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Field Notes

MONTGOMERY.

There was a full attendance at our communion service in Wetumpka, Sunday, July 26th. Four were added to the church, two by experience, and two by letter. Rev. J. O. Calley, a student of Howard College, was with us and preached a helpful sermon at the morning service. W. J. Elliott.

A GOOD MEETING.

I have just closed a revival at Cresswell. There were twenty-three accessions, twelve by baptism. I was assisted by Bro. J. V. Clifton. The church was greatly revived. There was a large number of penitents for prayer Sunday night. I expect more to join the next meeting. J. A. Brutts.

FROM BILLINGSLEY.

Our pastor, Brother Maners, filled his appointment here last Sunday, in the morning on "The Drawing Power of Christ," John xii, 32; at the evening service the text was "Stretch forth thy hand," Luke vi, 10.

The L. A. S. is going to paint the church and make other improvements. We are expecting to have a Baptist Rally August 29-30. Hope to have a good meeting. Come, Brother Editor, we would be glad to have you with us. W. L. Price.

A GOOD MEETING.

On July 18th we closed a very helpful series of meetings with my Vernon Church. Bro. John V. Dickinson was with me and did the preaching. His sermons were well received and the church was very much helped spiritually. Three were received, one by letter, one by experience and baptism, and one under the watch care of the church.

To know Brother Dickinson is to love him. To hear him preach the "old story" is to be greatly helped. J. E. Barnes.

Sulligent, Ala.

A GOOD MEETING.

I have just closed a twelve days' meeting with Damascus Church, Damascus, Coffee County, Ala., with marked interest from day to day. We had good attendance on each service. Packed house each night; in fact there was a general revival in church and community which resulted in eighteen accessions to the church, eleven by baptism. Bro. Jesse M. Roll preached four sermons for us, the writer did the balance of the preaching. C. L. Matthews, Pastor.

P. S.—Will commence a ten days' meeting with Brockton Church 18th of July.

FROM GATE CITY.

On Sabbath evening, July 5th, Pastor W. F. White began a series of meetings that he felt impressed were needed in his church. He failed to get the help he had expected, but started unaided and prayed to the Lord for help. The interest was good from the start and Bro. "Winsy" Henson came Monday and did nearly all of the preaching. We were also assisted by Brothers Stoval, Parker and some of the students from Howard College, especially Brothers Ray and West. The Lord added daily to our number such as should be saved. There were sixteen additions to the church and the spiritual interest of the church and community was marvelously revived. The meeting was brought to a fitting close July 19th, by a most impressive baptism at the Artesian wells, followed by extending the hand of fellowship at the evening service.

There were two young men and three ladies baptized. Brother Henson labored faithfully for the Lord and we learned to love him greatly and pray that the Lord will continue to bless his labor. R. L. Dickinson.

ORDINATION.

Packer Memorial Church, Avondale, called a presbytery consisting of Rev. W. M. Blackwelder, Rev. L. M. Bradley and myself to set apart to the full work of the ministry, Brother Washington Brewer, who recently came to us from the Methodists.

Brother Blackwelder, Chairman of the presbytery, led in the examination of Brother Brewer as to his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and in doctrine until we were fully satisfied.

Bro. W. M. Blackwelder gave, in a few pointed words, the charge to the candidate, exhorting him to "Preach the Word;" after which Brother Bradley made some very appropriate remarks along the line of "The duty of a church to her pastor." The ordaining prayer by the writer.

May God's Holy Spirit ever be with our beloved brother and enable him to win many souls for Christ. W. R. Adams, Secy.

P. S.—My church will grant me a leave of absence for two weeks, during which time I shall visit at home near Opelika.

FROM BRO. E. W. SOLOMONS.

You can't imagine the pleasure it gave me in reading through your issue of the 15th, especially, by one so near my home, Bro. W. R. Adams with the help of our dear Wallace in his meeting at Avondale of late date. May the good Lord still bless the efforts of those

brethren in warning souls for our blessed Christ. May they be endowed with that wisdom from above, that they may be instruments in the hands of God for bringing thousands of souls to Christ. I feel proud of these brethren; first, because they have been saved men and given themselves to the work in this county. Our prayers have gone up for them, and they are honoring God in their endeavors to build up his Kingdom in this our beloved State.

I see not only conversions of faith in Christ, but also from error of belief in work. May many more see their error and follow the truth as it is in our Jesus our Savior. May the day soon come when all will see eye to eye and worship at the same footstool of mercy.

OUR GOOD HOPE MEETING.

After a week following Friday preceding the second Sunday in July, our meeting at Good Hope Church closed. Ten were added to the membership for baptism after an experience of grace. Others might have been, by processes too frequently adopted, but such is sin, evidenced by the life afterwards.

Bro. H. T. Crumpton, of Ashland, did the preaching for us. God bless him; he did us all much good. The affections of the people were tenderly and sweetly woven into his nature, because of the precious Gospel he brought us. He is, indeed, a good sweet-spirited preacher. There are resources about Good Hope of great promise, in the young people growing up, with good brethren and sisters, for Christian work, and we hope to build strong for the cause of our Lord. The backward condition of the crops, interfered with attendance, and interest; nevertheless, we were, and still hope to be, blessed. In all of our meetings it is important that we be properly careful about the regeneration of those proposing to unite with us. It is better for them, and the welfare of the churches. To count them merely for earthly glory won't avail. W. R. Whatley.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

Some of our children have been unwell for several days, but no serious sickness has come to us this year. We are having warm times at the Orphanage now—the thermometer registers 96 today.

Our school will open Tuesday, July 28th. Some may think that August is warm weather for a school. Indeed it is. The boys think it right warm cutting wood and plowing our late crop of beans, peas, corn and potatoes. Our girls think it hot to wash clothes and can tomatoes, and it is all true. But there is one thing sure, in a family like ours, hot or cold, wet or dry, we must have something to do and plenty of it. The best receipt we have for making men and women is to give boys and girls plenty of study and work to do,

and when that is done give them more work and more study.

Our school week will begin on Tuesday and end Saturday at noon. Our school day will run from 7 a. m. till noon, and from 7:30 to 9 in the evening—giving the afternoon for work.

The Bible is one of our text-books and we think of using the Southern and Alabama Baptist for supplementary reading. J. D. Pittman.

ETOWAH COUNTY.

Baptist Rally convened with Friendship Church, July 18th and 19th.

Elected Rev. L. M. Stone chairman, and W. J. Cunningham secretary.

Saturday 11 a. m. Sermon by Bro. E. B. Moore; subject, "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

The following names of ministering brethren present, were: L. M. Stone, J. M. Solley, E. B. Moore and J. F. Chadwick.

7:30 p. m. Sermon by Bro. L. M. Stone; text, St. John xv, 14.

Sunday 9 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. C. E. Sutherland.

9:30. Work of the Sunday School, discussed by Hon. A. E. Goodhue.

11 a. m. Sermon by Bro. L. M. Stone; subject, "The Responsibility of Parents to Children. Text: "Fathers provoke not your children to anger lest they become discouraged."

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 p. m. General discussion; subject, "Distinctive Baptist Doctrine and What Baptist Stand for." Discussed by Bros. L. M. Stone, A. E. Goodhue and J. T. Chadwick.

Adjourned.

L. M. Stone, Chairman.
W. J. Cunningham, Sec.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Please find enclosed money order to renew my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I have been a regular subscriber for nearly twenty-five years and feel that I can't give it up now. My family and I left Gadsden March 18th for Modesto—Cal., arrived here on the 23rd of March. Modesto is a town of about twenty-five hundred inhabitants, on the railroad between Fresno and Stockton, and one hundred miles southeast of San Francisco. I find here in Modesto churches of almost all of the leading denominations. But the Baptists are very few in number at this time, both white and black.

I am told a few years ago the white Baptists had a pretty strong church here, but from some cause the church broke up and lost their church property. But they have the promise if they will reorganize to have the property restored to them free.

So they feel hopeful now that they will get it again. The church was organized some time back with eight and after a revival meeting held by Brother Peterson, a Baptist evangelist, there were three additions. K. S. Steele.

Convention Notes.

The subject of Deacons proved one of the liveliest topics of the ministers' meeting. It seems that at some time in their ministry all of the ministers present had had some trouble with some deacon. One of the speakers wanted to know if any preacher present had ever heard of a deacon resigning. Several stood up and said yes. The speaker then dryly added: "It is a hopeful sign."

Rev. H. R. Schramm, of Deatsville, is one of the faithful convention goers. Few men in Alabama love the Baptist cause more than does Brother Schramm.

Rev. N. C. Underwood, of Brundidge, is one of the strong men of the denomination, whose voice is not heard enough at conventions, for he speaks strongly and to the point.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara, of Wylam, who reported the convention for the Ledger, is a young man of great spiritual power, and is doing a great work among his people.

Rev. George B. Eager, D.D., who has the chair of Biblical Instruction at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and who recently made a tour through the Holy Land, was present at the ministers' meeting. Dr. Eager is greatly beloved in Alabama, as he made hosts of friends when pastor at Anniston and later in Montgomery.

A brother who has been in the ministry, in speaking on the subject of deacons, raised a laugh by saying that once in his life he had the pleasure of serving a church in which there was "a religious deacon."

Dr. M. B. Wharton, the pastor of the Eufaula Baptist Church, whose pen is being utilized every Saturday by the Atlanta Journal, was at the ministers' meeting, looking as young as he did nearly twenty years ago. The Doctor is a preacher, poet and lecturer.

Mr. G. L. Comer, several times mayor of Eufaula, was one of the prominent laymen at the ministers' meeting. His speech in defense of deacons made a hit. He was accompanied by Mr. A. A. Courie, city clerk.

Rev. W. W. Lee, of Blocton, who has written a strong tract on Baptism which has a large circulation in Alabama, was one of the bright young men at the ministers' meeting.

Rev. J. W. Stewart, from Evergreen, was present to represent the Orphans' Home. He is in love with his work.

Rev. B. L. Mitchell, of Livingston, who has recently come to Alabama from Missouri, introduced himself by making a sensible talk about pastors and deacons.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Union Springs, is happy over the new church that his members are building. Mr. Moncrief has been in Alabama only a short while and yet has already made a place for himself in the hearts of the Baptists of Alabama.

The subject of deacons proved so interesting that all of the afternoon session of the ministers was given to it.

Rev. T. M. Callaway, of Talladega, was in evidence at the ministers' meeting and always spoke entertainingly and pointedly on the subjects under discussion.

