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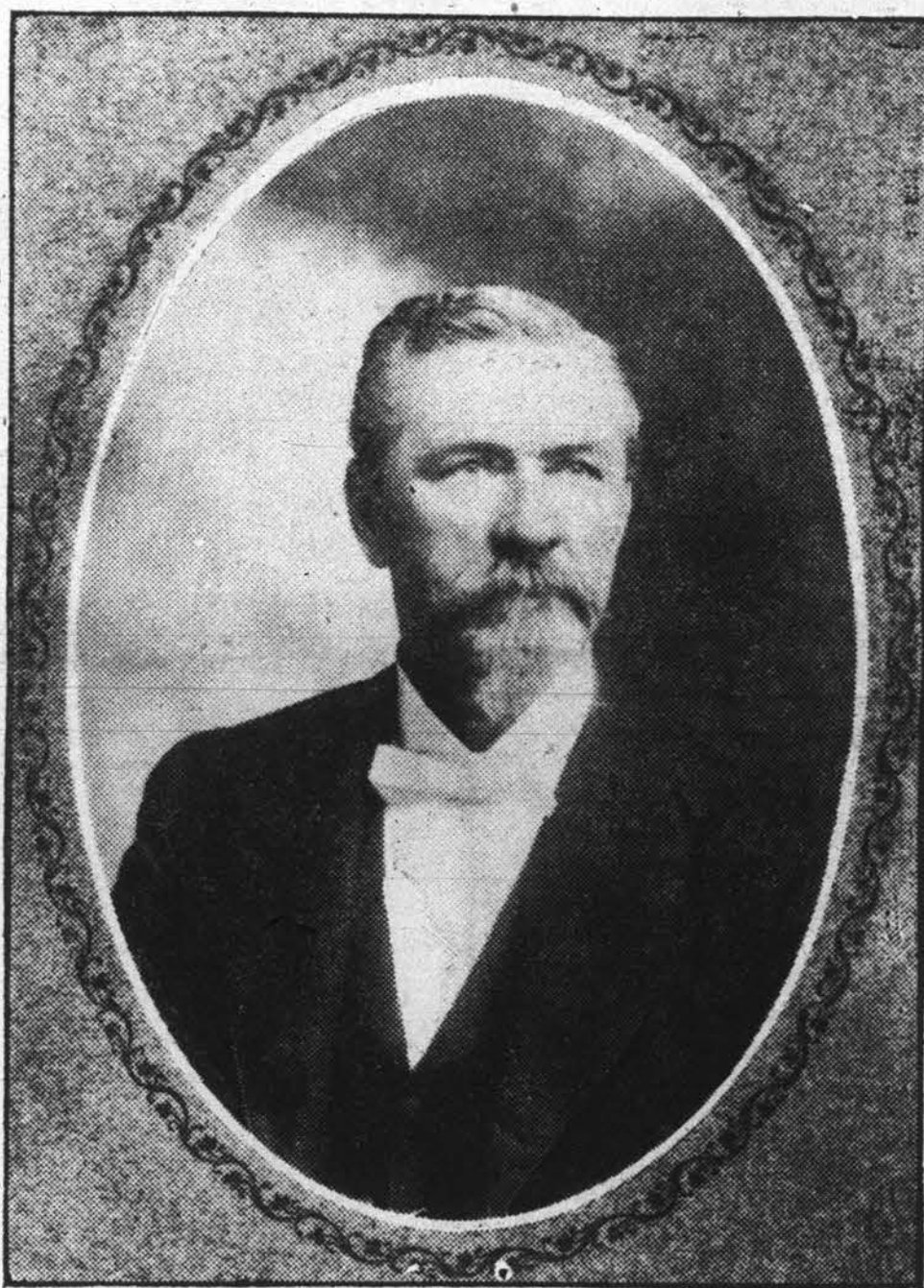
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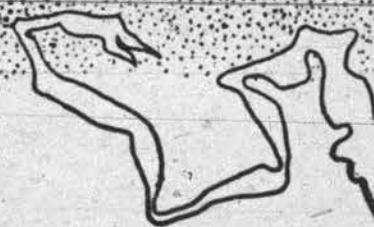
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## MISSIONS

### A Wedding Trip to Japan.

We present below a sketch of the life of Rev. C. T. Willingham, appointed May 3, with cuts of himself and Miss Bessie B. Hardy, appointed March 24. These consecrated young people joined their hands and hearts in matrimony on July 10, and expect to leave for Japan on Sept. 19. We wish them every happiness that this life can give, and pray God's dearest blessing upon their work.

Calder Truheart Willingham, son of Robert J. and Corneille Bacon Willingham, was born in Talbotton, Ga., March 3, 1879. He professed faith in Christ when he was eight years of age, and

ter of Rev. Leslie T. Hardy and Mrs. Kate (Miller) Hardy. She was born at New Hope, Botetourt county, Va., was converted at the early age of nine, and two years later united with the Baptist Church, being baptized by her father (who died a few years after). Miss Bessie attended the Southwest Virginia Institute, and having taken the full course, graduated with the A. B. degree. She has for several years taught in the high school at Salem, Va., having as her special departments Latin and German. She comes from one of Virginia's best families, and is a young lady of fine physique, excellent mental powers, well cultivated, with a noble, consecrated



C. T. WILLINGHAM.

was baptized by his father in Barnesville, Ga., April 10, 1887. He attended Richmond College, Richmond, Va., and took the A. B. degree in 1899; from there he went to the theological seminary, in Louisville, Ky., and graduated with the full graduate (Th. M.) degree in May, 1902. He began preaching when eighteen years of age, and has supplied various churches during his vacations from school work. While his disposition is buoyant and cheerful, his life has been marked by purity and noble bearing. On May 3, 1902, he was appointed as a missionary to Japan. He does not go alone, but has had the good fortune to get Miss Bessie Bell Hardy, of Salem, Va., to go with him.

Miss Bessie Bell Hardy is the daughter



MRS. C. T. WILLINGHAM NEE MISS B. B. HARDY.

heart. The Church and people of Salem are very sorry to lose her. She has been a mighty factor for good in that beautiful little city. She was organist in the Church, and her excellent musical gifts will be of great help in the work on the foreign field. She was also in charge of the infant class, where she did a very fine work. We praise God when a young person so highly endowed, cultivated and consecrated joyfully gives herself to this great work of our Heavenly Father. She has been earnestly desirous of giving her life to Japan, and rejoices in her appointment there. With her cultivated, consecrated gifts, she will be in far Japan as she has already been in the home land, a valuable worker for Christ.

### From Under the Southern Cross.

Solomon L. Ginsburg.

I understand that you are owned by another man, but from what I have learned about him, the same spirit prevails. And so I feel sure that articles from Missionaries will be welcome, and that Brazil, the neglected continent, will find a corner in the important paper representing the Baptists of Alabama. Am I right, Bro. Editor?

Speaking of Alabama Baptists, I cannot help but mention again the fact that we have a couple of them right here

in Pernambuco, and a great blessing have they proved themselves to us personally and to the cause particularly. Bro. Robinson helps the poor believers who are thrown out of labor on account of their faith, giving them work in the oil factory under his able management, and sister Robinson helps Mrs. Ginsburg in her visits and general work among the women. They are getting a good insight into our mission work, and when they return home, use them as much as possible; ask them to tell you of what they saw and heard and felt. God bless the Alabama Baptists for giving us such a zealous couple and may their shadows never grow less.

The other day Mrs. Robinson handed over to the treasurer of the Church Building Fund the amount of \$10.00 collected, I believe by the Ladies' Aid Society of Alexander City, Alabama. It was very kind of the good sisters to remember us. God bless them abundantly. Our need is really great and urgent. After buying the splendid lot, we put up a temporary hall, but the crowds that come, anxious to hear the blessed tidings of salvation, are so large that we have resolved to organize the different reaching stations besides the central hall. Then Sunday nights we have meetings at a place called Feitosa, where over 100 assist, in Iputinga, where another hundred hear the gospel, in Afogados, where over 75 turn up, and at our hall, where over 250 come. And yet we have seating capacity for only about 125. If we had the chapel Bro. Robinson designed for us we could seat about 400 or more. Who will help us? Our need is great and urgent and every little helps.

The work has prospered marvelously during 1901. On this field we had 171 additions. Over 80 joined the Church in Pernambuco. Three new churches were organized, and two young men ordained to the ministry, besides many new places opened for preaching. This year we have begun encouragingly. Lately I have baptized a civil engineer, connected with some of the best families in Brazil. His own family will soon join the Church. The same night a young officer from the Federal army was baptized, who is going about, full of life and love, preaching the gospel of Jesus. All this cheers us on. And we implore the prayers of the brethren at home and abroad that the good work may continue and many souls saved.

But though we are full of cheer and good hope, yet the outlook for Brazil is sad, indeed. Politically the republic is lost, economically Brazil is ruined and religiously it is disheartening. Politically what ruins the republic is bossism seen everywhere, and carried on to a terrible extent. The people, not accustomed to govern themselves, follow their leader, who does just as he pleases. The result in most cases is disastrous. I abstain from citing examples, as it would occupy the whole paper. Economically, Brazil is ruined. Sugar, the main crop of this State, for instance, sells for less than it costs. Federal taxes, state taxes, county taxes and district taxes make living a misery, if not an impossibility. Religiously, the future of Brazil is disheartening, because of the enormous influx of Jesuits, monks and nuns, driven out from all parts of the civilized world. Here they find an open door, and the result can easily be imagined.

But the Lord reigns. In Him is our hope and trust. He has promised to be with us and help us. But we need your prayers, sympathy and help. We need helpers—men full of faith and endued with the Spirit of God. Is there no one in Alabama who is willing to come to this country and live for Christ? Is there no one who will help us to raise our chapel?

God bless you all abundantly.

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### The Interior of China.

The interior of China no longer has the significance of former years. Ten years ago going into the interior meant leaving, at Ichang, one thousand miles from the coast, all forms of protection so far as Western governments were concerned. No gunboat thought of risking itself on the great Yangtse farther inland than this point. Beyond were doubt and mystery. To venture inside was for the Westerner, whether missionary or diplomat, to cut himself off from the outside world, and make the best of things.

But ten years have wrought a wonderful change. Gunboats have penetrated another thousand miles inland. The official barrier that threatened to defeat every move progress tried to make, has been successfully broken down, and all along this beautiful, rich valley, civilization has permanently extended its outposts. Missionaries, diplomats and merchants are all on the alert to make the most of the new conditions that prevail.

However, new conditions have not improved the rapids or made traveling on the Upper Yangtse any less dangerous. Our trip has been attended with the usual nervous strain and excitement incident to being pulled over rapids and through whirlpools. An added feature was the shock of being almost wrecked the fifth day out from Ichang. A terrible up-river wind caught our boat and knocked it against a rock, which punched a hole in the bottom. We escaped to the shore, but our books and many other things got a bad wetting before the hole could be mended.

We were twenty-eight days reaching Chungking, and it will take about as many more to get to Kiatingh.

The prospect was never brighter for the West China Baptist Mission. The people are coming literally in hundreds to inquire the way of salvation. The whole West seems to be catching the spirit of progress. Missionaries and native workers of the various denominations cannot get around fast enough to the places that are asking for preaching halls and schools. Not many years ago this was an unenlightened region. Now the gospel light is shining and the beauties of His Kingdom are becoming the desires of the people.—W. F. Beaman in the Watchman.

"Rev. L. O. Dawson has definitely decided not to become president of Howard College. With him it was declining a life position at a comfortable salary, with pleasant surroundings, that he might do harder duty in the pulpit and as pastor. Mr. Dawson is one of the strongest men in the Baptist Church, in the State, and his abilities have now been recognized by the denomination and other denominations."

