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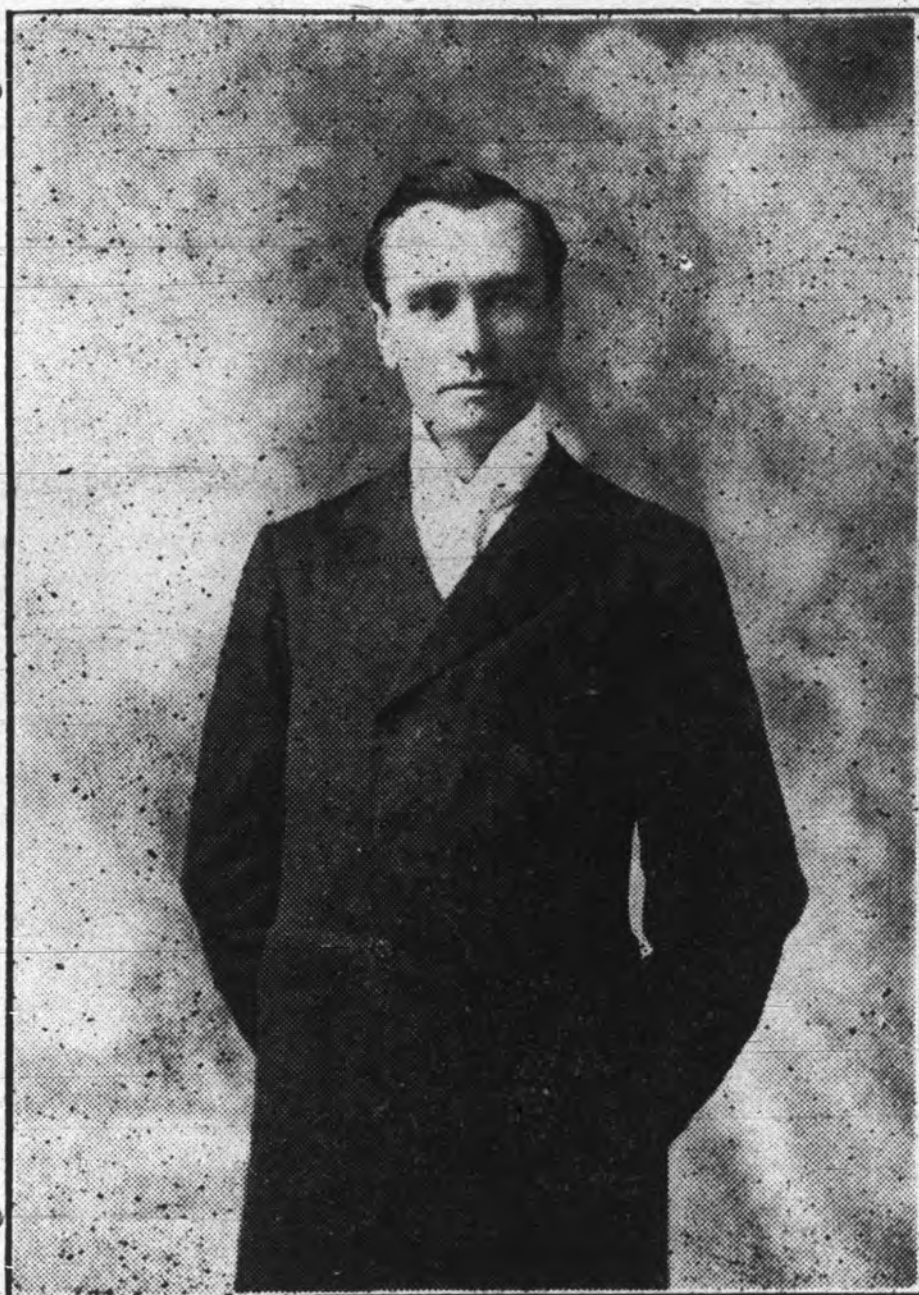
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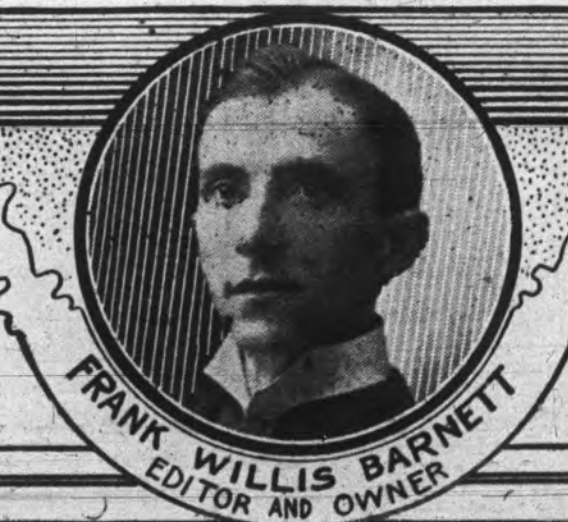
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The Land of the Sky--Asheville Plateau.

By FRANK PRESBREY.

Americans celebrate the fourth day of July as one of their great national holidays. Few there are who recall that it was upon this identical date, 1584, that the expedition sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh under authority of Queen Elizabeth first landed upon American soil. Thus the beginning and the ending of English Dominion in this country occurred on the same day and month.

This expedition landed on the coast of North Carolina and took possession "in the right of the Queen's most excellent majesty, as rightful queen and princess of the same, to be delivered over to the use of Sir Walter Raleigh according to her majesty's grant and letters patent, under her highnesses great seal."

Thus North Carolina, or, as it is familiarly known among its sisters in the Southland, the "Old North State," is not only the oldest so far as white pe-

representation in Congress of two senators from each State. Upon her soil at Almanaca, May 12, 1771, the first pitched battle against British tyranny was fought. She was, too, the first colony to secure and establish entire religious freedom, and the last to pass the ordinance of secession.

Geographically North Carolina is an empire in itself. Its total length is 500 miles, and it has an area of 52,250 square miles, of which 59 per cent. is forest. It would hold ten States the size of Connecticut and six as large as Massachusetts. It has a greater diversity of climate than any State except California, and could approximate more closely the maintenance of its inhabitants, independent of outside markets or products, than any territory of equal size in the world.

There are in North Carolina three great physiographic divisions or terraces, the Coastal, Piedmont and Mountain. The White Mountains are dwarf-

highest summits. Where the greater peaks of the Sierra Nevada frown, those of "The Land of the Sky" smile through banks of rhododendrons and azaleas. Where the valleys of the one are rocky and impassable gorges, in the other they are fern-carpeted forest labyrinths, through which crystal streams tumble merrily along over moss-grown rocks in their race to the open.

Picture in your mind a region where range after range of heavily forested mountains parallel each other like waves of the sea, where interlacing valleys are rich with verdure and flowers, and where silver streams murmur unceasingly. Imagine an air so light and pure that breathing itself seems a new-found joy, then throw over all a canopy of bluest of Italian blue, and you have "The Land of the Sky."

This rugged mountain region embraces the extreme western portion of North Carolina and the eastern edge of Tennessee. Within these confines are several districts, alike in their general features, but each having distinct charms and advantages peculiarly its own. The one most generally visited has

square miles it is the equal land. In attractiveness, and health, it is its rival.

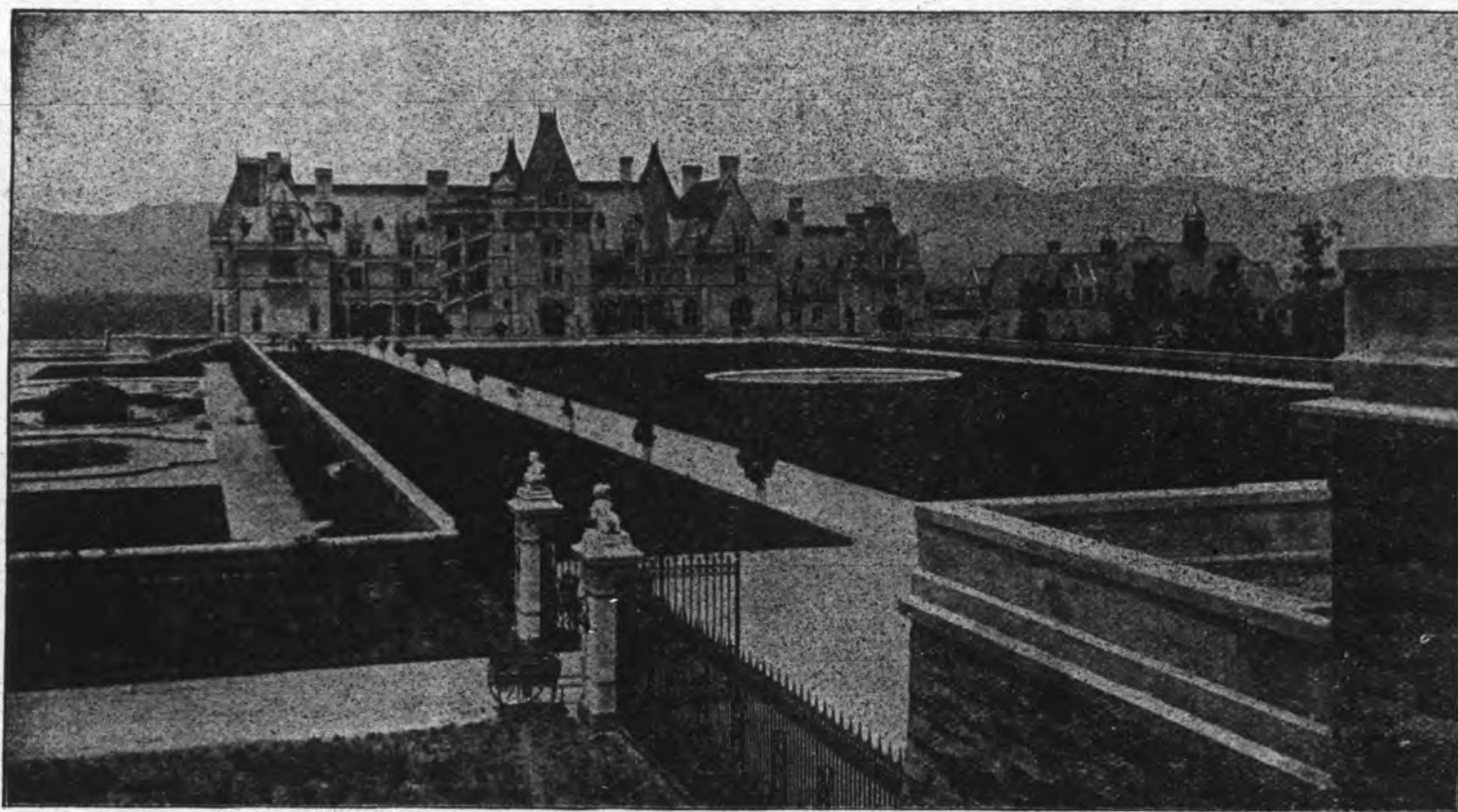
The business portion of the city centers about the public square, where stands the picturesque old court house, the modern municipal building, the city hall, in the basement of which is the public market, the Legal Building, the newspaper offices, many stores, and other business edifices. Here the electric street cars on all the lines converge. On Saturday afternoon crowds of country people congregate in the square, and the mountain wagons, cloth-covered and drawn by mules or steers, lend interest to the scene. Radiating from the square, all the streets are solidly built up with brick business blocks.

There are few cities in the South which have a larger number of beautiful residences. Many people who have been attracted to Asheville because of its delightful and healthful climate are making it their permanent home, and have built modern, and, in a number of instances, luxurious homes, one of them, that of Mr. George Vanderbilt, being the most costly private residence in America.

About two miles from the heart of Asheville, and upon one of the steps of the mountain range, is Mr. George Vanderbilt's magnificent chateau, the chef d'oeuvre of the late Richard M. Hunt's architectural creations. It was begun in 1890 and was completed in 1895. The building is said to have cost upward of \$3,000,000, and as much more has been expended upon its surroundings and the vast estate of a hundred thousand acres. All of the landscape gardening and the development of the park shows the master hand of Mr. Fred Law Olmstead, under whose direction the improvements have been made. Miles beyond count of superb model roads have been constructed, and hundreds of thousands of flowering plants and shrubs have been artistically grouped. In every line of agriculture, forestry, and floriculture there has been the highest development under expert direction, in order not only to improve the place itself, but to furnish a working model which would be an influential factor in raising the standard of the entire region and State.

The mansion is a rather highly elaborated version of the architecture of Francis I. and of the chateaux of the Loire. It is exceedingly rich in every detail, and the general effect is heightened by the free employment of decorative sculpture. Those who have stood spellbound upon the esplanade of this magnificent chateau and looked out upon the wild tumult of mountains which stretch away in every direction until lost behind the curtain of the horizon, can well understand why Mr. Vanderbilt selected this particular spot of all others in America for the erection of a home which is as supreme among the houses of men as this spot is among the creations of Nature.