Rev. Richard Hall has the honor of serving one of the best country churches in the South. Mr. Hall recently made a tour through England and wrote some charming letters to the Alabama Baptist about "Vacation Sundays."

Rev. A. Y. Napier, of Auburn, has just had the pleasure of having his church re-seated. His people are fond of him and say that he is a "growing preacher," which is one of the highest compliments a member can pay a young man.

Rev. F. M. McConnell, who recently resigned the secretaryship of the home board at Atlanta to accept the charge of Calvary Church, the leading Baptist church of Kansas City, was at the convention to represent the board. He is an eloquent speaker and always stirs the convention.

Dr. Isaac VanNess, the secretary of the Sunday School Board, located at Nashville, was present at the convention. Dr. VanNess is doing much to make the Sunday School series popular throughout the South.

Rev. G. W. Beach, of Birmingham, is present to report the convention for the Age-Herald.

Rev. Harvey Hatcher, D.D., of Atlanta, was at the convention in the interest of the American Baptist Publication Society. Dr. Hatcher is one of the most unique characters among the Baptists, and a book of his stories would be a storehouse of humor.

Rev. L. M. Bradley, the pastor of the Avondale Church, was present at the convention. He is doing a great work in the Birmingham District, and his church stands nobly by him.

There was general regret that Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, was not present at the ministers' meeting. Dr. Dickinson is an original thinker, and generally says something when attending the convention to keep the brethren awake.

Dr. A. C. Davidson, the pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, who led the devotional exercises on the opening morning of the convention, is greatly loved by the Baptists of Alabama for his sweet spirit, great heart and manliness in speaking the truth in love.

Dr. B. F. Giles, president of the Alabama Central Female College, of Tuscaloosa, was at the convention in the interest of the college. He is a great worker and under his leadership the college had last year the largest attendance in its history.

Dr. L. O. Lawson, of Tuscaloosa, one of the leaders in Baptist affairs in Alabama, is a man of pleasing personality and has the full confidence of his brethren throughout the State and the love of his home people.

Rev. Harry Martin, of Ozark, who was in attendance at the convention, is not only a lawyer of ability, but preaches with power and has done much in the support of his home church.

The statistical report of Rev. M. M. Wood, of Fayette, disclosed the following facts about the status of affairs in Alabama: Number of associations, 80; number of churches, 1,855; number of ordained preachers, 1,245; number of baptisms, 10,103; number of members, 140,721; amount given for missions, \$39,356.80.

Rev. R. M. Hunter, of Elba, who is well known in the Birmingham District, having been pastor of the Avondale Baptist Church, was present at the ministers' meeting. It will be gratifying to his many friends to know that he is making himself felt in South Alabama for good.

Rev. A. J. Preston, of Prattville, was present at the ministers' meeting. He is a clear and forceful writer, a preacher of real pulpit ability, and tells a good story.

Rev. J. W. Willis, who was elected secretary of the ministers' meeting, is a young man of fine literary culture, and is filling the pastorate at Montevallo most acceptably. He has a great opportunity on account of the Montevallo school, and is using it in helping the students to a higher and better life.

The business men of Troy are a wide-awake set and believe in building up the trade of their little city and the good women have organized a kind of civic improvement club, whose purpose is to beautify the homes and streets and many yards are full of flowers and lawns well kept.

Rev. W. J. Elliott, of Montgomery, arrived Tuesday night. He belongs to a distinguished family of Alabama Baptists, and is an honor to his family and a source of power in his denomination.

Rev. H. H. Shell, of Mobile, is a hard working, conservative pastor, who is loved and honored by his church for his sterling worth.

"Church Activities" was the subject assigned to Rev. B. L. Mitchell, of Livingston at the ministers' meeting, and he spoke in an earnest way for more spiritual living.

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From Rev. G. W. M'Rae.

My Dear Brother Barnett: I send a few notes from my field, Bayou La Batre and Bay Minette. In many respects I have the best field in the State. It gives me a support for myself and family, and that is all the larger churches do for their pastors. It furnishes me with all the work I can possibly do, and you know there are no easy fields. But when I think how long some of you have to toil to get to your summer vacation, I feel sorry for you because I have two every month.

Bayou La Batre, about thirty miles south from Mobile is a delightful place to spend summer or winter. I preach here twice each month and God has graciously blessed my labors. Brother Editor, if you just want a place to rest fish or hunt, eat a heap and feel good, you could not find a better place in the world, I don't think, than "McLean's" on Little river, at Bayou La Batre. No objectionable guests are received; a good Christian home; a splendid table, excellent service, and reasonable prices. I have many choice spirits at this point but a most difficult work. We expect to protract our service the first Sunday in September. Brother G. L. Yates will be with me in the meeting. At Bay Minette, the county site of Baldwin County, we have a good church with a great deal of latent power. My congregations are larger than we can accommodate in our present house of worship. Already the brethren are talking a new church building. Steps

are being taken to build a pastor's home and I hope to be in it in the early fall. If nothing happens to the cause here, in a few years it will be one of the best churches in the State.

I was not able to go to the Convention, owing to the illness of Mrs. McRae. I am glad to be again in the State that gave me birth "without my knowledge or consent," in the sun-kissed county of Barbour, about the time it became unhealthy for the "carpet bagger" and they were hunting other pastures green.

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A Judson's Girl's Success.

Miss Gabriella Knight, who was born and reared in Mobile, but who will probably make her home in this city in future, is making a mark for herself in the musical world of Germany, where she has been studying for the past two years. Miss Knight is the daughter of Mr. J. S. Knight, a wellknown former resident of Mobile, but now of Birmingham. She has studied under the great masters of Germany, and from reports which have reached her friends here, this talented young woman has achieved a large measure of success. A few weeks ago Miss Knight sang at Beethoven Hall, Berlin, at a large concert with full orchestra. After the performance, Herr Wilhelm Klatt, one of Berlin's first musical critics, under date of June, 1903, wrote the following, which is translated from the German: "I had the opportunity of hearing Miss Knight sing the Rosen-Aria from Figaro's Hochzeit. Judging her abilities from this effort, Miss Knight possesses excellent sound voice material, which she understands to use skillfully. The manner of her rendition showed that Miss Knight is gifted with great musical taste and artistic conception. Her enunciation of the German text proves that she has studied the language diligently and conscientiously."

Miss Knight graduated from the Judson Institute, at Marion, and took a post-graduate course in music afterwards before taking up the study abroad. Her name may be added to others who have become a pride to their native State of Alabama, and who by her natural talent, combined with her ambition and hard study, will bring her to the top round of the ladder of musical fame. Miss Knight returns to America in September, and will visit her father in this city. She has not decided positively where she will make her home, but it is hoped that she will become one of the musicians of this city, where her wonderful voice and high talents will most certainly be appreciated.—News, July 23rd.

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Personals from the News.

The address of Dr. A. P. Montague, the distinguished president of Howard College, at the Baptist State Convention, aroused much enthusiasm for the college.

Dr. A. B. Campbell of Troy, in the memorial exercises at the Baptist State Convention, eloquently described the eloquence of the late Dr. Tichenor, whose magic voice stirred the Baptists to higher and better things.

Sam Carroll, a leading Baptist of South Alabama, whose home and purse are always open.

Dr. A. B. Campbell, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, who was the host of the Convention, is one of the strongest preachers and most eloquent speakers in the ranks of the Baptist ministry.

Rev. B. F. Giles, president of the Alabama Central College, Tuscaloosa, in the memorial exercises at the Baptist State Convention, characterized the late Dr. Teague as a great man of prayer, whose life was lived close to his God.

At the memorial services of the Baptist State Convention Rev. T. M. Calhoun, his pastor, spoke most feelingly of Hon. J. B. Graham, the Christian deacon, whose tragic death cast a gloom over the entire State.

Rev. Oliver F. Gregory, D.D., pastor of Adams Street Church, Montgomery, eulogized Dr. Curry in the Convention of Baptists as the great Christian statesman, who used his voice and pen for the separation of church and State.

Maj. John G. Harris, the distinguished educator whose policy as superintendent of education did so much to promote the welfare of the public schools, was for nearly twenty years the editor and owner of the Alabama Baptist, and though not a preacher, his voice is often heard in Baptist churches, associations and conventions.

Rev. J. W. Hamner, the corresponding editor of the Southern and Alabama Baptist, is one of the strong young preachers of East Alabama, whose preaching and writings are eagerly heard and read by a host of friends. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

Rev. R. G. Patrick, D.D., the president of Judson Institute, is one of the leading educators of the South. Under his presidency the Judson has won new laurels.

Rev. H. W. Provence, the pastor at Ensley, is a young man of scholarly attainments, and as literary editor of the Southern and Alabama Baptist has made a reputation for himself as a just

and conscientious critic. He is a son of Rev. S. M. Provence, D.D., of Tuskegee, the former associate editor of the Southern and Alabama Baptist, and his brother, E. W. Provence, is editor and manager of the Western Baptist. He belongs to a literary family.

Extracts from Reports.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions in part follows:

"From the last report of the Foreign Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention we gather the following facts and figures: We have in China 24 churches, 74 out stations, 24 male and 39 female missionaries; 12 ordained and 67 unordained native helpers. During the past year there were 663 baptisms and the present membership of the churches is 3,401. There are 57 houses of worship, 42 Sunday schools with 1,541 scholars and 41 day schools with 862 scholars. The contributions for the year amounted to \$3,167.44. Several new homes have been built for our missionaries on this field during the past year and paid for.

"In Africa we have seven churches, five out stations, five male and five female missionaries, two ordained and nineteen unordained native helpers.

"There were 106 baptisms during the year, and the present membership is 544. There are seven houses of worship, five Sunday schools and five day schools with 139 scholars. Total contributions for the year, \$1,384.66. The work on this field is in a hopeful condition. In Japan we have five churches, eight out stations, six male and five female missionaries, one ordained and eleven unordained native helpers. There were during the year thirty baptisms, and the present membership is 120. There are eleven Sunday schools with 420 scholars. Contributions for the year \$157.40. Three new churches were organized on this field during the year.

"In Italy we have 25 churches, 37 out stations, three male and one female missionaries, 22 ordained and five unordained native helpers. There were 60 baptisms during the year and the present membership is 661.

"There are three houses of worship, twenty Sunday schools with 281 scholars, and the contributions for the year amounted to \$1,200.

"In Brazil we have 48 churches, 75 out stations, 10 male and 11 female missionaries, 18 ordained and 16 unordained native helpers. There were during the year 796 baptisms; present membership, 2,903. There are 10 houses of worship, 28 Sunday schools with 928 scholars, and 11 day schools with 277 scholars. Total contributions for the year, \$85,053.38. Notwithstanding the many difficulties, the cause has gloriously prospered on this field during the past year.