The above, taken from the Birmingham Ledger, shows that the secular press are watching with interest the developments at Howard. The knowledge that brother Dawson declines the presidency will be read with regret throughout the State. Yet we feel sure that as in the past, so in the future Howard College will have no better friend than Dr. Dawson.



# OUR SERMON.

By Rev. J. G. Lowrey.

WARRIOR, ALA.  
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Text, Zech. xiv. 6, 7:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear nor dark; but it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day nor night: but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."

Theme—Mingled Light and Darkness.

Various things are spoken of in this, and in the preceding chapters of this prophecy, having reference, and pointing to the coming of Christ, and the establishing of the gospel dispensation, under His administration.

From the day that God made the promise to our first parents that "The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head," down to the advent of Christ, people lived in expectation of His coming.

Prophets foretold it; Types and shadows pointed to it; burnt offerings and slain beasts. The call of Abraham, the deliverance from Egyptian bondage, the dividing of the waters of the Red Sea, the journey through the wilderness, the smitten rock, the serpent of brass lifted upon the pole, the sacrificial altar and the Temple service, all directed the minds of the people to Christ, and the great deliverance from the curse or penalty of sin through the offering of Himself.

The covenant with Abraham, and the promise that "In his seed all the families of the earth should be blessed," renewed with Isaac and Jacob; the clear predictions of Isaiah of the "Child born, the Son given, the wonderful, Counsellor, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," all strengthened their faith and confirmed their hope in the promises of God.

Isaiah speaks of Him as a hiding place from the tempest, a sheltering rock in a weary land, rivers of water in a dry place. Of His reign being peace, righteousness, rest and assurance forever. But he also saw His humility; His life of sorrow, and His acquaintance with grief. Saw Him numbered with the transgressors, and the travail of His soul.

Daniel saw Him cut off, but not for Himself. Zechariah saw the fountain opened for sin, the wounds in His hands, made in the house of His friends, saw the Shepherd smitten and the sheep scattered in that day.

The word 'day,' as used in the Scripture, often refers to a period, age, or dispensation.

In six days God created the Heavens and the earth, and on the seventh He rested from all His work. Six days were for work preparatory for the seventh, or day of rest. For convenience time has been divided into seven days, or dispensations. Six have already passed. We live in the seventh. They have been for work preparatory to the seventh, which should bring rest, peace and righteousness.

In the subject before us, we have beautifully portrayed in Eastern imagery, and figurative language, the redemptive work of Christ; the flying to Him as to a city of refuge; the persecutions, blessings, and final triumph of the gospel. Christ is represented as standing upon the Mount of Olive, the mountain cleaving in the midst and a great valley being opened. There He

would hold sweet communion with His Father. It was from this mount that He looked over the doomed city, and said: "If thou hadst known, even thou, in this, thy day, the things which belong to thy peace, but now, they are hid from thine eyes," and again, "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

It was to this mount that He resorted after He instituted the Supper; and here He took Peter, James and John apart, and said to them: "Watch here, while I go yonder and pray." It was here that He prayed so earnestly "Father, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not My will, but Thine." It was here that His soul was exceeding sorrowful, and here that His sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground. It was here that Judas came with a mob to arrest Him. It was near here that He sank under the cross. But it was when He was lifted upon the cross, when the sun refused to give his light, while the earth quaked, and the rocks burst; when the Father withdrew His support, because He who knew no sin of His own had now become sin for us, and God's favor was turned into wrath against Him, that is, against the sin which He was now bearing in His own body on the tree; and wrung from Him that bitter wail of anguish of soul, "Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" And while the earth was trembling and the rocks rending, and the veil of the Temple was rent in twain, divided at top even to the bottom; and when He from the cross on Calvary uttered the cry of triumph, "It is finished," that this prophecy was literally fulfilled. Then the mountain divided, then the valley was opened, when He seized the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, and nailed it to the tree; and broke down the middle wall of partition, and opened one common valley, or way, for both Jew and Gentile. No longer did the priest have to make an offering for his own sins, and then for the people; but the veil was taken away, and a new and living way was opened. The mountain separated, the valley was wide enough for every one for whom Christ died to walk in.

The fountain opened is sufficient to cleanse every soul who bathes in it. The Jews no longer have an advantage over the Gentiles. This valley shall reach "Even unto Azal," or to the uttermost part of the earth. The people shall flee to it under dreadful apprehensions of their danger. They shall escape for their lives. They shall fly to this valley as the only way of escape, as to a city of refuge. It was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when Peter stood up and said to the multitude that "This same Jesus, whom ye crucified and slew, God hath made Him both Lord and Christ." They were cut to the heart, and cried, "What shall we do?" They were directed to this valley, to this fountain, "Repent; every one of you." It was fulfilled in the prison, when Paul and Silas preached it to the jailor, and he cried as he fell at their feet, "What must I do to be saved?" It has been fulfilled in all penitent believers, when the law

of God, made effectual by the power of the Holy Spirit, has convinced them of their danger; they have fled to this valley, this new and living way opened by Christ, as the only means of escape. They flee as from some dread calamity; "Like as people fled from the earthquake, in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah," showing the terror that fills their hearts when convinced of their lost and ruined condition by reason of sin.

"But it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear nor dark."

Christ says: "I am come a light into the world." But this was morning, the early part of the day. Darkness and superstition reigned in the hearts of the people. "Darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people." Christ not only shone Himself, but commissioned men and sent them out to proclaim the glorious light of the blessed gospel of Christ.

This is the day referred to in our text: The day of Christ; the day of the gospel dispensation. It is neither clear nor dark.

1. The day of Christ. He was a light; but it shone in darkness. He was persecuted from the day that He was laid in the manger in the stall of the ox, to the day He was laid in Joseph's new tomb. His was a life of toil and suffering. He was the Man of Sorrow, and was acquainted with grief. He was despised and rejected by men. He had temptations and privations. "Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." Hear Him say: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."

His was a day mingled with light and darkness. Angels heralded the glad tidings of His birth, and immediately Herod has the young children slain, seeking His life.

At His baptism, the Father owned His Son, and approved the act of righteousness, and at once He is in the wilderness, being tempted of the devil. By the power of God, He casts out unclean spirits, and the people say, "He casts them out by the prince of devils." It was light with Him on the Mount of Transfiguration, but Gethsemane was a night of doleful darkness. His victory was light, indeed. At evening time it was light.

As with Christ, so with His day or dispensation of grace. His disciples had forsaken all to follow Him. All their hopes, all their affections, and all their aspirations were centred in Him. Calvary was a scene mixed with light and darkness. Hopes and fears strangely mingled in their hearts. They hoped that by some miraculous power He would come down from the cross. They feared He would not escape death; and they had hoped that it was He who should have redeemed Israel.

His resurrection "Brought life and immortality to light." "The disciples were glad when they saw their Lord." New hopes, new light, sprung up, and their hearts burned within them as He talked with them by the way. His ascension was a day mingled with joy and sorrow. Sorrow at the thought of His being taken away from them; joy at the promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The day of Pentecost was a bright day when three thousand souls were added to them, and a little later when their number was increased to five thousand men and many women, the light

began to shine brighter. But clouds of darkness and persecution intervened to obscure the light. It is yet morning; it is not clear nor dark. A little while of sunshine, then the clouds begin to overshadow them. A day of light is followed by storms of persecution. It was a day of darkness mingled with light. "Then arose the greatest persecution of any age by the Mother of Harlots. During the 1260 days spoken of by John in Rev. xi. 3, and xii. 6, representing so many years, Christians were subjected to the most cruel torture, driven to the dens and caves of the earth, they were hunted down like wild beasts. They were burned at the stake, sawn asunder, torn to pieces, their hands and feet cut off, and their bodies thrown into large basins of boiling water. Their eyes were bored out, they were severely scourged, they were thrown upon the racks, and in every conceivable way the most cruel punishment was inflicted upon them. The enemies of the cross thus vainly striving to extinguish the light. It was a day not clear nor dark.

But the gates or powers of hell should not prevail against His Church. It is noonday, and the light is still struggling against the darkness.

"But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." As it approaches, new light begins to dawn. The witnesses whom John saw dead should live again. From the ashes of martyrs rose men to fill their places. The bright stars begin to appear, Luther, Malancthon, Roland Hill, Whitfield, Christmas Evans, and others, suddenly arise, their souls fired with the love of God, and with a zeal and power almost superhuman, they preach "The glorious gospel of the blessed God."

As the light advances, the darkness recedes. The sleeping nations of earth are aroused. The kingdom of Christ shall triumph. The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters do the sea. David says: "The entrance of Thy word giveth light." We see the light advancing, and the darkness breaking away as the evening comes on.

"Living waters shall go out from Jerusalem." Christ says: "I am the Water of Life." This fountain of living water was opened at Jerusalem and it shall flow throughout the length and breadth of the earth. In summer and in winter shall it be, "My word shall not return void. It shall prosper." The heat of summer shall not scorch it, nor the blasts of winter chill it. Nothing shall stop it. The stone cut out without hands shall fill the earth.

The command is, "Go, teach all nations. Make disciples and baptize them." Go till "The heathen be given Him for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." Go until the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

My brethren, the evening time is drawing near. Already the light has reached nearly every part of the earth, and the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," comes from every quarter of the globe.

Shall we respond to that call? Shall we who have the light withhold it from those who sit in darkness? No; let us rather waft the story to earth's remotest bound. God is opening the way and setting before us an open door, and saying to us, "Go in and possess the land." We cannot afford to disregard

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July Mission Study—The Home Mission Board.

## Reports from Association Vice Presidents Conecuh Association.

"She who does her best, does well." Again this comforting thought brings solace to me, when in submitting my report as vice-president of the Conecuh Association, I am constrained to acknowledge that not all of my efforts have been crowned with success. Yet the consciousness remains that I did what I could. The numberless letters I have written, which for aught I know to the contrary, have found their way to the dead-letter office, the stacks of literature I have sent out, have all shared the same fate. It would hardly be human nature not to feel that most of my labor had been in vain, yet "The cloudiest night has a hint of light Somewhere in its shadows hiding." And I feel that the organization of a Ladies' Aid Society at Garland is the one recompense I have received. What they have accomplished, I know not, for they have sent in no report. Others like myself may have tried and failed, and I do not condemn them without a hearing. It was impracticable for me to go in person, so all that I have accomplished has been through the medium of the pen.

We had a most enjoyable and profitable Woman's Meeting last fall, while the Association was in session in Greenville.

I am prone to believe that one cause of our failure to do more, for missions especially, is that our hearts are not fully in the work. We lack co-operation and unity of purpose, and then we will procrastinate sometimes, thinking that next time we'll give, when we ought to "Act in the living present," remembering that the thief of time will get ahead of us, and that "The night cometh when no man can work."

The following is my financial report, so far as I have received:

### BREWTON SOCIETY.

Orphanage.....	\$15 00
Miss Kelly.....	10 00
State Missions.....	1 00

Total..... \$26 00

### EVERGREEN SOCIETY.

No report for last year. \$20.00 pledged for Miss Kelly's support next year, of which \$10.00 is paid.

### GREENVILLE SOCIETY.

Foreign Missions.....	\$13 25
Home Missions.....	14 70
State Missions.....	11 50
Church Aid.....	127 71
Greensboro Church.....	2 00
Orphanage.....	26 00

Total..... \$195 16

Pledged for Miss Kelly next year, \$30.00.

Let us hope for a better report next year, praying that the Master will

"Nevermore let delays divide us from His glorious grace,

But His kingdom come,  
Let His commands opposed be by none,

But His good pleasure and His will be done."

