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FRIDAY, MAY 13.

President J. P. Eagle, of Arkansas, called the Forty-ninth Session of the Convention to order at 10 o'clock. About 3,000 delegates and visitors were in attendance.

Ex-Governor W. J. Northen, of Georgia, delivered the opening prayer.

Dr. S. H. Ford, editor of the Christian Repository, of St. Louis, gave a Scriptural reading from John xvii. Dr. Ford accompanied his reading with explanatory remarks. He is 86 years of age, and one of the oldest delegates on the floor. He concluded his reading with a prayer for God's presence in the convention.

"O Happy Day was then sung, after which the Secretary, Dr. Lansing Burrows called the roll by States, giving the number of seats each State and territory was entitled to and the delegates actually present.

When the roll was called it was found that Tennessee's list of messengers had not been reported. The reason for this delay was that an overplus of messengers and the convention requires that such matters as this be settled by the respective delegations. While waiting for Tennessee to report, Dr. T. T. Eastman of Louisville, asked permission for Mr. John Ferguson, of Colombo, Ceylon, to address the Convention. Mr. Ferguson, he said, was an earnest Baptist, and had come 10,000 miles to meet the Baptist brethren of America. Mr. Ferguson gave a brief account of his leaving Scotland for Ceylon forty-two years ago. Then he spoke entertainingly of the beauties of the Island of Ceylon and told of its wonderful resources. He said Ceylon had a splendid exhibit at St. Louis. Mr. Ferguson spoke of the wonderful possibilities for mission work in Asia. He especially emphasized the importance of female education.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, dean of the Louisville Baptist Seminary, nominated Ex-Gov. Eagle for re-election.

Dr. E. W. Stephens, First Vice President, took the chair.

Dr. R. B. Buckner seconded Governor Eagle's nomination, and moved that the Secretaries be instructed to cast the vote of the Convention. Carried and Governor Eagle was declared unanimously elected.

In accepting, President Eagle said:

"I am deeply grateful for the honor done me. I regard it as the highest honor that could be accorded any man to preside over this body. I believe, as has been said, that this is the greatest religious body on earth. Why, then, is not the honor accorded me the greatest possible.

"But I do not consider it best for

one man to be continued in such an office too long. Therefore, I want you to know that hereafter I shall not consent to accept the Presidency if it is offered to me again.

"Let us all strive for order. Let us be dignified. Let us do and say what we should."

On motion, Dr. Eaton was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Secretaries. He declared Dr. Lansing Burrows and Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Montgomery, re-elected.

George W. Norton, of Louisville was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and William P. Harvey, Auditor.

DR. BURROWS TALKS.

While waiting for the report of the committee on the election of Vice Presidents, Secretary Burrows addressed the meeting. He said in part:

"We are endeavoring to conduct this session of the Convention upon a different plan than has been pursued heretofore. We recognize that there is no power, secular or ecclesiastical that can secure the aid of Baptists in a line not approved by themselves. That accounts for the fact that we are assembled in an undecorated room with no chorus choir and making no pretenses, except to ward comfort of the delegates. We have succeeded in policing the building and have thus maintained order in the lobbies. We have a Governor who is a man of large oratorical powers; we have a mayor with glibness of speech; we have leading laymen to whom we frequently listen, and who could have given you an address of welcome, but we have not asked them to deliver such addresses, because we knew that you were men and women of ordinary and common sense, you would know that as soon as you entered the blue grass region that you were welcome."

Dr. Burrows then explained the arrangements the committee had made for the comfort and convenience of the delegates. He said further:

"We have made some forward steps toward civic reform in this city during the past year. We have seen gambling and Sunday tipping dethroned, but brethren, the throne is vacant. We want to see it occupied by Jesus Christ."

He said: "We are so glad to have you with us that we are shaking hands with ourselves."

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

Rev. R. T. Bryan, of Shanghai, China, was called upon to respond to Dr. Burrows' words of welcome. He said it was not appropriate for him to make the response, because, as a missionary, he regarded wherever he might be as his home. He said that Dr. Burrows was right in saying that it was not ne-

cessary to tell the Southern Baptist Convention that it was welcome, for every member knew from experience that he was welcome. He accepted the welcome extended by Dr. Burrows in words of appropriateness and eloquence.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell of Richmond, Va., presented the following memorial from the Virginia Association on the negro question:

"Granting that the negro problem is insoluble, it remains true that the present situation can be aggravated and that it can be bettered. Radical opinions which inflame violent passion are unquestionably doing harm. It is equally clear that conservative counsels and certain practical measures, prompted by the spirit of Christ, can do good. In this crisis the position of the white Baptists of the South is unique and strategic. (1) Of those among the negroes professing Christianity doubtless a majority belong to the Baptist Denomination. (2) The further fact that it has been our uniform policy as a denomination to help the colored people morally and religiously makes more easy our access to their confidence and cooperation. (3) Religion is the only force without a handicap in its attempts to uplift the negro. If the politician touches the race issue the question of political supremacy of the whites is immediately raised. If the educator enters the field the suspicion of social equality arises at once. And if the economist deals with the negro problem the menace of industrial competition is sprung. The Church of Jesus Christ, alone among all agencies, neither excites prejudices nor encounters a doubt as to its bounden duty to make more moral these millions of colored people dwelling in the midst of us and affecting our every interest. Here is a supreme task—we had almost said a supreme test—for our religion.

"Resolved, therefore, that the General Association of Virginia Baptists at Staunton bring to the attention of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville the advisability of appointing a committee of the wisest and most conservative men among us to study the whole situation, religious welfare of the negroes of the South, and that the said committee report at the following annual meeting of the Convention."

The committee to carry to the Convention this resolution for the appointment of a commission to study and report upon the practical approaches to the religious betterment of the negroes consists of the following brethren: S. C. Mitchell, W. R. L. Smith, R. H. Pitt, W. L. Pickard, R. B. Garrett, E. W. Winfrey, J. M. Thomas, A. B. Woodfin, B. C. Hennig, George Braxton Taylor and J. B. Hawthorne. We feel sure that the Convention at Nash-

ville will give due consideration to this matter, which is potent for good to the whole Southland.

In addressing itself to this enlarged work for the religious improvement of the negroes, the denomination will do well to summon to its counsel the wisest and most conservative men among us. By means of such a commission we can "be sure we are right, and then go ahead." It will, too, be an incomparable advantage for the Home Mission Board—for we take for granted that whatever additional work for the negroes is undertaken by us will be done through the agency of that Board, in whose province it rightfully lies—thus to buttress itself in this large enterprise by the assembled wisdom and united support of the denomination. In committing itself wholeheartedly to missionary work for the blacks the Home Board will naturally desire the suggestion and active co-operation of our most judicious brethren, representing the various sections of the South. Any progressive step demands such statesmanlike referendum to the will and wisdom of the whole constituency. This action has been warily seconded by representative bodies of Baptists in other States.

Dr. A. J. Barton of Arkansas moved that the memorial be referred to the committee hereafter to be appointed on work among the colored people. This was adopted.