"In Mexico we have 43 churches, 8 male and 9 female missionaries, 12 ordained and seven unordained native helpers. There were during the year 135 baptisms and the present membership is 1,251. There are 13 houses of worship, 14 Sunday schools with 556 scholars and four day schools with 72 scholars. Contributions for the year, \$112.90.

"Summed up, we find on the foreign field 157 churches, 231 out stations, 127 missionaries, 192 native helpers, 1,790 baptisms last year, 8,880 church members. Thirteen new missionaries were sent out during the year, and five others were, under appointment at the time of the meeting of the convention. Of the

thirteen sent out, two went to Mexico, five to China, two to Japan, four to Brazil.

"In the last five years 85 new missionaries have been sent out. In 1898, we had a force of foreign and native workers of 193, and that year there were 701 baptisms. We now have a force of 219 workers, and the past year there were 1,790 baptisms. This is a wonderful advance. The convention at Savannah instructed the Board to lay out the work this year on a basis of \$300,000. Of this amount Alabama agrees to give \$20,000. This is a small amount for 140,000 Baptists to give. But thousands of our people are giving nothing for missions. How to get them to give is the question. The great need of the masses of our people is information. They do not give because they know little or nothing about the work. We can't expect people to give to objects that they know nothing about. We ought to sow this State broad-cast with missionary literature, talk and preach missions until the people are impressed that it is the greatest work in all the world. The matter of informing the people rests largely with the pastors. Many of our people have wrong impressions about the expenses of the Board. The expenses of the board last year, including interest on borrowed money, expenses of the Woman's Missionary Union, and expenses for State agencies, were about ten and a half cents on the dollar. In other words, of each dollar given, 89 1-2 cents went to the missionaries."

The report on Home Missions contained the following:

"As with all the other departments of our denominational labors, the work under our Home Mission Board has been unusually successful during the past year. More money has been contributed, more work has been done, more results achieved, and a higher standard set for the future than in any previous year; and for this we return thanks to God. Upon this Board, as the great 'equalizer' of Home Missions, turning the abounding strength of some States to meet the needs of weaker ones, have pressed some of the profoundest questions of our times for solution. The negro race problem, immigration, and the congestion of population in unevangelized cities; to say nothing of the conditions obtaining in mountain districts, and practically a foreign work in Cuba, all weigh heavily upon Dr. McConnell's heart and engage the attention of his Board. To bring Christ's solution to these difficulties they had given it during the year ending with April, \$110,122.04, which amount Dr. McConnell declares, could profitably have been spent in any one of half-a-dozen different directions. This was a gain of nearly \$10,000 over the previous year.

"Among the negroes' institute work is being done in four States, and some general missionaries are receiving a co-operative support, which is quite profitable. They are reported as exerting themselves very commendably in independent efforts. Increased work is being done among the immigrants in Baltimore, Galveston, and the State of Missouri. This gathering of foreign population in the South is regarded as one of the menaces of the future. But the bulk of the work of the 671 home missionaries is done in needy districts all over the Southern States in co-operation with the State Board of Missions. Besides this the Board is doing the best

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it can to evangelize Cuba, which is really in the nature of foreign work, such as that in Mexico and Brazil.

"During the year there were nearly 18,700 additions to the church by letter and baptisms, and 280 churches built and improved. An increase of 1,500 additions and forty-nine churches over last year. The unfortunate complications which had arisen in Cuba are now almost entirely wiped out so far as missionary efficiency is concerned; and a committee of the Home Board which has called into its councils several of our leading brethren, will shortly make public such facts as it is deemed wise to publish at this time. In connection with the main work of the Board, we mention three subordinate phases of its activities. One is its publication work, whereby tracts, leaflets, and 'Our Home Field,' the organ of the Board, are distributed. Another is the Church Building Loan Fund. This has been a powerful factor with some bodies of Christian people for the extension of their denominations, with us it is yet in its infancy, and has hardly had a beginning.

"Lastly, we mention the denominational schools fostered by the Board in mountainous and needy districts, which are proving a leavening force among the people both for Christianity and the general cause of education. In conclusion, your Committee would suggest that it be recognized as the wish of this convention that our Secretary of Missions shall again apportion among our Associations the sum desired from each during the year in order that Alabama may do its share toward raising the \$200,000 general fund for home missions."

A Sufferer for Twelve Months.

Every other had failed: "We had just as soon be without quinine as to be out of Hughes' Chill Tonic." One of the most wonderful cures of chills and fever came under my observation. A man suffering for about twelve months from a most obstinate attack of chills and fever tried every remedy that he could hear of, all to no purpose. I persuaded him to try a bottle of Hughes' Tonic; from that time, over twelve months ago, he has not had a chill." Sold by Druggists—50c. and \$1.00 bottles.

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Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes.

These notes are weeks behind but the editor and some kind readers, who seem to enjoy them, say they must be continued. I put the

HOWARD COMMENCEMENT
along in regular order. Every man connected with the general work of the denomination ought to make it a rule to attend the commencements of the Judson and Howard. It makes a pleasant break in his work and brings him in contact with many of the prominent members of the churches and keeps him in touch with the young people, who are soon to be the leaders in our denomination. Unfortunately the two commencements came this year at the same time. This ought not so to be. I could be present at only one and chose the Howard, as I had been to Marion only a few weeks before.

It was the opinion of all those who are accustomed to attend, that the one of the present year, excelled anything of recent years. The young men departed themselves well on all occasions. The enthusiasm of both pupils and visitors was notable.

The new stone wall extending across the whole front of the campus, taking the place of the old, rickety, plank fence, has a look of permanency about it. It was a surprise to see the new Dormitory so far on the way to completion. Very little had been said about it. Many knew that President Montague had been actively engaged in raising subscriptions in Birmingham and vicinity; but very few dreamed that work had actually commenced. It is to be called

RENFROE HALL.

That is a fitting tribute to one of Alabama's greatest preachers. How quickly the life and labors of the best of men pass from the memory of people. A monument in the cemetery preserves the name for a while and the few who see it occasionally are reminded that such a person lived. At best it is only a cold, hard stone and impresses nobody. If it is very modest and humble, the family may be criticised for their niggardliness; if it is grand and imposing, they may be accused of needless and foolish extravagance. Not so with monuments like Renfroe Hall.

As the years come and go and the thousands who attend the Howard commencements look upon this hall, nothing but words of admiration for the man whose name it bears and for the men who conceived the idea of thus commemorating his memory, will ever be heard. Struggling up from poverty, in a rude community, with only a few months schooling Renfroe became a great preacher. There was no pulpit in the land he could not fill acceptably. But, he often told me, the want of early advantages made him excessively timid. The most cultured preachers in Alabama never loved Howard College any better than did this heroic brother. The last meeting he ever attended was at the First Church, Birmingham, in the interest of Howard College. He went to his grave disappointed and heart-broken over what he feared would prove a disastrous failure of the college, in its new location.

Could he see the college now, as it begins, as we all believe, to emerge from the long struggle for existence into a

glorious future; could he see the magnificent building which is to commemorate his memory through the ages, while it gives shelter to a hundred boys each year; how his heart would leap for joy! I doubt not he knows it and is praising God for it.

If Baptist parents in Alabama are wise, they will commit the training of their boys to their own institution at East Lake. It will be best for the boys and for the cause of Jesus Christ.

A year ago, I received a letter from a brother, saying that it was the wish of the brethren of the Shady Grove Association that I should be present at the 5th Sunday meeting in May at Bear Creek, in Winston County. I had looked forward to the meeting with much pleasure as it was in a section I had never visited. I took in

HALEYSVILLE

for a night appointment. This is a thriving little town on the Southern Railway, from Tusculumbia and Russellville to Jasper. The Baptists are just completing a neat house of worship. Bro. R. L. Quinn, the pastor, lives a long way off and can give them very little time. I had a good service at night, but awoke next morning too unwell to proceed on my journey. I think this is the first time in my life I have ever given up a list of appointments on account of sickness. Now and then, I have missed a place or two, but never abandoned a trip I had planned. A good sister's nursing and a kind doctor's treatment got me on my feet so that I got back to my resting place at East Lake. A few days off now and then, is a necessity for everybody. Blessed is the man who is wise enough to arrange for such days, without waiting until he is forced to take them.

The Trustees met at

SCOTTSBORO

to elect a faculty for the Baptist Institute at that place. I could write a whole chapter about the work of Trustees. How perplexing it is! How unsatisfactory to themselves after they have done their best! Whenever a place is to be filled in one of our State schools there is often a scramble for it, but the position in a denominational school often goes begging; I know not why, if men love Jesus Christ and believe that good can be done through such schools.

Professor Grogan, a man of large experience and a true man of God, was elected Principal and, I doubt not, by this time, has his faculty made up and is ready to begin an active canvass for the school. He is not a preacher, but is Godly and consecrated and has great love for teaching. If the Baptists of that section will co-operate with us, God favoring, we will see the Institute crowded, some day, with pupils.

We hope to put the property in thorough repair before the school opens. A number of free scholarships we hope to announce soon.

I stopped off at Huntsville and closed the trade for the

MERRIMAC CHAPEL.

The Presbyterians, at a cost of \$1,600, two years ago, erected the building but found they had no people to form the nucleus for the church, so they wished to move to another locality. We purchased the property for the State Convention for \$1,200. I am appealing to the Sunday schools of the State to pay

for this chapel. Two hundred dollars has been paid by the people of Huntsville; that leaves an even thousand for the Sunday schools to raise. A few years ago, on a similar appeal, they raised much of the money that went into the house at Alabama City. I am gratified at the responses I am receiving from the Superintendents. "Put our school down for \$10," was the first message. Think of a town with more inhabitants than Marion, Greensboro, Lafayette, Roanoke or Jasper without a Baptist church and you will realize the importance of the move at Merrimac.

We have until October 1st to raise the money. By the time this letter is printed, we will have a church of fifty or more organized.

GADSDEN

was my next point. One of the most comfortable houses in the city is the one provided by the church for Pastor Dickinson. Into it, I was heartily welcomed. A cheap lot on a back street was not selected for the new home for the pastor; but a fine lot on the best street and the building is one that any pastor might be proud of.

I congratulate the church and pastor. They are talking of erecting a Sunday school annex and they greatly need it. The pastor is doing perhaps the best work of his life. I was proud to be greeted by numbers of friends whom I had known in the country around and in other towns. They are now active members of the Gadsden church. This is as it should be. The out-lying Baptists in our cities would make a great army. The pastor is aided by the members of his church in the work of gathering "into the fold," the Baptists moving from other places.