Mrs. Jefferson Beeland,  
Vice-President, Greenville.

## Home Mission Needs for 1902-1903.

Dear Sisters: The Home Mission Board begins the new year very hopefully. The generous gifts of the churches in the year that has just closed, gives fresh spirit in all the noble work they have set our Board to accomplish. The total amount of cash received during the year for the regular work of the Home Board was \$98,950.29, which is an increase of \$12,045.61 over the previous year. In addition to this, the Board has received in special gifts, to be used in connection with the Church Building and Loan Fund and other investments, the sum of \$1,500. This makes the actual amount of cash received \$100,450.29.

The Convention, in session at Asheville, instructed the Board to lay out its work for the coming year on a basis of 25 per cent. increase over the receipts of the past year. It will not be difficult to lay the work out on a larger scale, because there are constantly opening opportunities of vast importance and promise of blessed results. Our great difficulty appears when, toward the close of the year, we find ourselves obliged to deny some of the most urgent appeals because we find always that we have been constrained to go beyond the limits fixed.

Our work in Cuba will require the 25 per cent. increase this year in order that we may hold the ground already taken. There are three hopeful interests in our mountain work which have already made application, that require more than the 25 per cent. increase in that direction. Our missions west of the Mississippi river furnish almost an unbounded field, and open to us far more rapidly than we have been enabled to occupy them. Work among the foreign population constantly appeals to us for enlargement, and the demand this year is even more urgent than ever.

The Church Building and Loan department of our Board was increased last year by a very small amount, and yet the possibilities for usefulness to that department are well-nigh unbounded. It is designed that this fund shall be a permanent fund, to be used for no other purpose than loans to churches to aid them in building houses of worship, and that these loans shall be made on strictly business principles. The committee in charge of this fund has, under direction of the Board, made quite a number of loans varying in amounts from \$150 to \$400, for from three to five years. In each instance where such loans have been made the Church has thus been enabled to complete its house, and in many instances to secure property that could not otherwise have been held. If persons whom the Lord has blessed with means will

remember the work of their Master in their wills and bequeath to the Home Mission Board for permanent use sums of money, as others have done, there will soon accumulate a fund in the hands of the Board that will become a powerful agency in the advancement of the Master's kingdom long after we are dead and gone.

May the blessing of God abide upon our noble women in their constant and untiring efforts to promote the Master's cause, and may Heaven's joy fill their hearts as they plan and labor together for the promotion of the Master's kingdom.

Sincerely,

F. C. McConnell, Cor. Sec.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.

Inclosed please find financial report for Antioch Association for Convention year. Several of the Societies made no report.

One question only: "How can I get the Societies to report their work, and especially, how can I get some of them to do any work?" Twenty churches in our Association, and only three have reported. Most of these churches have no societies.

St. Stephen pledges \$3 for Miss Kelly and Healing Springs \$2.

May God bless and direct you all.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin,  
Vice-President Healing Springs.

## BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the inability of the Vice-President to visit any churches in the Bigbee Association for the past year, no new societies have been organized. The few societies that are at work have been faithful and done nobly.

There is a sad lack of interest in Missions not only among many of our women, but among many pastors, therefore it has been very difficult to accomplish much by writing letters. Literature has been distributed all during the year. There was a good Woman's Missionary meeting last September in connection with the Association, which accomplished much good. Pray for us, that the women of the Bigbee Association may be awakened to go forward in the Master's cause. Some of the Societies pay regularly to the support of Miss Kelly.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen,  
Vice-Pres., Livingston.

## CALHOUN ASSOCIATION.

The work in our Association has increased gradually, as is proved by the amounts contributed by the women and children. Some societies disband while new ones come in to take their places, keeping the number about the same. Yet the spirit of giving seems to increase as more money has been raised from year to year. More societies have given to our dear Miss Willie Kelly this year than ever before. We expect to hold a woman's meeting this fall at our Association. Nothing does the good that one of these Associational meetings can do.

I hope a great deal of practical work can be accomplished.

May the Master be with you and guide you in your counsels and lead you into broader fields of service for Him, is my prayer.

Mrs. O. M. Reynolds,  
Vice-President, Anniston.

## SHELBY ASSOCIATION.

I wish I could report some new societies in our Association, but our people

do not take hold of this work. Perhaps if we had some one to travel from church to church, and inform the people, they might do better.

Most of the churches only have preaching once a month and the women think all they are called upon to do is to go and hear the preacher. Montevallo reports over twenty members in their society, most of them faithful. Calera has no leader. They say, "Our little band still struggles, but I have a meeting if only one comes."

I had a nice letter from Pura Cova last week. She seems to take great interest in being a helper to her father.

Hope you will all have a good meeting at the Convention.

Mrs. W. G. Parker,  
Vice-President, Columbiana.



Rev. John Roach Straton.

John Roach Straton, editor of the Seminary Magazine, gifted lecturer, publicist, champion orator, Christian gentleman and royal good fellow, ought not to be a stranger to Alabamians, for he spent three years at Marion during the pastorate of his father, Dr. H. D. Straton, and attended the Marion Military Institute. Just think of it! He has been lecturing six years, and is still in the twenties, and yet this young man made a sensation by his speech on the Race Problem during the Conference at Montgomery, and his article on The Negro, which appeared in the North American Review, brought forth a strong letter of commendation from Ex-President Grover Cleveland. I have known John Roach Straton for many years, and joyed in his successes; but I never knew what a hold he had on me until last summer, when he spent a week at my home in Washington, fighting the battle of his life as to whether he would put aside what he felt was a call to preach or to continue his public career as a lecturer and teacher, or give himself wholly to the ministry. He came to me because he knew I had given up law for the ministry, and being a young man, he felt that we would be in sympathy. I never doubted one moment what the end would be, for I knew the Lord had laid His hand upon him. He left feeling that it was still an open question, but in a short time I got a letter, and such a letter! Peace had come to his soul. He had found Jesus, Friend, Elder Brother, Master, and was ready to follow Him for all time. May the Lord bless him and use him, is the prayer of his friend,  
Frank Willis Barnett.



## Southern Education Board--Brief Statement of Its Origin and Purpose.

By Edgar Gardner Murphy, of Montgomery, Ala., Executive Secretary.

You have asked me to speak of the plans of "The Southern Education Board." I am naturally interested in the success of this organization; and, in the interest of its success, I am glad for any opportunity to make clear its purposes. Recent periodicals, such as the Review of Reviews, The World's Work, and The Outlook, contain interesting statements as to the new undertaking; and editorials indorsing our work have appeared in many of the journals of the South, notably in the New Orleans Times-Democrat, the New Orleans Picayune, the Richmond Times, the Columbia, S. C., State, the Nashville American, the Savannah Press, the Montgomery Advertiser, the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution.

### THREE ASSUMPTIONS.

Our work makes three assumptions at the very beginning. The first is, that, in dealing with our educational problem exclusive interest in the Negro is a mistake. We shall not ignore the Negro, for Negro education is, under local administrations elected by the people, the established and official policy of every Southern State. The needs of our Negro population are to find frank generous recognition. But we feel that if the South does not draw the race-line against one element of the population, the North should not draw it against another. Every emphasis is to be laid upon the needs and upon the great educational promise of our white people. As more than one of us has said, in talking of this subject, "we wish every little child in all the South to have just as good a chance in life as any other child on the face of the earth."

The second of our assumptions is, that if large educational policies are to be attempted in the South they should be worked out, for the most part, by Southern men. Southern men are face to face with the conditions; and just as there should be the sympathetic recognition of the leadership of Northern men in Northern affairs, so there should be the sympathetic recognition of Southern men in the affairs of the South. This is simply a principle of statesmanship; it is self-evident.

In the third place, we begin with the assumption that the fundamental appeal of the hour lies in the need of the great unprivileged masses of our population. We wish to begin with the plain people. We wish to aid our educational development, not primarily where it ends, but where it starts. We believe in our colleges and universities. We hope to serve them. We rejoice in the many millions which have been given in late years to the cause of "higher education." But our distinctive interest is in the public school, for the public school is the school of the people. And we are especially interested in all those forms of education which look toward thrift, industry and usefulness.

### THE QUESTION OF METHOD.

The question now arises—what are we to do?—and how do we propose to work? These questions can be answered frankly, but only in general terms. No great movement can tell its whole story within a few months of its organization. All must be undertaken conservatively, carefully. Many minds must be consulted. Above all, there must be earnest conference with those who, as the representatives of the people, are in

charge of the educational interests of every Southern State. Just as the Peabody fund, left at the close of the war by a Northern man for white and black alike, has been so administered by Dr. Curry as to be acceptable to our people, so the work which we attempt will be so organized and so inspired as to find grateful recognition at the South. There is an additional reason why this should be—for the resources upon which we are depending are coming from Southern men as well as from Northern men. There is nothing sectional in the aid we represent, and we wish to continue to secure for our policies the abundant support, not only of the North but of the South. In addition to financial aid, the contributions of time and capacity and labor are quite as important as the gifts of wealth. These contributions are also coming out of the hearts and the lives of Southern men; men born, reared and educated in the South, who are putting into this work all the pride and ambition of years, and all the passion of sacrifice.

The active work of the Board is very largely in the hands of its Southern representatives. They are not theorists. They have all been men of affairs and they have known something of the meaning of success. All, with the exception of myself, are tried and practical educators. They have proposed to themselves a double policy.

### TWO WAYS OF WORKING.

First, through the heroic local agencies already at work, they wish to aid in the development of educational sentiment among the people. Taking two years as an experimental period, we are to expend \$80,000 strictly in this work. This money is not to go directly to education. It is to go toward the making of educational sentiment. Investments are profitless unless they can be preceded by popular interest in the cause itself. The divinest spirit in the world, next to the spirit which helps another, is the spirit of self-help. To awaken that spirit where it does not exist, to foster it where it exists already—this is the primary policy of our movement. We will reach the people who can be so reached, through a well organized department of investigation and publication. This will be ably conducted by Dr. Dabney, the President of the University of Tennessee. But we shall reach the great masses of the people, who may not have time nor inclination to read, through the means of direct personal address. If a political campaign is sometimes of service to our people, we believe an "educational campaign" can also be of service—a campaign not for offices nor for candidates, but for the largest and happiest development of our public schools. This system has been adopted in several sections of the South with marked success.

### THE SECOND WAY.

The second aspect of our double policy is more directly philanthropic. We hope that the whole country can be more largely interested in the South as a field for educational investments. There is no reason why the South should not welcome such assistance. The South is contributing to the general prosperity of the country. If the South, both directly and indirectly, is contributing to the general prosperity of the nation, there is no reason why the South, like the

West, should not share in that prosperity. The West has been receiving millions of dollars annually for the upbuilding of its great educational institutions. The South has thus far received comparatively little.

As pointed out the other day by Dr. Dabney, the President of the University of Tennessee, the sum of \$19,000,000 was contributed in this country to educational institutions during the single year of 1900, but of this total amount only a little more than \$1,000,000 came into the Southern States for the education of both races. That is to say, a little less than three per cent. of the total gifts went to twenty-five per cent. of the population. This, says Dr. Dabney, is hardly right. The justice of this claim is largely recognized.

It should be more largely recognized, however, not only by Northern wealth, but by Southern wealth. We do not wish to make the South, in any exclusive sense, the beneficiary of any other section. Our movement, as I have already explained, is today largely supported by generous gifts, which have come from the South as well as from the North, and if the North should give more to this work than the men of our own section, that result will hardly be due to the policy of the Board.

