have sent in their names, exceed the number the Board can appoint, those who have first sent in their names will, of course, have the preference. However, no brother should hesitate to go for fear he might not be a messenger, for barring the privilege of voting and speaking, there will be really no distinction. The Convention promises to be a great meeting, and no Baptist who can go should fail to do so.

H. S. D. Mallory.

"As to Cigarette Smoking."

"Teachers and schools" are responsible for the suppression of "secret societies," but one reads with surprise Bro. Crumpton's demand that our "teachers and our schools" shall take the initiative step to suppress the use of tobacco among our boys. Boys use it in cigarettes because it is "cheap"—men use it in cigars and "plugs."

He says: "It is simply nonsense for the teachers to say it can't be stopped." Now the "nonsense" is in the very idea of expecting or demanding of "teachers" what our homes—and above all, our Christian ministry are not doing. God bless the teachers of our State. They have their hands full to cope with the dull, the idle, the disobedient, without expecting of them to remedy the use of tobacco among the boys, when it should begin and be maintained in our Christian ranks first. President Roof's "backbone" would have to be as long and as broad as Lookout Mountain to enforce at school the stoppage of tobacco, when the majority of his students come from tobacco homes—and tobacco pulpits!

Let us quit blowing at straws, and blow the truth into living coals. Our men, because they are men and should have earned self-restraint, "must quit" before it can ever be stopped "in boys."

I was present at a tea given to a "new pastor." A young member of his church was present, whom the family were strenuously striving to have "quit tobacco." The new pastor, unable as a gentleman if not as a preacher, to restrain his slavery to it for one half hour, as a guest and in the presence of ladies of another denomination, bit off a quid and chewed, and spat all over the polished parlor grate and fender. Had he been a man of the world, and guilty of such a breach of conduct, that parlor

would have henceforth been closed to him as a visitor; but being the pastor, the hostess had it to take. And no preacher in the State thunders more vociferously at other people's weaknesses!

Verily Jesus knew "the flesh" in His admonition of the mote and the beam, and how preposterous in His sight must be our cowardice as Christians to shift upon "teachers and schools" that which lies at our own door. He also enjoins that a right eye, or right hand be cut off if it offend. He says "thy," not someone else's, and if we expect to have stopped the deadly effects on the boy of cigarettes, let every minister in the State voluntarily "cut off" the offending member—tobacco—as an offering, a sacrifice unto the Lord, and we will see a marvelous change—in the boys!—and then can demand it of the teachers and the schools

A Striking Example of Obedience.

A more striking example of obedience cannot be found in all the annals of history, than was witnessed at Walnut Grove March 12th. Mr. J. E. Bynum, who has been confined to his room for some time with consumption, some two or three months ago professed faith in Christ, and it was his greatest desire to follow his Lord and Master in baptism. Hoping, however, to get better so as to be able to go to the church, he deferred making known his desire, until hope of recovery had almost vanished. On Tuesday, March 11th, Brother Bynum made known his desire to the deacons of the church. A conference was immediately called. Pastor Rolan and the church assembled at the residence of Brother Bynum, and after having him relate one of the most touching experiences of grace that any church has ever heard, he was received into the church. A tank having been prepared, for the purpose, he was baptized by Brother Roser in the presence of a large assembly. Brother Bynum when in health was one of the best business men in all North Alabama, and doubtless if it could be possible for him to get well would be more energetic in the work of the Master than he ever was in his own. But, alas, his recovery is hopeless; he will soon be in the spirit world. But he has given us a most beautiful demonstration of the truth of Christ's Word, when he said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

Doubtless the one act of Brother Bynum's life will shine on through the years to come and be the means in the hand of God in leading many souls to Christ.

G. A. Chunn.

Ministerial Education.

Now that the special effort for Home and Foreign Missions is over, will the pastors and churches respond to the appeals I have sent out for ministerial education? The session of Howard College closes in June and the Board of Ministerial Education wishes to settle with the college in full so that the faculty may not be embarrassed as heretofore by waiting until fall. The college will need the money for the expense of the summer canvass for students. Dear brethren, will you not write me and send a good contribution some time in May?

J. V. Dickinson, Cor. Sec.



J. R. Jester, West Point, Ga.

A Great Meeting.