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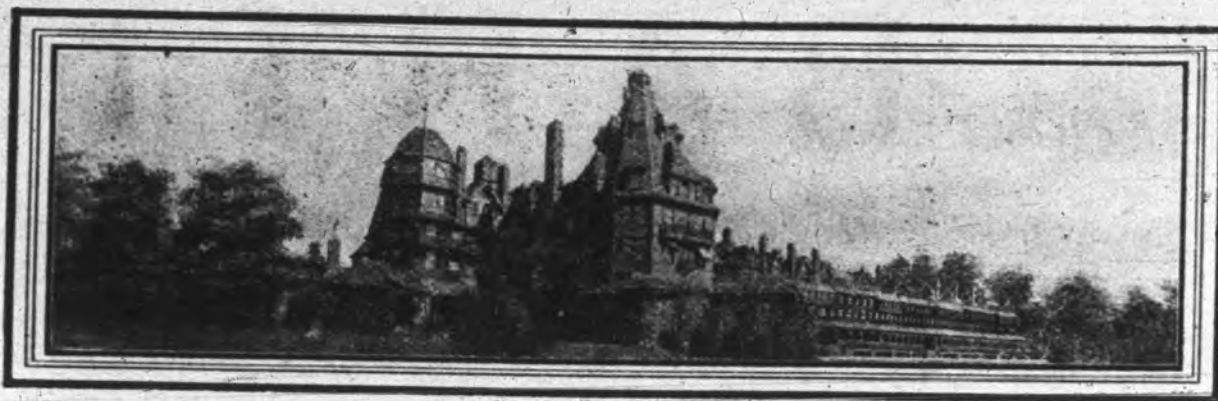
cupation is concerned, but is entitled to occupy, by right of her prowess in enterprise, thrift, and natural wealth, a most prominent place among the greatest States in the Union.

Upon her soil not only was the first American colony founded, but under her skies the first white child born in America saw the light of day. From the very beginning North Carolina stood for freedom and the rights of the people. She was first of all the colonies to elect a legislature by popular vote in opposition to a royal governor and administration, and the first to make a declaration of independence against the British crown, that of the Mecklenberg on the 20th of May, 1775. Her representatives were the first of all sent to Philadelphia, and they bore instructions to propose or concur in the movement to cast off the yoke of England. Her people were the first to demand in the framing of the Constitution the admission of the doctrine that "all powers not granted are reserved to the people," and to declare for an equal

ed in comparison with the sublime heights in the western or mountain region of the State, where forty-three distinct peaks attain a higher altitude than Mount Washington, and over eighty approximate it in height, the mean altitude being greater than any section east of Colorado.

Europe may have her Switzerland, the West its Colorado, the Pacific coast may glory in her Sierra Nevada, and British Columbia in her Cascade range, but nowhere on the face of the earth is there a region more picturesquely, more charmingly beautiful than the mountain country of western North Carolina, poetically known as "The Land of the Sky." It is true there are mountains of greater elevation in each of the localities named, but the greatest canvases is the gallery of art are not the choicest gems, nor is the beauty of nature to be measured on geodetic lines. Where the mountain ranges of the West are rugged, barren, and forbidding, those in western North Carolina are robed in deep-hued forests to their

Asheville for its tourist centre. None the less beautiful, however, is that country in and about Blowing Rock and Grandfather's Mountain, of which Lenoir is the entrepot. Southeast of Asheville are the Flat Rock Tryon and Sapphire regions, which attract many visitors because of its charming environments. Southwest of Asheville, and between that city and Murphy, is the Balsam Mountain country, wild, solitary, and Swisslike, with the Hayward Sulphur Springs as the chief tourist rendezvous. Over to the west, and near the Tennessee line, is the less rugged but more picturesquely beautiful territory in and about the Hot Springs, while almost due north from here and across the Tennessee line looms up, in the majesty of its towering height, Roan Mountain, crowned by a hotel, the highest building east of Colorado, and a favorite summer gathering place for people from near and far. Taken as a whole, no similar area on the western continent compares with "The Land of the Sky" in beauty or sublimity. In



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The Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention met in the Auditorium Friday morning at 10 o'clock. It was imposing in magnitude and personnel. Delegates from the South and southwest were there, visitors from all parts of the union, governors of states and other prominent men were on the rolls. The day was a perfect May day. The venerable Dr. T. S. Dunaway, of Virginia, read the 62d chapter of Isaiah and made the opening prayer. Then came the hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

President Northen said: "I do not know that the Southern Baptist Convention has ever been better provided for in all its history than in Asheville, and we are indebted to our brethren in Asheville for this spacious and beautiful hall. Yet it has some disadvantages in being so far from the stage are inclined to talk. But we have a sergeant-at-arms on the stage and he is a very formidable looking person—at this ex-Chief W. A. James blushed)—and he has a policeman under him and they will remind those who talk."

President Northen announced that the secretary would read the roll of messengers or delegates. Dr. Lansing Burrows, the secretary, read the list from each State. The total number of delegates elected in class one, which consists of those who contributed funds, or representatives of bodies which contribute, one delegate for each \$250 contributed, is 1,046. The States composing the convention and their representation are as follows (The first number shows the number to which the State is entitled, the second number those actually present):

Alabama 87-74, Arkansas 18-13, District of Columbia 7-7, Florida 13-10, Georgia 124-93, Louisiana 26-15, Indian Territory 1-0, Maryland 43-19, Missouri 57-33, Mississippi 53-45, North Carolina 69-69, South Carolina 72-66, Tennessee 53-53, Texas 128-52, Kentucky 145-130, Virginia 145-130.

In class two, composed of associations, that is, groups of churches, 472 are entitled to participate. The total possible delegates number 1,518, of which about 1,000 are here. Some are here whose names have not been registered.

Nominations for President.

President Northen asked the audience to indulge him a few minutes. He had been honored with the presidency three times, he said, and this was all the honor he deserved, and more, he wished the Convention to be free to choose his successor and therefore surrendered to it his high trust, thanking it for its honor. He then called for nominations for president. Dr. Junius W. Millard, of Eltaw Place Baptist church, Baltimore, was recognized. He nominated Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, a business man, a layman, a

Sunday school superintendent, he said. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Elliott and T. G. Bush, of Birmingham.

Rev. A. N. Couch, of Arkansas, nominated ex-Governor John P. Eagle, of Arkansas. Dr. W. E. Hatcher of Richmond, Va., seconded the nomination of Governor Eagle.

Dr. J. B. Searcy, of Biloxi, Miss., seconded the nomination of Governor Eagle. Dr. T. T. Eaton said that all the time could be taken up if the brothers attempted to describe the merits of Bros. Levering and Eagle.

Dr. E. E. Folk, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, of Nashville, Tenn., nominated a North Carolinian, a country preacher, at the request of North Carolina, he said, Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, N. C. Rev. John E. White, of Atlanta, seconded Dr. Marsh's nomination. He said it had been charged that North Carolina was greedy. She had been greedy at Mecklenburg and Appomattox and Bethel only. Arkansas presented an Eagle, but North Carolina modestly suggested a North Carolina marsh bird.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, moved that the nominations be closed and that the one receiving the most votes be declared elected. Dr. J. William Jones suggested an amendment requiring a majority of votes cast instead of a plurality. The amendment was accepted and the motion prevailed. Ballots had already been distributed by the pages.

Governor Northen raised the tune of "Nearer My God to Thee," the audience rising to their feet and grandly singing this great hymn. Dr. B. H. Carroll, of Texas, made a brief prayer.

Prayer for the Sick.

It was suggested, while the tellers retired to count the ballots that prayers be offered for ministers who are critically ill. Those mentioned as ill were Dr. B. M. Palmer, the eminent Presbyterian divine, of New Orleans, Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier, South Carolina, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Rev. C. G. Jones, of Covington, Ky., Rev. J. L. White, of Macon, Ga., Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Virginia, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, made a fervent prayer for the sick.

Rev. John D. Jordan, of Georgia, moved that the secretary send telegrams of condolence to these brothers and this was ordered done.

President Northen said that until the tellers came in the Convention could not do better than continue the devotional exercises, and called on President E. Y. Mullens, of the Theological Seminary for prayer. After the prayer and the singing of the hymn "Happy Day," Dr. J. B. Hawthorne suggested that the other officers be selected, while the tellers were out.

The tellers came in just then and announced that Governor Eagle had received a majority. Dr. Millard moved

that the election be made unanimous, which was done and Drs. Millard and Folk were appointed to conduct the president-elect to the chair. Governor Eagle said that the election was the highest honor that had been conferred on him.

The Vice Presidents.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta, nominated for first vice president Dr. C. C. Meador, of Washington, D. C. Dr. T. T. Eaton nominated Joshua Levering. The point of order was made by R. Hanks that the constitution did not recognize grades in vice presidents. The chair decided against the point. The secretary explained that he had placed in the publications the vice presidents as they were elected and this had seemed to create a grade.

Rev. C. A. Stakely, of Montgomery, nominated C. B. Willingham, of Georgia.

Rev. J. T. M. Johnson, of Missouri, nominated E. W. Stephens. Dr. Hawthorne was suggested by C. W. Elliott, but declined and presented the name of J. Taylor Ellyson, of Virginia. Rev. Preston Blake, of Kentucky, nominated Dr. J. S. Felix.

The chair appointed as tellers Brethren Potts, of Virginia, Daniel, of Arkansas, Bailey, of North Carolina, Hamlet, of Texas, Ashby Jones, of Va., Cheek, of Kentucky. A motion that the four receiving the four highest votes be declared vice presidents carried. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, moved that Lansing Burroughs and Oliver Fuller Gregory be re-elected secretaries. This was amended so as to include George W. Norton, treasurer and Wm. Patrick Harvey, auditor. The chair overruled the point of order that this motion was out of order, while the ballots for vice president were being counted and these gentlemen were re-elected.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher announced that there were vacancies in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for the States of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, one from each State which the Convention could fill.

The chair appointed as a committee on order of business, Joshua Levering, R. J. Willingham, F. C. McConnell, J. M. Frost and E. Y. Mullens.

The afternoon session was called to order by President Eagle, who called upon Bro. Walker, of Kentucky, for the opening prayer, after which the audience sang a hymn.

The report of the tellers on the election of vice presidents was then read. The following were elected by numbers of votes in the order named: E. W. Stephens, Missouri; Joshua Levering, Baltimore; R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C.; C. C. Meador, District of Columbia. M. A. Whiteley, of Australia, was then introduced and made a few remarks to the audience, thanking them for the kind reception extended to him.

The 11th annual report of the Sunday School Board was read by Rev. I. J. Van Ness. It was highly encouraging, showing a state of rapid growth within the past year and prosperous condition of all its branches.

The 47th annual report of the Home Mission Board was then read by Rev. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta. Walker Dunson submitted his report as treasurer of this Board, R. J. Willingham the report of the Foreign Mission Board and Secretary Burrows the summary of denominational statistics.

The Convention assembled at the auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock and the house was packed to its utmost capacity.

The aisles became crowded and an announcement was made from the platform that an overflow meeting would be held in the First Baptist church, where a sermon would be delivered by Rev. L. G. Broughton, of Atlanta.

E. W. Stephens, moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association, and ex-president of the National Educational Society, occupied the chair during the evening.

Rev. Curtis Lee Laws, of Baltimore, read the Bible lesson and delivered a prayer.

Rev. Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Atlanta, delivered the Convention sermon. His text was taken from the 47th verse of the 13th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, commencing: "For so hath the Lord commanded us saying, 'I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.'"

At the close of the sermon, Governor Northen made a prayer, after which the First Baptist church quartet rendered a hymn most beautifully. An address of welcome from the citizens of Asheville was then delivered by J. H. Tucker, chairman of the Board of Trade Committee on Convention. The address was eloquent and liberally interwoven with humorous and witty sentences and many happy allusions. The speech in part was as follows:

"Brother President, and Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"It took Asheville a long time to get you here, but you are here. It makes our hearts glad to see your faces. Every rolling hill and mountain peak clap their hands with joy at your coming. The valleys smile and the rivulets and brooks laugh and leap for joy at your presence. And old Asheville! She is just tickled to death. Like Quilp's boy in Old Curiosity Shop she is just standing on her head to show her delight.

"The Board of Trade of our city bids me say to you that on this occasion Asheville has but one door to her heart, that is unlocked and the key broken, so that our city with her charms and her hospitality is yours during your stay."

"After the conclusion of Mr. Tucker's address, Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church, addressed the Convention, welcoming them in behalf of the Baptists in the city. Mr. Vines stated in commencing that he appreciated a certain allusion made in regard to him in Mr. Tucker's speech and admitted that was correct. He then said: 'I have done what no other minister here has dared to do. I had been thinking of the address which I am to deliver and as I could not get it into shape, I just went and got married, so I now offer you a double greeting.' In the course of his remarks the speaker said, 'In behalf of the 1,200

Baptists in the city I was to welcome you, but I welcome you for thousands now, for every man I greet upon the streets is a Baptist. You have come to the greatest Baptist center in the United States. There are more Baptists in this region than in any other spot on God's green earth. These mountains are full of Baptists. You have come at an opportune time, at a strategical moment for if Baptist denomination does not take this country for God now then some one else will. The Baptists have always stood for culture. The Baptists have more money than any other denomination invested in educational institutions."