### A COMMON RESPONSIBILITY.

And yet the North, too, has a share in the common responsibility for our educational situation. The Federal Government freed the slaves, but the Federal Government spent not a dollar in fitting them to use their freedom well. Hundreds of thousands of ignorant Negro men were introduced to the suffrage without any introduction into the capacity for its exercise, and the South—defeated, impoverished, desolate—was forced to assume the task of providing for the education of two populations out of the poverty of one. The very hypothesis of intervention in behalf of the Negro was that the condition of the black man was the care and responsibility not of a section, but of the whole country. The very essence of the theory of emancipation was that the status of the black man was the charge of the nation. Yet the issue of emancipation left the Negro, in his helplessness, at the threshold of the South. The South with peculiar heroism, has risen to that responsibility. For one dollar contributed for his education by philanthropy from the North, four dollars have been contributed through taxation from the South. The presence of the Negro, with his great needs and his low productive capacity, necessarily reduced the amount which the South could expend upon her white children. This largely accounts for the backwardness of general education among our poorer classes. Yet, there is nothing nobler in history than the record of the Southern States on the subject of education since the close of the civil war.

### THE RESPONSE OF THE NORTH.

And the North is attempting to do personally what the Nation has not done officially. I know the North, and I think I have the right to say that there is a growing breadth of interest in the problems and perplexities of the South. I am not speaking of the narrow politician or of the narrow and malignant journalist. But I am speaking of the stronger and broader men, the men of the future both in politics and in journalism, but especially in professional business life. The number of these men is increasing with every day. They are not looking at our problems as sectional, but as national. They represent the same wholesome unity of feeling, the

same common public spirit, which made us take so deep an interest in the recent municipal campaign in New York City. This was the spirit, not of an intrusive sectionalism, but of a comprehensive nationalism.

No man has spoken more sympathetically or more clearly on the subject of the general responsibility for Southern conditions than one of the distinguished members of our Board, Dr. Albert Shaw. He is the well known editor of The Review of Reviews, and in one of the recent issues of that periodical he declares: "For the relative poverty of the South the responsibility belongs not to that section, but to the entire country; and it is equally true that the peculiar burdens and problems imposed on the South by the presence there of millions of Negroes belong of right to the whole country, since the North as well as the South was concerned in the origin of those burdens and problems."

### NOT "CHARITY" BUT PATRIOTISM.

Certainly, nothing could have been finer than the attitude of the Northern men who have been interested in this movement. They have simply said: "You have shown us that the South is trying heroically to deal not only with the Negro, but with great unprivileged masses of its white population. You understand your own people and your own problems, as we do not. This work is, therefore, yours. Take it and do it. In so far as we can help you, we are at your service. We have no desire to meddle or to interfere. If you will take the helm, we will stand by you, not as Northerners, but as fellow citizens of a common country." That is their spirit, and I say that the South has been waiting for that spirit. Now that it is here, the South will accept it and will rejoice in it. Such motives represent not the pittance which belittles, but the fraternity which ennoble everything it touches. Its thought is not of self, but of this land which we all love. Such an attitude is not the condescension of "charity;" it is the justice of patriotism.

### Headland.

Headland, Ala., July 8, 1902.

We have had Evangelist Bro. Harry Martin with us the past week. He is an able and fearless preacher, preaching the truth with a "Thus saith the Lord." It has not been our pleasure to listen to a finer series of sermons. There were thirty members added to the Church, twenty by baptism and the others by letter and restoration. We have an excellent pastor, Rev. Wm. Martin, but we do not have service but once a month, and there are other conditions existing which hinder the progress of our Church work; so, despite the earnest efforts of our beloved and faithful pastor, we are, in one sense of the word, one of the "laggard churches." Our Sunday school is but a shadow of what it should be, and we have no prayermeeting, or Union, or Missionary Societies, etc. That we may, in the near future, shake off our lethargy, and take our place in the front ranks with live and active churches, is the earnest prayer of

An Interested Member.

### DO YOU WANT A MINUTE?

Send 5c. to pay postage on Southern Baptist Convention Minutes or 2c. for State Convention Minutes.

W. B. Crumpton,  
Montgomery, Ala.



## Department of Methods

In the conduct of this department we make timeliness a controlling consideration. Just at this season "Open Air Services" and "Revival Work" are subjects of interest to every aggressive pastor. We have collected from various sources the experience, methods of work etc., of a number of the most efficient workers along these special lines.

Let us observe that the Great Teacher, our Lord Jesus Christ, was an open air worker, and the greatest and most influential preachers and teachers of the ages past, and the age in which we now live, have made frequent use of it.

### What Open Air Work Does.

1. It enables the worker to reach people he could not otherwise reach.
2. It gives him much greater freedom of speech. He can make use of forms of statement and appeal not always possible in the pulpit.
3. It is in effect going out into the "highways and hedges" and compelling people at least to hear the "invitation of Christ."
4. It gives the pastors an opportunity in a simple and attractive way to invite the multitudes—hundreds who never darken the door of a church—to a better life in Christ Jesus.
5. It enables the pastor to utilize hours, Sunday afternoons, weekday evenings, not suitable, perhaps, for services in the church.
6. The novelty attracts the attention of the many who would never give the regular service at the church a second thought.

### METHODS.

1. Time of Holding Meetings.—That will depend altogether on circumstances. Some people like to hold open air services in the day time. That is a good time. You can catch people then that you would not catch at any other time. Others prefer night. It is a fact worth considering that there are some people who would not stop to listen to an open air address in the daylight. They shrink from it. Others do not want to be seen at such a gathering. The Nicodemuses are not all dead yet. Men who will not patronize an open air meeting in the day time will steal up under cover of darkness and listen to your story and perhaps be reached. If the crowd will not come in the day time try a service at night.

The Place.—Select a place where the crowds gather, some thoroughfare where they are sweeping by by the hundreds, if you can.

### Some Suggestions.

Let the sermon be short. Statements, strong, plain, practical. Appeal, earnest. Have good, live singing. Remember that the one end is to bring men to the Lord Jesus Christ. If possible have a room at the church or elsewhere, to which you can invite at the close of the open air meeting, any one who seem to have been impressed. Arrange for an inquiry meeting. The best way to clinch what has been done is by definite, personal, hand-to-hand work at an after meeting.

The praying in an after meeting should be brief, and for but one thing, the salvation of the lost. Long general prayers that take in everybody and everything are apt to be powerless anywhere, but they are specially out of place in a meeting with a special object.

In dealing with an inquirer, when you

see that he has come to the point of accepting Christ, it is well to ask him to kneel with you and pray aloud. His prayer will be an index to his heart. If he begins with confessing sin and thanking God for the gift of Christ, you may be sure that he is saved. If he apologizes for sin and fails to make a full confession, he needs further instruction.

As to the length of the after meeting, that should depend upon the work to be done. If there are earnest souls seeking Christ and loth to leave without comfort, we should remain with them as long as we think they need our services.

### Advertising the Meeting.

This subject is one far more important than the average worker realizes. Business men know that success in almost every line depends upon judicious advertising. We believe that by wise and judicious advertising, the vacant seats in most of our churches could be filled. Our idea is that the open air meetings can be made effective as advertising agencies for bringing the church and its services to the attention of the people.

It would help if the open air meeting be announced on a cheap "dodger." Have these handed to passers by, and throw them into the stores an hour or two before the service is to begin. Then appoint some one or more to hand to every one who stops or stands while the open air meeting is in progress a neat card of invitation to the church. Let this card contain name of church, location, name of pastor, and his address, with full calendar of regular services on one side, and a cordial invitation to special evangelistic meeting on the reverse side.

### A Unique Advertisement.

We have recently had 1,000 blotters printed and distributed in offices, stores, hotels, post office, etc. The results have been most gratifying.

Blotters may be had that have a smooth glazed surface on one side. They come in delicate tints or colors. Printed with half tone cut of the church and verses of scripture like the following they are sure to attract attention:

Prayer.—"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Ps. li. 1. "Blot out all my iniquities." Ps. li. 9.

Promise.—"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels." Rev. iii. 5.

Between the prayer and promise we had the announcement of a series of special Sunday Evening sermons together with a cordial invitation to these services. Blotters are in constant use. The play on the word blot attracts and holds the attention and in nine cases out of ten will impress the reader.

### The "Door-Knob Caller."

Rev. Geo. W. Kemper sends us a neat card, size 3x5, perforated with small, round hole at top through which a cord is looped. Cards contain an invitation (see form) and are attached to the door-knob of all houses in reach of the church:

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 \* I AM AN HUMBLE "DOOR- \*  
 \* KNOB CALLER." \*  
 \* I wish you a happy good day and \*  
 \* extend to you and your friends a \*  
 \* very cordial invitation to attend \*  
 \* the \*  
 \* GOSPEL MEETINGS \*  
 \* now being held in the Medway \*  
 \* Christian Church. The Minister, \*  
 \* Geo. W. Kemper, will preach every \*  
 \* night. Services begin promptly at \*  
 \* 7:30 o'clock. Special music. \*  
 \* "The Gospel is the power of God \*  
 \* unto salvation" for each soul and \*  
 \* for our community. \*  
 \* "I was glad when they said unto \*  
 \* me, Let us go into the house of the \*  
 \* Lord." \*  
 \* WE SHALL EXPECT YOU. \*  
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### Useful in Promoting a Revival.

The first thing in promoting a revival is to awaken the spirit of prayer and

expectation, and to set Christians talking about Jesus Christ and the Great Salvation. Suppose a minister, or better still, all the ministers in the place, preach on a given Sunday on the same subject, "Prayer," and at the close of the sermon let each minister say to his people that as they go out of the house they will receive at the door a choice leaflet on the theme of the sermon. Let him urge them to read it and pass it on to someone else. If they wish more of the same kind they can obtain them of such a person. In this way the whole town will be led to talk and think about the same subject all the week. The next Sunday let the ministers all preach on repentance or Conversion or Sin or the Holy Spirit and follow the sermon with a good tract on the same subject. In a little while scores of people will be found using tracts to supplement their conversation, and in their correspondence, and a deeper interest in spiritual work will be awakened.

## Bro. Crumpton's Trip Notes.

### ON THE BEAUTIFUL TENNESSEE.

Some brethren were interested enough in my visit to ride into Albertville from the country to hear me preach. When I was in doubt about where I would be the next night, they suggested that I authorize them to get me a congregation at

### HIGH POINT.

With Bro. Sandlin I drove out in the cool of the evening through a lovely country. The farms are well cared for, and at many places I saw neat painted cottages. There is no telling the possibilities of this mountain country. The people are there and they are prosperous. The brethren did their work well, and I had a good congregation of interested listeners. It was the first time some of them had ever seen the Secretary of the Mission Board. A few good men had told them good things about him, but evil minded men, in their ignorance and blindness, had offset their good reports with reports of another sort. People who read the Alabama Baptist and keep posted about the work we are attempting, cannot imagine the absurd stories that are circulated to hinder the Mission cause. This is one reason why it is important for the Secretary to travel much. Where he goes, or where the Alabama Baptist circulates, prejudice gives way.

I feel sure good was done at High Point in removing prejudice. The Church has a good building, if it was completed. Bro. Taylor, whose praises I heard sounded by quite a number, is pastor, coming some distance to serve them. Bro. I. M. Thompson, one of the veteran preachers, lives in a comfortable home on a well-managed farm in the neighborhood. His wife is a sister to the preacher Prestons.

I hope that a campaign has been arranged for the Marshall and Gilliam Springs Associations, which will be the means of arousing much interest among the churches. There are a few county towns in Alabama which have no Baptist churches.