We have just passed through one of the most delightful meetings at Calera that it has been my pleasure to enjoy for quite a while. This town has been religiously indifferent for many years, and, indeed, there is much to be done yet in the way of awakening the Lord's folk. There were nine additions to the church, most of them by experience and baptism. There were five genuine conversions in the Methodist church, some of whom have united with our church, feeling that it is their duty to follow the Lord in baptism since he has graciously saved them by his grace. I was ably assisted by Bro. O. P. Bently of Fayetteville, Ala., whose sermons were clear, direct Scriptural and powerful, and tender. The Lord greatly blessed them to the good of all who heard them. I regard Bro. Bently as one of the best preachers in Alabama. May God ever use him in his blessed work. Let me say for Calera church, that it is developing into a splendid working band. About eighteen months ago I found them scattered and without a shepherd, and doing little for the Lord's cause. They were only asked to give about \$20 for all denominational work, but they gave the first nine months quite \$90. We collect monthly and the collections are steadily increasing. We are doing what we can for the Alabama Baptist. My people are delighted with it.

W. J. D. Upshaw.

Howard College.

I may be out of place, but being an old Howard boy, I am very much interested in the endowment of the college and I think that the only way to get it is for the trustees to employ an agent, pay him a salary and let him visit every Baptist church in the State. I don't think that there is a single church but what would give something and in a short while we would get up a handsome endowment. I hope that the Baptists throughout the State will consider the matter well and give their views through the Baptist. We should be doing something; have no time to lose; if we wait I am fearful, as Dr. Crumpton says, we had as well get ready for the funeral. "So let us strike while the iron is hot."

We have a nice country church; everybody working in harmony for the Master. Our pastor is a young man but a fine preacher. We all love him and hope that the day will never come when we will have to give Rev. J. R. Magill up. May he stay with us and when we have to part may we all meet again in that house not built with hands eternal in the heavens.

W. C. Gewin, M.D.

Revival at Eufaula.

We closed last night a most excellent meeting, which lasted for nearly two weeks, and resulted in thirty additions to our church and many converts that will join other churches.

I was aided by Rev. J. R. Jester, of West Point, Ga., who preached eleven days, twice a day, some of the finest sermons I have ever heard. I do not hesitate to pronounce him the most attractive young preacher I have ever listened to. If he lives he will rank with the foremost. His power of analysis, resistless logic, and appropriate illustrations is wonderful. No minister who has visited Eufaula ever impressed the people more favorably. I think it is with preachers as with poets, they are born, not made. While Bro. Jester is a full graduate of Mercer University, he is a boom preacher, and putting the two together makes him a power indeed.

M. B. Wharton.

Montgomery.

We closed a very gracious meeting at the West End church last Sunday night. The pastor did the preaching. There were services twice a day for three weeks. The interest seemed to grow deeper at each service. The congregations grew larger to the last meeting when quite a number had to stand. There were twenty-eight received for baptism and a number joined by letter. God was with us all through the meeting. We gave him a very special invitation to be there and preside over each service, and direct in every thing that was done. To him be all the praise, honor, glory and majesty forever.

J. A. Jenkins.

Correction of List of Delegates from Associations.

Antioch—T. E. Tucker.

Bigbee—J. C. Herring, C. M. Morris.

Cherokee—W. W. Harris, J. J. Clayton.

New Providence—R. N. Folmer, M. W. Rushton.

Union—C. C. Winters.

Zion—W. A. Cumbee.

Of course the second name in each case is alternate.

W. B. C.

Prattville.

Our church here is doing reasonably well. We had about 150 in Sunday school last Sunday. Our congregations are usually good. I baptized one last Sunday night and will baptize two more next Sunday night. I hope to move into the new Pastorium the first of May. I will feel then that I am settled for a while. I am hoping to build up a strong church here at Prattville. Pray for us.

A. J. Preston.

Something About the School School Workers who Met at Troy.

J. S. Carroll, a deacon of the First Baptist Church, is an ardent Sunday school worker, and says that is his business; yet he runs a bank, store, and general advance business as a side line to defray expenses. Mr. Carroll is a young man, yet a leader among men, and is full of good deeds and charitable acts. He lends a helping hand quickly to those in need and suffering.

Fox Henderson, one of Troy's strong bankers, took great interest in the Convention, and after listening to Dr. Bachman's address, promptly subscribed \$50 to the work.

Michael Cody, superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, like brothers Carroll and Henderson, is also a banker, but his heart is in Sunday school work and his address on Decision Day was one of the features of the Convention.

Joel D. Murphree, Jr., another banker, was chairman of the entertainment committee, and was very active and efficient in ministering to the wants of the visitors.