(We give elsewhere extracts from the report of the Sunday School Board which came up on Friday afternoon.)

EVENING SESSION.

The annual convention sermon was delivered by Dr. W. W. Landrum, President of the Home Mission Board and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

THE ANNUAL SERMON.

Dr. Landrum's text was John i, 9: "That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Before beginning his sermon Dr. Landrum referred to the night being the thirtieth anniversary of the time when he was ordained a minister, the ceremony having taken place at the convention at Jefferson, Tex., thirty years ago.

Dr. Landrum asked the unanimous consent of the convention to present an applicant for the position of missionary to the deaf mutes of Havana, Cuba. Consent was given and Miss Myrtle Morris was presented to the convention. This is the first case of the kind in the history of the convention.

CHANGE OF NAME.

The convention proceeded to a consideration of a resolution offered at the last session, changing the name of the organization to "the Baptist Convention of the United States." The reso-

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CORRESPONDENCE

Gulf of Mexico.

About the first of April I left Birmingham, going through the country visiting various points of interest. My wife joined me at Pineapple. We arrived in Pensacola in time to attend the funeral resulting from the explosion on the Missouri. Thirty-two of the men were killed. As we steamed down the bay the captain took us round about all the battleships, about twenty in number. Launches from all the battleships were gathered around the Missouri and her decks were crowded with soldiers attending the funeral services. Services ended, everything fell in line and steamed to the navy yard. The occasion was one of gravest solemnity. Next day, in company with a party from Birmingham, my wife and I visited Santa Rosa Island. We were safely landed on the island and walking over a little rise from the bay, we had full view of the Gulf of Mexico, one of the greatest bodies of water in the world. We could see the target practice of the battleships. As we looked at the beautiful blue waves lashing the shore our hearts were filled with delight. While in Pensacola, we stopped with Mrs. Dora Donaldson, 226 North Alcaniz Street, right near depot. She is a good Baptist woman and sister of Hon. A. F. Brooks, Brewton, Ala. We invite our friends and the public to consider the Donaldson house among the best in the city.

We sailed over to Garcon Point to the hospitable home of Mr. A. F. Johnson. Here we fished and bathed. Beautiful home on a delightful bay in full view of Pensacola.

We passed through Milton, Florida. We soon found ourselves at Atmore, and Bay Minette, where we met the pastor, Brother McRae. He is doing a good work and no wonder, with such a helper as his lovely wife. My wife left me here for Mobile and I swung around to Brewton. On my return to Flomaton I met one of the best of preachers, A. B. Metcalf. He threw his net around me and has me with him here. One of the most interesting points visited is our orphanage, Evergreen. I bless God for such an institution, conducted by such men and women. The children are perfectly at home, growing up into beautiful Christian lives. The coast country in Alabama and West Florida is coming to the front. Thousands and thousands of acres of beautiful level land being fast settled. Much of it is being sold at \$5 to \$35 per acre.

G. E. Mize.

East Lake, Ala.

From Bro. Briscoe.

"I'm once more back in the 'Old State.' For the last eighteen months I have been at Leaksville, Miss. Now I rejoice that the Lord has opened a door for my return back to Alabama with her plans of work. You remember that Butler is one of the two county seats in the State in which there is no Baptist Church, hence Bro. Crumpton suggested that as I wanted to come

back to you all again that I might see what could be done at Butler.

"I came, I saw," and I'm praying that through the merits of my Captain, I may conquer. We expect to organize soon here with an ordinary number of Baptists who have not yet bowed their knee to Baal. Through the courtesy of Brothers I. N. Langston, who gave up to me Pushmataha Church and Bro. T. E. Tucker, who gave up to me Womack Hill, I have a very nice field, and my folks are very good to me. You remember this Bigbee Association has given us some good men and there are yet diamonds in the rough that only need development. I hail with proud delight the marked improvement in our paper and anticipate that the near future will show it equal to any other Baptist paper in the South. With earnest co-operation for the world's evangelization; I am

M. Briscoe.

Butler, Ala.

Florida.

I have now four churches and four mission stations, which keeps me and "Old Wonder" (my horse) busy, pulling through the deep sand to reach my appointments. The people are social and spiritually inclined. They treat us well, and seem to enjoy our company and preaching.

Crops are looking well, although this has been an unusually dry spring. People are planting a great deal of sea island cotton. They got from 20c to 30c for their cotton last year. They averaged about one-half bale to the acre.

Fishing.—The farmers never get too busy to go fishing. By the way, I went yesterday to the Santa Fee River and spent the day with a brother. The result, we had all the fish we could eat for breakfast this morning. Myself and family are enjoying first rate health, but we are getting a little yellor. But everything has the "yallors" in Florida. The earth, the vegetation, the creeks, rivers and lakes, fish and everything is yellow, but just as good all the same. Our wells are pure white water. The yellow is only skin deep and we are all white folks at last, except a few colored folks in our county, Bradford, who are behaving very well.

Politics are running very high just now. The primary comes off the 10th. The entire ticket is to elect from United States Senator down to constable.

Wishing you and the Alabama Baptist and its many readers a good time, and a great revival of "good old time religion" this year, I remain

D. L. James.

Providence, Fla.

From Lawley.

Our service Saturday was largely attended. The text, Mat. v, 48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." The sermon and illustrations were so well suited to the purpose of causing the young as well as the old to become stronger in the Lord, and the many encouraging

remarks brought to us by our pastor Dr. P. G. Maness, in regard to what was said at the Educational Association at Birmingham joined with such a true, interesting and practical sermon, has surely made lasting impressions on many hearts. May we as members of Rehoboth Church strive to get nearer and nearer the line of perfection in the future than we have in the past. Let us ask ourselves the question, do I Life, thou hast so many, many calls, Do I help to lighten some one's care; Do I neglect some duty small? Do I keep some weaker one from despair; Do I bestow kind word now and then; To show the love I have for them, Before the breach becomes too great, Do I some word of forgiveness speak Do I merely love those that love me in return; Do I allow angry passions to burn; Against those ignorant of the words: "Vengeance is mine," saith the Lord. Do I pass some ragged urchin by, Without a smile and a question why; Do I remember childhood's day; How I pondered over what people would do and say; Do I strive some duty to perform, Leaving selfishness all forlorn; Am I ready, each day and hour, To overcome Satan's power; Do I teach others as, and live Something to remember, something to forgive.

Celestia Dunlap.

Memorial Fountain.

A resolution has been passed by the Board of Aldermen and Mayor of the City of Talladega to erect a memorial fountain to Hon. Joseph B. Graham, who was killed in a railroad accident at Talladega, July 6th, 1903. The resolution was so amended as to permit voluntary personal subscriptions supplementary to the appropriation of the city from personal friends and admirers of the deceased. I feel sure that there are many friends of our beloved Graham among Alabama Baptists as elsewhere who would like to have the privilege of putting some amount into this memorial to one who wrought so nobly amongst us for the cause of God and humanity. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may send it to Mr. L. J. Wright, Talladega, Alabama, who is secretary of the committee.