### GUNTERSVILLE

is one of them. The trouble has been: A little way off is Wyeth City, a manufacturing town. The two places are too near together to have two churches, and are too far apart to have only one. For years the brethren have been figuring on building on the dividing line, but from what I can learn, this will not do. There is no help but to have two churches. I trust the way will open up for it some day.

The road from Gadsden to Huntsville passes across Sand Mountain to Guntersville, where the passengers are transferred to a boat. Three hours later, they take the train at Hobb's Island. I don't know of a more pleasant trip in all the South. One never tires of the scenery along the banks of the broad river.

### HUNTSVILLE

is a marvelous place on many accounts. The big spring is a delight and wonder to the traveler. It flows out from under the rocks on which the city is built. After supplying the waterworks of the city and many great industries, a stream four feet deep flows off to the Tennessee river. The growth of the city is a surprise. There are thousands of factory operatives, and hundreds of houses, just completed, await the early coming of thousands more. I put in a day of hard work on Sunday. At Dallas Avenue in the morning, the Mission Sunday school in the afternoon, and at the First Church at night. Dallas Avenue has a Sunday school at the Dallas Mill. They need a chapel badly. That will soon be a little city of from three to five thousand. Many of the newcomers here, as in all the mill towns, are Baptists, and if we do our duty by them, we will not let a six months go by without providing Baptist services for them. At Merrimac Mills there are seven or eight hundred. A Church could be organized of sixty or more Baptists who are already on the ground, but we have no house. From the way the superintendent talked, we will not soon have one, if we have to depend on the company for sympathy or assistance. How different from the company at Alabama City! There they welcomed us, gave us a lot, and helped liberally in the erection of a house, though they were not Baptists.

In West Huntsville we have a little chapel and a small Church, where Bro. Wright preaches. He reports a good Sunday school and a large congregation. Often the little chapel fails to accommodate the crowds that gather.

The four mills in easy reach would furnish an immense audience at the point where the West Huntsville Church is, if we had a building large enough to accommodate them.

Brother R. E. Pettus has taken up



## The Southern and Alabama Baptist

ORGAN OF THE  
Baptist State Convention of Alabama.

RESOLVED That we heartily endorse our State organ, the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and earnestly recommend it to our people.—[Resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention at Gadsden, November 10, 1899].

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### Public Education.

We have received Vol. 1, No. 2 of the Bulletins of the Marion Military Institute containing the address of President Charles W. Dabney on Public Education. The address is a masterly presentation of the subject, and should be read by all interested in the welfare of the commonwealth. The commonwealth, according to Prof. Dabney, is "the successive generations of men and women taken collectively, all past, all present, and all to come, these constitute the commonwealth. All the people of the past owed a duty to us, so we owe a duty to all who follow us. All the property of the commonwealth, all the minds, intellect and soul of all its people, all its past glory and its present power—all the State has been, is, and will be, is pledged for the education of all its youth. The entire commonwealth exists only for the children of today and those of the future. To rob them of the opportunity for education is, then, the greatest crime of which the State can be guilty." These are the prescient words of an address full of sound reason and wisdom. All interested in the cause of education should read the complete address as published in the Bulletins of the Marion Military Institute.

These bulletins of the Institute will be issued quarterly, and will be devoted to advancing the interests of education. They will contain papers and addresses on educational subjects by distinguished educators. The special purpose of the Institute is to increase the interest in higher education in the South by raising the standard of secondary education and by co-operation with the great universities to induce the boys of the South to go to these universities for advanced study. Free from the control of Church and State, the Institute is a purely educational establishment, for the advancement of Jefferson's "Holy cause" of education. As such it deserves the hearty sympathy of the people.

### Death of Rev. W. L. White.

We regret to hear of the death of Rev. W. L. White, of Northport, last Sunday morning. A noble and true minister of great promise has thus been taken in the fulness of his usefulness. But God knows best when to call His own. Bro. White comes from a family of preachers of the choicest of the Lord's people. To his bereaved father, Rev. J. E. White, and his distinguished brother, Rev. I. A. White, we extend our Christian sympathy. We will ask Rev. S. O. Y. Ray to write us more at detail concerning Bro. White's life and work.

Bro. J. F. Watson, of Pratt City, is off on a vacation trip to Chatauqua, N. Y., Buffalo, Niagara, Toronto and a short stay with his family in Kentucky. The church at Pratt has received eighty members during the present pastorate. We extend our hearty greeting to pastor and people upon the manifest divine blessing.

### The B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. A. has just closed one of its very best conventions at Providence, R. I. The occasion gathered inspiration from the place of meeting where hover all that is associated with the origin and early struggles of Baptists for religious liberty. The speeches made by our best orators were above the high water mark. This is in many respects the most powerful and enjoyable of all our conventions and our only regret is that it has not held its meeting oftener in the South. Nothing would do Southern Baptists more good than a convention of the B. Y. P. U. A. held in one of the Gulf States. The next best thing to attending these meetings is to send fifty cents to Chicago for the stenographic reports. Rev. Walter Calley, of Massachusetts, has been elected general secretary and it is hoped that he will accept.

### The Alabama B. Y. P. U.

The Ninth Annual session of the Baptist Young People's Union of Alabama convened at Collinsville, Ala., July 16-17, 1902.

Devotional exercises were conducted by T. Murrie Dix, of Montgomery. The welcome address on behalf of the Union was delivered by Professor W. W. Barbour and on behalf of the church by Rev. J. B. Appleton. These addresses were responded to by Rev. J. M. Shelburne, of East Lake.

The enrollment of delegates showed that there were something over fifty in attendance.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. L. Thompson, Bessemer.  
1st Vice President—J. B. Appleton, Collinsville.

2nd Vice President—M. B. Neece, Huntsville.

3rd Vice President—J. M. Shelburne, East Lake.

Recording Secretary—W. W. Barbour, Collinsville.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer—Gwylm Herbert, Bessemer.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer for the current year was read and referred to appropriate committee.

The regular order of program was set aside and one hour was devoted to the discussion of Christian Education; addresses were delivered by Brethren Crumpton, Hogan and J. M. Shelburne.

On account of the absence of those on the program, the filling of these vacancies was referred to a special committee. A committee was appointed on the B. Y. P. U. Department of the Alabama Baptist, on time and place of next meeting, and to nominate the Executive Committee.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. E. P. Hogan, who also presided over the Worker's Conference, during which time the following subjects were considered: The Bible Reader's Course, was represented by J. L. Thompson; The Conquest Missionary Course by T. Murrie Dix, and the Sacred Literature Course by J. M. Shelburne.

Following this was the reports of all

the unions represented. The reports were full of interest and showed an increase of interest and work during the year.

### EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. W. R. Hood, of Lineville. A beautiful and impressive recitation was rendered by Miss Mattie Davidson—subject, "The Bridal Wine-cup."

Rev. J. W. Sandlin then discussed the subject, "How may the B. Y. P. U. help the Pastor?" This was followed by an address by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Board of Missions on, "How may the Pastor help the B. Y. P. U."

### THURSDAY.

The convention met at nine o'clock and the regular order was resumed. Worker's Conference was conducted by the president in which the various phases of committee work was considered. Short addresses were made by T. Murrie Dix, Rev. W. W. Harris, Prof. Tate, Bro. Freeman, J. T. Jones, Mr. Croley and Miss Janie Lou Rives.

"Advance work for 1903" was the next general topic.

Rev. Ross Arnold discussed "The Spiritual side of our work made prominent." More aggressive personal work for Christ" was presented in a timely talk by Rev. J. M. Shelburne, and "The present needs of our work" by J. L. Thompson.

The report of the committee on time and place, as it usually does, developed the eloquence of the convention. The committee reported in favor of Huntsville. A motion was made to amend this by substituting the name Southside, Birmingham, in the place of Huntsville. A motion was made to amend this by striking out Southside and inserting the name Marion. After a most spirited debate, in which there was quite a passage at arms, all in the very best spirit, the amendment to the amendment was lost; the amendment was adopted and Southside won the victory. The report as amended was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Huntsville put up a gallant fight but the odds were against her.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention assembled at three o'clock and devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. A. W. Tate. The general topic for discussion was, "What shall be put into our work during the coming year to make it more efficient?" The different phases of the subject were discussed by the following members of the convention:

"Let us put more consecration into it"—W. R. Hood.

"Let us have more enthusiasm in our work"—M. B. Neece.

"There should be more faithfulness to committee work"—T. M. Dix.

"We should exhibit more loyalty to our church"—Miss Mattie Brannon.

"We should have quality and not quantity"—by J. E. Pierce and J. T. Jones.

The "Question Box" was conducted by the president. This phase of the program developed much interest, filling the full time allotted to it.

A collection was taken for the State work for the coming year amounting to fifty-five dollars and the Unions were requested to pay these subscriptions within the next sixty days.

The Executive Committee was instructed to make an effort to secure a contribution from every Union in the State for the State work.

### EVENING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the president. In the absence

of Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Birmingham, and Rev. C. C. Fugh, of LaFayette, who were to make the principal addresses of the evening, the regular order was set aside and Dr. Patrick was invited to present the claims of the Judson Institute. His speech was not only appropriate in that the Judson was well represented, but the subject of female education was ably discussed. At the conclusion of this address a paper on "Personal Consecration" was read by Miss Janie Lou Rives, of Montgomery. This was followed by a most tender and impressive talk on the subject of Consecration by Dr. Patrick. Immediately after this a short Consecration service was conducted by the President. Every member of the convention and every Christian in the large congregation stood with bowed heads and publicly and aloud repeated their consecration vow and thus renewed their consecration to the Master. The consecration prayer which followed was full of unction and tenderness, and quite an impression was produced by the solemnity of the occasion. With this the Ninth Annual Session of the B. Y. P. U. Convention of Alabama passed into history.

The convention was not so largely attended as it was at LaFayette last year. There were several reasons for this. Collinsville is situated at one extreme corner of the State. Last year the convention met in the extreme eastern side of the State, making two meetings in succession at extreme points. Then owing to the long drouth which has interfered so seriously with the crop prospect caused many in the agricultural section to feel that they could not afford the expense of a trip to the convention.

The convention at Collinsville did not have as much enthusiasm as the one at LaFayette, but so far as good, honest, solid work is concerned, the convention at Collinsville was the equal of any that has ever been held in the State. The little town of Collinsville did herself proud in the generous open-handed hospitality which she dispensed. Every delegate felt that his home was the best one. The fact is that we were so royally entertained and the mountain air was so refreshing that many of us were loth to turn our faces toward the dusty, crowded cities in which some of us live. No doubt when the convention meets in Collinsville again it will be much more largely attended. While the convention was charmed with Collinsville, Collinsville was greatly pleased with the convention. From the expressions heard on the streets and on the floor of the convention, there is no doubt but that great good will result to the local union and to the community at large. One feature of the convention must not be left out. On Tuesday night preceding the convention a most enjoyable reception was given to the delegates by the local union on the beautiful lawn in front of the home of Mrs. L. Y. Newman. Refreshments were served consisting of ice lemonade, and ice cream and cake. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and we were reminded along toward the wee small hours that it was time for us to seek rest so as to be prepared for the work of the coming day.

The memory of the Ninth Annual Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama will always be a pleasant one with every delegate that was so fortunate as to be present. Now let every union throughout the State begin to work to make the convention of 1903 the greatest convention we have ever held in Alabama.



## Kind Words in the Editor's Absence.

### FINDS THE PAPER A COMFORT.

Mar. 15, 1902.

I am now in my 81st year, and the paper has brought comfort to me in my lonely hours of widowhood. I could not do without it.

May God bless you.

Mrs. A. G. Harton.