There was general regret that brethren T. W. Palmer and P. H. Mell were not present. Brother Mell's report was splendidly read by one of the young reporters.

Byrd G. Farmer of Dothan is a great worker. He said that at one time the Baptists about him took little interest in the interdenominational work, but that this summer he felt sure that the churches of his denomination would take hold of the work.

R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, has a great reputation as a Sunday school worker, and the fact of his making a journey across the State to take part in the Convention showed his great interest in the matter. He made a fine report for the Second District. He is a strong man in many ways, and adds strength to any cause he takes up.

Judge Carthel seemed to be very happy over the large attendance and the great enthusiasm of the workers. The Judge is in love with his work.

Hon. G. L. Comer, of Eufaula, took great interest in the Convention and added largely to it by his stirring speeches.

Mr. G. G. Miles, re-elected as chairman of the Executive Committee, will give general satisfaction. Few men in the State are more popular than he is. Everyone regretted that business called him back to Montgomery before the session was over.

Mayor Chas. Henderson's home was our home, and his charming wife and dear, good mother were so attractive that we left regretfully, but with the determination to return again.

Rev. W. A. Parker, Jr., pastor at Louisville, was an interested onlooker. Brother Parker is a young man of strong personality and thinks for himself, and his deacons say that he is a fine preacher.

Dr. Geo. Bachman, of Nashville, was also a guest of Mayor Henderson, and we had many pleasant talks. Dr. Bachman is a man of rare culture and extensive travel, a strong speaker, an original thinker and a first hand investigator of social problems. His heart, mind and body is in his work.

Rev. J. A. White was present. He is doing a great work in South Alabama. His prayer in the Convention was with power, and evidenced the fact that he has gotten a grip on spiritual things.

The election of Bunyan Davie as President was an honor worthily bestowed, as few men have devoted more time to the development of Sunday schools in the State than he has. He is an earnest and conservative worker and speaks with great power. Brother Dave as President of the Thirteenth district, had sent letters to the superintendents of the Sunday schools in the counties in his district giving them full instructions about the basis of representation and stating such other facts as the delegates to the State Convention needed to know.

On the back of this letter he enumerated some of the good things to be found at the Convention.

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2d. The warmest welcome you ever received unless you have attended former Conventions.

3d. Homes where you will spend three of the happiest days of your life.

4th. A great gathering comprising some of the best Christian workers in the world.

5th. Speakers who will make your heart burn with a desire to do better work for the Master.

6th. How to make the way plain for little ones to come to Jesus.

7th. Some of the sweetest, most inspiring singing you ever heard.

8th. Sunrise prayer meetings that will make you feel as if you were next door to Heaven.

9th. A heart full of sweet memories to carry through life.

We found that Brother Davie knew what he was writing about. The trip to Troy was a glorious inspiration.

The following statistics of the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan may be interesting.

	1901.	1900.	1899.
Number of churches	30	27	25
Added by baptism	328	204	176
Total membership	2213	2011	1885
Native contributions	\$4282.79	\$3540.28	\$2813.48
Average per member	1.94	1.75	1.49

These figures do not include the work of the Southern Baptist Convention—Baptist Union.

Conservatism undoubtedly has its place. Your conservative man acts as a balance wheel or "governor," but for a church to refuse to change a plan or form, which may long since have served its purpose, and outlived its usefulness, is to hinder the progress of Christianity and sacrifice the highest good to a mere sentiment.

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About Evangelist.

I have been reading Evangelist with some interest too. I cannot say that I like his way of saying some things, but he gives the other side of the question. I am sorry that Bro. Heard appears angry about it, and Bro. Provence is a little uncharitable, I think; but Bro. J. C. Fonville comes in very timely. And as for writers trying to appear smart, many they may be. One who writes much for the paper could take some warning. I never read advertisements, and think there is plenty said about colleges, B. Y. P. U., etc. They must be recognized. God speed you J. D. M.

Trussville.

We had a fine service today. A young man, Bro. J. H. Sams, joined and applied for license to preach. We granted it, and he preaches for us the first Sunday in May. He will enter Howard in the fall. It brings a responsibility on our church here, for which I am proud. We are moving up on all lines, and this will stimulate us for greater effort. Pray that I may lead my people on to great things. You are giving us a good paper. It is doing us great good. May the Lord bless you in your efforts.

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CAN YOU COOK RICE?