Because of the immense steel plant, which is now being built on its edge, Gadsden is rapidly growing. The immensity of this plant, when described to the uninitiated, is simply staggering. Here are a few of the figures a friend furnishes:

The plant will consume 500 tons of coal daily for steam purposes, besides the coke. The four furnaces will produce 1400 tons of iron daily. It will take 500 freight cars daily to handle the raw material into the plant and the finished out. All the iron is to be worked up into finished product, steel rods, plates, wire, nails, etc.

It will employ between four and five thousand men. The plant covers 320 acres—half a mile wide and one mile long.

The L. & N. Railroad is putting in four miles of storage track. The Southern and Seaboard Air Line will also have track facilities. The iron ore and limestone are had in inexhaustible quantities near at hand, and the coal is not far away.

All this means more people congregated together, more temptation, more vice, and to Christian people, it ought to mean, more opportunities to plant the Gospel for the saving of people. I trust the Gadsden church will be fully alive to the situation, but others must join hands and help it in the great struggle which is just about to begin.

ALABAMA CITY,

probably the neatest mill town in the State, I visited for an afternoon appointment, meeting a fair congregation. Brother Solley, for several months, has been giving only half his time here; but the company, feeling the importance of having services every Sunday, made a liberal offer of assist-

ance to the church and he is now giving all his time.

The company is doing something all the time to help the church along. They furnish a home for the pastor, free; helped liberally in building the house, advanced the money to pay for the pews and now pay a part of the salary of the pastor. I wonder if there is another mill in Alabama that helps its people so liberally! All corporations are not soulless.

Brother E. B. Moore, the pastor of Mt. Carmel, between Alabama City and Gadsden, I saw. No young preacher in Alabama realizes more the gravity of the situation than does Moore. His one year in the Seminary only intensified his interest in the cause in Alabama. When I finished my sermon Sunday night at

ATTALLA,

I was almost frazzled out. Several times I have promised myself not to preach three sermons the same day, but it is hard to reform, when the temptation comes.

It was a profitable day and I thanked the Lord devoutly for strength to do the work. Brother W. W. Harris is the efficient pastor at Attalla and is planning for a new house in a better place. The Attalla church is a strong body, if they only believed it. Hereabouts, at no distant day, the teeming multitudes will surge and all these four churches will be thoroughly tested of what sort of stuff they are made. The wood, hay and stubble,—the anti-missionary element—will be consumed and swept away before the oncoming floods; but the gold and precious stone part of the membership will abide and the work of Christ will be done for the upbuilding and saving of the people.

Don't Take Back Seat.

Fathers, are you aware of the fact that you are actually dictating the society in which your children must be reared? Brothers, don't your know and can't you see far enough ahead to know that you are now making the society in which your sisters must live?

I wish that this might be proclaimed from the house tops until the whole nation might hear and understand the meaning of these words, and that they might make such an impression on the minds and hearts of the people that they would never forget them.

Oh, what a glorious world this would be, if we could only live with this ever before us. How much more we would sympathize with one another, and how much more closely we would guard our own action, and the actions of those with whom we are associated.

Brother, if you could realize that you are having what boys call a big time with the girls is having an influence on society that will as surely affect your sister's character, you would be much more careful of your actions, and if you will only stop for a few minutes and think, you will know that this is true. All you have to do is to think and think seriously. I once knew an old man who said to a crowd of young folks who were laughing at his unfortunate condition, "You just go along and have plenty of respect for yourselves and other people will respect you." How true this is and if you ever get to where you feel like you have lost the respect of your fellow man, these words will be good for you to think on, and by looking back over your past life you can see that you have had no respect for yourself. I believe that one

way to start a moral reform in this country would be to organize a society among the young people, the main or real purpose of which would be to bring the young people up to the front seats in church.

It is enough to make any father feel awfully bad to walk into a church and find his girl, who he believes to be as pure as an angel, sitting way back at the very back end of the house or as close there as the boy with her can find a seat, for the back seats are usually taken first, and all the front end of the house empty.

This alone shows that they have not gone to church, but just gone out to the gathering.

What does one expect to derive from this back seat crowd? If there is any talking or misbehavior in church it is always at the back end and never up front, and even if you keep perfectly quiet and preserve perfect order, you can't get the same good out of the sermon that you would if you were up front. And if this is not true, then why do you go up front when you go to any kind of an entertainment? If you were to carry a girl out to an entertainment oftentimes and seat her in the back end of the house it would cause her to think less of you, and before long she would be heard saying, I hope Mr. J— will not ask me for an engagement to-night, for he always sits so far back that I can't enjoy myself.

Now boys, if you carry a lady out to church that you are not ashamed of, go up a decent way and get her a comfortable seat, and don't pack her up with the crowd in the back end. She will think more of you and you, before long, will think more of yourself, but if I was forced to go with one that I was ashamed of, I would hide her if I could, and next time, try to find more acceptable company. Girls, you should not feel satisfied to have a boy seat you in the back end of the house continually, for it is a reflection on you. Now just stop and think if I am not right. Fathers, it is your duty to see where your children sit and what they do. Of course you can't see and know it all, but you can see where they sit in church, for the admission is free and everybody that is trying to do right will be glad to see you.

Fathers, remember that you are dictating the society in which your children must live.

Brothers, remember that you are actually making the society in which your sisters have to live.

Christ's Widening Kingdom.

When the Son of man came into the earth to establish His kingdom, and declared that "the gates of Hades should not prevail against it," He spoke the words of truth and soberness. The conditions did not seem favorable and the powers of darkness seemed to be triumphant, Christ was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not, He came unto His own; and they rejected Him. He was persecuted as an evil doer, and finally crucified as a malefactor, but the blood of Christ was not shed in vain. The divine hand of God was at the helm, guiding the destinies of His church, and in spite of all the dark overwhelming obstacles, He was bringing it safe to port. Throughout all the changing scenes, the truth was sinking deeper into the hearts of men and women, and through each succeeding year, the limits of the kingdom were steadily expanding. All this growth, progress and

power were not accidental. They were in keeping with God's plans and eternal purposes. He designed that the government of Christ's kingdom should increase, and that the stone cut from the mountain should grow great, and fill the whole earth, He promised to give the Son the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. This is what the prophets and seers of old have been foretelling, since the fall of man in Eden made it necessary that the race of the human family be redeemed by the rising Son of God; "for as in Adam all died, so in Christ shall all be made alive."

When Christ had established His kingdom on earth, He taught His disciples the necessity of advancing that kingdom, and urged them to prepare the world for His second coming. All Bible readers will readily understand that when Christ left the earth He ascended back to heaven, there to dwell in the glory of God, and to make intercession for His people, to prepare a place for them, that where He is, there they may be also. He also promises to come again bringing all His glory which He has with the Father, and the angels with Him.

The disciples did not forget His parting instructions. They endeavored to spread the cause of Christ, by telling the story of His life, death, and resurrection; thus bearing witness for Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

At first the gospel was preached to the Jews only. It was not until the conversion of Cornelius, that it was known that the door of faith was opened to the gentiles.

From that time there was no distinction made on account of race, for God himself had declared that no man was common or unclean. The aim henceforth was to evangelize the whole world. Every Christian was a missionary, every church a training school; radiating gospel light far and near. The book of the Acts of the Apostles records many of the triumphs won. Thus, on the first day the gospel was preached, three thousand souls were added. A little later we read that believers were the more added to the Lord, both of men and women. In Joppa many believed, all that dwelt at Lydda and Sharron turned to the Lord. In Antioch a great number believed. In Iconium the Jews and Greeks believed. In Thessalonica, the Jews were persuaded, devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

In this city Paul and Barnabas were spoken of as the men who had turned the world upside down. In Corinth, Berca, and Ephesus, the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. Paul speaks of the gospel as bearing fruit in all the world, and states that it had been preached in all creation under heaven.

All down the centuries, other followers have faithfully "told the story of the cross," and today we find Christianity steadily pushing its way into almost every nation of the world. Thus, advancing the kingdom of Christ in this beautiful world he has given us, and hastening the day when the Lord shall come again in all his glory. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

The missionary is a barbinger of the good time coming. When the gospel has been preached to a tribe which has long sat in darkness, the signs of the coming of the Son of man are displayed. The glorious Sun of Righteousness,

is near the horizon. He is the herald of the dawn, for come he will, whose right it is to reign.

And this, knowing the season, that now it is high time for us to awake out of sleep: for our redemption draweth near.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as though Jesus was here present; let us try to follow His footsteps, making no provision for the flesh: "for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

There is much yet to be accomplished in us, before we are ready to meet Christ, through death, or at His second coming. The mission God has intrusted to our hand is a world wide mission. The primitive gospel must be preached to all creatures. The lost union of God's people must be restored, and the world converted to Christ. Shall we do this work, or abandon the field to infidelity and sectarianism? Will not God hold us responsible if we neglect the work He has given us to do? May God give us strength and courage, willing hearts and ready hands to do this great work. We have the lamps of grace, and the oil of truth. The truth as it is in Jesus, is the holy oil without which no nation can be illumined. 'Tis true some have grown weary, and discouraged, and have put down the lamps, and spilt the oil, and have left us to struggle on together. Though few in number, we are to each other the more precious. Let us exhort and encourage each other; and pray God to send forth more laborers into the field; for the harvest is great, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

A day is coming when those who cleave to the Bible will see the confusion thickening in the sectarian camps and will be glad that though few in number, they have kept their lamps trimmed, and their lights burning; for great will be the host of those who will come eagerly imploring; "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

Behold, the bridegroom cometh; may we be ready to go in with Him to the marriage. Pastor T. T. Dobbs.

By Miss Minnie Jourden.

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A Newsy Letter.

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Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. M. Mitchell, of Centerville, has done his duty since he has been with us and his influence with the young people is so great. Just to know him is to love him. He meets his congregation with a smile and delivers the message of Him who died for us all.

Evergreen has a large and encouraging Sunday school; I know of no other in the county its size.

The young ladies of Evergreen are faithful Sunday school workers.

The senior classes are taught by Mr. M. A. Overstreet and Mr. G. W. Taylor. The junior class is taught by Miss Minnie Lee Bishop. The primary class by Miss Sallie Jones. They all do their duty for the encouragement of their classes.

Since the introduction of the penny system, it sure is nice to see those little ones carry a penny every Sunday and give to the cause of their Maker.

I will close, hoping to hear from every church and Sunday school.

Yours truly,

A. J. Durden.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

A Plea for Howard College.