### "OUR PAPER."

Our paper grows better each issue.

Jas. R. Magill.

### FROM FLORIDA.

I am greatly pleased with the paper. May God bless you in your work.

W. R. Lambut.

### "OUR PAPER"

I hope the Baptists of Alabama are coming to your aid in such a manner that you and our paper will be a great blessing to us.

E. L. Graves.

### FROM ALEXANDER CITY.

I have neglected to say a word of welcome to you, but I hereby give you my heart and hand for sympathy and help in your great enterprise.

Arnold S. Smith.

### FROM A SEMINARY STUDENT.

I wish you much success in your undertaking, and really think you will be a blessing both to our State and denomination. There has been a need along that particular line. If I can be of service, I shall cheerfully and gladly grant it.

J. G. Dobbins.

### PROMISES TO HELP.

I am pleased with the new form of the paper, and also with its contents. I trust under God and by the help of the brotherhood you may be able to send out a paper second to none. I have four as good churches as there are in the county (Cherokee). Will do all I can to get it in the home of all my people.

H. W. Roberts.

### BROTHER BOMAR'S PRAISE.

I am sorry I have not the honor of a closer acquaintance with you, but I cannot resist the temptation to write my congratulations on the good paper you are making, and very especially for your noble and manly editorial on the first page of your last issue (about Howard College). Alabama is a great State. Alabama Baptists have before them a great future, and if in the matter of their educational institutions and missions, you can help them to work together for great things, you will indeed accomplish a great work. You are getting better and better, and you were good to begin with. It is a live wire. That is all—just a word of encouragement.

E. E. Bomar.

### LIKES THE MAJOR.

I am a friend to the paper, and I shall continue to try and prove my loyalty by looking after every interest connected with its management. The new paper is beginning to gain more general approval through this section of the country than at first. Maj. Harris had won his way to the hearts and affections of the people by coming among them with his genial manner, and many felt disappointed when his connection with the paper was severed. We are all

glad to see an occasional communication from him in the new paper. Thanking you again for your kindness, and assuring you of my best wishes and most hearty support, I remain yours,

D. S. Martin.

### LIKES B. Y. P. U. PAGE.

I congratulate you on the excellent paper you are giving us. It improves with each issue. I especially appreciate what you are doing for our B. Y. P. U. work. There is much to be accomplished by just such a paper as you are making, and I pray God's blessing upon you.

H. E. Tralle.

### FROM AN HUMBLE PRIVATE.

The preachers have been saying a whole lot of nice things to you since you entered upon your new work. Will you please allow an humble private in the ranks to express his appreciation of your paper. I am well pleased with the new paper, and pray God's blessing upon you and your efforts.

L. R. Wheelers.

### THINKS WE ARE UP TO DATE.

I am highly pleased with your paper. You are making it an up-to-date, modern denominational journal, and reflecting great credit upon our cause. The Baptists of Alabama should give the paper their unreserved support.

Julius Jones, M. D.

### MISSED IN GEORGIA.

By the way, what have I done to your exchange editor? He has cut me off behind the ears. I haven't seen the Alabama Baptist in six weeks. I miss it and the face of its clever editor. God bless them both.

Alex W. Bealer.

### DR. SAMPEY AND GA CONVENTION ISSUE.

Allow me to congratulate you on the steady improvement in the Baptist from week to week. Your Georgia Convention issue is highly creditable.

John R. Sampey.

### A LIFE TIME SUBSCRIBER.

You are giving us a splendid paper. I greatly appreciate it. I have been taking the "Alabama Baptist" since its first issue and consider myself a "life subscriber." May God bless you in your work.

Miles, Ala.

### BEGINNING TO BELIEVE IN US.

You are leaping to the front with our paper. It grows better each week. We are believing in you more and more each week.

J. N. Langston.

### A GOOD LETTER.

I am well pleased with the Alabama Baptist, hence I send herewith one dollar for the paper another year. Wishing you great success, I am,

Yours fraternally, I. Windsor.

### PRAISE FROM BRO. WHITE.

The paper is getting better each issue. Keep at it. You will succeed. God bless you. Fraternally,

I. A. White.

### GIVES GENERAL SATISFACTION.

The paper gets better. It is giving general satisfaction. May the good work go on.

J. W. Mitchell.

### FROM ARKANSAS.

Your paper is very dear to me, coming like an old friend to cheer me, so far away from home. I pray God's choicest blessings may rest upon you.

Mrs. F. M. Morton.

### LOVES THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.

May the Lord bless you in your work and may the paper carry sunshine into many homes—is the prayer of one who loves the Alabama Baptist.

Anna R. Thomas.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

I have been taking the Baptist for 25 years and will continue to do so while I live. The paper is growing better every week.

J. C. Yates.

### LIKES THE PICTURES.

How we do enjoy seeing the pictures of those whose pens have so often added new joy to our pathway and encouraged us to press on to the prize of the mark of the high-calling, which is in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. M. J. Le Noir.

### GROWING IN FAVOR.

Our paper grows in merit, and in favor with the people. May the Lord give you wisdom to lead our hosts to victory.

J. R. Stodghill.

### LIKES "EVANGELIST."

The Southern and Alabama Baptist continues to improve. Every Baptist in Alabama ought to feel proud of the paper and support it with his cash and prayers. Don't stop the "Evangelist," there is lots of truth in what he says, and that is what hurts.

E. D. Boyer.

### FROM BRO. DRAUGHON.

As we are strangers I have not been precipitate in conveying to you my good wishes and congratulations; and now the brethren have so flooded you with theirs, I fear you will have no room for mine. Nevertheless I send them, and hope you will find them acceptable. You are making a good, readable and interesting paper, and I wish you an abundant harvest of success from all your sowing. May the Divine blessing be vouchsafed to all your "labors of love," and "a crown of rejoicing" be given you in the end! Hoping, some day, to have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, and again wishing you prosperity, I am, dear sir, with much respect,

R. I. Draughon.

### GETS BETTER EACH WEEK.

I like the paper more and more each week and am trying to get more of my members to take it.

Will J. Ray.

### FROM BRO. McCONNELL.

Much success to your noble paper.

Affectionately,

F. C. McConnell.

### HELPING MISSIONS.

I appreciate your earnest help in stirring up the work of Missions. You are certainly getting out a live paper. The Master give you grace and wisdom for your important work.

R. J. Willingham.

### A BLESSING TO THE CAUSE.

I think your paper a good one and a great blessing to the cause.

L. A. Wear.

### THINKS PAPER INSTRUCTIVE.

I like the paper very much. It is very helpful and instructive to me.

H. J. Carlisle.

### LIKED CONVENTION AND MISSIONARY ISSUES.

Your Convention number was as good as the best. And Bro. Crumpton's Missionary issue was the very thing; it cannot fail to accomplish much good. In fact you are giving us a good number every week. May God abundantly bless you in the work, and send the paper to every Baptist home in Alabama.

Yours fraternally,

C. C. Pugh.

### Not a Failure has been Reported

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Frank Willis Barnett.

### A SUMMER TRIP UNSURPASSED ON THE CONTINENT.

The trip to Salt Lake City or to the Pacific coast via that point over the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western is the most beautiful in America. No European trip of equal length can compare with it in grandeur of scenery or wealth of novel interest. Then Salt Lake City itself is a most quaint and picturesque place and well worth the journey. Its Mormon temple, tabernacle, tithing office and church institutions; its hot sulphur springs within the city limits; its delightful temperature, sunny climate and its Great Salt Lake—deader and denser than the Dead Sea in Palestine—are but a few features of Salt Lake City's countless attractions. There are parks, drives, canons and beautiful outlying mountain and lake resorts. Imagine, if you can, a bath in salt water a mile above sea level and in water in which the human body cannot sink. Inquire of you nearest ticket agent for low tourist rates to Salt Lake City, or write for information and copy of "Salt Lake City, the city of the Saints," to S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent, Denver, Col.

### REDUCED RATES TO THE WEST.

The special rates made for the B. P. O. E. Grand Lodge meeting at Salt Lake City, August 12th to 14th, and the Knights of Pythias meeting at San Francisco, August 12th to 22nd, apply through Colorado and Utah via the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western, "The Scenic Line of the World," passing the most famous points of interest in the Rocky Mountain region. You should see that your ticket reads via this route in order to make your trip most enjoyable. For rates, dates of sale and free illustrated literature call on your nearest ticket agent or address S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Col.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

**The Tuskegee Association.  
Change the Figures.**

I rejoice in the growth of the spirit of missions. I would not call for retrenchment in any of our denominational work. But I do earnestly plead for a change in the foreign mission figures in the report of our association. Here are some reasons:

1. We are well able to change them.

2. In 1845, when our Southern Baptist Convention was organized the brethren wisely put foreign missions at the masthead, so that all who saw the ship might readily understand that the aim was to win the nations for Christ.

3. Foreign Missions have been loyally kept in front, through adversity as well as prosperity.

4. The Convention at the last session advised the board to enlarge its work. They have done so, at the risk of increasing debt.

5. From every field come pitiful cries for help. Millions are dying for the bread of life. Are there not in our association five hundred brethren and sisters who will give in the next thirty days one dollar each? Some of course, will give more, and I hope much more. Many cannot see their way clear to give so much, but all can give something.

6. Our Heavenly Father is wonderfully blessing our work on every field.

7. The last word of our ascending Lord, as he left his disciples.

Brethren, in view of these reasons may we not hope that there will be no more humiliation when our figures appear? What we do should be done at once. Think of twenty-eight churches and eighteen hundred members! May the Holy Spirit come upon our people, so that it shall be a joy to do something for the spread of the Gospel in all the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Notasulga, Ala. W. S. Gregory.

**Mission Thoughts.**

The mission work is no longer to be considered an experiment by any thoughtful person. It has passed that stage, and is now a momentous fact, a profound realization. No individual or church can now with any reasoning oppose the work without showing ignorance or covetousness, or both.

**A MISSION TEST.**

Not long since I announced that on the following Sunday we would have a special mission collection. One old sister said she had never been favorable to mission, but she studied about the collection. She had no money and she decided she would lay the matter before the Lord and ask him, if it was her duty to give for mission, to provide some way for her to have something to give. She said if she got any money before the day for the collection she would take it as evidence, that it was her duty to give for missions. Time passed on till Sunday morning when an old colored woman, who owed her thirty cents, that she never expected to get, came and paid her. She was convinced that it was her duty to give to missions, and she says she is now a full-fledged missionary. Here was a simple but honest test, God gave the proof and it was accepted.

Another convinced and made his first contribution to foreign missions. Some months ago I preached a sermon on "Are the Heathen lost without the Gospel?" I felt great interest, but

did not know whether I had converted anyone to foreign mission work or enlisted new interest. But the other day a man who is not a member of my church said he heard the sermon, was convinced the heathen are lost without the Gospel and right soon after he made his first contribution, at his own church, of two dollars, to foreign missions.

Home but not foreign missions. Some say, "I believe in Home missions but I do not believe in foreign missions." That is only a dodge of the whole question. I heard of one of that class once. He was approached by a mission committee for a donation to foreign missions. He said he "did not believe in foreign missions, that it was a waste of money and did no good, that he was a missionary but not a foreign missionary." Later the committee asked him for a contribution to State missions. He said he did not believe in State missions, that he was a missionary but believed only in home missions, that there was as much at home as they could attend to." After awhile the church agreed to fence the cemetery when a committee went to him and asked for help stating that he now had an opportunity to do home mission work. They thought they had him; that this work would certainly appeal to his heart, but said he "I will not give anything for this purpose, there is no need of this work, for they that are in the cemetery can't get out, and they that are out don't want to get in." Men often quote, with much satisfaction, what they suppose is Scripture. "Charity begins at home," while the heathen are dying without the knowledge of a Savior and while Jesus' parting words are thundering in their ears, "Go teach all nations."