It is a fact that few persons really know how to cook rice. It is usually a jumbled mass, with a consistency of cold mush, when the grains should be white and distinct. The fact that rice can be prepared in 200 different forms is not generally known or appreciated, and yet such is the case. Send ten cents for a copy of the Southern Pacific Rice Cook Book, containing 200 recipes for preparing rice, to S. F. B. Morse, Passenger Traffic Manager, Southern Pacific Sunset Route, Houston, Texas. This book has already achieved a brilliant reputation for completeness, and is attracting a vast deal of attention as well as stimulating the consumption of the health-giving cereal.

H. W. Nathan, Atlanta, Ga., also Geo. W. Ely, T. P. A., Atlanta, Ga.

We have endeavored to keep the State Convention which is to be held July 9-10, before the minds of our young people all during the year. All who attended the Convention at Lafayette last year had a glimpse of what a well managed young people's gathering can be as a means of spiritual uplifting and education as well. It is proposed to have even a better Convention this year. The organization is larger, quite a number of new Unions having been organized since the last Convention, and as the work broadens and deepens, we find really more to learn than we realized then. Make your plans, therefore, to attend the Convention this year, one or more representatives from every Union in the State, and you will find there a spiritual educational and social treat which you will ever be thankful you did not miss.

Bro. B. G. Farmer, of Dothan, writes: "This section of the State is looking up in all lines. Big development in the 'piney wood.' Our church is doing very nicely indeed. We have grown very much since our leading by Pastor White. He is a wise leader, a good man and strong preacher. Every body loves him."

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Field Notes

From Red Level.

After an absence of two months from us Bro. S. P. Lindsey filled his pulpit Saturday and Sunday last. At 11 o'clock Sunday he preached from the text, "Behold the man," and for forty-five minutes he held his large congregation spell bound. We think Brother Lindsey is a powerful preacher. At 3:30 p. m. he lectured to the B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeam Societies. These societies having been organized since Brother Lindsey's last visit to us, he desired to give them a talk. Everybody was invited and the old church house was fairly full when the time came. Brother Lindsey certainly did his best, and I am sure none left the house without being glad that they attended the lecture to the B. Y. P. U. Brethren J. L. Vaughue and Hunter Parker are the prime movers of the B. Y. P. U. and ought to have the hearty co-operation of all the community. The Sunbeams are being led by some of our good sisters who have the good of our church at heart. We look for good results from both of these organizations.

Deacon S. W. Busby's home has been visited by the Messenger and has removed from his home two sons, one of them a young man about nineteen years old, a member of our church and Sunday school, a model young man. The other about twelve years old. Brother Busby has the profound sympathy of the entire community.

Memorial services will be held in our church at 3:30 o'clock the first Sunday in May, conducted by the Sunday school. Our Sunday school is fine. As the spring time comes, it seems to inspire everybody to come out and go to work. Old Fairmount church is on the upward grade. We pay our pastor's salary promptly every month. We will come up to all our pledges made to the association.

Brother Lindsey preaches missions to us at most every service. The contribution for Foreign Missions yesterday was \$4.60. We don't intend to fall short along this line. Now if we could impress our people with the importance of reading the Southern and Alabama Baptist I think we would soon be able to do anything we wanted to do; by reading our denominational paper we would be more familiar with our duties and be better prepared to do them.

John M. Sims.

Painting a Church with Charcoal.

That sounds strange, but that is what the folks at Lanier's have done. They now have as pretty a church as ever graced a village.

I will tell you how it was done. The brethren among themselves cut the cordwood, hauled it together into two places or pits. Bro. A. O. Campbell being a collier, burned it into charcoal. Then they all hauled it to the station, Kymulga, and shipped it, getting for it above freight expenses, about \$125. Their church was built several years ago but had never been painted, and had a mere chicken coop for a steeple and no blinds. They added some voluntary contributions to the charcoal fund, bringing it up to about \$165, which was sufficient to cover all needed changes. So now they have recently a new and handsome steeple, new steps, rostrum and pulpit; also purchased new blinds.

They have painted the house beautifully inside and out. So instead of a charcoal-black the house is a beautiful white with green-blinds, the ceiling overhead a sky blue, the seats and basement a dark color.

These dear brethren deserve much credit for this, especially the building and repair committee which was composed of the following brethren, the first named being the chairman: J. H. Sisk, J. H. McDonald, A. O. Campbell, J. E. Caldwell, and W. L. Farmer.