To the Alumni, Old Students, and Friends of Howard College:

We write to ask your assistance in our efforts to make the coming session, 1903-1904, the banner year in the history of Howard College. The people are interested as they have not been for years—perhaps as they have never been before—and under the wise leadership of our eminent president, Dr. A. P. Montague, they are doing great things for this grand old institution which is so dear to the hearts of many of us. The new dormitory is about finished, and the rooms will be furnished within the next few weeks. This magnificent building, the rooms of which will be elegantly furnished by friends of the college in memory of loved ones, is a great addition to the college. It has in addition to the dining room and kitchen, a reception room and forty large well ventilated bed rooms. These rooms together with the thirty-two rooms in the four small dormitories will enable us to accommodate 144 boarding students. A large number of the rooms have already been reserved and we are receiving letters daily from young men who are arranging to enter at the opening, Sept. 16th. We want every room to be taken before the session begins. We trust and believe that the demand for rooms will be so great that our people will be forced to

erect another dormitory in the near future. Will you not see the young men of your community, who should enter Howard College and press upon them and their parents the importance of the great question of education? You can do much good by encouraging and assisting young men in their efforts to secure an education. Many young men can be influenced and encouraged to educate themselves who might otherwise permit their God-given powers to remain dormant, undeveloped, and unused throughout life. Let us encourage every boy and young man to make the very most of himself for the service and uplifting of humanity, and the glory of God. We believe that there are hundreds of young men who desire an education and that they should have it. We want them in Howard College this fall. Will you not see to it that they come?

A WORD TO PARENTS.

Three or more members of the faculty will room and board on the campus. They will room in the dormitories and eat in the dining hall with the students. The students will come in direct contact with the faculty and will at all times have their care and supervision.

We shall be glad to send catalogues and give any information that may be desired.

E. P. Hogan.

Howard College.

VALUE OF THE DENOMINATION-AL COLLEGE.

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1. It set the standard of American education and has maintained it.
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7. Its scientific departments are manned by scholarly, Christian men.
8. It is free from that irreligious sectarianism which denies a place to the Bible in the curriculum of study.
9. It believes in a philosophy which holds to a personal God, a divine Christ, an immortal soul, and an imperative duty.
10. It is free from agnosticism and pantheism, the greatest foes of Christian truth.
11. Fundamental in its curriculum is love for all truth. It does not prejudice the student against the truth of

revelation by refusing it a place in the curriculum.

12. It believes that the formative element in history is Christianity, and that any curriculum is defective which fails to teach it.

13. It believes that the words of Jesus and Paul should be studied, as well as those of Socrates and Plato.

14. It believes that teachers of youth should know the truth.

15. It is an institution born of sound doctrine, and fostered by those who have a vital faith.

16. Its educational work has been done for less money than that of any other agency. It is the greatest tax-saving institution in the State.

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21. Its students are taught to live economically, to think rightly, and to act nobly.

22. Its product is the well-trained, accomplished Christian, citizen.—Herald and Presbyterian.

Editorial Paragraphs

The visitors and delegates were royally entertained by the Trojans who dispensed hospitality in the true old Southern way, making it appear that the Convention had put Troy under great obligations.

The reports were fine and that of Dr. W. B. Crumpton on State Missions was particularly gratifying. He is known as "the great commoner" among the Baptists and is one of the greatest State secretaries of missions that the South has ever had and were it not for his great love for Alabama no doubt he would have received the highest honors that Southern Baptists can confer, that of one of the general secretaryships.

One of the gratifying things of the Convention was its enthusiasm for Howard College and the unanimous way it backed up the distinguished president, Dr. A. P. Montague, whose great efforts to build the dormitory had almost sapped his strength, for when he appeared before the convention to speak in behalf of the institution which he so loves, he was scarcely able to stand during his magnificent appeal. There were many loyal pastors who resolved then and there to stand by him and Howard College.

The Convention will meet next July with the Parker Memorial Church, in Anniston which was largely built by Mr. Duncan C. Parker, a wealthy banker of that city, who died about ten years ago, in memory of his deceased wife, who for years was a member and the president of the Ladies Aid Society. The building is of stone, and the beauti-

ful pastorium together make the handsomest church property owned by Baptists in the State. The pastors have been Dr. G. A. Nunnally, George B. Eager, Samuel C. Clopton, and Joshua A. Foster, Jr. The church is a liberal one and gives largely to the organized work.

The eighty-second session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, was one of the most notable gatherings the Baptists have ever held in the State. It was notable both for the number in attendance and the beautiful spirit of brotherly love which prevailed throughout all of the sessions, and while many of the debates were earnest and spirited, no wounds were left to rankle, but everyone parted with the feeling that "it was good to have been there." The ministers' meeting was a success from the start, and will be a part of the annual gatherings from henceforth, for the discussions proved highly helpful, and from the way the deacons were handled, it was suggested that next year it might be well to include them and call it a ministers' and deacons' meeting.

A special to the News, says: Prominent Baptists of this city have just completed the purchase of a tract of 1000 acres of land on the west bank of the Hudson river, a short distance south of West Point, where it is planned to establish a Baptist summer resort with educational features somewhat similar to those at Chautauqua. While all the details have not been worked out the undertaking is to be on a mammoth scale, and it is said that wealthy members of the Baptist Church are backing

the scheme. Highland Lake, a picturesque sheet of water forty acres in extent, is on the property and it is on the shores of this lake where the summer colony will be established. Bear mountain, which has an elevation of 1,300 feet above the Hudson, is not far away. Some of the features of Ocean Grove as well as those of Chautauqua will be utilized.

Brother Crumpton says: "I inadvertently left out of my trip notes any mention of my visits to Gurley and New Market. Brother Ray has just written about Gurley and Pastor Jenkins. New Market, not far from the Tennessee line, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad, is only a short run north of Huntsville. It is in a fine section of the country and seems to be a very good business point. It was my privilege to preach to a fair audience gotten together on short notice. Brother Jenkins is pastor and is very much loved. I believe, however, I heard more compliments paid to his young help-mate than to the pastor. If Jenkins and one or two more young men like him can be kept in this section for five years and the Baptists will cooperate with them, we will be surprised and delighted at the results."

Vol. V of "The Assembly," the annual publication of the literary societies of the Marion Military Institute, has been received. The volume is dedicated to the distinguished founder of the Institute, and to his fifty years of service to the cause of education. Graduated from the Virginia Military Institute as First Honor Graduate and Senior Captain under "Stonewall" Jackson in 1853, James Thomas Murfee has devoted his entire time and talent for

fifty years to Jefferson's "holy cause" of education. For forty-two years he has labored in the State of Alabama; eight years at the University of Alabama as professor of mathematics and commandant of cadets; seventeen years at Howard College in Marion as president; and seventeen years as superintendent of the Marion Military Institute. The chief work of a long and useful life has been the foundation of the Marion Military Institute. Founded with complete freedom from the control of church and State, this institution is a purely educational establishment for the advancement of the interests of education. Dr. J. H. Penniman, the distinguished dean of the University of Pennsylvania, has recently said of this Alabama institution: "I believe that the Marion Military Institute is destined to become one of the great schools of the country, if its present policy is carried out, and if it is brought to the attention of the people of the South."

A Card of Thanks.

(Troy Messenger.)

In my capacity as pastor, and therefore official host of the several Baptist gatherings that have assembled in our city this week, I desire to express my profoundest gratitude to our citizens of every religious faith and order, for the magnificent hospitality extended to all classes of our guests. Again, and again did I hear from the lips of visitors the declaration that no where in the State, and at no time in the past have they received more delightful entertainment. In returning thanks to the good people of Troy, I am sure that I express the sentiment of the entire church and congregation it is my honor to serve.

Respectfully,

A. B. Campbell.

Report of State Board of Missions

It is with much pleasure we are again permitted to present a report full of hope and encouragement. The magnificent report of our Corresponding Secretary covers so thoroughly the year's work, there is little to be added by your Board. We therefore request him (in accordance with our former custom) to read his report to the convention as a part of ours. At no period within our history have we been able to bring to our annual convention a message that so nearly touches with favorable results every phase of our organized work. The marked increase in the contributions to missions, as shown by the Secretary's report, is an evidence of a more thorough organization, and that a greater number of our people are being brought into personal sympathy and cooperation in spreading the Gospel. As we bring our operations to a broader gauge, opening new avenues to broader fields, there is a corresponding demand for the expanding of our benevolence. The rapid immigration of new people into our borders, developing our boundless resources, should stimulate our best efforts to lead in bringing them under the beneficent influence of the Gospel as we understand it. It is the policy of your Board to reach as many of the destitute points as the means at hand will justify, helping in the meantime a number of churches located at the centers of commercial activity and industry where mission stations have been established, which are ultimately organized into promising churches, whenever the environment seems to justify it. About eighty persons have been employed by the Board for the past year, for a part or all of their time; this number could be increased with a corresponding increase of our resources, and then we would hardly be able to meet the demand that we have for good men to occupy important fields. We are especially gratified at the excellent financial showing made. While our Convention year covers thirteen months, the contributions for all purposes present a substantial increase. We also feel that we are to be congratulated in the fact that a deficit only of \$1,000 appears. Our Secretary refers to this as the only discouraging feature of his report. This should not be considered a discouragement, when we take into account the fact that we have handled approximately \$40,000.00 with a material enlargement of our fields of operations. It could hardly be expected that we would be entirely free from debt, particularly as we close the Convention year in mid-summer. A business of a secular nature of the same magnitude making a similar showing, would not only be considered solvent, but ably and wisely managed. It is really refreshing to come to the convention, with a report that should be an inspiration to all of us, and our hearts flushed with joy over what has been done in the past with the assurance also that the future was never brighter for us as a people to do great things for the Master.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY.

Should have more than a passing notice. Under separate heads in his report it will be noticed that he discusses the importance of—

- 1st. The old plan of publishing the State Mission Quarterly.
- 2nd. The Howard College Fund, and taking the annual collection in the month of November.
- 3rd. Mission-Schools, for educational purposes, and a co-operating Board

for handling such property, making them feeders to our Denominational Colleges.

4th. The Healing Springs Property. These are very important matters and should be discussed freely and some definite policy agreed upon, provided the suggestions are adopted.