Fraternaly,

Thos. M. Calloway.

Talladega, Ala., May 3, 1904.

Some Thoughts.

I was greatly impressed with the advantage that some of our pastors have over others, when I dropped in on the pastors' conference in Birmingham in March. As I looked at that body of Christ's anointed ones, and listened at them as they discussed their work, and plans relative to the advancement of our Master's Kingdom, I was made to exclaim within myself, "Oh, what opportunities these men have over we country pastors for doing good. Here they are closely related to each other, can meet for mutual good, can come to the help of one another, and in many ways assist in pressing the much need-

ed work for our Christ. While in the country there is not the chance for mutual conference. Only occasionally can we meet and discuss our work and then another very grave factor with which we meet and cope single handed is the disorganizer, who in our absence can do so much hurt to the work of the church and the organized forces. Now I think that these city pastors could be of untold help to the country pastor with their advantage. They could lend a helping hand by visiting in some rural districts, and impress upon our country Baptists that they are not forgotten and thus forge another link in the chain that binds us together in bonds of brotherly love, and thus I make a plea for a closer oneness between the country and city and their respective workers. It is a lamentable fact that there seems to be a widening difference between city and country. This should not be, but there should exist the closest relation between them. Now, Brother Barnett, I am not quarreling, but these are some thoughts and a word to the wise is sufficient. [Who of my brethren will begin this good work in North Alabama by coming to the fifth Sunday meeting at Bear Creek in May? Come, my brethren, as many as will, do not be afraid that you will overdo the thing. A special invitation to the editor. Drop me a card if you will come and you will be met with conveyance at Bear Creek.

W. M. Olive.

Hamilton, Ala., May 4, 1904.

From Huntsville.

Baptistically, Huntsville is beyond where she has ever before attained. We now have four organized churches with pastors and preaching every Lord's day and fairly good Sabbath schools in each besides the mission school conducted by the Dallas Avenue Church at the Dallas Mills.

Pastor Murray of the First Church, in the way of contributions, have exceeded any previous year, but still they will reach out for greater achievements.

The Dallas Avenue Church has recently elected as deacons Brethren J. C. Stoner, S. E. McGehee, R. L. Sparkman and J. W. Riddle. At the ordination the writer was made chairman. Rev. H. E. Rice examined the deacons elect, Rev. W. H. Connell delivered the charge and Rev. J. W. Wilson delivered the prayer. Brother William McKenzie acted as clerk. At the business meeting last Wednesday evening Brethren Leonard Pierce, Urbie Swain and Alex Atkins were elected ushers and Brethren W. T. Giles, Emmett Schumsher and Alex Atkins were elected to take up the church's collections. The church also decided to bear the expense of Pastor Rice to the Southern Baptist convention. Since Rev. H. E. Rice has performed the marriage ceremony for most of the available young couples in this section several have been recently imported from Tennessee. Since the first of last September he has officiated at more than forty marriages. The Dallas Avenue Church has decided to hold its series of meetings in the early part of June and invited Rev.

W. W. Lee, a former pastor, to do the preaching.

Brother W. H. Connell has just closed a two weeks' meeting at the Merrimack. Brethren W. M. Murray and H. E. Rice did the preaching. Some dozen or more accessions to the church will be the result.

North Huntsville, Lowe Mills and the Mammoth Dallas Mills all need a Baptist church yet. At the last named there are more than three thousand people. The responsibility is upon us. The question is, how shall we meet it?

Now, Brother Editor, next to the subject of evangelization the important one of education should engage our people's most earnest attention. You have a splendid opportunity to aid in urging a more general diffusion of information among the masses, not only through the columns of your widely circulated paper, but as you go this summer and fall from Association to Association in the rural districts to appeal to the people of our State to give the poor white boys and girls a better chance to cultivate their minds and prepare themselves to occupy higher stations in life, and show the towns and cities how that by local taxation they can make it possible to have the very best school facilities, thus enabling the aspiring young men and young women to equip themselves for any position, however important in church or state. Now will you not join the patriotic and philanthropic in this important work?

R. E. Pettus.

Some Union Springs Notes.

We have just closed a series of meetings running through two weeks. Bro. Jester, of Bainbridge, Ga., did the preaching and we have never heard more earnest and straight-forward sermons. He did not preach to please, yet all who heard him were delighted. But better than the pleasure of hearing him was the desire the sermons created to put into practice the plain truth taught. Our people have been greatly benefited by the meetings, and the community will feel the influence of them.

The twelfth of April was the second anniversary of my pastorate here. For the most part these have been happy years of labor, and I feel a sense of profound gratification when I consider what has been accomplished. We have had a substantial net increase in membership, and I think a like growth in grace. Advance in financial lines has been marked. From about \$250.00 contributed to missions in 1901 we advanced to \$926.00 contributed last year. Besides this increase in mission lines we have spent nearly \$11,000 upon our house of worship, improving, enlarging and beautifying it until we now have one of the best church buildings in the State. The Baptist Church with its ample lot is now one of the most valuable pieces of property in Union Springs and being situated hard by the business center of the town it occupies an advantageous position.

We have an excellent people, generous to the poor, charitable toward each other, cordial to strangers, ready to respond to the appeal of every good cause and with all considerate of their pastor.

My work among them has been a "labor of love," and to God first, then to them belongs all the glory for what has been accomplished.

A. J. Moncrief.

College Commencements.

Judson College sixty sixth annual commencement, May 22nd, to 26th, 1904, Marion, Alabama:

PROGRAM.

Sunday, May 22nd, sermon morning and evening. The Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., Nashville, Tenn. Monday, May 23rd, 9:00 a. m. to 12:00, art exhibition. 8:00 p. m., elocution recital. Tuesday, May 24th, 10:00 a. m., annual meeting of Alumni Society. 8:00 p. m. annual concert. Wednesday, May 25th, 8 p. m., class exercises. Thursday, May 26th, 8 p. m., graduating exercises; address by the Rev. Charles A. Stakely, D. D., Montgomery Ala.

GRADUATES.

Class Roll, Officers: Anne Stakely, President; Kathleen Davie, V. P.; Marietta Mayer Aldridge, Historian; Flora Shahan, Sec.; Jessye Wilson, Prophet; Ada Lucile Barnes, Treas.; Mary Sue McBryde, Poet; Bessie Marie Bailey, Ista Lena Bartlett, Ethel Beatrice Bennett, Eunice Davie, Willie Pitts Felts, Mary Eugenia Foster, Augusta Gregory, Irene Roberta Kling, Winnie Belle Lee, Allie Lett, Lollage Longshore, Lola Manley, Daisy Mitchell, Mary Amelia Moore, Jennie Stratton Paullin, Mary Ella Pollard, Bernice Sheffield, Lillian May Swink, Mary Evelyn Watson, Ruby White. Music, piano-forte, Minnie Ward; voice, Sue Cowan, Minnie Ward. Elocution, Aline Meadows. Art, Mary McGuire.