May the Lord have mercy upon his unfaithful children.

A. A. Hutto.

**From Georgia.**

Now and then I see a copy of your paper, and it is certainly O.K. It is neat, newsy, and almost perfect in arrangement, and no young man in Georgia is prouder of it than your humble servant. I am ever yours to command.

My meeting closed last night; only half a dozen additions, but the fault was not in the preaching—Paul Price certainly preached a plain simple Gospel, and in as practical a way as you usually hear it done. My new house of worship is just finished, and Dr. Wynne of Gainesville preached my dedication sermon Sunday, 13th inst. The house is one of the handsomest frame buildings in the State. My church is a unit in purpose and work, and recently raised my salary \$100, notwithstanding the financial strain of building.

Well, Alabama, keeps on taking our Ga. preachers. Surely we miss you, brethren. All young and full of the spirit of power. God bless you abundantly.

C. A. Ridley.

**Unpaid Convention Pledges.**

To the best of my recollection I have never subscribed an amount of money to be paid by any church unless by the express authority of that church, and no subscription ever made by me went unpaid. This statement is made by me solely to give notice that what here follows is not written in my own defense.

It seems to me that in discussing unpaid Convention pledges grave injus-

tice has been done some of our worthy brethren. I know of no instance in which a pastor or other brother violated any obligation in making a pledge for his church, or neglected to inform the church of the pledge thus made. The making of such a pledge was not unwarranted by the established custom of the Convention. If it was a thing not unusual, and the church had not forbidden the brother to exercise this customary right of a messenger, the blame for the non-payment rests altogether upon the church. It ought to redeem all pledges made in its name in accordance with the customs of the body of which it has voluntarily become a constituent. If it objects to being committed again in the same way, let it so inform its messenger and pastor, before they have occasion to use their lawful right in a second instance. I am sure its known pleasure will not be disregarded. Every church should be more scrupulous than any other institution in the world with reference to its financial obligations, and every member of every church should be willing to make heavier pecuniary sacrifices for the good name of his church than for any earthly object whatsoever.

Permit me to add that speakers on the platform of the Convention should not seek to persuade a brother to make a pledge for himself or anybody else contrary to his own judgment. If such an attempt is made, he should have the firmness to refuse.

At this point suffer a suggestion which I submit not without much deference, and perhaps more of hesitation. Since subscriptions made publicly at the Alabama Baptist Convention have come to be discounted far more heavily than any of us like to think of, and since something of the same sort is true of subscriptions made in other general religious gatherings, and since a lack of strict honesty in business engagements unquestionably prevails too extensively both among worldlings and among professed Christians, and since the human heart naturally inclines to that as to other forms of sin, and since the habit of contracting debts beyond what is necessary to the very nature of any given business is one of the chief ways, if not the very chief way, of cultivating looseness in this matter, and since the example of great religious gatherings has a powerful influence upon the moral sentiment and practice of the people, would it not be wise for our Associations and Conventions to totally forbid the soliciting of pledges during their sessions? Would this change in our plans really work an injury to the cause of Christ in the long run?

Meantime, neither the brethren of the Convention nor the churches at home ought to be less prompt and generous in collecting funds and forwarding them to the treasurers of all branches of our general work. And since we would not allow the beloved representative of the Seminary Students' Fund to solicit the usual promises during the session at New Decatur, let us all make haste to send him such handsome cash contributions as to convince him and everybody concerned that we are stronger friends of his cause than we have ever been in the past.

A. B. Campbell.

**Letter from Columbus, Ga.**

This is Saturday afternoon, and a heavy, slow-moving cloud hangs over the northwest, in the direction of Birmingham, which promises to bring rain

that is badly needed in this section. While I am waiting for the rain I would like to have a few words with Alabama Baptists.

I would speak of one of you, Rev. Jno. E. Barnard, of Anniston. The Baptist churches of this vicinity erected a large tent in a central locality and invited him to come and hold a meeting. He came on the 17th of June and for two weeks did great work.

As in the case of all preachers of great natural powers, so in his case Satan has tried hard to switch Barnard off on some useless side tracks, so as to neutralize his power, and hinder his usefulness.

This much by the way of brotherly criticism. I have said it to Bro. Barnard's face. He understands that I desire only to get these things out of his way. He has before him the career of a great preacher of the gospel. Now let me express my unbounded admiration for the man and his work.

How he can preach! What clearness of thought, and what a wealth of vivid illustration! He has a remarkable understanding of the doctrines of grace and he preaches them as few men whom I have heard. Vast crowds heard of salvation by grace, justification by faith in a way that was new to them. Barnard's sermons will bear fruit for years to come. People are joining our different churches at almost every service as a result of the meeting. Great good was done among those who were already members of churches. Many of them came forward to confess that, though they were church members, for the first time they had clearly accepted Christ as their Savior. On the whole, the meeting was a great blessing.

One unpleasant incident marred the occasion, and was used greatly to hinder the work. I mention it because the press reports sadly need correcting. Bro. Barnard, by way of illustration and warning, referred to the death of a man who had recently been killed in this city by lightning. The enemies of the meeting took up what he said, exaggerated and falsified it, and stirred up the man's friends to give trouble. Bro. Barnard and others had perhaps been misinformed as to some of the circumstances of the man's death. Then it was unfortunate to refer to it at all under the conditions which existed. When that is said, all is said. But it was used to give us all great worry and to injure the meeting as much as possible.

The Lord has overruled all, however, for His glory. Many precious souls have been saved. We are all gladdened and encouraged to strive for greater things. We thank God for Bro. Barnard's coming and will watch his future course with deep and prayerful interest.

Just over the line, we watch with joy the onward movements in the dear old State. God speed you all.

Wm. H. Smith.

**Ministerial Benefit Society.**

I send a notice of the Ministerial Benefit Society, which I should like for you to get in the issue of next week. We are now organized and ready for work. The printer is at work on application blanks, constitutions and certificates of membership. I think we shall make a success of it, and it will be a great help to the families of Alabama preachers.

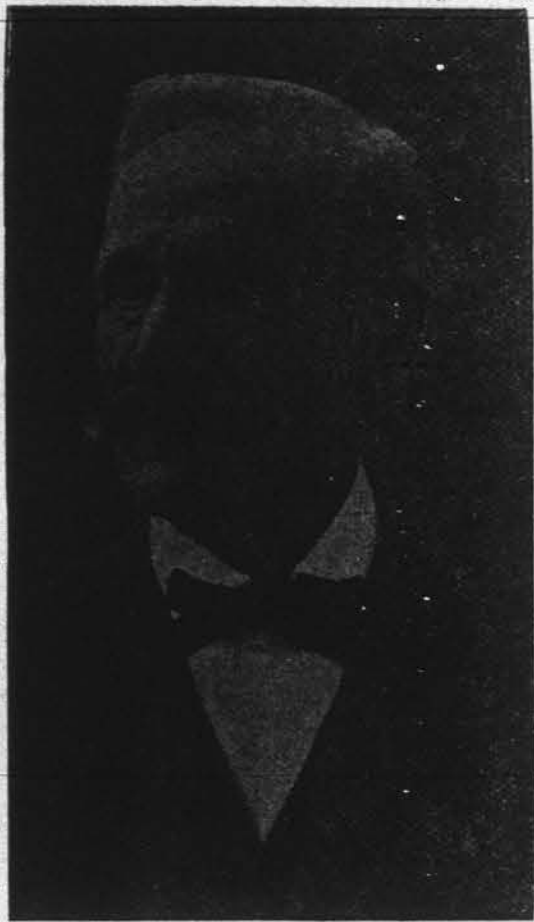
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Col. Steele was born, in Huntsville, Ala., July 7, 1826. His father was Capt. George Steele, a prominent and wealthy business man. Col. Steele was given the best of educational advantages, and at the age of 16 entered the University of Alabama, then under the administration of Rev. Dr. Basil Manly, and graduated in 1845 with the degree of A.B. Among his classmates was B. F. Saffold, afterwards chief justice of Alabama. Col. Steele also graduated in law at the University of Virginia, and in all of his classes took high rank. He was very active in civil engineering and surveying, and a sketch of his participation in the development of this section will be of interest.

### MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD.

Railroad development in this section had its beginning in the spring of 1849, when a convention was held in Memphis at which Senator John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, presided. This convention was composed of the leading men of the South, and a resolution was passed to build a road east and west to connect Memphis and Charleston. The survey was begun in 1851, conducted by Charles F. M. Garnett, of Virginia. His principal assistant was his brother, Theodore Garnett, and the assistant engineers were John F. Steele, Powhatan Robinson and C. F. Meigs. The survey was made and the road built became the Memphis and Charleston, now the Southern.

### TENNESSEE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

In 1854 Col. Steele volunteered his services as chief engineer of the Ten-

nessee and Alabama Railroad, a road projected to be a continuation of the Tennessee Central Railroad, extending from Nashville to the Alabama State line at a point north of Athens, and continuing south to Elyton, the county seat of Jefferson county. He organized a corps with Maj. Thos. H. Hobbs as assistant engineer, and obtained a practical route through a section considered impassable. The undertaking of crossing Sand mountain was a feat never before tried. Sand mountain extends from Decatur to Chattanooga and diverts the course of the Tennessee river, causing it to run due north through Tennessee and Kentucky into the Ohio river, instead of the natural course south into the Gulf of Mexico. All the other engineers said that this difficult engineering feat could not be accomplished, but Col. Steele persevered and succeeded. This road is now the Louisville and Nashville between Nashville and Birmingham.

### "THE MAGIC CITY."

At Elyton the citizens banqueted the engineering party, and Col. Steele in a short speech assured the people that the road would be built, and added, "When built, you will see a city spring up as if by magic, 'The Birmingham of America.'" His prophetic speech has now been more than realized. Col. Steele feels convinced that when the Elyton Land Company was organized and a new town was laid off, some of the stockholders, recalling to memory his speech, adopted the name which the "Magic City" now bears.

### DECATUR AND TUSCUMBIA ROAD.

Col. Steele recalls to memory the history of road building in this section and brings up an interesting fact now almost forgotten. In the early 40's a road was built from Tusculumbia to Decatur, a distance of forty-five miles. This was the third road built in the United States, being preceded by a main road and a branch road at Quincy, Mass. The builders knew so little about the construction of a railroad that it was soon turned into a mule road. Stringers were used, a flat bar being put onto the stringers, and with a tandem team in front, the passengers thought it a magnificent way to travel. The teams were changed during the trip and forty-five miles were covered in one day.—Wm. M. Bunting, in Dixie Manufacturer.