J. B. GRAHAM.

The unfortunate, unexpected and tragic death of our distinguished brother, J. B. Graham, of Talladega, leaves a vacancy on our Board and brings sorrow to all our hearts. In his death we have sustained an irreparable loss, and the citizenship of the State of Alabama a vacancy that will be hard to fill. He had just begun to approach the zenith of his glory, in a career of usefulness of which no natural mind could estimate its fullness and magnificent scope. He was an able lawyer and a statesman of marked ability, a distinguished educator and a Christian gentleman of the highest type, whose strong character impressed every one with whom he came in contact. We shall miss his wise counsel and the presence of his consecrated life. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the President of this convention to draft suitable resolutions to his memory and report during the session of this convention.

VACANCIES.

The terms of the following named members of the Board expire at this session: W. B. Davidson, A. E. Burns, J. B. Graham, Lum Duke, N. C. Underwood, J. G. Harris and W. J. E. Cox.

THE SECRETARY

Has made this one of the best year's work in the history of the Board. Having capable office help has enabled him to spend much of his untiring energy in the field. His personal contact with the people has had a telling effect in bringing them into sympathy and co-operation with the work. He deserves and should have a helping hand and a word of encouragement of every one interested in the salvation of souls.

CONCLUSION.

With gratitude to God for his blessings during the past year, let us face the future with a courage and determination to accomplish even more than we have ever done, in reaping the great harvest that lies before us, trusting in His promise to sustain and guide us by His grace in every effort put forth in His name.

Respectfully submitted,
G. G. Miles, President.

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erson County, Alabama, and is recorded in Book 71, page 424 and also in Map Book 3, on page 15, said lands situated in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. Said sale will be made for the purpose of removing the estate of said minors to the State of Florida for reinvestment. Said sale will include the dower interest of Vashti L. Banfill, the mother of said minors.

Dated this July 8th, 1903.

L. J. HALEY, Jr.,
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Woman's Missionary Union.

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, was held in the Presbyterian Church of Troy, Tuesday morning at 9:30, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

The previous half hour had been delightfully spent in greeting the messengers from the churches. The pretty little pages were in their places and the young ladies, appropriately called "Willing Workers," were seating the delegates and doing all for their comfort.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls of Ft. Mitchell. All, led by the choir, joined in singing the sweet old songs.

A most gracious and beautiful welcome was extended by Mrs. Josiah Jernegar and gracefully responded to by Mrs. N. A. Barrett of East Lake.

The President's address was earnest and cheering and rang out with the watchword of the year, "Enlargement."

Fifty-six names were enrolled as delegates.

The work of the year was heard in the reports of the secretary, treasurer, State organizer and the associational vice-presidents.

The secretary reported the largest Christmas Offering in the history of the work; forty boxes sent to Frontier Missionaries, valued at \$3,217.71; over seventy new societies organized; fifteen vice-presidents appointed; a State Organizer, given by the Board and doing a great work throughout the State; Alabama's apportionment exceeded by \$895, and the figures for the coming year are:

Foreign Missions	\$3,000
Home Missions	2,500
State Missions	1,200

Total \$6,700

A fine year's work behind us and the prospects for the new are so bright.

The treasurer reported, for the five quarters, beginning with April, 1902, from Societies:

For Foreign Missions.....	\$2,919 29
For Home Missions	2,699 45

Total \$5,618 74

From Bands:

For Foreign Missions	\$ 874 24
For Home Missions	208 30

Total \$1,082 54

Total for Foreign Missions... \$3,793 53

Total for Home Missions.... 2,907 75

Grand Total \$6,701 28

Since beginning the work in October the State Organizer has held eighty-six meetings, and organized forty-three societies. In closing her report Mrs. Hamilton says: "Let me leave this thought with you for reflection and encouragement in striving for systematic and organized work in our Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama: "Alone we can do little; separate we are the

units of weakness, but aggregated we become batteries of power."

Eleven associational vice-presidents were present and gave account of their stewardship, and eighteen had sent reports by letter. On the whole their reports were most encouraging.

Just here a telegram was received and read aloud:

"The Woman's Missionary Society of Parker Memorial Church sends greeting and cordially invites the Woman's Missionary Union to meet in Anniston next year.

Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Pres."

The President expressed thanks for greeting and invitation, and hoped that the Convention would make it possible for us to accept.

The Committee on Constitution asked to report during the morning session, as Mrs. Stakely had to leave in the afternoon. The order of business was so changed and the report was presented by Mrs. Stakely, chairman. After amendments the Constitution was adopted and a rising vote of thanks given Mrs. Stakely for this excellent Constitution she had given the Union.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Jefferson Beland of Greenville, who read Psalms 33.

A paper on State Missions was given by Mrs. J. T. Brown of Andalusia and a discussion followed.

Mrs. Clara Ansley represented the Orphan's Home, telling of the school, the plans, the work, the dairy, the farm—every incident in the lives of these dear little homeless ones is full of interest and pathos to the women of Alabama. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Ansley presented to the Union the little girl that the Troy ladies had sent the Home many years before.

Mrs. S. A. Smith presented REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

In view of the fact that much of the success and pleasure of our annual gatherings depends upon the good people with whom our Union meets, the manner in which we are received, and the endorsement given; therefore be it

Resolved first, That the thanks of the Woman's Missionary Union be extended to the women of Troy for the many courtesies showered upon us, the warm hearted, open handed hospitality, the gracious words of welcome, the faultless preparation for our coming and the prompt aid in the execution of our plans.

Second, That we appreciate the privilege of using the Presbyterian Church, and that the pastor and his members have brought us under many obligations to them for this generous act.

Third, That we wish to thank the choir for music rendered, the beautiful girls who served as ushers and the sweet little pages who so cheerfully waited upon us.

Fourth, That in happy anticipation of the reception to be given by the Bap-

tist ladies of the city for coming events, in this instance, cast not their shadows, but their brightness before—we most heartily thank them for an occasion so delightful where we may mingle and know each other better.

Fifth, That we wish to express our deep love and sympathy for Mrs. Campbell in her great sorrow, and to assure her of our prayers.

Sixth, That we pray the Giver of all to bless every heart and every home.

Respectfully submitted,

- Mrs. S. A. Smith, Chairman.
- Mrs. R. M. Hunter,
- Mrs. A. L. Harlan, Committee.

In the place of Mrs. B. L. Mitchell of Livingston, who was detained on account of sickness, Mrs. Stakely made a talk on Foreign Missions and ended with a plea for the Hakka Home. Pledges were taken which amounted to \$81.50. These gifts should be sent the treasurer as quickly as possible.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

According to the new Constitution the officers of the W. M. U. shall be elected each year by the Union instead of the State Convention, so the chairman appointed a Committee on Nominations and the same officers were elected with the addition of five others, all to be known as the Central Committee.

A plea for Miss Willie Kelly was made by Mrs. J. M. Vernon of Cusseta, and the secretary read extracts from a letter of Miss Kelly's asking for more workers in China. Pledges were taken from twenty-four societies toward Miss Kelly's support, which amounted to \$246. A special prayer that Our Father might spare our missionary from typhoid fever and restore her to health and usefulness was made by Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Smith in behalf of the ladies asked that the secretary send a loving message from the W. M. U.

The secretary read a beautiful letter from Miss Anna B. Hartwell, telling of the conversion of a Chinese woman.

Mrs. Hunter read a paper on Home Missions, which was followed by a discussion of Frontier Boxes and Money.

The I. T. Tichenor Memorial Building Fund was presented by Mrs. D. M. Malone.

A few moments were given to News from Societies, and several responded but of peculiar interest was the report from the Troy Society, written by Mrs. A. B. Campbell.

Mrs. Hamilton, kept away by sickness in her family, was not present to make and report on Sunbeam Band work; but the presence of the lovely little Sunbeams in the audience was a living testimonial of Mrs. Hamilton's good work. (See report on Resolutions.)

The Committee on Apportionment asked for more time to prepare their report as this was the first year an apportionment had been made, consequently not an easy task.

The evening session closed with prayer and the audience repaired to the parlors of the Baptist Church where a reception was being given by the local society to the Woman's Missionary Union and their hostesses. Green ferns and palms, fragrant flowers, delicious ices served daintily by beautiful women, making new friends, meeting old ones—all contributed toward making this reception a very, very delightful and one long to be remembered by every woman who was fortunate enough to attend the Troy Convention.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. A. Smith—Hymns, "Take Time To Be Holy," "More Love to Thee O Christ," were sung. Mrs. Stratton led in prayer.

Mrs. Stratton was asked to preside. "An hour with our associational vice-presidents" was spent most pleasantly and profitably discussing such subjects as Quarterly Reports, Literature, Duties of Associational Vice-Presidents, Expense Fund, Country Societies, Better Work, More System, asking and answering questions, giving and receiving aid from one another.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a similar meeting next year.

Howard College Co-Operative Association was given a few minutes.

Mrs. Malone explained that on account of the sickness of Dr. Montague the mass meeting for Tuesday night had to be given up, that Dr. Montague would address the Convention Thursday morning and that he would be followed by an appeal for the furnishing of rooms in Renfroe Hall.

The secretary of the association, Mrs. Frank Edwards of Birmingham, gave a sketch of the association and its work and opened the books for new members.

Twenty societies engaged rooms in Renfroe Hall.

The meeting adjourned to hear the Convention sermon.

It was the general opinion of those who attend the Conventions regularly that while we have had excellent meetings at other places, that the Woman's Meeting at Troy was the very best we have ever had.

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We held services in our new building though we have not yet completed it.

Some Methodists were converted and joined.

Brother, we do not compromise with weak-kneed Baptists or Methodists, or anything else. A Baptist preacher that preaches milk and cider won't last long in this field. We have a membership here of about eighty. I found nineteen when I came here, they hardly knew who or what they were, at least some of them. They are staunch now. We are gaining ground every day.

We have a good Sunday school; prayer meeting every Thursday night, preaching second and fourth Sundays and nights. We want a man like R. M. Hunter to hold a meeting at Carbon Hill. If you know of such a man let me know. Brother Hunter, if you can come and hold meeting for me at Carbon Hill, let me know by private letter what you can come for and when you can come. Please give space for the above.

W. B. Ernest,

Pastor Carbon Hill and Kansas.

A Series of Noteworthy Letters.

University, Ala., May 23, 1903.

My Dear Miss Tutwiler: I am very glad to have the opportunity to say publicly what I have often said and written privately to you and to others, namely, that the Alabama Normal College at Livingston sends each year to the University more students than any other single school in the State—twenty in four years.

Furthermore, that these students have shown the results of most thorough and careful training. I can speak with especial confidence with regard to their preparation in Latin, of which department I am the head. Not one of the students sent to us—according to my recollection, has ever fallen below first-grade in Latin.