Thirty second anniversary, 1872-1904, The Faculty and Graduating Class of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute request your presence at the Annual Commencement, June 5th, 1904.

The Faculty and the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Four of the Anniston College for young ladies request the presence of yourself and friends at the Annual Commencement, Wednesday morning, June 1st, at 10 o'clock, College Auditorium, Anniston, Ala.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

Sunday, May 22, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Dr. J. L. Gross, of Selma; 8 p. m., sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of Howard College, Rev. J. A. Hendricks, of Pratt City. Monday, May 23, 10 a. m., Sophomore declamations; 3 p. m., Battalion and Company prize Drill; 8 p. m., Address before the Literary Societies, Gov. R. M. Cunningham. Tuesday, May 24, 10 a. m., Junior Orations; 3 to 6 p. m., reception by ladies of the Howard College Co-Operative Association; 8 p. m., Alumni Banquet in Renfro Hall. Wednesday, May 25, 10 a. m., Graduating Exercises; Addresses by Juniors.

The Religious Herald proposes that the Southern Baptist Convention and the Northern Anniversaries hold their sessions of 1905 conjointly in Washington, D. C., to prepare for the Pan-Baptist Conference to be held in London.—Baptist and Reflector.

Honor Roll Howard College.

For six weeks ending April 26, 1904: J. H. Aikins, J. J. Beeson, J. F. Brock, P. P. Burnes, J. O. Colley, A. J. Cook, C. C. Crossland, C. S. Davis, J. K. Day, O. C. Dobbs, S. H. Doss, N. E. Glover, H. Grant, A. J. Gross, T. A. Gunn, E. M. Haggard, W. S. Hendrix, J. N. Jester, S. T. Jones, H. J. Martin, C. McCord, J. T. McKee, H. C. Montague, K. L. Oakley, W. T. O'Hara, F. M. Payne, F. P. Rausenberg, L. T. Reeves, J. H. Sams, A. L. Smith, G. W. Smith, T. M. Smith, H. H. Sumner, T. J. Thompson, J. N. Vandever, J. T. S. Wade, Jr., Will Weissinger, W. O. Wood, R. H. Wood, W. D. Wylie.

Highest average made by L. T. Reeves, 99.3. Second highest by C. O. Crossland, 99.

E. P. Hogan, Chair Faculty,
J. D. Dickson, Post. Adjt.

A GOOD MEETING.

Alabama Baptist: We have just closed a meeting of sixteen days at Oxanna Church. The meeting was not announced until the day before it began and then just announced in the daily paper. We had been seeing the harvest ripening for some months and as soon as we heard the Lord say enter into the work we did so. The pastor did the preaching except one sermon preached by Rev. Higdan of Tallapoosa, Ga., who happened in with us. I have for some time thought we needed a meeting carried on by church and pastor, some others were of the same opinion. Many have said it was the best meeting ever held here. The greatest good was accomplished by way of stirring up and strengthening the Christian. Unusual interest was manifested in various ways, as by regular and prompt attendance; earnest attention, personal work and expression. We had no dull service, but all quiet. There were about eight professions, ten abcessions, six of them by baptism, all from 13 to 16 years of age. I believe there will yet be other professions soon, as a result of the meeting, for I never saw a more general interest among the unsaved.

I hear they are having good meetings at First Church, where Brother Ivey is helping Bro. Spinks. A. A. Hutto.

Brigham H. Roberts, a witness in the Smoot case, declined to give the character of the oath a Mormon official has to take to have the support of the Church for political office. Roberts admitted he once failed of election to Congress because the Church failed to recognize his candidacy. He said he was still living with three wives and considered himself morally bound to do so. He kept his third marriage a secret from his other wives.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 4.—The seventy-third annual council of the diocese of Alabama convened here today, and will be in session throughout the week. The council sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Blacklock, of Anniston, and the annual address was delivered by Bishop Charles M. Beckwith. The meeting is the largest in the history of the council, every clergyman of the church in the State, excepting two, being present.

Sunday School Board.

The 13th annual report of the Sunday School Board has the ring of victory. We give extracts.

We celebrate the Convention's coming to Nashville with the announcement that the Board's receipts this year have passed the hundred-thousand-dollar mark. The advance in some respects is the greatest of any one year in its history—the receipts exceeding last year nearly twelve thousand dollars, giving a grand total of \$109,782.76. The increase is normal and healthy, showing most at the two vital points of the Board's finances, viz, the periodical circulation and the Bible Fund, which this year passed the five-thousand-dollar mark, giving a total of \$5,323.76.

Out of the year's earnings the Reserve Fund has been again increased by the addition of more than ten thousand dollars, while five or six thousand dollars have been expended for improvements in the new building and for necessary equipment, including an extra large fire-proof safe; and the appropriations for denominational work for the year amounts to over twenty-one thousand dollars, including one thousand dollars to the Foreign Board for Bible and colportage work on the foreign field.

The Southern Baptist Convention became a publisher more than forty years ago, when its former Sunday School Board began the issue of "Kind Words," under the leadership of Basil Manly, Jr., as President, and John A. Broadus as Corresponding Secretary. Much of that former movement passed away under the stress of the times, but "Kind Words" remained as a growing power under the control of the Home Mission Board, and became the nucleus of a complete series of Sunday School Helps; and still remains to this day, having never missed a single issue during all the years, and is now an ornament and mighty factor in our denominational literature.

In 1891, thirteen years ago, the Convention in session at Birmingham enlarged and gave new emphasis to its publishing interest; gave it a separate existence; more distinctly and on a larger scale went into the publication business, committing its management to the present Sunday School Board, created for the purpose, and located at Nashville. It was a business venture of the Baptists of the South as represented in the Convention, made in the interest of their Sunday school cause, and with the purpose to control their own affairs and to preserve their denominational standing.

As a business it is thoroughly unique, even in its own class. It has no capital stock, as that term goes in the commercial world. It has its business basis—its capital stock so to speak—in its publications which, though not easily rated by monetary standards have yet great intrinsic worth, fine educational value, and under the united support of a loyal people are capable of creating

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lution was read by the Secretary and Judge Hillyar, of Georgia, its author, addressed the convention in behalf of the resolution. He stated that there was such a division of sentiment upon the question that he deemed it best, for the sake of harmony, not to press a consideration of the resolution at this time. He then offered a modified resolution. The preamble is similar to that of the original resolution. The resolution follows: "Resolved, that a committee be raised consisting of five members of this body, to be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to consider and report at the next convention whether any steps be feasible, and if so, what steps are the wisest and best to remedy conditions and to widen the constituency and work of this convention according to its nature and opportunities.

PAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

Dr. Prestridge, of Louisville, offered a resolution to have a committee appointed to confer with other committees with reference to the holdings of a pan Baptist Conference, particularly the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. The committee to consist of one member from each State. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was offered by Dr. L. G. Broughton to appoint a committee of twelve pastors not members of any board, as a committee on Evangelism. The committee is authorized to employ a general evangelist to superintend the movement. The author moved that the resolution be referred to a special committee and that the report of this committee be made a special order for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The question was on motion referred to the committee on order of business.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

The Secretary read a communication from the Free Will Baptist General Conference, prepared at the last session, extending greetings, and stating that fraternal messengers would be expected at its next meeting. There is some objection as to the appointment of any one to reply to the communication. A motion instructing two delegates to attend the next conference and extend greetings prevailed.