I will not fail to mention the fact that the beautiful new pulpit was made and presented to us by Mr. P. A. Randle, of Talladega.

I think the charcoal plan beats the church festival for improving a church house and has less objectionable features. But of course the plan is not practicable in many communities.

J. P. Wells.

Anniston.

Since the precious meeting the Lord graciously gave Pastor Watson and his church at Pratt City, it has been my privilege to hold a meeting of short time but of great power at Rome, Ga. On account of the harvest ripening so fast upon my own field I could be with the Brethren at Rome only five days and nights; during which time there were 24 conversions.

God is saving souls in our church here every week. On Sunday, 13th inst., we had 14 conversions and 5 additions to the church, seven additions the next Sunday. Such is what the Lord is doing for us every week at the First Baptist church.

You are giving us a splendid paper. Every issue is better than the preceding one. My people speak of the paper in the highest terms. Yours in Christ,

John E. Barnard.

Brookwood.

Bro. W. L. White and myself were at the Baptist rally at Brookwood, although the Baptists did not rally much until Sunday and Sunday night. Brother White preached three good sermons on Friday. Brother Dowson did not show up as was expected nor Brother Giles, both were up for repairs. We had four of the Brookwood preachers with us, Brethren White, Harrison, Taylor and Herring. Brother Harrison joined while I was there; came to us from the Free Wills; was formerly a missionary; he is a valuable accession. They say a lot of fine things about their new pastor. He is getting a strong hold on them. I heard favorable accounts of the work at

Searles

Where they are supplied with preaching by a young minister from Howard College; they need a house of worship very much and an effort will be made soon to build there. I spent a day yesterday at Moundville, where Bro. J. R. Magill is the popular pastor; he speaks in high praise of his field and the Moundville saints are very loud in their praise of him. He hooked up (his neighbor's horse) and we canvassed his town and community for the Alabama Baptist and we swept the field; not a family who were visited failed to subscribe; who can beat that? and Magill, well—he is a hustler; he has just moved into his new home and is keeping house for the first time and is very happy.

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Our Sermon,

(Continued from page 4).

confidence. This is as it should be. No church should call to its pastorate any man in whom it has not utmost confidence, both as to ability and consecration. With this confidence it can and must respect his authority and follow his leadership. Such a pastor gives his time and labor to the study of the Word and will of God, and to the needs and interests of the church; to him God points the way, and in all things he should have the support and co-operation of his people. Without this his hands are tied and he may as well lay down the work.

The responsibility of the work of the whole church rests in large measure upon the pastor and deacons. Between these and every member of the church there should be perfect understanding and mutual confidence and love. Deacons are elected by the church and their official function is only advisory. They have no power not delegated to them by the church and can only recommend; the church must legislate. A board of deacons needs to be very careful lest it fall into the too common temptation of arrogating to itself too much authority, and forget that it is only the servant of the church.

The other thing necessary to harmony and unity is:

(2). Mutual Love and Confidence.

"Little children love one another," and "let love be without dissimulation," is the ideal spirit of the church. Before there can be love there must be confidence; we must believe one to be worthy of our love. No church ought to retain in its membership any person who is unworthy of trust, and whose conduct and character belie every profession of righteousness. When confidence is destroyed one of the essential elements of progress is lost. Let it be restored at any cost, and speedily, for until it is the life languishes. Having confidence, we can and must cultivate a spirit of brotherly love, such as can exist only where there is commonality of life, aim, purpose, destiny, etc.

Henry Drummond said, "Love is the greatest thing in the world." It is great in its effect and great in its influence. It is the basis of fellowship and the dynamic of service. It regulates the life in its relation to God and man. Not only is it "good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity," but such a state is necessary to their spiritual progress. Bickerings, strifes, envies, hatreds, personal and family differences, in the church are the seeds of corruption and dissolution. No offering of sacrifice or service is acceptable to God unless the life is at peace and good will with the brethren. "Go and be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift," is the demand of the Lord.

Co-operation is mutual love and confidence in action. It is many minds and hearts and hands energized by one spirit. It is the strength of many directed toward one end. O, what a mighty element of power is this! "In unity there is strength." The church that is in this state is as "a city set on a hill," a mighty fortress, a great power for the pulling down of the strongholds of sin.