Best of all, the conduct of the students who have come to us from your care has been so modest and prudent, and their characters so womanly and refined, that the fears which some of us entertained as to the results of co-education in the University have proved wholly groundless.

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Woman's Missionary Union.

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, was held in the Presbyterian Church of Troy, Tuesday morning at 9:30, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

The previous half hour had been delightfully spent in greeting the messengers from the churches. The pretty little pages were in their places and the young ladies, appropriately called "Willing Workers," were seating the delegates and doing all for their comfort.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls of Ft. Mitchell. All, led by the choir, joined in singing the sweet old songs.

A most gracious and beautiful welcome was extended by Mrs. Josiah Jernegan and gracefully responded to by Mrs. N. A. Barrett of East Lake.

The President's address was earnest and cheering and rang out with the watchword of the year, "Enlargement."

Fifty-six names were enrolled as delegates.

The work of the year was heard in the reports of the secretary, treasurer, State organizer and the associational vice-presidents.

The secretary reported the largest Christmas Offering in the history of the work; forty boxes sent to Frontier Missionaries, valued at \$3,217.71; over seventy new societies organized; fifteen vice-presidents appointed; a State Organizer, given by the Board and doing a great work throughout the State; Alabama's apportionment exceeded by \$895, and the figures for the coming year are:

Foreign Missions	\$3,000
Home Missions	2,500
State Missions	1,200

Total \$6,700

A fine year's work behind us and the prospects for the new are so bright.

The treasurer reported, for the five quarters, beginning with April, 1902, from Societies:

For Foreign Missions.....	\$2,919 29
For Home Missions	2,699 45

Total \$5,618 74

From Bands:

For Foreign Missions	\$ 874 24
For Home Missions	208 30

Total \$1,082 54

Total for Foreign Missions... \$3,793 53

Total for Home Missions.... 2,907 75

Grand Total \$6,701 28

Since beginning the work in October the State Organizer has held eighty-six meetings, and organized forty-three societies. In closing her report Mrs. Hamilton says: "Let me leave this thought with you for reflection and encouragement, in striving for systematic and organized work in our Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama: "Alone we can do little; separate we are the

units of weakness, but aggregated we become batteries of power."

Eleven associational vice-presidents were present and gave account of their stewardship, and eighteen had sent reports by letter. On the whole their reports were most encouraging.

Just here a telegram was received and read aloud:

"The Woman's Missionary Society of Parker Memorial Church sends greeting and cordially invites the Woman's Missionary Union to meet in Anniston next year.

Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Pres."

The President expressed thanks for greeting and invitation, and hoped that the Convention would make it possible for us to accept.

The Committee on Constitution asked to report during the morning session, as Mrs. Stakely had to leave in the afternoon. The order of business was so changed and the report was presented by Mrs. Stakely, chairman. After amendments the Constitution was adopted and a rising vote of thanks given Mrs. Stakely for this excellent Constitution she had given the Union.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Jefferson Beland of Greenville, who read Psalms 33.

A paper on State Missions was given by Mrs. J. T. Brown of Andalusia and a discussion followed.

Mrs. Clara Ansley represented the Orphan's Home, telling of the school, the plans, the work, the dairy, the farm—every incident in the lives of these dear little homeless ones is full of interest and pathos to the women of Alabama. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Ansley presented to the Union the little girl that the Troy ladies had sent the Home many years before.

Mrs. S. A. Smith presented

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

In view of the fact that much of the success and pleasure of our annual gatherings depends upon the good people with whom our Union meets, the manner in which we are received, and the endorsement given; therefore be it Resolved first, That the thanks of the Woman's Missionary Union be extended to the women of Troy for the many courtesies showered upon us, the warm hearted, open handed hospitality, the gracious words of welcome, the faultless preparation for our coming and the prompt aid in the execution of our plans.

Second, That we appreciate the privilege of using the Presbyterian Church, and that the pastor and his members have brought us under many obligations to them for this generous act.

Third, That we wish to thank the choir for music rendered, the beautiful girls who served as ushers and the sweet little pages who so cheerfully waited upon us.

Fourth, That in happy anticipation of the reception to be given by the Bap-

tist ladies of the city for coming events, in this instance, cast not their shadows, but their brightness before—we most heartily thank them for an occasion so delightful where we may mingle and know each other better.

Fifth, That we wish to express our deep love and sympathy for Mrs. Campbell in her great sorrow, and to assure her of our prayers.

Sixth, That we pray the Giver of all to bless every heart and every home. Respectfully submitted,

- Mrs. S. A. Smith,
- Chairman.
- Mrs. R. M. Hunter,
- Mrs. A. L. Harlan,
- Committee.

In the place of Mrs. B. L. Mitchell of Livingston, who was detained on account of sickness, Mrs. Stakely made a talk on Foreign Missions and ended with a plea for the Hakka Home. Pledges were taken which amounted to \$81.50. These gifts should be sent the treasurer as quickly as possible.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

According to the new Constitution the officers of the W. M. U. shall be elected each year by the Union instead of the State Convention, so the chairman appointed a Committee on Nominations and the same officers were elected with the addition of five others, all to be known as the Central Committee.

A plea for Miss Willie Kelly was made by Mrs. J. M. Vernon of Cusseta, and the secretary read extracts from a letter of Miss Kelly's asking for more workers in China. Pledges were taken from twenty-four societies toward Miss Kelly's support, which amounted to \$246. A special prayer that Our Father might spare our missionary from typhoid fever and restore her to health and usefulness was made by Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Smith in behalf of the ladies asked that the secretary send a loving message from the W. M. U.

The secretary read a beautiful letter from Miss Anna B. Hartwell, telling of the conversion of a Chinese woman.

Mrs. Hunter read a paper on Home Missions, which was followed by a discussion of Frontier Boxes and Money.

The I. T. Tichenor Memorial Building Fund was presented by Mrs. D. M. Malone.

A few moments were given to News from Societies, and several responded but of peculiar interest was the report from the Troy Society, written by Mrs. A. B. Campbell.

Mrs. Hamilton, kept away by sickness in her family, was not present to make and report on Sunbeam Band work; but the presence of the lovely little Sunbeams in the audience was a living testimonial of Mrs. Hamilton's good work. (See report on Resolutions.)

The Committee on Apportionment asked for more time to prepare their report as this was the first year an apportionment had been made, consequently not an easy task.

The evening session closed with prayer and the audience repaired to the parlors of the Baptist Church where a reception was being given by the local society to the Woman's Missionary Union and their hostesses. Green ferns and palms, fragrant flowers, delicious ices served daintily by beautiful women, making new friends, meeting old ones—all contributed toward making this reception a very, very delightful and one long to be remembered by every woman who was fortunate enough to attend the Troy Convention.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. A. Smith—Hymns, "Take Time To Be Holy," "More Love to Thee O Christ," were sung. Mrs. Stratton led in prayer.

Mrs. Stratton was asked to preside. "An hour with our associational vice-presidents" was spent most pleasantly and profitably discussing such subjects as Quarterly Reports, Literature, Duties of Associational Vice-Presidents, Expense Fund, Country Societies, Better Work, More System, asking and answering questions, giving and receiving aid from one another.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a similar meeting next year.

Howard College Co-Operative Association was given a few minutes.

Mrs. Malone explained that on account of the sickness of Dr. Montague the mass meeting for Tuesday night had to be given up, that Dr. Montague would address the Convention Thursday morning and that he would be followed by an appeal for the furnishing of rooms in Renfroe Hall.

The secretary of the association, Mrs. Frank Edwards of Birmingham, gave a sketch of the association and its work and opened the books for new members.

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Dear Brethren: I am gratified to report quite an increase in the contributions for the thirteen months of this Convention year.

Our books show for all purposes \$37,851.51, of which \$33,242.07 were for Missions, divided as follows:

State Missions\$13,325 88
Home Missions 7,142 06
Foreign Missions 12,774 13

Adding \$1,064.65, sent direct to the Home Board, and \$4,037.11, sent to the Foreign Board, we have a grand total of \$38,343.83, cash for Missions, which is only \$656.17 short of the \$39,000 we named in the beginning of the year as the amount we would attempt to raise. If we add the \$266.82 cash, sent to the Sunday School Board, and the \$3,217.71 worth of merchandise, our women sent to the Frontier Missionaries, we have a grand total for the year of \$41,828.36, or \$2,828.36 beyond the figures we fixed for the year.

When the Convention met in Tuscaloosa, Nov. 13, 1900, the cash contributions for missions were \$20,790.30. A year later, at Brewton, they were \$27,494.82. (The next year was only seven and a half months.) So that we have gone beyond the contributions of 1900, \$17,553.53 and beyond those of 1901, \$10,849.01; however, we should bear in mind this year embraces thirteen months. With such an encouraging showing we certainly should "thank God and take courage."

There is but one discouraging feature: we are due our missionaries about \$1,000. With the enlargement of the work, we should congratulate ourselves that the indebtedness is so small. We try to settle with the missionaries every quarter. We are not always able to do this, but the brethren understand that the amount due is certain and they are patient, though many times they are much inconvenienced by the delay.

Brethren sometimes suggest that the Board should go to the bank and borrow the money and settle every month. In order to do this it would be necessary for the individual members to sign obligations at the bank, as the Board is not incorporated. This they have cheerfully done at times; but it should not be expected of them.

I believe we can safely take a step forward and put the figures at \$46,000 for another year. The amount would be prorated as follows:

For State Missions\$14,000
For Home Missions 14,000
For Foreign Missions 18,000

This is an increase over last year of \$7,000.

OUR WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Holds a key to an important situation. They are reaching the women and children of our churches. When these are aroused to interest, a mighty force is put in motion for Christ's cause.

The Board never did a wiser thing than when Mrs. T. A. Hamilton was employed as a State Organizer. She is a lady after the old Southern type; gifted in conversation and with her pen and, best of all, with a heart full of sympathy for the cause she represents and a life trained to consecrated missionary labor. The pastors of the State need only to have her with the women and children of their churches one time, to be enthusiastic in her support. She addresses no mixed assemblies and takes no collections—two things which

seem most to be dreaded by many of the brethren.

The Woman's Committee have secured vice-presidents in about forty of the Associations. Their aim is to reach every church through correspondence and personal efforts. The vice-presidents, like the members of the Central Committee, give their time and labor without fee or reward, but they ought not to be expected to pay for stationery and postage. The Board, by an appropriation, provides for the expenses of the Central Committee but no provision has been made for the \$5 or more per annum for the vice-presidents. I am going to ask some brother in each Association to make it his business to see that the vice-president be relieved of this expense. I look for great things to come from the prudent, modest women, who are so quietly and beautifully pressing this work.