The consideration of the reports of the committees appointed to consider the work of the Home Mission Board was taken up. The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, had direction of the reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The first report was made by the Committee on Mills and Mines, and was made by the Chairman, Dr. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, S. C.

The report called attention to the rapidly changing commercial conditions of the South which were constantly producing mission fields, the extent and need of which the Baptists but little realized. The report called especial attention to the villages around the mills each containing a population from 200 to 6,000, where there was a mission field rapidly

growing calling for the consideration of the church. The State Mission Board had been alive to the changing conditions. But the demands of these fields were ever increasing and there was opening to the Home Board one of its greatest opportunities for co-operative work.

The report of the Committee on Mountain Missions and Schools was presented by F. E. McConnell, Chairman, and commended the work of the board in the establishment and maintenance of the schools and institutes mentioned in the report. "It is hardly possible to overestimate the value of these agencies for the development of that vast region so prolific in fruits for the Kingdom of God." It was stated: "There have been difficulties in establishing denominational schools in communities divided in religious beliefs, but happily nothing now exists in the way of uninterrupted progress. North Carolina has been most active in co-operation with the board, and secured the largest benefit. Other States of mountain territories are doing good work."

BUILDINGS AND LOANS.

The committee to which was referred that part of the Home Mission Board's report concerning the church building and loan fund reported through R. B. Garrett, Chairman, that there was great need for immediately enlargement of this work. The sum of \$5,736.36 mentioned in the report as the total amount available for this purpose was manifestly inadequate. Southern Baptists could probably use the income on a half million dollars at important points for this work.

The report bespoke for the ladies the hearty co-operation of the churches of the South. "We think the time has come when the Baptists should have a church building and loan fund worthy of the name," said the report.

The report of the Committee on Work on the Frontiers was submitted by A. J. Barton, of Little Rock, Ark. The report refers to the great opportunities now afforded for work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Reference was made to the remarkable growth in the population, one railroad having recently reported transporting 10,000 persons to Texas and another 12,000. There were in Texas 3,000 Baptist churches, only half of whom owned their houses of worship and there were 1,300 in Arkansas, about the same number owning houses of worship. There was in Texas hundreds of miles of frontier, affording such possibilities as have never before been known. The committee reported gratifying work by Rev. M. P. Hunt, representative of the Southern Baptist Convention, who had been engaged in frontier work the past four months. The committee recommended increased activity in the establishment of colleges and academies as an important factor in the work.

NEGRO QUESTION.

The Committee on the Work Among the Negroes submitted the following report signed by the entire committee:

"Your committee, to which was referred the work of the Home Mission Board among the negroes, and to whom was referred also the memorial from

Virginia and North Carolina with reference to the appointment of a commission, beg leave to submit the following:

"Recommend: First, that The Home Mission Board's proposed plan of work be approved with the understanding that in the States in which there are Baptist negro bodies other than the National Baptist Convention, the work shall be conducted in co-operation with the white Baptist State Boards and such negro Baptist bodies as those boards shall approve.

"Second, That a commission of one brother from each State and Territory in this convention be appointed by the convention to meet with the Home Mission Board and counsel with the board in enlarging and perfecting our plans for discharging our Christian obligations to the negro race with a view of meeting the conditions in all parts of our territory.

"Three, That the details of this meeting or meetings be arranged by the Home Board."

MOVES REPORT'S ADOPTION.

Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on the Negro Question, moved the adoption of the report.

He said that the report was not satisfactory to him, it was not entirely satisfactory to the committee, but the Virginia and North Carolina members had submitted a memorial for a commission. After having talked over the whole field, and recognizing the difficulties involved in a settlement of the question had brought in its report as a compromise, with an understanding that very little discussion should be had on the floor. It was an important question, the most important problem that confronted the convention. "In the deepest humility before God," he said, "we recognize that we and the negro are one in common now and are one in the great common hope that inspires lost men of reaching a future. This mighty problem demands the wisest consideration of the wisest minds of this land. Our feeling is to turn our board loose to give the question the wisest solution consistent with the wishes of our constituency."

At the conclusion of Dr. Davidson's speech the report was unanimously adopted.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, colored, Corresponding Secretary of the National Publication Board, was introduced to the convention by Dr. E. E. Folk.

Dr. Boyd expressed great pleasure at being present to the convention. "We are undergoing now the most serious crisis of any people in the world," he said. "We have been preaching from three texts every Sunday since the day of emancipation. We have had no use for any other part of the Bible until now. We have to organize, my brethren. Most of our States have negro Baptist Associations and have twenty-five State conventions, but we need more organizations and better organizations. We have to blend all our work together because we have but little funds and can pay but few men and those get very small salaries. With 18,000 negro Baptist churches and 16,000 ordained preachers, it should be noted that less than half

of the preachers get pay enough to support themselves. They are forced to work during the week in order to make a living, with the result that they are not prepared to preach the Gospel as intelligently as they should. Our Sunday school work is progressing nicely, but we need education among the youth of our race. I think in most of the States it is a crime to carry a Bible to the public schools, hence the only opportunity the children have to study the word of God is in the Sunday schools. There is a great lack of Bibles among the homes of our people. We need more Bibles."

MOUNTAIN MISSIONS.

The report of Committee on Mountain Missions was discussed by Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Kansas City. Dr. McConnell was former Secretary of the Home Mission Board. He said that his resignation did not grow out of the causes which had been sometimes intimated. The speaker discussed mountain mission work, urging the church to give great assistance and encouragement to this work. He was opposed to simply waiting for results. He believed that no enterprise should be neglected or dropped simply from lack of patience. If it will be necessary to wait for the growth of the missions, the Kingdom of God cannot be exploited. The church must take good root before it can grow and flourish. It is a mistake to expect everything from the mountain work in a day. It is progressing slowly, it is true, but nevertheless during the past fifteen years it has made the most wonderful strides.

"Let our Baptist brethren in the mountains know that we are going to stay with them. Our schools have been immeasurably injured because reports have been circulated that the schools in certain sections would be closed. Other denominations are trying to get the mountain people, but they belong to the Baptist Church by gift of the Almighty. One dollar expended by the Baptists among these people will get more results than ten dollars expended by any other denomination."

At the conclusion of the address the report was unanimously adopted.

FRONTIER MISSIONS.

Dr. A. J. Barton addressed the convention in behalf of the committee's report on frontier missions.