An eloquent response to the address of welcome was delivered by A. P. Montague, Ph.D., LL.D., President of Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

Saturday.

Ex-Governor Northen, addressing the Convention, said that more than 50 years ago the First Baptist Convention was organized in Georgia, and he wished to present a Georgian. Only one other living man was present. Dr. Hickman was unable to address the audience.

Cuban Missions.

Dr. Pitt presented the report of the committee on Affairs in Cuba. It recommended a mission in Tampa and Nebo City, Fla., in order to reach the ten thousand Cubans there and also through them the inhabitants of Cuba. The situation in Havana is reported not pleasant. The history of Dr. Diaz's connection with Gethsemane church and the Havana property was detailed, as it is partly in the printed report of the Board. The action of the Board was approved by the sub-committee. In answer to questions Dr. Pitt said that now the Board had no responsibility for Gethsemane church. Dr. McConnell said the Board had deeds to the Havana property; that he did not know if Gethsemane church would contest Dr. Diaz's claim of \$12,000 back salary. Numerous questions came from delegates. Dr. McConnell, secretary of the Home Board, said in reply that the Board had raised the money that paid for the Havana property and now had the property; that the church in Cuba had not raised a dollar of this money; that he could not say if there would be any question of title, as this was in charge of the Board's lawyer. A great deal of interest was shown by delegates and questions flew right and left. Dr. McConnell said that Dr. Diaz's congregation worshipped in the church at night while the American organization used it in the morning.

A Cuban Missionary.

On motion the time of the special order was extended.

Rev. Mr. Daniel, Cuban missionary, introduced Rev. M. O'Halloran, the missionary who has been in the service of the Board since 1883. Mr. O'Halloran spoke in Spanish and his remarks were translated by Mr. Daniel. Mr. O'Halloran spoke in a nervous, emphatic Cuban manner and once after he had made a particular fervent period a delegate who judged that something particularly worthy had been said, cried "Amen." The missionary had simply said that he knew Dr. Tichenor. He told of the various work he had done in Cuba.

"Amen," cried the audience when the speaker said: "You have given Cuba civil liberty; you must now give her religious liberty. I think the Baptist religion will prevail there." He said that Roman Catholic priests are now distributing insulting tracts in Cuban

homes and now are trying to take away the two hundred students in his Sunday school, some of whom he hoped would become as great as George Washington.

"My wife was the first Cuban baptized."

Mr. Daniel said that today was the day of salvation for Cuba. Spanish cruelty has caused thousands to hate the prevailing religion of Spain and they are in a receptive mood. Rome will adjust herself to the situation; we must be first.

The report came up on the motion to adopt the report and a motion to refer to another committee was overwhelmingly defeated and the report was adopted.

The 57th annual report of the Home Mission Board contains some interesting statistics. It records the death of two of its members, Dr. Franklin Howard Kerfoot and Hon. Porter King. The number of Home Missionaries is 674, the number of sermons and addresses delivered by them 75,041, prayer meetings 15,100, religious visits 163,005, Sunday schools organized 674, tracts distributed 2,084,355. The amount of cash received was \$100,450.29 against \$91,075.11 the previous year.

The Home Board recommends the immediate evangelization of Cuba. It contains resignation of Dr. A. J. Diaz, the Cuban Missionary and the report of Messrs. Landrum, McConnell and Hillier, the special commission which examined the matter of the Jane church property in Cuba and the relations of Gethsemane church and Dr. Diaz, reciting the waiver by Gethsemane church and Dr. Diaz in relinquishing to the Board all claim to the Jane property and the subsequent action of these parties in attempting to rescind their action. The report states that the mortgage on the Jane property has been paid by the Board. Dr. Diaz makes a claim of \$12,000 for ten years' back salary against the church and Gethsemane cemetery.

A Collection Taken.

Dr. John H. Eager, of Baltimore, formerly of Italy, presented the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rome as the object of the morning's collection, giving a brief synopsis of the seminary's work and growth.

"It needs a new building," he said, and urged that a liberal collection be given. "Tell it out among the nations" was sung while the collection was being taken. The result of the collection was \$58.24, and \$10 more was pledged.

Sunday Schools.

Dr. Van Ness was announced to speak on the recommendations of the Sunday school Board, as Dr. Frost, who was to have spoken, not being able to appear on account of recent illness.

Dr. Van Ness spoke stirringly in appeal for the Sunday school Board literature. He introduced Dr. Spilman, the field secretary of the Sunday school Board.

Dr. Spilman made a short talk on the creation of Sunday school sentiment in the South.

"We need more schools," he said. "There is imperative need for better methods of work. We must have better reports; the Sunday school should be reported as carefully as the church work."

"We are striving to place a man in each State as a Sunday school missionary to create interest in the work."

In the afternoon session J. B. Gambrell read the report on mission work west of the Mississippi river.

The report on work among the negroes was read by W. H. Searcy of Mississippi, and A. J. Rowe, corresponding secretary from Mississippi spoke on the subject. W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, also delivered a fervent address on the work. Dr. T. T. Eaton moved to amend the by-laws so as to prohibit in the future long speeches of welcome and responses—to limit to one address of each kind, the former not to exceed fifteen minutes and the latter not to exceed ten. He also suggested that in the future nominating speeches be forbidden.

William Pfeiffer, a German, who spoke with a marked accent, made a few remarks on missionary work among the foreigners.

J. B. Vermillion, of Texas, gave notice that at the next meeting of the Convention an amendment to the Constitution would be offered to change the basis of representation from a money to a numerical basis.

An address on the work among the Indians was delivered by Mr. Washburn, himself an Indian. He told of the condition of the Indians in the territory and advocated strongly the spreading and enlarging of the missionary work among them.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary elected the following trustees to fill vacancies:

P. D. Pollock, of Georgia, J. D. Chapman, of South Carolina, T. J. Shipman, of Virginia, and John Colvill, of Kentucky.

Foreign Missions.

The report of the committee on pagan fields was read by Dr. Garrett. It showed a splendid record in the year which has just closed being the most prosperous in its history. Also favorable reports of the work in China, Japan and Africa. He recommended a policy of strengthening the old fields instead of extending the missionary work into new.

The report on the papal fields was read by Rev. Mr. Egerton of Knoxville, Ky., which showed progress in Mexico and Brazil.

R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, discussed the subject at considerable length.

L. M. Roper of South Carolina spoke on papal fields.

An address on foreign missions was delivered by M. J. Breaker, of Missouri, in the course of which he said: "There is no State in the Union that has as many missionaries in the field as Missouri. Her contribution in the past year was \$17,000."

George Truitt of Texas delivered an eloquent speech on the subject of foreign missions, during which he said: "The whole world, the earth, from sunrise to sunset, is the platform of our work. Not home alone, but home and foreign missions, together and inseparable. Your field is the whole wide world. Christ's church is not a mutual admiration society, we are not here to tell each other how much better we are than those who do not know of the gospel. Christ's church is not an insurance company. We are not here to save ourselves alone but all the world. Christ's church is not a debating society. We are not here to spend our time in arguing theological questions. Christ's church is a great life saving crew to rescue sinners from the depths of sin into which they are sinking."

"The time is upon us when every man shall be a missionary."

The speaker was most eloquent. He

had a forcible and convincing delivery which held the attention of the audience to the last word. At the close of the speech, J. A. Lee of New Orleans offered a resolution granting A. J. Diaz the privilege of speaking on God's work in Cuba, during the Monday morning session. The resolution was ruled out of order by President Eagle.

An announcement was then made from the platform that there had just been received from the Baptist Publishing House in Canton, China, a number of pamphlets containing specimen pages of the Sunday School Board edition of the New Testament in Chinese.

A collection was then taken up to help complete the work. J. A. Lee renewed his resolution in regard to Senor Diaz and said in this connection: "I am not here to represent Diaz. I tell you it is in the bottom of my heart tonight and I say it if I stand alone in doing so, that though he has made some mistakes, give the man a chance."

On motion of Dr. Hatcher the resolution was referred to a committee consisting of a member from each state represented in the convention.

After much excitement, many speeches, motions and amendments, Savannah was selected as the place of meeting for the next Convention and Bro. John D. Jordan will be our host.

Dr. W. J. Williamson, pastor of the Third church of St. Louis, Mo., was selected to preach the Convention sermon.

Sunday.

At the morning session of the convention the speakers were Rev. Dr. W. H. Whitsett, of Richmond, Va.; Rev. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, S. C., and Rev. Dr. J. P. Green. At the afternoon session Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, of Owensboro, Ky., and Rev. Dr. W. A. Hobson of Jacksonville, Fla., spoke on "The Pan-Baptist Conference." In the evening Dr. T. S. Potts of Memphis, delivered an eloquent address on "Which Shall be Our King, Christ or Materialism?" Dr. Henry McDonald, of Shelbyville, Ky., paid a tribute to the late Dr. F. H. Kerfoot of Atlanta, who was Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Richmond, Va., paid a tribute to Dr. H. A. Tupper former Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

At 11 o'clock this morning Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., conducted service in the palm parlor of the Battery Park hotel, which was well attended by the guests.

Monday.

The features of the concluding session were a lecture by Dr. J. M. Carroll of Texas on the "Federation of Baptist Schools in each State," followed by an address of Dr. Hatcher of Richmond on "The Method of Securing and Maintaining Such a Federation."

The sensation prophesied to occur in the convention, when the committee appointed to investigate the alleged differences between Dr. Diaz, the former Cuban missionary, and the Home Mission Board should give their statement, failed to materialize. It had been stated by Dr. Diaz' friends that he had been mistreated by the Home Board, having been dismissed as a Cuban missionary without cause. A resolution was introduced that the convention hear Dr. Diaz this morning. The resolution went to a special committee, which reported as follows:

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H. A. Wolfsohn.

Mr. H. A. Wolfsohn is an Englishman by birth, but an American by adoption. He began his education in London, carried it on in Canada, and finished at Buffalo. Mr. Wolfsohn is a young man of pleasing address and has been much in demand among our churches. Many have listened with pleasure to his singing at the Georgia as well as at the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. K. W. Cawthorn, of Florida, says the following about Bro. Wolfsohn in the Christian Index:

"We have just closed an interesting and helpful series of meetings in our church here. Bro. H. A. Wolfsohn led the singing, to the great delight of large

congregations. Bro. Wolfsohn has a powerful voice and rare ability in leading the singing of a congregation. He is a wonderful help in a series of meetings. The past two weeks have indeed been a season of refreshing with us, and we are in our hearts praising God "from whom all blessings flow." People from all parts of our country and some foreign countries came under the influence of the meetings, and were helped. We used in the meetings the song book compiled by Bro. Wolfsohn, and found it very satisfactory. This letter is written that the brethren may rejoice with us for what the Lord is doing for our souls."

Rev. William M. Vines,

Pastor First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

William Madison Vines, son of William L. Vines, was born in Washington county, near Jonesboro, Tenn., December 1, 1868. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools of the county, attending school during the winter months and working on the farm in the spring and summer. He applied himself so well, however, that he was able to teach in the public schools of the county when he was only 17 years old. After teaching two winters, he entered the Jonesboro high school and graduated with first honors in the class of 1888. He had already at that time entered upon his life work as a minister of the Baptist church, having been licensed to preach in February, 1887. For a year after his graduation he was a member of the faculty of the Jonesboro high school, and the two following years he was principal of the Fall Branch graded school. In 1891 he attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind. The same year he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Greenville, Tenn., and received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Belle Buckle, Tenn. Thus brought to a choice be-

tween the schoolroom and the pulpit, he decided to devote himself entirely to the latter, and accepted the call of the church, having been ordained to the full work of the ministry, August 30, 1891.

Desiring to prepare himself more fully for the work of the ministry, he resigned at Belle Buckle in 1892 and entered the seminary at Louisville, Ky. The next year he received a call to the church at Somerset, Ky., and also a call to the church at Johnson City, Tenn. He accepted the latter and for two years he faithfully and zealously worked in Johnson City.

It was here I first met him, for I followed him in the pastorate in Johnson City, and came to know the full sweetness, purity and strength of his character.

In October, 1895, he took charge of the First Baptist church at Morristown, Tenn., and his best work has been done there. The membership of the church has been greatly increased and the congregations are larger than ever before known.

He resigned at Morristown to take a special course of study at the University

of Chicago. The Religious Herald has the following tribute to his great work at Asheville:

About three years ago the Rev. W. M. Vines came to Asheville as pastor of the First Baptist church. At that time the church, costing \$60,000, was in debt \$20,000. Many of its members had despaired of its ever being paid. This debt had been hanging over the church for ten years. For two years Mr. Vines worked hard in building up the work of the church. The prayer-meetings and other services which had waned in interest he revived by his zeal and enthusiasm. Then when he beheld the people united in working order he said, "the church debt must be paid, and that now." Of course this word was received at first as the old Romans received the ever-sounding word of Cato. But before long the enthusiasm of the pastor permeated the whole church and all the members with one accord set to work to pay off the church debt.

On last October there was \$34.02 on hand to pay the building debt. On the first of the new year active work began to raise the money. On April 6, \$20,447.08 had been raised. There was paid for all notes against the church and incidental expenses \$20,444.77, leaving on hand \$2.31.