These two means of progress, thus briefly discussed, cover all. They present the God-side and the man-side. Divine favor coupled with human unity and co-operation make all things possible. And this suggests the third and last of the text:

III. The Possibility of Progress.

"Go forward" is not the watchword of fair days and favorable prospects only, but the slogan of dark and gloomy times as well. Times of despondency and depression come; difficulties present themselves that seem unsolvable, and obstacles are met with that seem insurmountable. But there is no circumstance under which progress is not possible to the people of God, and in times of despair, as well as in times of brightest hope, the command is "Go forward."

When the children of Israel came to the Red Sea in their flight from Egypt, they found themselves in a rather desperate situation. The sea was before them, seemingly an impossible barrier; the mountains were on either hand, they could not turn aside; the enemy was pursuing and if they stood still they would be overtaken and destroyed or carried again into captivity. What should they do? In their despair they cried unto God, and what was the answer? "Go forward." It may have seemed to be a strange command in that desperate situation, but "man's extremity is God's opportunity" and the blind obedience of faith opened the way. When they acted upon the command the waters divided and that which had seemed an obstacle became a means of defense.

We come oftentimes to the Red Seas of life and falter upon their brinks; mountains of difficulties surround us and it seems impossible to go further; the forces of decay and death threaten us if we stand still. In despair we cry to God and the answer to our anxious cry is, "Go forward." It may seem impossible but there is nothing impossible to God. If we obey, the mountains are turned into mole-hills and the seas are dissolved into mists. There are no obstacles to faith for it "looks not upon the things that are seen but upon the unseen." It looks at God, and God is omnipotent. It hesitates at nothing, but says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It is confident of victory for it is "more than conqueror" through him.

Beloved, as we today unite our hearts and labors in the service of our God let us set our faces forward, and with heart fixed upon Christ and life intent upon duty, press onward and upward toward that glorious ideal which God had in mind when he wrought us and redeemed us. Let us undertake great things for God and expect great things of him. There is no limit to what we may accomplish if, endowed with his Spirit, we lay ourselves out for it. Our field of operation is the world and it is "white unto the harvest." We "are laborers together with God" and our work will not be done until all the kingdoms of this world are in the kingdom of Christ, and we are "perfect even as he is perfect."

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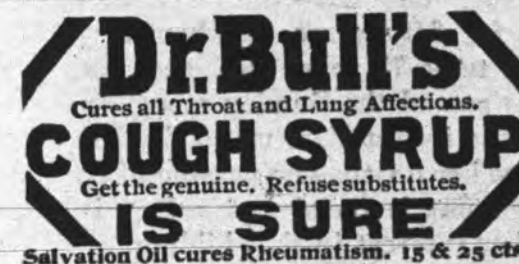
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TARRANT.—On Tuesday morning, March 25th, Mrs. M. A. Tarrant was expecting to worship with God's servants at the old Siloam church, but just as the bell was ringing for the service the Heavenly Father called her to worship with the redeemed in His presence. The announcement of her departure from the scenes of her earthly labors will bring sadness to many friends in all parts of Alabama, for she was known and admired by the pupils of the Marion schools since their foundation. Mrs. Tarrant was an ideal Christian. Her church and its services were very dear to her, and she was always an inspiration to the pastor, being present at every service and listening with eager and prayerful interest. It was to her a sweet privilege to serve her church and to it she joyously gave the strength of her life for fifty years. Although she had lived to be 77 years old, she continued to attend the Sunday school and to teach the infant class up to the Sunday before her death. The passing of the years had not lessened but rather increased her interest in the children, and her own heart was kept young by entering into their joys and sorrows. How the children loved her! They knew instinctively that she was their friend, and were charmed by her gracious presence. It was beautiful to behold this wise and consecrated Christian as she sat in the midst of the little ones and taught them of Jesus and His love.

Mrs. Tarrant was the friend of our denominational institutions. At the foundation of the Judson sixty-three years ago she was present as a pupil, and through all the years she was a devoted loyal friend, upon whom the school could rely for any service in her power. Her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. J. C. Bush and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, and her granddaughters, were educated in the grand old school. As pastor of the church for a time and as president of the Judson, I have often been impressed profoundly with the devotion, the wisdom and the gracious helpfulness of this noble woman. She believed in prayer, and had an abiding confidence that the Judson would be prospered, because, as she said, "The institution was founded and sustained by the prayers of God's people." She never lost hope in the darkest hours when it seemed to others a hopeless effort to lift the great debt, but with magnificent faith in Him for whose cause the school was established always looked for the brighter day which in the good providence of God did come.