Dr. M. P. Hunt, Field Secretary of the Missions, then addressed the convention. He said that the growth of the mission work on the frontier, in Oklahoma and Indian Territories, was progressing very satisfactory. But the marvelous development and growth of the section made it necessary that every effort be made by the board to aid and encourage the work of the missions. The churches in the Territories, instead of sending all their money abroad, as was formerly done, now spent it at home among the frontier missions, with the result that the work had shown wonderful improvement. Every dollar put into these fields by the Home Mission Board would come back in a few years multiplied at least ten-folds. "We cannot be a great people in any State or Territory without a splendid denomination school," he declared: "We need great schools among the people of Indian

Territory in particular. Unless we have \$10,000 our fine school at Blackwell will be lost. The crying need is denominational schools."

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of reports concerning Home Missions.

Dr. W. M. Harris, of Galveston read the report on cities and foreigners. First, attention is called to the fact that Baptists are weakest where they ought to be strongest—in the cities. Conditions should be met. Delay will be suicidal. It is stated that the day will come when the South will be like Europe, a land of cities; it therefore behooves Baptists to make an aggressive campaign to secure the cities for the church. The situation is a serious one; it must be grappled with; the Baptists are equal to it, but no time must be lost. Second, attention is called to the influx of foreign population to the cities. The springing up of little Germanies, little Scandinavias, should be discouraged; these people should be Christianized and Americanized. Such communities keeping alive old world ideas of religion are a menace to our institutions. The expenditure of \$25,000 in New Orleans during the next year is earnestly recommended.

CITIES AND FOREIGNERS.

Dr. W. M. Harris, of Galveston, Tex., addressed the convention in behalf of the report of the Committee on Cities and Foreigners. "If we can bring ourselves to realize that the South is bound to become at no distant day a land of cities, it will be well for our cause. The trend of population is steadily toward the cities. The world can consume but so much of agriculture and the industrial development of the cities inevitably attracts population. This fact is not arbitrary but is an acknowledged fact, therefore it behooves the denomination that is weak in the cities to move forward to a conquest of the new field. We must not remain strong in the country and weak in the cities if we are to continue to be a great denomination. Your board is not pessimistic and it is not optimistic. We do say that we are equal to the true situation. If I could do but one thing I would devote that to driving home this single and alarming situation that confronts us. I would that as Baptists tonight we might realize that the handwriting is on the wall for any church that is weak in the cities and continues so.

Rev. C. B. Edwards, of New Orleans, addressed the convention on the conditions in that city. "Baptists have been retarded in that city," he said, "and have lost much, but there is a great future for us there, if we only realize and seize upon our opportunities. The priests there are ever ready to thwart any effort for evangelization. Their efforts are supplemented by 500 Sisters, who ride on free passes on the street cars and have free access to all places. These are some of the reasons why our Baptists have not made more progress in New Orleans. If you think that the sum of \$25,000 will place the Baptists of that city on their feet, I tell you, you do not know the field. Other denomina-

tions have realized the importance of supplying men and money and they have progressed. Should all the Baptist property in New Orleans be sold tonight I doubt if it would bring \$50,000. We have got to realize the actual conditions there and be ready to meet them or our people will not be saved for baptism and Christ. There are some features of encouragement in the situation there. All the wrangling and friction among the Baptists is at an end. Recently we had a most glorious revival, the greatest since that conducted by Moody and Jones."

WORK IN MEMPHIS.

Dr. Boone moved as an amendment to the report that an appropriation of \$10,000 for special work in the city of Memphis be recommended. Dr. Boone said that there were many who believed New Orleans was gone from the Baptists and that Memphis was going. He was sure that no city in America needed an appropriation more than Memphis.

Dr. Prestridge urged the necessity for assistance to the Baptist people in New Orleans. "We need," he said, "a decent church in New Orleans. Today we are trying to build up a congregation in an old rat trap of a theater. We need a decent building there around which our people can rally. What we need in New Orleans is not an appropriation of \$25,000, but \$50,000."

Dr. Turnley favored a special collection in all the churches on the first Sunday in June to aid the work in New Orleans.

Dr. Gamble was opposed to the recommendation of the committee making special appropriations. If the convention is going into the business of recommending special appropriations for any city, it should give help to all of them; New York, Chicago, Baltimore and other cities need help in this direction.

T. T. Eaton opposed the special recommendations. He thought the Home Mission Board should be left free to act as their judgment might dictate.

Dr. T. S. Potts, of Memphis, made a strong appeal for \$10,000 for home mission work in that city. "If you want to help that city do it now."

Dr. Harris, Chairman of the committee, withdrew the New Orleans recommendation, and the amendment appropriating \$10,000 to Memphis was withdrawn.

The report as amended was then unanimously adopted.

CUBA.

The subject of Cuba and new fields was then taken up on the report of the committee.

The report on Cuba and new fields was presented by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, of Kentucky, Chairman. The report notes with pleasure a settlement of difficulties which have disturbed the work of the Church in Cuba. "God has rewarded the work in Cuba. The need of proper educational facilities is apparent. The opening of a school to train native workers in Havana is urgently needed. There should be an institution established similar to the Presbyterian School at Constantinople. The necessity for good, substantial

church buildings in Cuba is urgent. The opening of new fields of labor in the sale of Pines and Panama is commended and urged. The Star of Bethlehem should ever accompany the Stars and Stripes and it would be undesirable to put the Cuban work under the control of the Foreign Mission Board. The report was signed by the entire committee.

Dr. T. T. Eaton made a strong appeal in behalf of Panama. He said: "I was simply astonished at the amount of wickedness which abounds in Panama. Could you see it, you would never doubt that our work is needed and needed there now," he said. "Panama is a wonderful country, with immense possibilities, but the people have never been evangelized. The Indians there are still savages. Cuba is not near so healthy as Panama, but with a stable government its progress will be enormous. A permanent and good government will attract an immense population. One dollar expended by Baptists there today will be worth ten dollars expended one year from now. I appeal to you in behalf of this great field of immense possibilities.

Dr. C. C. Carroll, who will have charge of the work in Cuba, spoke. He said that he was a great believer in missions. He knew more about missions than the plan of salvation. Cuba was waiting for the fulfillment of the divine commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Cuba needed a great religious revival. It needed efforts to raise it to a knowledge of Christ. Cuba was a field ripe unto the harvest and the present opportunities for presenting it to Christ were immense. The fact that the Anglo-Saxon was to be the dominant power in Cuba makes it imperative that the convention grasp its opportunities now and claim it for Christ. "I pray that the time may come when Cuba will be entirely won for Christ," he said.

The report on Cuba and new fields was then adopted unanimously.

DR GRAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance was discussed by Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Gray gave an account of his seven months' work as Secretary of the Board.

He said: "I am convinced that the most propitious time that has ever come upon us has come at the present time. This is the greatest people and the greatest country on God's earth. The Baptists have greater opportunities, more advantages than they have ever known before. The opportunities of all the ages are upon us at the present time. The supreme mission of Baptists is not in any one department of the church. All claims, all interests, all departments are of supreme importance. Great as is the negro question, it is not the only great question of the hour. The incarnation of Christ in the lives of men is the supreme mission of the Baptists. The heavenly inheritance that God has given to us is being recognized at last by our people.