The great debt was removed, the people were happy that they had had this great victory, not so much on account of the grand building of which they are justly proud, but they rejoiced that now their whole interest might be used in spreading the gospel of Jesus.

Already the great work has begun. A very beautiful pipe organ, costing \$4,000, has recently been put in the church.

Two months ago Mr. Vines, after preaching one of his soul-stirring sermons, asked the members to pledge a monthly contribution for missions. The amount of \$1,600 was pledged for the year. So great has the work of the church become that it was deemed necessary to employ an assistant pastor to aid Mr. Vines in the missionary work of the city. The Sunday school was asked to give \$50 for the Baptist Orphanage. They raised last Sunday \$115 instead.

The prayer-meetings are well attended and alive with interest. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are doing a great work. The Young People's Societies are busy and progressive. The Sunday school is a very large and enthusiastic body of workers. The Sunday services are very powerful. The congregations are always large and enthusiastic. The evening services are especially evangelical and hardly a Sunday passes without several baptisms.

Asheville is a great field for a great work and Mr. Vines is a worthy instrument in God's hands to accomplish this work. No great man needs to be bolstered up with compliments. A list of the works he has done will tell what he is. There are those who look in wonder at the success Mr. Vines has had in his work in Asheville. Yet, when one knows him as well as the writer has the good fortune to know him, it will not seem so entirely wonderful, for he is a man of deep convictions and of great wisdom who could not turn aside from the path of duty when he sees it before him. Such men God appoints to do his wonders. His sermons show thought and study. He is filled with the dignity of truth, tempered with judgement. He is suffused with truth, wisdom, goodness and love, and his beautiful personal life is like a sweet melody that harmonizes with the vigorous tasks of his daily

work. God grant that he may remain in Asheville until it has become a place where one may receive health for the soul, as well as for the body; and inspiration for noble work as well as beautiful scenery to delight the eye.



Rev. Arthur Crane.

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Boston, Mass.

Having been in Boston since last October, I greatly miss the familiar face of our beloved Alabama Baptist. I have just learned of the radical improvement and enlargement you have made, and since you, Mr. Editor, have ventured to invest so much toward improving our paper, I feel sure that the more intelligent of our dear Baptist hosts will everywhere rally around this, our cosmopolitan, interstate organ, and act as its self-appointed agents.

I have, though a student, spent such a delightful winter in historic Boston that I should like, through your columns, to tell my Alabama friends of a few of the sights I have seen even at the risk of my contributions getting lost in your dreaded waste basket.

You may tell the little boys and girls who are studying their readers that I have been in Boston since last October, learning to "read." I am attending the Emerson College of Oratory, the largest institution of its kind in the world. Although quite busy, I have taken my spare moments to see some of the famous sights with which this treasure-house of history is teeming.

One of the first of my historical pilgrimages was to Christ church, or better known as "Old North church," in the north end of Boston, where the signal lanterns hung that warned Paul Revere on the night of his famous midnight ride. We climbed the belfry tower and stood at the window where the lanterns had hung. The church is 197 years old, and has quite an interesting history. The communion silver service was presented by King George II. in 1733, together with the "Vinegar Bible" and five large prayer books. The "Vinegar Bible" is so called because "the parable of the vineyard" was misprinted "the parable of the 'vinegar.'" There are quite a number of interesting relics of colonial times kept there, but I have not the time to tell you of them now.

Not far from the "Old North church" is the Baptist Sailors' Bethel, a mission church for seamen, and it was recently my pleasure to attend services there with our pastor and some members of the First Baptist church here. What a benediction that visit was to me! The audience was composed of poor, half-starved seamen from every part of the globe. Some could not speak a word of English. All seemed interested in what the ministers told them of Jesus and His love. They were each given a Bible, and seemed as proud of it as a child with a new toy. After the services, a few of us did what we could to entertain them, and they seemed to enjoy and appreciate our efforts, laughing heartily at my humorous readings. Later in the evening they were given a supper, and it would have made your hearts ache to see those poor men eating as ravenously as wild beasts. One of the old pilots told me that most of them knew nothing but the sea, and that their money went into the clutches of "land sharks"—saloon keepers—as soon as they landed, so that few of them knew what a substantial meal was. He told me, too, of the great good this mission was doing for them, and that they never heard of Christ as a Savior except at these meetings, perhaps; that to many of them this opportunity of

salvation came only once or twice in a life time. Many hundreds of them have been converted at these mission services from time to time, returning to their home on the wave with the gift of God's Holy Word, and a strong hope of heaven, which they had never known before. It was a visit I shall never forget, for it has done me worlds of good.

One of my most interesting trips was to Charleston and Bunker Hill monument, with two of my school mates. It was a bright, glorious afternoon, and just the time to climb the 295 stone steps leading to the top of the monument. It is an immense granite obelisk, rising majestically 220 feet. From the observatory at the top, a magnificent view of the surrounding country is obtained. Why, the houses below us looked like toys, and the people like pygmies. On one side of us was Boston Harbor, and the grand old ocean, stretching away "boundless, endless and sublime," while on other sides and beneath us was Boston, with her neighboring towns and cities—Cambridge, Dorchester Heights, Malden, Concord, Lexington, etc., and the Charles and Mystic rivers winding away between them. In the far distance we could see the White Mountains of New Hampshire. When we stood on the ground again, I tried to imagine the time when La Fayette stood on the self-same spot and laid the corner stone of this great monument, in 1825, and when Daniel Webster delivered the oration. A stone near by marks the spot where the immortal Warren fell in the battle, and in front of the monument is a bronze statue of Col. Prescott. It was a delightful trip, and Charlestown is a quaint old place with its narrow streets, its old, old houses and their small paned windows.

But most delightful of all my visits was the trip to Concord and Lexington. There was so much to see that most of our day was spent in Concord, "the first battle ground of American independence." What a charming old place it is! Every stone seems to have a history. We first went to the "Battle ground," and stood on "the rude bridge that arched the flood" where

"The embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard 'round the world."

There on one side of the Concord river we saw the statue of the Minute Man, and just across the bridge stands the monument to the British soldiers with grave of British soldiers near. On the hill beside this battle ground is Hawthorne's "Old Manse," where both he and Emerson have lived and where Emerson wrote his essay on "Nature." The window was pointed out to us, at which Emerson's grandmother is said to have stood and watched the battle at the bridge below.

From this birthplace of our liberty we passed Monument Square, and shortly came to "Sleepy Hollow" cemetery. It is a beautiful place, and well fitted to be the last resting place of the noted literary geniuses buried there. Within a small space, and not far apart are the graves of Emerson, Hawthorne, Thoreau and all the Alcotts. Emerson's grave is marked by an immense rock of pink quartz, peculiarly attractive in its rugged naturalness.

From "Sleepy Hollow" we passed down the "Paul Revere road," and entered a section of the town over which rests the atmosphere of its literary history, seeming to soften the sterner and earlier revolutionary associations belonging to this highway. The first house of interest which we reached was the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, a lovely place, whose rooms have echoed the footsteps and voices of Thoreau, Hawthorne, the Alcotts, Margaret Fuller and others. His daughter still lives in the house.

Next we came to the Alcott house, for many years the home of the "Little Women," Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy, and standing beside it is the Concord school of philosophy opened by Mr. Alcott. On the same side of the road and separated by a wooded growth is the home of Nathaniel Hawthorne, named by him "The Wayside." This was also the home of the "Little Women," for a number of years. The place is now owned by Mrs. Lothrop, or better known as "Margaret Sidney," the writer of children's books. She spends most of her time here. We saw the home of Thoreau, too, as well as homes of many noted people of the revolution, and I would that I could tell you all the details of that glorious day in Concord, but already I fear the waste basket. Oh, I am so thankful for these wondrous privileges, and would that some of my old-time friends could enjoy them with me.

At some time I should like to tell you of my visits to Plymouth, Duxbury, Cambridge and Salem. Each one has a history of its own.

Although Boston is a delightful city, there is no place like home, and I long for the sunny South, now that spring has come.

Long live the Southern and Alabama Baptist, is the earnest wish of a loyal southern girl.

Judson Kilpatrick.

Bible Conference.

The Bible Conference held at the First Baptist church, Anniston, is now a matter of history. Deep and abiding work was done during the six days we were in session. Rev. W. R. Ivey, of Oxford, preached us two able and heart-searching sermons on the "work of the Holy Spirit." Brother Ivey is not only a minister of great power, but a man of great executive ability, as is shown by the splendid work he is doing at Oxford.

Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, was with us one day and night. While with us he preached three strong and able sermons. One on the "Lack of Power in the churches today." The second on the "office and work of the Holy Spirit in conviction, regeneration and the importance and the duty and the privilege of each Christian being filled, or baptized with the Holy Spirit. We must have this special work of the Spirit if we would win souls to Christ as we should. The last sermon Dr. Broughton preached was on the "How" to have a revival all the time. He spoke of importance of organization, of having plans and executing them; the need of more humanitarianism in our church work. These thoughts were dwelt upon after a thorough discussion of the great need of the Holy Spirit possessing and controlling the church, without which organization and human agencies will be a failure. Dr. Broughton speaks out boldly against the formalism so prevalent in many of our churches of today.

Rev. E. A. Marshall, of the Moody

Bible Institute, was with us the entire six days of the Conference. He spoke twice a day on the English Bible and how to master it. Mr. Marshall is a strong and firm believer in the old Book. He believes with all his heart that the Bible is the Word of God, and not merely contains the word, and that each Christian should know the doctrine of the Bible. Indeed, he thinks in order to be strong in God, one must be well up on the doctrine of the Scripture, to all of which I say, Amen! He believes strongly is a divine call to the ministry, so much so that he says: "No one has any more right to take the work of the ministry to himself than a man has the right to assume the position as cashier in a bank without being first elected to that position by the directors of the bank."

He is just as orthodox on all lines upon which he spoke as those I have mentioned. He shows the absurdity, the inconsistency and unscripturalness of church suppers, ice cream festivals, etc. I say: "Amen" twice to that.

While all the lessons were interesting, yet the last two nights, the one on the second coming of Christ and the other a study of first epistle of John, were the most interesting and somewhat the most instructive of all the twelve lessons he gave us. It was by request that he spoke on the second coming of Christ. The arguments are the most convincing of any I ever heard on that subject. They prove beyond a doubt the pre-millennial coming of Christ. I have never heard nor read any argument on that subject* that is so clear, simple and Scriptural as the lesson Brother Marshall gave us on this all-important subject.

It will be seen from the above that the doctrines taught in this Conference are the inspiration of the Scripture, the Holy Spirit in conviction, regeneration, and the Spirit filled life and winning souls to Christ.

We hope for this to be only the planting of the seed from which we expect to so grow a tree that bears much fruit to the honor and glory of God.

We expect to select a more suitable season of the year for such a Conference and hold one annually for eight or ten days each time. We want to reach all the preachers in this section of the State and bring them under the influence of such meetings.

There were twenty-six preachers in attendance upon this session of the Conference. We can very easily reach a hundred preachers in this section. When we get all our preachers studying the Bible systematically and filled with the Holy Spirit, we then will have missionary pastors and missionary churches and not till then will we have them.

We were disappointed in the editor not reaching us during this Conference; also others whom we expected could not come.

We begin our protracted meeting tomorrow (May 4th), Brother Watkins to do the preaching for us. We need your prayers, brethren. May I solicit them?

Yours in Christ,

John E. Barnard.

Anniston, Ala., May 3, 1902

Avondale Meeting.

The revival which begun in our meeting continues. We had fine congregations yesterday, and received thirteen members; eight for baptism, five by letter, making forty-nine since our meeting began. One of that number was our son, Leon Crompton.

L. M. Bradley.

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Frank Willis Barnett.

"The Autonomy of Science."

Such is the title of a paper contributed to one of our exchanges. The word "science" is suffering many things in these days. Not to speak of the manifest and apparently wilful perversions of the word's meaning in the expressions "spiritual science," "Christian science," and the like, there is confusion of thought in the very term "theological science," to which the paper in question is confined. The author says at the outset: "In a spirit and method which were to the imperishable honor of men of science, but to the inextinguishable disgrace of ecclesiastics, the fight for reasonable freedom has been fought out to a finish in every region of science save the theological." If our author means to endorse the contention of Draper, that theology is responsible for the dictum that ignorance is the mother of devotion, and is hostile to truth, he should have used a plainer statement. If he did not mean that, he should have told whom he refers to as "ecclesiastics." Later on in his paper he makes a clear reference to the age-long open quarrel between the papacy and the scientists, in that he cannot force any thinker to take sides with either, and he is untrue to his own boasted "method" in trying to cast the odium of that conflict upon the investigator of today. The true theological investigator is as free in his field of inquiry and as fearless, as ever any inquirer into the laws and the phenomena of nature has been. He who merely repeats the dicta of popes or councils is not an investigator and has no place on the field of free inquiry. To

confound him with the honest theologian whose only question is "What is true?" and whose motto is "Prove all things," and who can withhold his decision at least until the evidence is all in, is to ignore the triumphs of freedom and relegate the theology of today to the darkness of mediaevalism. Where is the theological inquirer of today who is "characterized by insincerity, dogmatism, vituperation and vulgarity?" And if theological investigation is not free now, how shall its shackles be broken? The author looks longingly for a time when theology shall be "conditioned not by any external authority as such, but only by the facts of reality on the one hand and the laws of thought on the other." What he here means by 'external authority' can only be guessed at. He studiously avoids all mention of the Word of God, and it may be that this is the 'authority' which he has already in spirit repudiated. If, however, "the facts of reality" is only a fine euphemism for the teaching of the Scriptures, then theology has already attained "her own proper freedom." For there is a great army of workers equipped with the facts of the Scriptures and with the laws of thought, and sustained by the promise of divine guidance.