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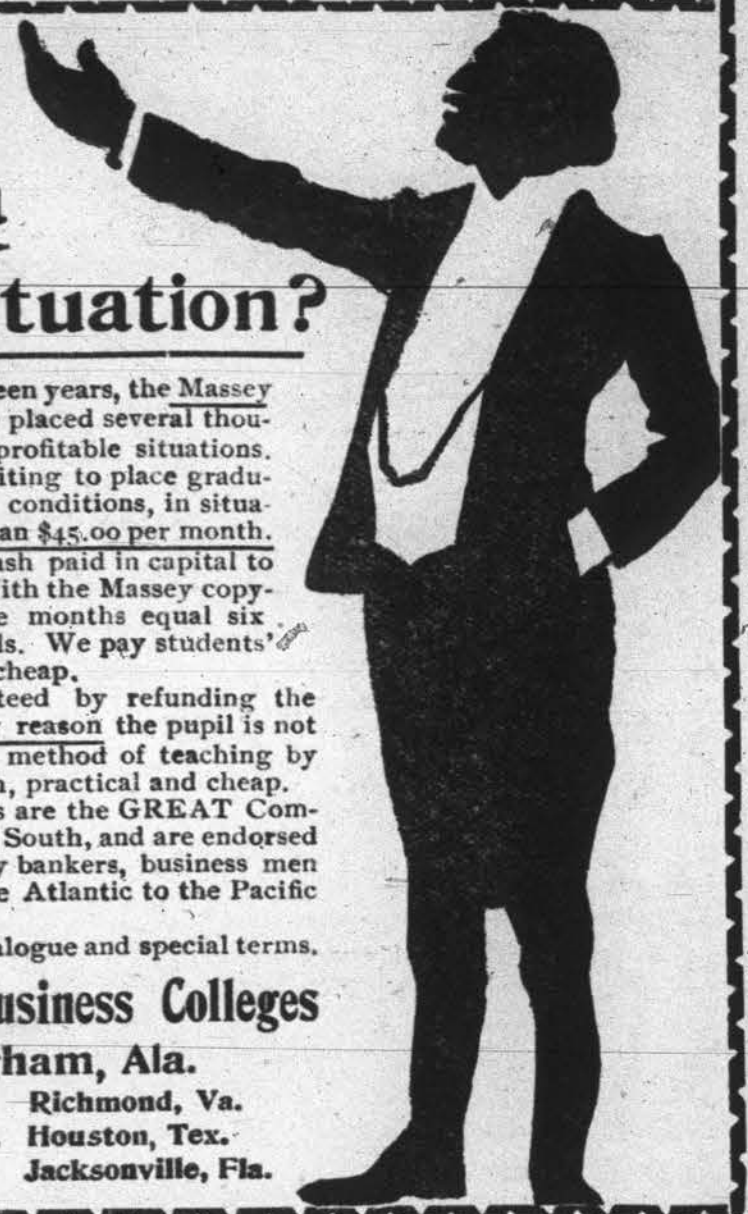
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## Our Sermon.

(Continued from page 4).

His call. His was a life of vicarious suffering. Let us follow His example, and live for the good of others.

But let us bring this subject a little nearer to our hearts. Our day in this life is neither clear nor dark; but is one mingled with darkness and light. Hopes and fears, temptations and triumphs. Sometimes we are on the Mount of Transfiguration, and then we are down in the valley, struggling with the demon. Now the trials of life seem hard, and then its burdens are light. At times we feel as though all these things are against us, and then we feel as if "These light afflictions shall work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Sometimes in the language of the sweet singer of Israel, we cry, "Why art thou cast down, O, my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me," And then in the language of Job we say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Sometimes, like Cain, we feel as if our punishment is more than we can bear; and then with Paul we say, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." It is a day not clear nor dark. Yes, sometimes we are ready to say, "One day I shall fall by the hand of the enemy," and then God whispers, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Often amid the waves and billows that appear as though they would overwhelm us, does He say, "Peace, be still," and all is quiet. And in times of affliction and death, when we bend over our loved ones to catch the last whisper, and impress the last kiss, and then the spirit wings its flight to its eternal home, and we turn away with tearful eyes and aching heart, and say it is hard to part, it is so hard to be separated forever; and then, as God gives us strength, and the light breaks in upon our souls, we can say, "Though he cannot return to me, I can go to him." It has been a day not clear nor dark, but one in which light and darkness have mingled.

"But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."

It was a dark day for Moses when he fled from his brethren and the home of his nativity for forty years, because he had killed an Egyptian, but it was light in the evening of his life when he stood upon the mount and was permitted to view the promised land.

It was a dark day for Paul when he was being stoned and whipped and shipwrecked, in perils by land and sea and among false brethren; but it was a bright day when he was led to the execution block, it was light with him at evening time, and although a prisoner, yet he could say, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished the course; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me." As the light of Heaven burst in upon his raptured soul, all darkness was banished. "At evening time it shall be light."

So, my brethren, it will be with us. The day of life may be neither clear nor dark, but at evening time, when the veil that intervenes and shuts out the light is lifted, when the curtain is withdrawn and the glass through which we "see darkly" is removed, then it will be light. The Christian's dying day is his brightest day.

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Ar. Memphis.....	7:15 am
Ar. Hot Springs.....	5:20 pm
Ar. Jackson, Tenn.....	11:20 pm
Ar. Cairo.....	2:55 am
Ar. St. Louis.....	8:24 am
Ar. Chicago.....	4:20 pm
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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	12 1am
Ar. Opelika.....	8 25pm	3 45pm	8 05am
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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
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April 18th.	82	78	59
Lv. Montgomery.....	2 45pm	6 30am	7 45pm
Ar. Sprague Junction.....	3 50pm	7 00am	8 20pm
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 40am	5 10pm
Lv. Sprague Junction.....	3 55pm	8 00am	.....
Ar. Lufkin.....	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
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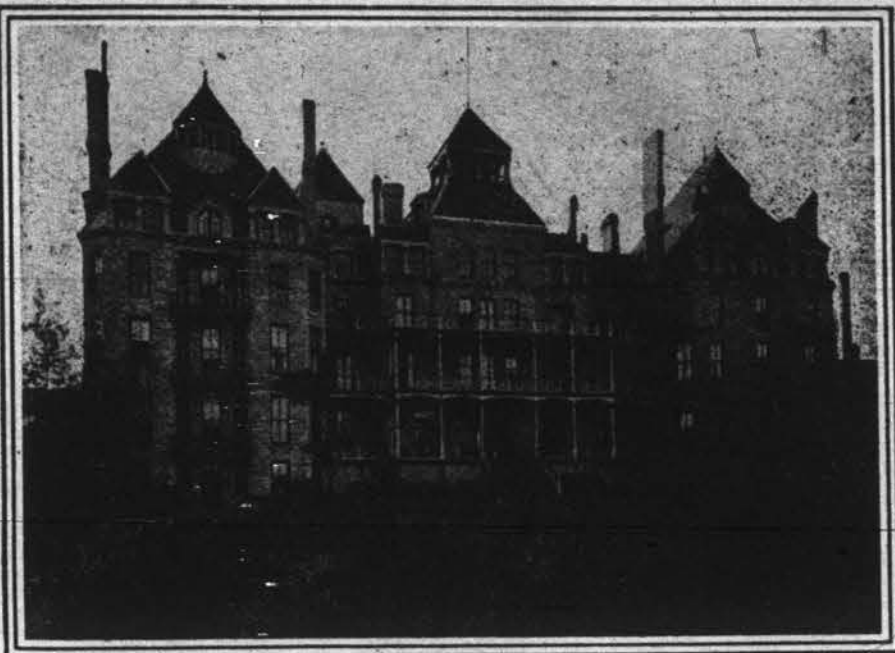
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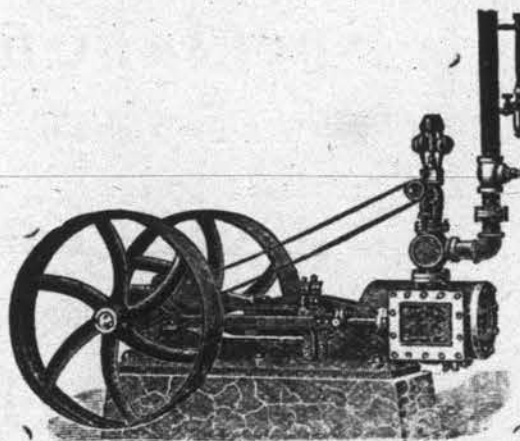
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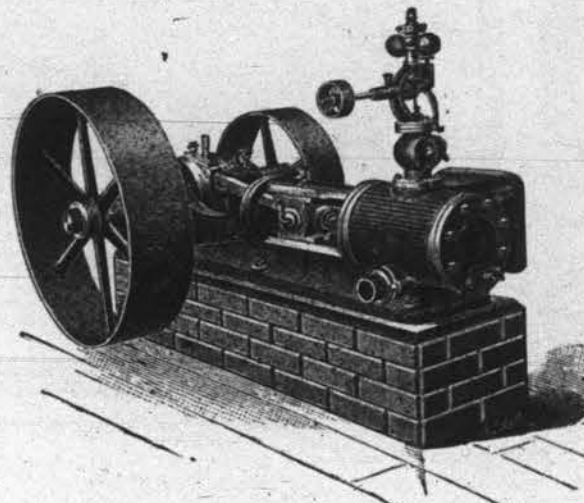
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### Bro. Crumpton's Trip Notes. (Continued from page 3).

the matter of Mission Chapels with the mill companies, and I hope we will soon be prepared to take hold of the work there with a firmer grip. We can grasp the situation now, but we are liable to miss the opportunity if we longer delay.

The First Church people are without a pastor. The few who were present on the hot Sunday night gave me a good hearing.

The prospects were not at all bright for crops in

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I understand, however, that good rains have fallen since my visit, and the people are more encouraged. No prettier farming land can be found in all the South than here, but the large plantation idea obtains. That means that the "Boss Man" lives in town, and the negro tenant, with no one to direct him, runs the farm, looking to the merchant for his "vances" and the merchant demands cotton, and only cotton. The infatuation for cotton is seen nowhere like it is about Huntsville. Here is a ready market for all the vegetables the ground will grow, but you see nothing but cotton up to the city limits. Indeed I saw vacant lots in the city planted in cotton.

I am not a believer in dreams, but sometimes they impress me and lead to serious reflections. I dreamed that the whole country was starving for food. There seemed to be plenty somewhere, but it wasn't here and couldn't be gotten at. When I awoke, I thought, how easily could this dream come to pass in the South just at this season of the year.

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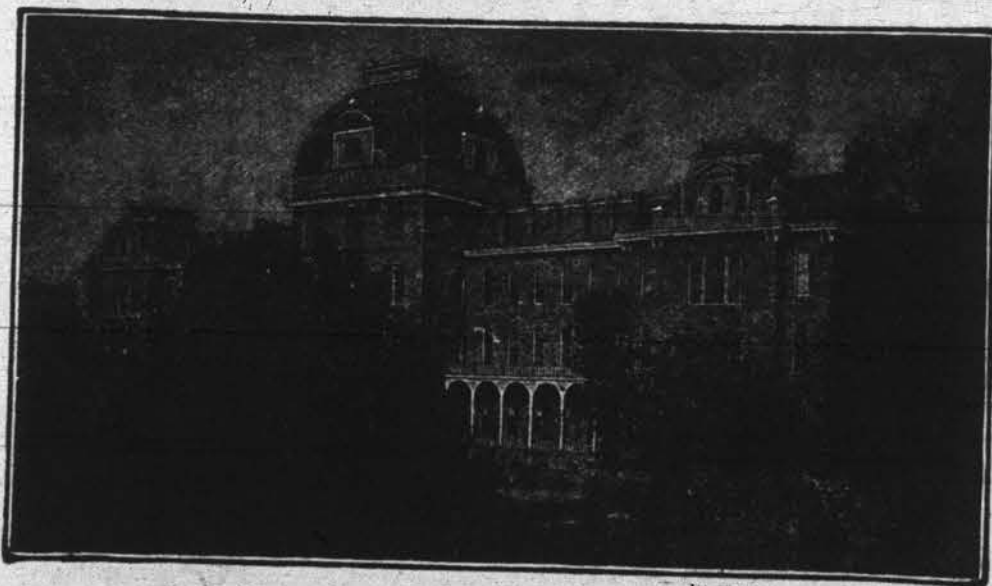
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