"Missions is one work in which we are engaged. I would plead for Japan,

or Brazil, or China as quick as I would plead for the home mission work. There is a oneness of our work. The Sunday school, our Seminary, foreign and domestic missions are one grand cause, all demanding attention, work and help. Missions are the same in spirit in Canton, China, they are in Canton, Ga. It is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. If I had a programme for a decade in which to conquer China for Christ I would strengthen our work at home, and send out from there missionaries to all the nations of the world. Bear in mind this, that there are many methods of missions, but there is one Lord and it matters not to him what the method may be. The supreme hour is upon us. Brethren have told us, 'Come to our cities' A serious time has come to us. In all the city of St. Louis, with 600,000 people there are but 4,500 Baptists. There are even less than this number in the great city of Baltimore. The Baptists of Atlanta are twenty-four times as strong numerically as the Baptists of New Orleans, and fifty times as strong in wealth and moral power. We need co-operation among our people, among our churches. So far as the Baptist Church is concerned all the cities of the East are fast becoming missions. In Virginia there are over 800,000 unconverted adults. We have not considered our opportunities. I plead tonight for the oneness of spirit in our work for Christ for the salvation of the world.

RIGHTEOUS CITIZENSHIP.

"The supreme question of this hour is a righteous citizenship that knows no difference of race, color or previous condition of servitude, but who will work together for the advancement of the cause of Christ on earth and the putting of the world in line with the work of the Baptists. I consider our work to be one part of it dependent upon the other. I plead for a highway of peace with the right of way given to the Great Prince, the Son of God, the Savior of Mankind. We want to drive the blackness out of the maps of the South and make every one of the negro population an intelligent, Christian man or woman. If we can address ourselves to holy living we will have settled the negro problem and every other problem that confronts us as a church, as a Nation or as a people. (Applause.) Let us always be ready to sing of our native country. I love it and I would that it would be won to Christ and that all of its problems might be solved by Godly men, men of righteous lives."

At this juncture the entire audience arose and sang, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

NEXT MEETING.

The report of the committee on time and place for the next meeting was submitted by J. H. Kemper, Chairman, recommending that the next meeting be held on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1905, at Fort Worth, Tex., and that the annual sermon be preached by Rev. W. H. Felix, of Kentucky, with J. L. White, of Georgia, as alternate.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, moved to amend the committee's report by

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Statement by Governor.

The following statement of his attitude towards lynchers and lynching was prepared by Governor Cunningham and was given last week:

"Protection to life, liberty, property and the honorable and legitimate pursuit of happiness are the chief purposes of the organization of government through the instrumentalities of law and its administration. To protect society and the members thereof in all these and to bring to justice all persons who unlawfully deprive any person in his lawful rights, constitute a large part of the functions of the laws, whether organic, statutory or common, and a large part of the duties of the officers of government is to administer and execute these laws. For an individual or community of individuals to take upon himself or themselves these essential and important functions, however just their motives, defies the law with its means and instrumentalities for justice, fairness, thoroughness and righteousness, and substitutes in its stead anarchy with its passions and prejudices and its want of fair, honest and righteous means to attain the ends of justice. Therefore, when any person or persons take the law in their own hands, they bring into contempt the laws of the State and often commit irreparable wrongs and injustice. That the maintenance of law and order without fear or favor from the standpoint of patriotism, honor and morals is the duty of every citizen of the State cannot be questioned.

"This principle is set forth in our declaration of independence, rights and laws and inheres in our civilization and code of morals. The law provides the means by which justice is to be attained. The resort to any other method is unlawful, wrong and dangerous.

SOME CRIMES ARE TERRIBLE.

"Some of the crimes committed are so terrible and outrageous that good men have often been stirred to the very depths of their souls with the desire for vengeance and the laudable purpose to protect their homes. In such a state of mind they unlawfully take human life. In doing this they commit a criminal act but they do not have a criminal motive. They do that which the law itself provides, but in a wrong and unlawful manner. Therefore, the crime is in method and not in purpose. All fair minded people must recognize this difference. But the substitution of this unlawful method, however worthy the motive, is a grave and serious crime. It is a crime against civilization, justice, morals, safety, the rights of man and the honor and dignity of the State. Its stain rests upon every hearthstone and upon every person in the State. It brings law into contempt and the honor of the State into discredit throughout the civilized world, and substitutes anarchy for law. All good citizens should recognize this and use every lawful means to put a stop to lynching. Our Constitution provides a Legislative, Judicial and Executive Department to make, administer and execute the laws for the protection of life, liberty, property, etc., and for the arrest, trial and punishment of criminals.

"The Governor is the chief executive officer of the State, under the Constitution, and it is made his duty, under that instrument to 'take care that the laws be faithfully executed.' Lynching anybody for any crime is against the law. The Governor is under oath and it is his duty as a citizen of the State, temporarily clothed with authority, and the duties that inhere in the office of Governor, to do everything in his power, that he lawfully can, to see that the law is executed in this as in all other matters. It is his duty to prevent by all lawful means, all unlawful acts, and to bring to justice, as far as in his power and duty lies, all violators of the law. The indictment, trial and punishment of violators of the law must be through the lawful instrumentality—to wit, the courts of justice.

"The Constitution provides three separate and distinct departments of government, and that no one of these should discharge the functions or encroach upon the duties of the others. The courts, therefore, are sovereign, free and independent, as they should be, and the Governor can only co-operate with them in the maintenance and administration of the law. Any Circuit Judge in the State can, if in his judgment, the ends of justice demand it, call a special term of his court.

"The Acting Governor doubts the propriety, and in his opinion and that of the Attorney General, he has no constitutional and legal right to direct a judge to call a special term of a court, for the trial of criminals who commit such terrible crimes as outrages, assassination, arson, lynching, etc., but can only advise them officially that such crimes have been committed and respectfully ask them to call special terms for the purpose of bringing to justice these violators of the law. If in the opinion of the judge such special term would not promote the ends of justice he can legally refuse to hold such special term.

PROMPT ACTION NECESSARY.

"The Acting Governor is of the opinion that the ends of justice and the maintenance of the law would be promoted by the prompt action of the courts in all these matters, certainly our experience teaches that the method allowing these matters to remain uninvestigated until the regular term of the court has failed to consummate the ends of justice and to prevent these outrageous crimes and the unfortunate lynchings, which often follow. Under the present laws of the State the Governor can go no further than to advise the courts in these matters, and if they decline, which they have a right to do, under the Constitution and laws or if they differ in the judgment of the Governor in regard to the better policy to pursue, no one should question either their honesty or sincerity in the matter. The acting Governor believes that Section 5 of the Acts of 1898-9, authorizing the Governor to direct a judge to call a special term is unconstitutional and in this opinion he is sustained by the written opinion of the Attorney General. Were the acting Governor, therefore, to direct a judge to hold a court under this section he would do so against his

own convictions and the advice of the Attorney General as to the constitutionality of the aforesaid section.

WOULD CALL LEGISLATURE.