The cool assumption that theology is shackled as of old because the vagaries of some German book writers are still clamoring in vain for adoption, is unworthy of a man who professes to be a thinker. As to how clearly this vicari-

ous apologist of the theology that is bound hand and foot does think, let these two sentences testify: "The supreme theoretical final end of science is the self-knowledge of spirit; the supreme practical end of life is the self-realization of spirit. Now, wherever science in whatever region promotes the end of the former, it thereby also serves the end of the latter." Perhaps so. Who knows?

But enough. It is confusion worse founded to speak of "theological science" and natural science, using the word science in the technical sense in which this author uses it. The knowledge of God depends upon what He has revealed to us in His word and His works and through His Spirit. The knowledge of the laws and the phenomena of nature are what we have found out for ourselves. The "science" of the material universe has no more authority in the spiritual realm than the mediaeval papal theology had in the material world. He who supposes that there is conflict between true science and true theology, must assume that the ultimate facts in both have been reached. "Science" in any proper sense of the word, in any realm, is not autonomous. It must be measured and controlled by truth. Those who use the word with so cocksure and mysterious an air, ought to remember that the shores of the sea of knowledge are strewn with wrecks. Only truth can be rightly a law unto itself.

can set up a stone or mark a tree and name it landmark, but if it is not in the place where the field notes show that it ought to be, it is worse than useless, it is misleading. We have had no end of trouble with landmarks, so-called, that never were set by any field notes, and have therefore proven a delusion and a snare. Whenever a man talks about a landmark, he ought to be very sure it is properly placed. Look at the field notes. Take the bearings. The survey is correct—you can depend upon that—but don't you blunder in making the plat! It is too late now for anyone to cry "landmark!" Let him show his field notes. Make him prove that his landmark has been properly set.

From Bro. Vice.

My health has failed, and I have not been able to preach but once since the third Sunday in March. I have been preaching since February, 1884. I pastor four churches. Oh, how my heart does burn within me to get back into the pulpit and back to my people. We can hardly keep them alive with this once-a-month preaching anyway. I have missed all my collections at this critical time. It grieves me, but all things work together for good to them that love God. It may be that God has placed me again in the school of adversity to teach me something more of His love.

God bless the paper and its editor.

[We deeply sympathize with our brother in his affliction and pray that he may be speedily restored to his former health and his loved work. His people ought to be very kind to him and patient with him just now, and we hope they are. "Inasmuch as ye did it (or did it not) unto one of the least of these, ye did it (or did it not) unto Me."—Ed.]

Howard College Commencement, May 22 to 28.

The Public Invited.

Thursday, May 22, 8:30 p. m.—Final meeting Franklin Literary Society.

Friday, May 23, 8:30 p. m.—Final meeting Philomathic Literary Society.

Sunday, May 25, 11:00 a. m.—Commencement Sermon, by Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, Pastor First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Monday 26, 10:00 a. m.—Sophomore Declamatory Contest for gold medal.

Monday, 8:30 p. m.—Athletic Exhibition, College Auditorium.

Tuesday, May 27, 10:00 a. m.—Junior Oratorical Prize Contest.

Tuesday, 3:00 p. m.—Battalion and Prize Drill by Cadet Corps.

Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.—Address before Society of Alumni by Mr. Joseph Collins, of Birmingham.

Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 a. m.—Commencement Proper.—Baccalaureate Address by Dr. John R. Sampey, of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Board of Trustees will meet in Franklin Hall at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, May 27. Society of Alumni will hold meeting at 5:00 p. m. Tuesday, May 27.

Our Women's Societies.

The Board makes an annual appropriation of \$250 to the expenses of the Women's Central Committee. Every cent of this comes out of the State Mission fund.

The bulk of the money given by the Women's Societies goes to Home and Foreign Missions. That is right, but ought not State Missions to be remembered too by the Sisters?

Editorial Paragraphs

We very much regret the typographical error in the obituary of Mrs. H. G. McLaney which made her name appear as McLomey.

Rev. J. O. Rust, D.D., of Nashville, delighted us with a visit on his return from Jackson, Miss., where he has just had a great meeting. There were 34 professions, and everyone of them joined the Baptist church. He was scheduled for a lecture at Vanderbilt University on Friday night.

Springfield, Mo., is a beautiful city of some thirty thousand inhabitants—nearly all white. It is in a rich farming and stock growing region, and gives many evidences of wealth. It is at the intersection of the two main lines of the Frisco System, and is therefore easily accessible from everywhere.

All the brotherhood rejoices over Dr. J. M. Frost's recovery. He has been sick at a critical time for his work, and we have no doubt he has spent many anxious hours over it; but the Sunday School Board makes a report that is really inspiring. We congratulate Secretary Frost and his co-workers. May the next year be still better.

No, brother, do not hesitate to "declare the whole counsel of God," because some people are timid about it. You cannot be a faithful minister of the gospel without preaching a whole gospel. This will necessarily lead you to speak of those beliefs in which Baptists differ from other denominations. You cannot draw back. Nor need you apologize for God's truth! Whatever you do, leave out your apologies. Just preach the truth in love, with a tender heart and a prayerful spirit, avoiding every appearance of harshness or arrogance, and let the Holy Spirit take care of it and you!

C. C. Pugh is the pastor at La Fayette. He is one of our Alabama boys, returned to his home, after years of wandering in Mississippi and Kentucky. The Christian Index, in two places, congratulates the church on securing the services of Brother A. P. Pugh. The latter, we are sorry to say, has just left Alabama for Mississippi. However, we presume Pugh for Pugh is fair exchange.

Dr. T. P. Crawford died recently at Dawson, Ga. He was one of the oldest missionaries on the foreign field. He was a great man and a great missionary. He was the head of the so-called "Gospel Mission" movement, and left China when the Boxer insurrection occurred. Mrs. Crawford survives him, and we are informed that she intends to return to her work in China. May the Lord be gracious to her in her bereavement. Though differing with her and her honored husband about methods, all Southern Baptists love and honor them both.

"I'm going a-fishing," Peter said, as the hopelessness of the situation took possession of him. What else was there to do? He couldn't mope. That would have done no good, even if his Lord had been dead beyond resurrection. He must go to work. It is a question of bread for his wife and children. Blessed toil that takes our thoughts from our hurts and gives them a chance to heal! Peter had no dream that the Lord was coming to him in that lonely task. If he had thought such a thing possible, he would have made far different preparations for the divine visitation. It is a common mistake. And yet where should we expect to meet the Lord if not in the road which duty makes plain?

Landmarks are very useful to determine boundaries, but they must correspond with the "field notes." Anybody

Editorial Correspondence.

On to Dallas.

Several days before leaving Montgomery for Dallas, I wrote to a friend in Atlanta that if he would join me in Birmingham (for I was going by the Frisco route) we would take a sleeper there, and I would write a "pome" on "Riding on the Rail," a la John G. Saxe, while he paid for the berths, looked after the extras and tipped the porter. He didn't come! It wasn't that he cared for the expense, but he had a mortal dread of that "pome." There I blundered. I was sorry to miss his genial companionship—and the sleeper.

While the spell is on me, I must say a few words about the car I rode in—rather, cars, for a burning trestle and a necessary transfer, while it ruined my connections and made me several hours late, gave me an opportunity to see two of them. These cars are very large. Seventy feet long, wide enough for two reclining chairs on each side of the aisle, of the finest workmanship, furnished with electric lights and electric fans, lavatory, etc., all without extra charge. These cars are a marvel of comfort. A dining and observation car was a feature of the train.

"The boys" were nearly all ahead of me. There were several on our train, however; enough to create a spirit of comradeship, without the discomforts of a jam. Among them was a Georgia veteran who had a flagstaff. He told me he was a native of Providence, R. I., but had come South in his early days, and that his brother, who is a G. A. R. veteran, had confessed to him that he, himself, would have been in the Confederate army if he had lived in the South. Our old comrade is in his eighty-third year, but insists that he never intends to grow old. I asked him about his flag. He took from his valise a small box, opened it, and unfolded carefully the tattered remnant of a battle flag, given by some devoted Georgia women just before the battle at Malvern Hill, where it first was carried under fire. It had been in every battle of Lee's army after that. At the surrender, the colonel of the regiment cut it from the staff and wrapped it around his body. It was afterward committed to the care of a minister's wife, and at last returned to the survivors of that regiment. Full of bullet holes, parts of it shot entirely away, it was redolent of memories of the valor of an army which is already recognized as the very finest in its personnel and its esprit de corps that was ever gathered.

If you think, gentle reader, that this is a burst of enthusiasm, due to being in Dallas at this particular time—well, it isn't!

It is said that there have probably never been so many veterans together at any one time since Appomattox. And for every veteran there were probably three visitors. Still I hear that many places where preparations were made to entertain have not been filled. Dallas has done herself proud. Not only have ample preparations been made, but her people seem to have given themselves up to the spirit of the occasion. The newspapers have been lavish of money in the effort to preserve every interesting feature of the re-union. The various committees have worked faithfully. Nothing has been overlooked.

The most affecting meetings are constantly occurring between friends who have long since lost sight of each other. Two brothers met in the streets, neither of whom had known where the other was in thirty years. Governor Eagle, of

Arkansas, who is here in his uniform of colonel, told me he met yesterday the man who carried him off the battlefield wounded. He was in command of his regiment at the time, with the rank of major. His color-bearer fell and he immediately seized the colors and was carrying them forward, when presently he was himself shot down. I could easily fill this letter with incidents of this kind. It is pathetic to watch the wistful searching of faces in the hope of finding some friend who shared the hardships of the camp and the march and the joy of battle. It is a hard place to find any one whom you know, and of course to search in the bronzed and grizzled faces of these veterans for the lineaments of faces so well remembered in the glow of youth, is well nigh a hopeless task. Still, these touching recognitions do occur, and it is a sight worth seeing when two of these comrades of the never-to-be-forgotten days, after a sudden flash of recognition, rush into each other's arms and stand locked in the embrace of a friendship cemented forever by the fellowship of suffering.

The parade through the principal streets stirred many a slumbering memory. A great many of the veterans did not undertake its fatigue, but it was a great sight. Here were thousands of men who had faced everything that war means. Here were the shot-riddled banners that told their tale of death as nothing else can tell it. The man with the crutch was an on-looker, but he joined in the "rebel yell" that struck terror to the hearts of many a foe, while his eyes glistened with tears. Some Tennessee camps were in the "homespun" gray uniform and carried guns. There was no ammunition among them! They were simply on parade, to show something of what the serried ranks of Cleburn and Cheatham looked like when every man had two days' rations and forty rounds. There were the remnants of the daring riders who followed Wheeler and Forrest and Ashby and "Jeb" Stuart.

The sponsors in carriages attracted much attention. If I were not a married man and writing for the public, I might indulge in a few raptures at this point. But I heard a thoughtful man say he wished some of the women who had shared in the trials of the war could have been in that parade.

I could write on and on, but I pause here to give the reader a rest.

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The Confederate Reunion.

It is reasonably certain that there will never again be so many of the old Confederate veterans together at any one time in this world. Men who have attended all, say this was the greatest and most successful re-union they have ever had. I went out to McKinney Thursday night to visit relatives, some of whom I had never seen. I spent Sunday there, and preached twice for my old classmate, Dr. King, the pastor. He has a noble charge there. I expected to find the average Dallas man, on my return, fairly beside himself with pride over the way the city had handled her immense throng of visitors. It was something to be proud of. The estimates run from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand, I believe, and yet there was room for more. The daily papers say that everybody worked in harmony with the committees. Bureaux of information were established in many places, and when you met a Dallas man he had on the lapel of his

coat a handsome red button with the legend, "I live in Dallas, ask me." That was a bright idea.

It relieves the pathos of parting to be in a jam and have to hurry or be left. There is little or no time for thinking about the finality of these partings, though "it stands to reason" that many of them are final. We exchange cards, promise to write, send a greeting to absent ones, and are gone. I expected to find Dallas lonesome after the crowd had gone, but it isn't. People there don't have time to get lonesome. They are a busy people. Dallas is growing apace, and large predictions are freely indulged in concerning its future.