The unselfish thoughtfulness of this beloved woman was not confined to the church, and the benevolent objects cherished by it. She was ever seeking opportunities to do good. Her tender solicitude for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the old family servants was beautiful. They knew that when in need they would never be turned away without help, and they freely called upon her for assistance.

Living much among her flowers she had learned to shed beauty and fragrance upon all around her, and the holy

influences which went out from her life will abide through all eternity. For her to live was Christ, and to die meant coronation.

R. G. P.

Marion, April 15, 1902.

RUGELEY.—I notice in the Georgia papers that Mrs. W. H. Rugeley died at Cordele February 22d, in the 78th year of her age, and that she was laid to rest with the most tender and imposing ceremonies, which was not to be wondered at, as her life was a benediction to any community in which she lived. She left an only son with his family to mourn her departure. During my pastorate in Montgomery for six and one-half years, she was a devoted member of the First Baptist church, known and loved by all. She was an intelligent, earnest, conservative Christian—a veritable "Mother in Israel." Well indeed do I remember my visits to her home, always receiving her pastor with a smile, and some kind, sympathetic words about his work; and well do I remember her punctual attendance at all the services of the church, and deep interest in all that was said and done. On revival occasions her face shone as I imagine the face of Moses did when he came down from the Mount of God, and in songs, prayer, sermons and conversations on the subject of the conversion of sinners, she appeared the most absorbed and engaged of any present. Often keeping her seat, with the tears rolling down her cheeks, she would speak out of the goodness of God to her, and the importance of accepting His salvation. I have not a doubt but that she wears a shining crown in Heaven, that blessed land for which she so long looked and pined. May her bright example be imitated by her daughters who remain, and who loved her so well.

M. B. Wharton.

Eufaula, March 13, 1902.

HARE.—Mrs. M. A. Hare was the widow of Rev. C. W. Hare, for twenty years clerk of the Pine Barren Association. On March 14th she plumed her wing for the land that is far away. She was the mother of the good names of Burns and Hare, and the queenly sister of Rev. W. B. Crumpton. Though seventy-eight, she was the congenial friend of the young. Markedly appreciative, her tongue was the law of kindness. How beautiful her life, crowded with Sunday school and church work! Donning the robes of eternal youth, she saw no death, but enjoys Heaven as a sweet reality. Sweet mother, rest, thy warfare o'er.

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McLOMEY.—Sister H. G. McLomey, nee Miss Melissa Mildred Jordan, was born in Barbour county, Ala., January 25, 1859, was baptized into the Midway Baptist church, Midway, Ala., August, 1873, married brother H. G. McLomey February 14, 1882, died at Geneva, Ala., March 2, 1902.

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One lot of land embracing three acres with the house thereon, in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three, township sixteen, range four, west; more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said forty acres go south two hundred and ten feet, for a point of beginning, thence go south two hundred and ten feet, thence go east four hundred and twenty feet, thence go north four hundred and twenty feet, thence go west two hundred and ten feet, thence go south two hundred and ten feet, thence go west two hundred and ten feet to the point of beginning, containing three acres with buildings and improvements thereunto belonging, excepting the minerals thereon, being the property described in the above mentioned mortgage.

ASHLEY PAYNE,
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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Lom Knox on the 21st day of March, 1901, to J. G. Penny to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded on page 287 of volume 287 of Records of Deeds in the office of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, on the 31st day of July, 1901, and which said debt and mortgage, for value, was by said Penny duly transferred and assigned to the undersigned with all rights and powers therein enumerated, and default in the payment of said debt being made, the undersigned transferee, City Loan & Banking Company, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage will on Saturday the 10th day of May, 1902, before the Court House of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Birmingham, offer for sale and proceed to sell, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Alabama, to-wit: That certain lot or parcel of land located in the northeast corner of Block 4, according to a survey of the southwest quarter (S. W. 1/4) of the southwest quarter (S. W. 1/4) of Section eighteen (Sec. 18), Township seventeen (T. 17) Range three (R. 3) west made for John Echols by Jas. A. Ray, county surveyor, which said survey is recorded on the Records of the Probate Office of Jefferson County on page 431 in Volume 51 of Records of Deeds and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Block 4 of said survey, thence run south fifty feet (50), thence west one hundred sixty-five (165) feet, thence north fifty (50) feet, thence east one hundred (100) feet to point of beginning, minerals and mineral rights excepted being the land described in the hereinabove described mortgage of said Lom Knox to J. G. Penny.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by J. S. Campbell and M. F. Campbell, his wife, on the 27th day of March, 1901, to the undersigned mortgagee to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded on page 481 in Volume 280 of Records of Deeds in the office of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, on the 11th day of July, 1901, and default in the payment of said debt having been made, the undersigned mortgagee, T. A. Payne, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage will on Saturday, the 10th day of May, 1902, before the door of the Court House of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Birmingham, offer for sale and proceed to sell, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit: That part of the northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4) of Section eight (Sec. 8), Township fifteen (T. 15), Range four (R. 4), west, lying south of the Springville and Jasper road, and containing 80 acres, more or less, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, excepting mineral rights, and being the same property described in the above mentioned mortgage.