THE HOWARD FUND.

The Convention recommended that collections be taken for Howard College by the churches. The committee settled upon the month of November to make the appeal and the trustees asked your secretary to take charge and press the campaign. This he did with all his might. While some small amounts, that might have otherwise come to missions, doubtless went to the college, I do not believe the mission funds were much impaired.

My interest in the welfare of the College prompts me to suggest that the Convention make the month of November College Month before the churches of the whole State. The prosperity of our schools means the prosperity of the whole denomination. If we can get it once established in the minds of the pastors that one month be given solely for that purpose, the churches will give a snug sum in this way, without impairing in the least our contributions for missions. But it ought to be understood, it should not go beyond that month and, after a year or two, the fund thus raised should be divided among our schools.

THE EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

I have never figured on until last year. I knew I was not wasting the Board's money and I felt sure the people who gave it were not complaining. But it came to my ears that some reckless statements were in circulation about the expense account. I took the time to figure on it and issued a tract on "The Per Cent. of Expense."

The following statement I found in the Foreign Mission Board's report, as published in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1902, on page 63: "The current expenses for the work do not vary much. By reference to the Treasurer's account any one can see just what they are. A simple calculation will show that it takes less than eight cents on the dollar for all expenses of the Board in Richmond, including interest on borrowed money, expenses of Missionary Day and Woman's Missionary Union. Besides this, the State expenses for collecting averages less than five cents on the dollar, making in all about twelve and a half cents on the dollar used for expenses, in the home land, and over eighty-seven cents sent to the missionaries."

I got from the office of the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board the following statement:

"All items of expense including actual expenses of administration as well as all other items compared with all net cash receipts:

"All net cash receipts for the year were \$99,376.

"All expenses of every character, not including interest on borrowed money, were \$11,729.

"Which was 12 1-2 per cent. of the amount of cash received during the year."

Figuring on the business of my office, as reported at Decatur Convention, only seven and a half months, I found the per cent. 12.5; on the Brewton Convention, a full twelve months, 9.3 per cent.

The results of this publication were just as I expected; the parties complaining were not satisfied. I never expect to see the day when fault will not be found with our methods. Some of these complaints will be just and ought to lead to improved methods; but many of them will be mere fault-finding from persons, who, for one cause or another, are opposers.

Cutting down expenses often means a cutting down of efficiency; on the other hand, increasing expenses generally means increasing efficiency. Here is a case in point: You are paying a very good salary to a most efficient stenographer and book-keeper. She thoroughly understands the business of the office, loves the cause of missions and is conversant with the work of the denomination in the State. The secretary has given more time to travel than in any other year of the Board's history; this he could not have done if the help in the office had been less efficient. This is an illustration of the wisdom of spending money, where it is deemed necessary. There has been more printing done and more letters and circulars sent out than ever before. This accounts largely for the increase in the postage account.

THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD.

Indeed, all the mineral regions, presents, for our study, problems which are most serious. The rapid development and growth thereabouts, of everything material, makes it a great whirlpool, which draws people of all sorts from every quarter. Unless Christians bestir themselves and set in motion influences for good to save the people, the whole State will be flooded with evil influences from that center. Baptists in that section have a great responsibility resting upon them and they should have the sympathy and earnest co-operation of their brethren in other portions of the State.

THE SOUTHERN AND ALABAMA BAPTIST

Continues to favor the secretary and Board by cheerfully furnishing unlimited space for our use. I am always glad to serve the paper by advocating its claims before the churches and Associations, as I travel.

For years the receipts of the Board were published monthly in the paper; but it involves so much labor and requires so much of the valuable space of the paper, I have discontinued it for a year. Some have complained at this; but I believe the mass of contributors do not object. However, I am ready to resume it, if it is thought best.

THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS

In Alabama is distressingly large. With a membership of 140,720, we have eighty-one Associations. Georgia, with her 202,724, has the same number. Kentucky, with her 199,519, has 72; Missouri, with 154,433, has 78; North Carolina, with 177,835, has 57; Tennessee,

with 137,850, has 52; and Virginia, with 124,028, has only 24. A movement has set in, in favor of County Associations. Could that idea obtain, we would have only 67; but this movement has tended thus far to increase, rather than diminish the number. This is a matter, however, that will regulate itself without pressure from the outside. Probably the time of meeting is a more serious question. This year we have in July 1, August 2, in September 2, in October 45 and in November 2. As many as eight or ten are often holding at the same time, and frequently these will be adjoining Association.

The Associational period is a most important one. It is the only chance in all the year when opportunity is had for putting before the representatives of the church all the subjects of the denomination. I usually try to have the Mission Cause properly represented, but many times it is not possible to secure the services of busy pastors.

The secretary, or any brother representing him, is received gladly at almost any Association. I don't believe there are half a dozen so out of harmony that they do not wish to have representative men present at their sessions, and these are very small, insignificant bodies.

With this report, I hand you a summary of mission work and the financial statement, properly audited.

I am grateful to the Kind Hand that has led me and protected me through these thirteen months of arduous labor, and to you brethren, who have so cheerfully helped and to the great brotherhood in all the State, whose doors were wide open, to receive the servant of the Master, and whose hands were ready to minister to his wants.

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1:30. Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. E. Cannon.

2:00. Organization and hearing reports on programme.

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First subject for discussion: "Who was the elect from the foundation of the world? Discussion led by J. L. Morgan.

3:00. Second subject: "What is the Church and What are the Distinctive Marks by which it can be identified?" Led by Rev. P. J. Corley.

SATURDAY.

8:30. Devotional exercises led by Rev. W. H. Johnson.

9:00. Third subject: "What is Loyalty and Has the Church the Right to Enforce It?" Discussed by P. F. Parker.

10:00. Fourth subject: "Has the Church a Scriptural Right to Retain Members Who Oppose Mission Work?" Led by H. J. Phillips.

11:00. Fifth subject: "Our Apportionment for Missions," by Rev. W. J. Wright.

1:30. Sixth subject: "What is a Sunday School?" by Frank Kennamer.

2:00. Seventh subject: "Has Teachers an Official Position in the Church?" Led by Rev. T. J. Weaver.

2:30. Eighth subject: "If God Has Set Teachers in the Church What Must They Teach?" Led by Rev. J. A. Oden.

3:00. General business.

SUNDAY.

8:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Bagwell.

9:00. A model Sunday School Lesson by Bethel school.

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11:00. Missionary Sermon by Rev. P. J. Corley.

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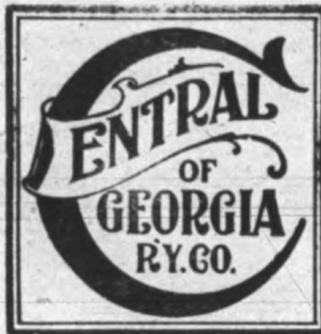
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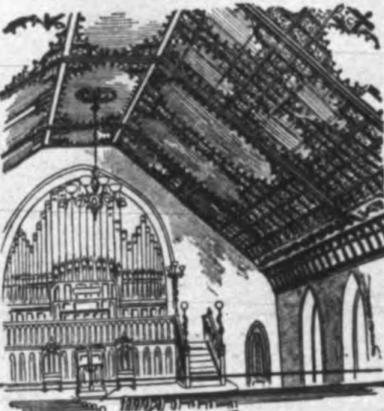
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And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and remains due and unpaid.

Therefore, I, A. R. Dearborn, mortgagee aforesaid, will on, to-wit, Saturday, 5th day of September, 1903, in front of the court house door of Jefferson County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

A lot in "McDaniel's Addition" to city of Birmingham, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, being part of lots 3 and 4 in block 3 of said Addition, bound as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of the intersection of Bell Avenue and Center Street, thence south 127 1/2 feet to an alley; thence east 46 feet along said alley; thence north 127 1/2 feet to Bell Avenue; thence west 46 feet along Bell Avenue to point of beginning; lying in the southwest quarter of southwest quarter of Section 26, township 17, Range 3, west.

Said sale made to satisfy said mortgage. Dated this the 23d day of July, 1903.

A. R. Dearborn, Mortgagee.

D. J. Ponceller, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed to B. M. Allen, the undersigned mortgagee, by W. S. Streitz, on to-wit, the 21st day of March 1901, which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Volume 145, Page 280, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, I, B. M. Allen, mortgagee aforesaid, will, on to-wit, the 15th day of August, 1903, in front of the court house door in Jefferson County, Ala., offer for sale the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number seven in block number one beginning fifty feet east of the southeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Fifth Street, running east fifty feet along Fourth Avenue; thence south one hundred and twenty feet to an alley; thence north one hundred and twenty feet to point of beginning.

Also lot number three in block number two, beginning one hundred feet west of the southwest corner of Fourth Avenue and Fifth Street, running west along Fourth Avenue fifty feet; thence south one hundred and twenty feet to point of beginning; all situated in Pleasant Valley Land and Manufacturing Company's Enterprise tract as surveyed and recorded in the town of Powderly, Alabama; all in Jefferson County, Alabama.

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He was well educated and chose as his profession the practice of medicine. Soon moved to Montgomery county, Ala., where he, with success and distinction, prosecuted the duties of his chosen profession.

He was married to Miss Marium G. Mooney of Montgomery county, Ala. This happy union was blessed with three children, Mrs. Robt. Miles, deceased, Geo. D., a prominent business man of Birmingham, and Mrs. Alice McCrary also of Birmingham.

But this sacred band was severed in 1873 by the death of Mrs. Garrard. Dr. Garrard was connected with some of the most prominent families of the South.

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His death seems to us a great loss, though at this ripe age. But when we remember it was the close of a life full of years and honor. The closing out of a life that has been lived to its full. All its promises have been proven, its cups of mingled joy and sorrow been drunk.

Like the weary traveler nearing his journey's end, death comes, as in this case, as a messenger of welcome tidings with a smile of love, and the light of peace and rest upon his face, he falls asleep in Jesus, and we say, "Thy will be done." L. M. Bradly.

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Resolved, That we thank God that He enabled our brother to glorify Him by a sweet consecrated Christian life, setting an example of patience, fortitude and Christian resignation worthy of our emulation.

Second, That his beautiful life, so full of devotion to his family, so zealous in good deeds and kind words will be sadly missed.

Third, That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, trusting their lives may be moulded after his example, and when called from earth may unite an unbroken household in the beautiful home of the soul.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family with our prayerful sympathy, trusting that "He who doeth all things well" may not leave them comfortless, and a copy be spread on our minutes and furnished the News-Dispatch and Alabama Baptist for publication.

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