Every stranger is attracted by the magnificent farms which spread out in all directions. I have sometimes heard that the small farmer has no show in Texas. I was informed that this was an error. Indeed, they say in Texas that a small farmer can't afford to live anywhere else. At any rate, I saw many of them. Sometimes a man at work by himself, sometimes with his wife, sometimes with his wife and children. I wonder what the young man who went into such spasms of indignation over a picture of "The Man with the Hoe" would have said if he had seen not merely a picture, but a real, live flesh and blood woman with a hoe? That I saw several times in Texas. All white. There are very few negroes in that part of Texas, and farther up the country, almost none. The farms in this part of the State are in a high state of cultivation. The "black wax" land is exceedingly rich. I asked a man how long a piece of it would produce well without fertilizing. He said: "Nobody knows." We haven't been here long enough to find out. The country is very level and loses nothing by washing.

In going from Paris to Springfield, over the Frisco route, one notes a great change of climate and many variations of soil. About Dallas corn is showing finely, and in some fields nearly knee high. Below Springfield farmers are beginning to plant. Texas has peaches an inch long, in Missouri the bloom has not been fully shed. This route runs through the northwest corner of Arkansas, where one may see thousands of apple trees, many of them still white with bloom. About Dallas, wheat is heading out. In Missouri it has hardly begun to joint. The southwest Missouri country is a fine farming country, too. Great quantities of strawberries are grown. Blue grass grows well. The winters, I suppose, are pretty severe. They have almost no snow in Texas, and in the northern part the climate is dry. The people have a robust, healthy appearance, and they claim that they have a most salubrious climate.

It is a small place in Texas that hasn't electric lights and a telephone exchange.

It was my good fortune to spend two nights at the beautiful home of Dr. Cranfill, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, and I was in and out of the Standard offices during my stay in Dallas. I got a near view of Texas affairs. Dr. Cranfill is a prodigious worker. A man of his business abilities is worth a great deal to any enterprise that engages him. He is devoted to making the Standard a great paper, and yet he finds time to do many other things. With his stenographer and his desk telephone he can turn off more work in a day than ten men could do without these helps.

It was a joy to me to be once more in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell. I was their guest for a day or two nearly twenty years ago in Clinton, Miss. They are both of them a wonder and an

inspiration to me. Mrs. Gambrell goes to her desk in the mission rooms regularly, and keeps the books "as straight as a string," while her distinguished husband looks after the manifold interests of his great work. "They die young whom the gods love" was a pessimistic, heathen maxim. I have a better reading of it. They die young because they never grow old! Grandchildren have come to bless this noble pair, but they are still young.

I was glad to be in the weekly prayer meeting of the First Baptist church. It was the night of the Kaliph's parade, the most gorgeous thing of its kind I ever saw, there were a hundred thousand strangers in town, and yet there was a good attendance at this prayer meeting! Dr. John William Jones, ex-Confederate chaplain, made the principal address, on the theme ever dear to his heart, "Religion in Lee's Army." The venerable Dr. S. H. Ford, of St. Louis, also spoke, and another brother added a few words. Pastor Truett has a mighty grip upon the heart of Dallas. He preaches every Sunday to crowds that tax his church building, and he preaches the gospel. One of the things for which I feel specially thankful is the privilege of getting closer to him on this trip than I ever had opportunity of doing before. He is doing a great work in Texas.

If any of the veterans caught the "Texas fever" it is no wonder; but I didn't catch it. Some effort was made to inoculate me with that virus, but I came back to Montgomery whole-hearted, glad to get back, glad I went (I wouldn't have missed the trip for anything in reason), and glad of whatever opportunities I may still have.

S. M. P.

Just now there is an effort to get a dispensary in Evergreen, and we suggest that all the friends of the Orphans' Home throughout the State unite in opposing the movement. The prime movers in the dispensary movement never were willing for the dispensary to displace prohibition anywhere.

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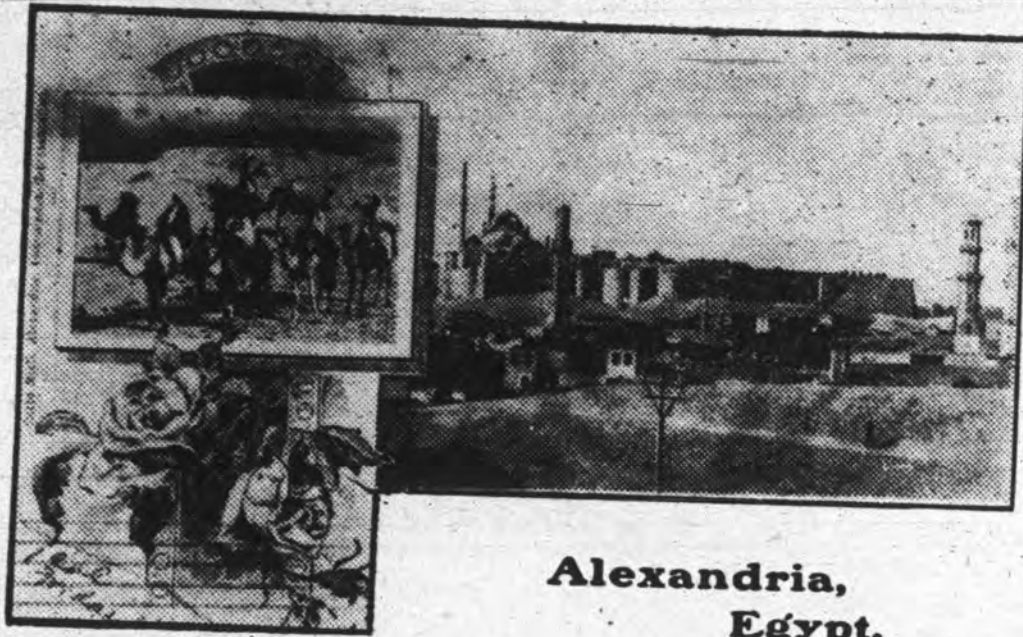
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Climbing the Pyramids.

By REV. GEO. B. EAGER.

Alexandria, Egypt, February 16. At daylight, this third Sunday of my voyage, we sailed into this great port and entrepot of Egypt and Eastern Africa. A new world burst upon us, as the sun of the old Orient rose over the dim line of the African shore, and later threw into bold perspective the distinctive features of the landscape. There

tive of the primitive methods of irrigation as old as Egypt. Merchant boats with their two winged sails, here and there a Dahabizeh, one of the Nile steamers—the vegetation common there, alfalfa or Egyptian clover, lentils, the Tamarisk, the sycamore, the "bull rush the reed shaken by the wind," camels and donkeys, grazing in the



Alexandria,
Egypt.

were the stately palms, standing sentinel-like along the shore. The Pharos, or light house, at the point of the stupendous mote built out into the bay, by the great far-seeing Greek, Pompey's Pillar, the distinctly Oriental architecture, seen even in the great warehouses as well as the shining domes and minarets. Soon we had cast anchor among the shipping of all nations. Surely it is "Bedlam let loose," but we are rescued by Gaze's man, who takes charge of our baggage, drives off the importunate crowd, engineers us through the custom house, without the opening of a grip or trunk (a little judicious feeling accomplishes wonders), and within twenty minutes we are landed at the Hotel Abbas, quite near La Bourse and the Consul's Square or Place of Mahomet Ali. So the great gateway of the hoary land of the Pharaohs is passed and we are in Egypt.

It was the Lord's day, but what bustle and noise, and gaiety, and gambling and riotous carnival everywhere. After long search we found a Scotch Presbyterian church, but only in time to be told by the sexton, a white robed Arab with red tarboosh on his head, in kindest accents and broken English, "Its end, all end." At 6 in the evening we found ourselves at St. Mark's (Episcopal), and despite the intoning of prayers, the rather High Church observances, the service of song, and the sermon on "Jacob's Vision" went home to our hungry hearts. The old, old story, under alien skies—the Gospel of the Incarnation and vicarious suffering—and the old form of thanksgiving for "life preserved, the means of grace and the hope of glory," came to us with peculiar meaning and new sweetness.

We, that is, Prof. Vance, Rev. Mr. Wheeler and myself, left February 17th for Cairo. Happily we found ourselves in the same compartment with Mr. H. E. Clark of Clark's Tourist Agency. He proved a most informing, generous and delightful guide and companion, furnishing us with many a key to the mysteries of the wonder world through which we were passing. On the 120 mile ride through the historic and fertile Delta we saw much that is peculiar to that country. The Arab villages of mud huts, Shadoofs, Sakiehs, illustra-

green fields or bearing their burdens along the high ways—a constantly unfolding panorama of vivid interest.

Fifty miles away we caught our first glimpse of the Pyramids. At first hardly more than ant hills in appearance, but looming ever larger and more wonderful as our swift moving express train carried us on to Cairo.

After a night in Cairo, big, gay, noisy, wealthy, the Paris of Africa, we are off for the Pyramids. Scarcely had we left our hotel Eden, before the Arab boy attached himself to us, determined to be our guide—Merigan man, I like Merigan man best of all. I good guide. Show everything for a shilling; no willing to pay a shilling?" Impervious to our hints that he is not wanted, he gets on the street cars and assumed at first to pay our fares. Broader hints that we will have none of him, availed not, and as smooth and pleasant as ever he goes along. When we started across the



THE PYRAMIDS.

great Nile bridge, walking, Mr. Wheeler, who wears a cork turban and has a very military air, fixed his eye upon our pestiferous guide, and shaking his fist said vigorously, "You go back," and he went.

We took a tram-way car to the village of Gizeh, and changed cars there for the Pyramids, eight miles off. We arrived with a motley body guard of beggars and venders at our heels, but soon the picturesque Shiek of the Pyramids takes us in hand, assuring us that he "will keep all these people off." He gave a few sharp calls in Arabic, summoning attendants, three each, collects the fees, and we begin our ascent of these hoary monuments of antiquity. A

bright young Arab, of perhaps twenty-five, very skillfully opens up a lively conversation in English with the traveler. "You from Chicago? Chicago above the desert level. The day is ideal place. You read Mark Twain's book?—clear and cool—and under the soft Egyptian sky the whole marvellous landscape of Desert and Delta is in full view. O, visions of the past realized! Orientalism. O, antiquity! O, mysteries of art and life!

By the combined force of three stout

Field Notes

Eufaula Items.

Dr. Wharton of the First Church baptized twenty-two persons last Sunday night. The congregation was overflowing, and the scene one of the prettiest ever witnessed in the city. Others will come in.

Rev. B. Broome has taken charge of the Southside church, and seems to be succeeding admirably. He held a two week's meeting which resulted in nine accessions by baptism and thirteen by letter.

Rev. T. M. Thomas, late pastor of Southside, now a student at the Seminary, is a gifted brother and consecrated man, and would like to get a church or churches to supply during his vacation.

A union service in the interest of temperance is to be held at the Methodist church Sunday (tomorrow) night, conducted by Rev. G. B. Russell, State Supt. of the Anti Saloon League.

The Southern and Alabama Baptist is received in large numbers here, at the old home of the editor, and greatly enjoyed.

Harmony Grove Church.

I like the Baptist so much; glad to get it every week. Yesterday was our communion day at Harmony Grove Church. Oh, what a refreshing time we had among the sisters, especially in the commemoration of the broken body and spilt blood of our Lord and Master. Brother J. A. Trim, our pastor, officiated, with the assistance of the writer. Ours is a country church. We are so glad to meet each other once a month when the good Lord meets with us. May God bless you in your noble work with all the brethren whose names I see in our paper. Yours in Christ,

J. L. Harbin.

Huntsville.

We are delighted with our new paper; hope it will soon be second to none in the country. We Baptists of Huntsville see to be waking up. We are proud to say the First church is under the wise guidance of that true and Godly man, Dr. Rutherford Brett. The Sunday school is large and growing.

The B. Y. P. U. is in a flourishing condition and well attended. Bro. H. E. Rice has recently been called to pastor our church, Dallas Ave., and is very much beloved by his church. Our congregations are constantly increasing, and I rejoice to see the church growing more and more in missionary spirit. We are expecting and praying for a great revival, which we anticipate holding within thirty days. We are delighted to have Miss Daisy Daughdrille preside over the Loyal Legion, in which much interest is manifested.

Our church has a large Sunday school at Dallas Mill every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. S. Wright, who is comparatively a stranger here, has been called to pastor the West Huntsville

Baptist church, and seems to be the right man in the right place.

His services and Sunday school are well attended. Enclosed find \$1.00 check on W. J. Rison & Co., for which please send your valuable paper to Rev. J. S. Wright, West Huntsville, Ala. He says he feels lost without your paper.

Bro. R. E. Pettus is in Troy, representing our church, this precinct, and Madison county in the State Sunday School Convention. May success attend you.

W. E. Pettus.

Florence.

A pleasant and profitable meeting of twelve days' duration closed last Friday at East Church, Rev. F. H. Watkins of First Church assisting. The preaching was earnestly effectual, and of great power. Our church was strengthened spiritually (our prime object) and fifteen professed faith in Christ. Ten additions to the church.

Bro. Watkins is doing good work First Church. Pastor and people to be in love with each other.

You are successful in your effort give Alabama Baptists a good paper. It should be in every Baptist home in the State.

Joe W. Vese

Florence, Ala.