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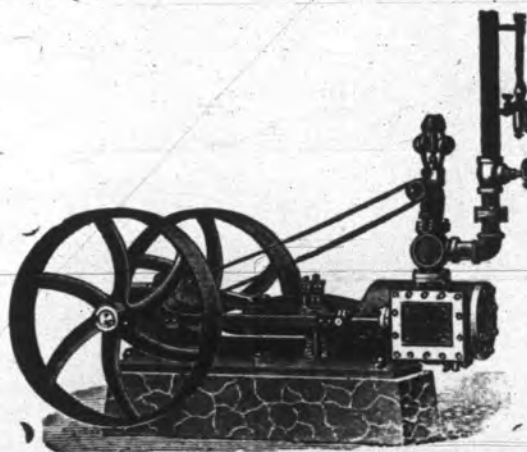
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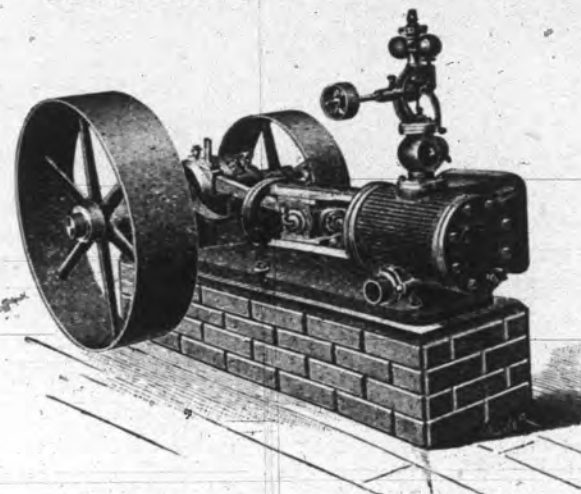
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Ar. Cairo.....	2:55 am
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	44	34	38
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Ar. Opelika.....	8 25pm	3 45pm	8 05am
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Ar. Selma.....	11 30pm		11 10am
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 35pm		9 00am
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Lv. Montgomery.....	2 45pm	6 30am	7 45pm
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Troy.....		8 05am	9 25pm
Brundidge.....		8 40am	10 05pm
Ozark.....		9 30am	10 55pm
Elba Junction.....		9 55am	11 17pm
Abbeville Junction.....		10 32am	11 50pm
Dothan.....		10 42am	12 01am
Bainbridge.....		12 37pm	2 05am
Climax.....		12 52pm	2 22am
Thomasville.....		1 45pm	3 15am
Valdosta.....		3 21pm	4 37am
Waycross.....		5 25pm	6 15am
Jacksonville.....		7 40pm	8 30am
Tampa.....		7 10am	6 40pm
Port Tampa.....		7 55am	7 15pm

Lv. Waycross.....		5 45pm	6 35am
Ar. Savannah.....		8 20pm	9 15am
Ar. Charleston.....		6 4 am	5 10pm
Lv. Sprague Junction.....	3 55pm	8 00am	
Ar. Luverne.....	5 25pm	11 00am	
Lv. Abbeville Junction.....		10 30am	
Ar. Abbeville.....		12 15pm	
Lv. Climax.....		2 40pm	
Ar. Chattahoochee.....		4 55pm	

Going West	*65	*67	-69
Lv. Elba Junction.....	10 00am	3 15pm	2 50pm
Ar. Enterprise.....	11 00am	3 30pm	3 50pm
Ar. Elba.....	12 05pm	6 00pm	4 50pm
Going East	*66	*68	-70
Lv. Elba.....	6 15am	12 30pm	7 50am
Ar. Enterprise.....	7 45am	1 30pm	8 50am
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