To the Judson Alumnae

A cordial invitation to all girls is extended for Commencement May 25-29. The Alumnae Association is progressing. The corner stone laid as part of the Alumnae exercises, May 28, 10 a. m. A union of girls is planned in interesting ceremonies. Entrance for every old Judson girl provided during commencement. Rick has secured a special train for every one attending. W. H. Lovelace by May—time to expect you. Christian

Gallion and D.

The churches of Gallion and D. are still pastor. We visited on the fourth Sunday in May. gave us good congregations for Ministerial I. two churches form cant by the resignation of Dickinson, who went of Gadsden. They are disappointment over I. A. White; have the man. We trust they will secure a good pastor and preacher for there are no better people in all the land.

Uniontown.

Uniontown and Hopewell churches are moving up nicely, under the pastorate of Rev. C. R. Lee, one of the trio of brothers, all of whom are in Alabama, and good men. At we visited Chas. R. W. W. Lee of Greensboro, was assisting his brother, D. P. Lee, pastor of the South Montgomery church, in a series of m

OBITUARIES

WHOLESALE DRUGS.

Long obituaries keep coming in so fast that we are compelled to enforce our rule. For actual subscribers we print 100 words free, but we charge one cent a word for all over 100. Count the words and if there are over 100 cut them down or send the cash if you want them inserted.

ARNETT.—Mrs. Ethel I. Arnett, wife of Jessie G. Arnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. J. Bartlett, died at Lineville, Ala., April 16, 1902. Born March 22, 1878. Baptized August, 1890. Married December 25, 1901. Less than four months a bride, yet her pure life and abiding faith took away the fear of death. The Holy Spirit had revealed to her the tender relation of the great Shepherd to his sheep. When the test of her faith came she leaned her head upon his bosom for rest, and fell asleep. May the comforter give consolation to the bereaved.

Affectionately, J. R. S.

BROWN.—The angel of death has once more visited our community and saw fit to remove from our midst our deceased R. W. Brown. He was born in South Carolina in 1822, and died December 30, 1901, being eighty years of age. Brother Brown lived a consistent member of the Baptist church 42 years being always prompt to his duty. He had a kind word for every one he met. There is a vacant seat in the house of God, but he has gone to his eternal home where he is waiting and watching his loved ones to come.

himself. Whereas, the All-Wise saw fit through his mysterious providence to Our love from our midst Brother Brown, year his up-right walk be long remembered to go many.

He said. We resolve to return our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends.

by so. We resolve to spread a copy of before. Additions on our church minutes it first to the Alabama Baptist. We feel been in d of more being done for our that. A cause. Who will aid us? If the regime id us God will aid you.

wrapped in if conference.

terward co. Respectfully submitted, I. A. Adams, D. S. Riggins, T. S. Tomlin.

Committee. Ala., Feb. 15, 1902.

DSO.—Dear little Jacob, eleven months, died April 3, 1902. He was the youngest of five children in a lovely personality that made him a love him.

Co. the father and mother, and the brothers and sisters made up the home such devoted to the life without him robbed of all its brightness.

The innocent baby prattle, the patter of the little willing feet, coming and going, the smiles and ready caresses for every one, how empty the home is without it all; yet, "time," the great healer, will, with God's help, mercifully soften this sorrow, and the bereaved ones learn to think of him as another gone on to the "better land." Can not we hope and feel, by and by, even glad that in the blessed "Home Land," safe forever from temptation, from sorrow, and pains and sweeter

than human imagination can picture him, dear little "Jack" is awaiting us. Aunt Julia.

ASHCRAFT.—As his pastor, may I not be permitted to say a word of a very remarkable man? Rev. Wm. Ashcraft was born June 22, 1823, and died at his home April 8, 1902. He was a type of man which belonged both to the old and the new order of things in religion. He was of the old in that he was a man of one book. All the old-time and, I may add, Biblical theology, was in him. To him nothing in religion was proved until it was proved by the Bible. He was of the new in that he was a great worker and gladly welcomed the fuller light which efforts of men like himself have made not possible only, but inevitable. By noticing the dates above it will be seen that Bro. Ashcraft was almost seventy-nine years old. He was an active minister of the Gospel about fifty years. His career was indeed unusually fruitful and blessed of God. His work for the most part was in the State of Alabama, but he spent several years of telling service in Texas.

During his ministry he baptized almost four thousand converts. It was a part of his glory to help inaugurate the great mission movement which we are now beginning fully to enjoy.

For several years Bro. Ashcraft had lived with his family at East Lake. During this period he was too feeble for regular work, though he preached occasionally until his death.

He was a comfort to his pastor—always having something wise to say. He loved the Word of God and knew it as few men know it. He leaves a wife and three children.

J. M. Shelburne.

East Lake, Ala.

MARRIAGES.

Hasty-Boyles.

Wednesday evening, April 16, 1902, was an unusual event in the social circles of Thomasville, Ala. The M. E. church beautifully decorated in artistic style was filled to its utmost capacity by 8:20 p. m., when Mendelssohn's march pealed out from behind flowers in profusion, while the deft fingers of Mrs. E. S. Pugh glided over the key board.

W. J. Parker and T. S. Pickens, the ushers, having made all comfortable that could find seat, now led the procession to the hymeneal altar. They were followed by Miss Kate Hall and Hon. F. E. Pool, Miss Jennie Norwood and J. P. Dunaway, Miss Bessie Davis and R. J. Mosley, Miss Sue Turner and John D. Norwood, Miss Leona Mosley and M. M. Hasty, N. B. Boyles, the best man, and Miss Betty Hasty, the maid of honor. Then came Joe L. Hasty and Miss Daisy Boyles and took their position just in front of the crescent arch, all aglow with burning tapers. Rev. R. A. Moody, the pastor, stood just beneath two large hearts pierced by Cupid's arrow, and said the words that linked two happy hearts for life.

The bride carried a large spray of Marechal-Nil roses on a bed of maiden-hair ferns. Her veil was handsomely decorated with orange blossoms, her snow-white dress of silk chiffon with deep accordion plaits about the edge of the skirt, all trimmed in liberty silk, and all over lace, made the bride more beautiful than ever before.

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Her traveling dress was of tan crepe de chine, trimmed in applique. Bridesmaids were gowned in white organdie and carried a bouquet of roses, the American Beauty. After the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of N. B. Boyle. Never, perhaps, was a more beautiful table spread in this part of Alabama.

The presents came from Thomasville, Grove Hill, Mobile and other points, and consisted of a handsome clock, two beautiful lamps, gold coffee spoons, silver spoons and tray, in fact everything necessary for a well ordered dining-table, besides parlor furniture.

The bride was born and reared in Monroe county and early in life joined the M. E. church. The groom was a Marengo county boy, an efficient deacon in the Baptist church here. While quite young he had to assume the responsibilities of a father, being the oldest child of a widowed mother. By push and perseverance he has stemmed the currents, caring for a loving mother and sister, and helping to train several brothers. He is now forging his way to the front in the commercial world, being one of the most thrifty business men of this section.

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Birmingham Medical College is hereby called to meet in the office at the Birmingham Medical College in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday at 8 o'clock p. m., June 7th, 1902, for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said corporation to Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by H. P. Jackson and Redie Jackson, his wife, on the 7th day of February, 1901, to the undersigned mortgagee to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded on page 79 in volume 279 of Records of Deeds and Mortgages in the office of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 19th day of February, 1901, and default in the payment of said debt having been made the undersigned mortgagee, Ashley Payne, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage will on Saturday the 31st day of May 1902 before the door of the court house of Jefferson county, Alabama, in the city of 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 real estate situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

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Order of Publication.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, City Court of Birmingham. In Chancery. No. 3115.

Moore & Handley Hardware Company, Complainant, vs Emma Scott and W. D. Scott, Defendants.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of B. F. Moore, agent of complainant, that the residence of said defendants is unknown, and that they are absent from the State of Alabama, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of 21 years. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Southern and Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them the said Emma Scott and W. D. Scott to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 18th day of June, 1902, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against them.

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The Southern Baptist Convention

(Continued from page 5.)

Diaz Had Nothing to Say.

"The relation of Brother A. J. Diaz with the convention has existed entirely through the Home Mission Board. Some time ago he resigned, and in this way his relations with the convention have been dissolved; therefore, this committee does not think this resolution desirable."

It was reported by the committee that Dr. Diaz declared he had nothing to say to the committee. The report was adopted.

Dr. Diaz left this afternoon directly for Havana. He expressed himself as being delighted with the meeting, and said he would carry away with him only the most pleasant remembrances of the occasion.

At the afternoon session of the convention a telegram from the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in Dallas, was read, saluting the convention and wishing it abundant prosperity.

The Hon. H. S. D. Mallory of Selma, Ala., presented the report of the committee on finance.

The New President of the Convention.



JAMES P. EAGLE,

Who yesterday was chosen President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

James P. Eagle was born in Tennessee. He went to Arkansas with his parents in 1839 and has since resided in that State.

He was reared on the farm. At the beginning of the war between the States he entered the Confederate army as a private soldier. Later he was elected lieutenant, then became captain of his company, and finally made major of his regiment. Early in 1865 he was appointed by Gen. Joseph E. Johnson lieutenant-colonel of Reynold's Arkansas brigade, consolidated, under act of Congress, into one regiment. With this rank he surrendered in North Carolina, at the close of the war.

In the fighting before Atlanta in 1864 Governor Eagle was severely wounded, being shot through the body.

At the close of the war he returned home and resumed his occupation of farming. He is now the owner and operator of fine plantations in the Arkansas river bottom.

He served several times in the legislature of his State, and in 1885 was speaker of the house. He was also a member of the convention in 1874 which framed the present State Constitution. He has served two terms as governor of Arkansas, being elected in 1888 and in 1890.

Governor Eagle joined the Baptist church in 1867, and some years later was ordained to the ministry. His labors have been principally in destitute fields. For many years he has been president of the State Convention, and for more than twenty years he has been, with few intermissions, an active member of the State Mission Board. For several years past he has been a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Woman's Missionary Union.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, convened for its fourteenth annual session Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, Asheville, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, of Alabama.

Mrs. Mary J. Starnes, of Asheville, conducted brief devotional exercises.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. B. Stevens, of Asheville.

After a hymn had been sung the president, Mrs. Stakely, addressed the meeting and said in part:

"There are times in the history of organizations as in the experiences of individuals when self-examination is profitable, and I ask you to join me in a brief introspection of our income."

"I am ready to commend the motto of the student volunteers: 'God wants nothing less than the lives of men,' and now as we look at the work represented here, I do not hesitate to say that to my mind the most promising feature of it is the indoctrination of the children."

"It is more than folly to neglect early training and then expect that these children will in manhood and womanhood bring forth fruit to the glory of God. I am anxious that we devote more time and better thought to our Sunbeam Societies."

Mrs. Stakely concluded her earnest address with the words: "But after all is it not true that Christ's work is best known by the character of the workers? We may teach and write, but when that is done it is still true that we will be more closely studied than the message we bring. Let me urge the necessity of reconstructing ourselves to this high and holy mission. The necessity for more thorough preparation on our part, more prayer and more confidence in prayer and a baptism of the Holy Spirit for sacrifice and service."

"Then shall we indeed be able to testify with power, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Visitors Introduced.

Mrs. Chapman, of Chicago, brought greetings from the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, with headquarters in Chicago. She made a short talk, expressing love and interest of women of the North to women of the South.

The introduction of missionaries and visitors of other organizations took place. Miss Bunt, of Japan, Miss Taylor of Cuba, Miss McMine, of South China, Miss Alfred and Miss Buhlmaier, of Baltimore.

Dr. McConnell's Talk.

Dr. McConnell, the secretary of Home Mission Board of Atlanta, spoke. He said:

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Every church in New Orleans is to have a woman missionary, he said, and he then told of the splendid work of Miss Barnett in New Orleans. In conclusion Dr. McConnell said:

"No missionary is ever sent to a place where work is easy—don't forget this. We thank the women heartily for their love and interest in our work."

The Building Fund.

Mrs. Gambrel, of Texas, spoke a few words of the church building work in her home State.

B. Y. P. U.

Thursday.

Outside, the sun was shining and the birds singing and the combinations of sunshine carried the conviction that the auspices of the meeting were happy.

Next came that grandly rolling hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." First Vice-President Candler is a clever speaker and a good manager, and the speakers, though called on entirely unexpectedly, were equal to the occasion. Every remark which urged more activity was applauded, and this seems the sentiment that pervades the convention.

Hon. E. S. Candler, First Vice-President, who presided, Dr. H. C. Rosamond, who conducted the opening services, Dr. John H. Chapman, president of the National Union, and Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, and Rev. O. F. Flippo, a delegate bearing greetings from the Pennsylvania Union, who made addresses, urged redoubled efforts and more foreign missionary effort, and applause always followed.

Evening Session.

The program for the evening is:

8:00—Election of officers and other business.

8:30—Address, "Teach" (educational).

9:00—Address, "The Promise" (inspirational), J. P. Greene, Missouri.

9:30—Adjournment.

Meeting Called to Order.

E. S. Candler of Corinth, member of Congress from Mississippi and first vice-president of the Union, called the meeting to order, stating that President L. O. Dawson would be unable to arrive before 1 o'clock on account of a delayed train. Dr. Rosamond conducted the opening exercises, read the 103d Psalm, and President Candler asked for Dr. Madison C. Peters of Baltimore and Rev. W. C. Tyree of Durham, the speakers of this session, but both were absent.

Mr. Candler said the meeting was unfortunate in being minus a president and speakers.

Mr. Chapman Speaks.

John H. Chapman of Chicago, president of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, said his remarks would be brief—that the hope of the organization was the union of all the Baptist unions and a complete and perfect working body. Everywhere in America the Baptist Young People's Union are working more zealously and with greater effectiveness because they are drawn together by meetings like this and kept in touch with each other by the wide circulation of the Baptist Union.

Rev. P. T. Hale moved that in the

absence of the regular speakers Dr. J. B. Hawthorne of Richmond and B. D. Gray, president of Georgetown College, Kentucky, be asked to address. The murmur of approval was evident, and the president said there was no need of a vote.

Dr. Hawthorne Called For.

Dr. Hawthorne said he should ask to be excused as he was an invalid. He looked pale, but the tall, erect figure of this noted speaker and his reputation made all forget this remark.

The great pivotal period in life is when one decides what he is to do. A girl looks out on a landscape of field and forest, of flood and plain, and wishes she was an artist, and so she studies. But when she learns it is a hard study, full of tedious work, the girl tires. She had not decided to be an artist; she had only wished to be one. A young man thinks he would be an orator, but when he learns of the hard training necessary, he, too, surrenders. He did not choose to be an orator, he only wished to be. Any shallowpate can desire the wealth of the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers and Astors, but I tell you it takes a man to choose it.

"There are many young men in the South who have aspirations to make themselves useful in God's work, but how many transform such wishes into action, transmit the deep feeling of their hearts into something real. Do not deceive yourselves with visions, do not go from this meeting with stories of how you were stirred, but go with the resolution that you will transmit this feeling into actual work."

Mr. Candler thanked the great divine for his talk. The audience rose and sang, "We'll work till Jesus comes."

What Kentucky Will Do.

Dr. Gray came on the platform, he said, reluctantly. The speaker said that if he had the time he could give the audience the ring of his theology. I know I belong to a crowd who have more truth and do less with it than any people living." There was applause at this. "Kentucky will lead in the good work next year."

"A high commission is lifted up before us today—before our young people—who are as much bound to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth as we are to baptize people here."

Pennsylvania Greetings.

President Candler called for O. F. Flippo, who had come bearing from the Pennsylvania Union, greetings to the convention. Mr. Flippo said he had organized the first union in the South when he was pastor of the church at Roanoke, Va., and as connected with the American Baptist Publication Society, he bore the greetings of the Pennsylvania union and the Society. Last year the churches that had the largest growth were those who had the best Unions.

(To be continued.)

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Ar. St. Louis.....	8:24 am
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	44	34	38
Lv. Selma.....	4 15pm	6 20am
Ar. Montgomery.....	6 20pm	8 20am
Lv. Montgomery.....	6 40pm	1 30pm	7 20am
Ar. Opelika.....	8 28pm	3 45pm	8 05am
Lv. Opelika.....	8 25pm	3 45pm	8 05am
Ar. Atlanta.....	11 30pm	7 30pm	11 40am
Ar. Selma.....	11 30pm	.....	11 10am
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 35pm	.....	9 00am
Ar. Montgomery.....	9 20pm	10 55am	6 30pm
Lv. Opelika.....	7 40pm	8 50am	4 23pm
Ar. Opelika.....	7 37pm	8 50am	4 23pm
Lv. Atlanta.....	4 20pm	5 30am	12 30pm

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April 13th.	82	78	58
Lv. Montgomery.....	2 45pm	6 30am	7 45pm
Ar. Sprague Junction.....	3 50pm	7 00am	8 21pm
Troy.....	.....	8 05am	9 25pm
Brundidge.....	.....	8 40am	10 05pm
Ozark.....	.....	9 30am	10 55pm
Elba June.....	.....	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 41am	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 June.....	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
Ar. Elba June.....	9 30am	2 35pm	9 50am

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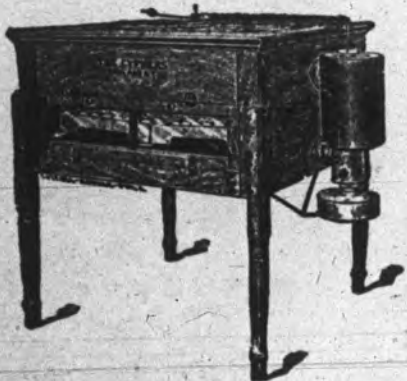
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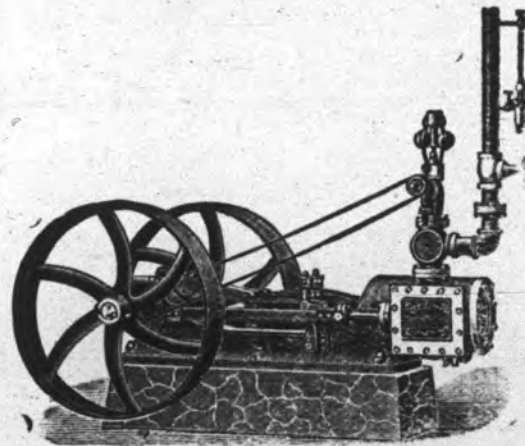
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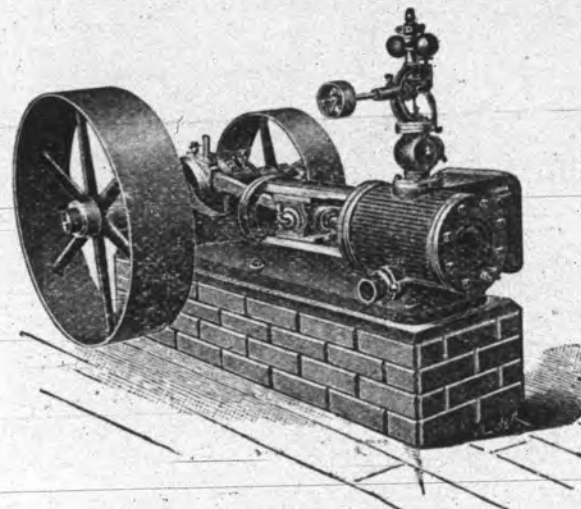
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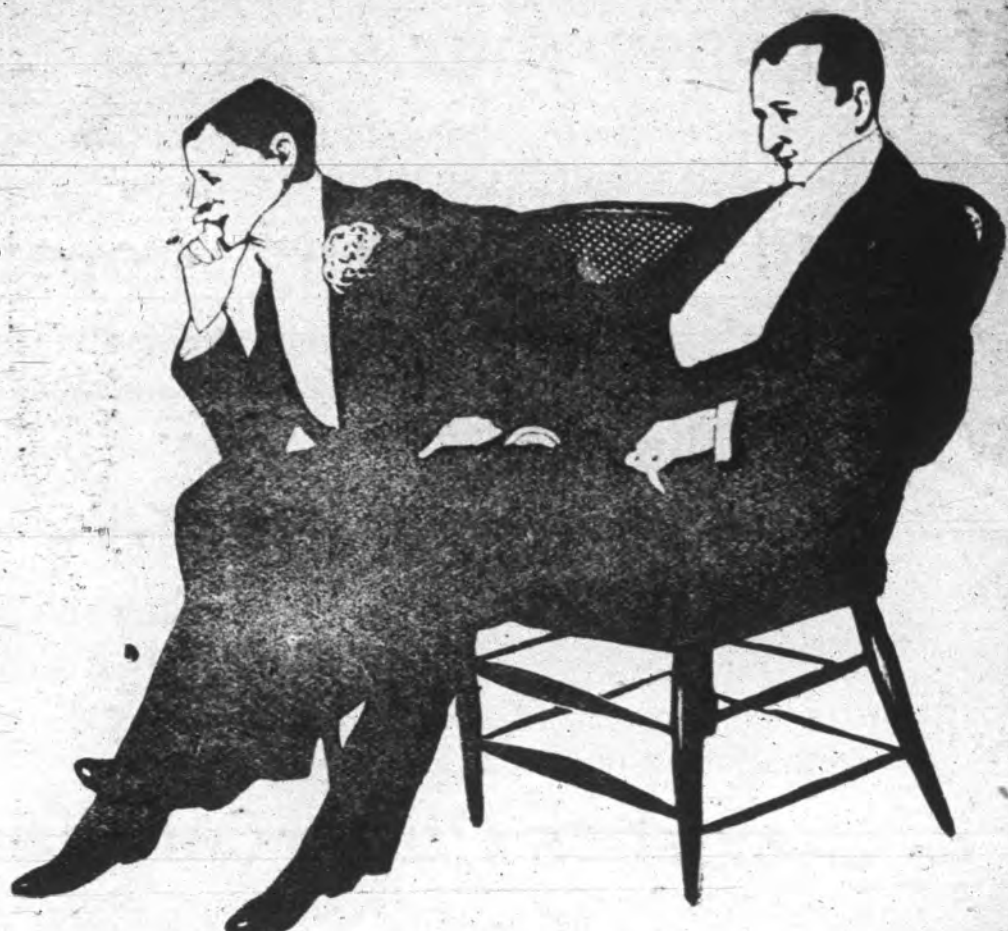
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The pastors of this city, having heard that work is being done on the Woodward office building on Sunday, have appointed a committee to look into the matter and see whether the work is a necessity, and if not, to confer with the proper authorities as to what steps are necessary to have it stopped.

Agree on Plans for First Baptist Church.

The committee on plans for the building of the First Baptist Church have agreed on the plans drawn by Mr. R. H. Hunt, of Chattanooga. The church is to be on the Romanesque style and the committee state it will be one of the prettiest churches in Birmingham.

The building will cost \$40,000, and will be built entirely of Birmingham brown stone. The committee reported at the regular church meeting last Wednesday night, and the plans were accepted, and immediate steps will be taken to let the contract. It is expected that work will begin in 30 days.

The building will be erected on the property where the present church stands. The seating capacity of the main auditorium will be 800 without the gallery, and the church will be so built that the Sunday school room and the main auditorium may be thrown into one large room, nearly doubling the capacity.

The Sunday school room will have a seating capacity of 500 with the gallery. It will also have five class rooms and a kindergarten department for 300. The

plans provide for a pastor's study, a large library room, a lady's parlor, and deacon's room.

The denomination, not only in Alabama, but beyond her borders, will watch with interest the progress of this enterprise. The First Church has needed a new building for years, but was crippled with debt, and as soon as under the leadership of Dr. Gray, the debt was cancelled, the church generously and nobly gave its attention to general denominational work, nobly leading in the late debt-paying campaign when the debts on Howard College and the State Board of Missions were cancelled. Really, it would be a graceful recognition of their work if some of the brethren of other churches in the State would lend them a helping hand in the great enterprise they have undertaken. It is a great undertaking, but the church is a plucky one, and her gifted, eloquent and scholarly pastor has a name for bringing things to pass. We lift our panama to Dr. Dickinson and his noble flock.

Church Census of Birmingham.

On Tuesday, June 3, a census of all the white homes in Birmingham will be taken by the Sunday school workers of the city. The object is to find out what percentage of the population attends Sunday school and church and how many of those who do not are willing to begin.

Another object is to invite every white person in the city to attend church and to urge on parents to send their children to Sunday school. It is expected the canvass will cause an increase of from 25 to 40 per cent. in the attendance on church and Sunday school.

The result of the census will be care-

fully figured out and placed on record in the churches of the city. The names of all who are not attending church, but prefer one church more than another, will be given to the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of that church and they will be expected to look up these people and urge them to attend.

The movement was launched at a meeting of the Sunday school superintendents of Birmingham held in the office of T. H. Johnston & Co., in room 4 of the Potter Building. The movement is to be non-sectarian.

Headquarters will be in Mr. Johnston's office in the Potter Building. General State Secretary Joseph Carthel will be in the city all this month, and will superintend the work.

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STATE NEWS.

Brewton.

A trip to Brewton gave us the pleasure of a night in the pastor's home, and a charming host and hostess indeed we had in Rev. J. W. Kramer and his wife. We preached for his people on Sunday morning, and took a collection for Ministerial Education. They are still talking of the gracious seasons enjoyed in the revival meetings, in which Dr. Wharton did the preaching. They say it was great preaching, and the old-fashioned gospel, warp and woof.

Evergreen.

The same Sunday night we were with Pastor A. G. Moseley and his Evergreen saints. He had taken a good collection at the morning service. It rained, but there was a fair audience, and some good listening, whatever may be said of the preaching. One of the leading members said: "We have in our pastor the best all round man in the State," and we did not contradict him. We breakfasted with the children at the Orphans' Home, and did full justice to the meal. It was an inspiring scene. Bro. Stewart had come in at midnight the night previous with three more little ones, which made, we believe, eighty-four in all. The new buildings, the boys' dormitory, and the infirmary, are being rapidly completed, and are models of simple beauty and convenience. But he needs money, "and don't you forget it."

J. V. D.