As to what would be the status of any indictment and conviction found under such special term ordered by the Governor, if the act under which the special term was ordered, is unconstitutional, the acting Governor does not know. If a judge were to refuse to hold such a court either because he does not believe it best to do so or because he believes the act under which the Governor directed such court to be held is unconstitutional, nothing would be left the Governor but to mandamus the judge to hold the court, which of course would bring the matter before the proper tribunals to determine the constitutionality of the act providing that the Governor may order such term of the court.

"Circumstances may arise when it will become necessary to clear all these matters up in the interest of the supremacy of the law and its impartial administration in order to demonstrate whether or not the laws as they now exist are adequate for the impartial administration of justice. If such be the case the serious problem of calling the Legislature together that it may in its wisdom provide the proper instrumentalities, would naturally present itself for the serious consideration of the Executive. It is the purpose of the acting Governor to do everything in his power, that he can under the Constitution and laws of the State, to prevent the substitution of anarchy for law, and for the maintenance of the laws, as it is his sworn duty, under the Constitution.

TO RELIEVE THE STATE OF ODIUM.

If the executive and judicial departments of government do all that the law provides and make an earnest and united effort to bring justice promptly and effectually the authors of those terrible crimes, thus demonstrating the thoroughness and effectiveness of the law and its administration every excuse for lynchings would be removed and thus confine this lawlessness to the naturally vicious and criminal which is by no means the case now. If the executive and judicial departments of government ignore or do not act promptly to bring to justice those who engage in lynching, then the stain, odium and injustice of this kind of lawlessness will rest upon the whole State. But when the officers act promptly it is up to the community or county who is to provide, under the law, the grand jury to indict and the petit jury to try. Therefore, if the law fails of vindication, the stain and odium is not upon the State but upon the community where lynchings occur.

"The acting Governor believes that the prompt trial by the courts of all rapists and assassins, and an earnest, prompt effort to bring lynchings to justice will in a short time not only make the law a terror to criminals, but also to those who disregard it by substituting lynchings for the courts of justice. He has therefore addressed a letter to the several judges having the administration of the criminal law, inquiring whether they endorse the policy of

prompt action by calling special terms of their courts for the prompt investigation of all cases of rape and assassinations and lynchings, and for the indictment and trial of the guilty. This letter is an appeal from the executive to the judicial department of the government for advice as to the best method, and for a harmonious and united co-operation to maintain the supremacy of law to the honor and glory of the State.

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Field Notes

ANDALUSIA.

Our pastor, Bro. J. J. Hagood has just left us for Andalusia. He will fill his appointment here as well as those in his adjacent fields in this section or have them filled till September, when Bro. Lawrence is expected to return to Andalusia and we may be able to get Brother Hagood back here again.

He had been with us seven years—nearly one-fourth of an average lifetime—and I guess it was time we were given to understand that he was not ours in fee simple, to have and to hold forever. For downright solid efficiency and good pastoral work he is unquestionably in the forefront. His average congregations, during his entire stay with us as resident pastor were excellent. Members might have differences among themselves but were united in their love and esteem for the preacher. Our communions, funerals, baptisms and marriages were conducted in a way to commend the devout and respectful attention of all; and the latest news we could get from any sick family was through him and always provided we asked. He was one of those quiet, hard working pastors who, like our Lord, went about doing good. The most practical, matter of fact men in the church recognized him an invaluable counsellor, while the most devotional or emotional found him always in warmest sympathy with every plan that promised fruitage for good.

If the brethren at Andalusia are quick on taking a "tip," I cheerfully give it to them here and now. They have a rare treasure in their new acquisition and this holds whether his stay shall be of long or short duration. God bless the new pastor and new flock.

B. Dowie.

A REVIVAL AT RIVERSIDE.

The greatest revival that the town of Riverside has ever witnessed has just come to a close.

Rev. O. T. Bamber preached three sermons a day for twelve days. One of them under the mill shed at noon each day to the mill hands.

Rev. Chas. Kimberline who came with Bro. Bamber added much to the success of the meeting by his personal work, visiting, etc. Bro. Bamber preaches the Word with great earnestness and force. His sermons, though short, are very pungent and pointed.

The whole town soon became aroused and the house was filled from night to night. Many hard hearted sinners were convicted. Some fifteen or more professed conversion. The Christian part of the community was revived and drawn close together. Twenty-nine members were received, nine by baptism, twenty by watchcare and letter. It was a beautiful scene when a large crowd gathered on the bank of Coosa River to witness the baptizing. These brethren endeared themselves very much to both pastor and people. The prospects of the little church were never brighter. All the members added bid fair to make useful members.

FROM RED LEVEL, ALABAMA.

When I was a young man and when I was first impressed to preach in 1858, I read the life of Luther Rice and there was a powerful impression and a burning solicitude that it seems strange for me to think about till yet and seemed that nothing would do me but that I must go and preach to the heathen and only for the want of an education and means to have carried me I should have been in a heathen land today, if alive, but God in His providence did not open the way but showed me that I could find the heathen nearer that I could help them at my door. I have preached to people nearly grown that had never seen a preacher before me. I baptized a lady on one occasion that was married and the mother of several children and she with considerable number of the audience that witnessed it had never witnessed a baptism before.

G. W. Kierce.

FROM CENTERVILLE.

The hearts of the Centerville saints were made glad last Sunday when they had liberally contributed out of the abundance of thirst for the purpose of seating their church house. We will have the most inviting place of worship in town when completely seated. In about twenty minutes we raised about \$200 for pews. Will need about \$150 more. I am sure that the good ladies of the church will soon induce them to give balance needed. We expect to have a series of meetings there, beginning on the fifth Sunday in this month. Pray for us. Thank God our Baptist Boards are grandly succeeding and Bro. Crumpton is happy. With greatest wishes for the success of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. J. D. Upshaw.

Centerville.

FROM BEATRICE.

The people at Beatrice and Pineville are fine people and are devoted to Bro. A. B. Metcalf, their pastor. Recently he took a collection for missions and raised \$55. The collections Sunday amounted to about \$100, and the people seemed happy over it. Some of our ablest preachers have been their pastors but I doubt whether any of them were more appreciated than their present pastor. They are people of means and possess real Southern hospitality.

G. E. Mize.

A NEW CHURCH.

I might add to the foregoing report that this meeting was held in a brand new church house, which this little struggling church, composed mostly of women, has right recently built. The old church was almost out of town and was about to fall down. The new one contains some of the material of the old but is a beauty, and a model for convenience and comfort and stands right in the heart of the town. Yours in the work.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of sale contained in a certain mortgage, executed by T. R. Cunningham and Rachel Cunningham, on the 6th day of March, 1902, to the undersigned Mortgagee, L. V. Vines to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was recorded in vol. 310, page 34, of Records of Deeds in the office of Probate Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, and default in the payment of said debt therein described having been made, the undersigned Mortgagee, L. V. Vines, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will on Saturday the 28th day of May, 1904, before the Court House door of Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell within the legal hours of sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

The north 1/2 of south-west 1/4 of south-east 1/4, in Sec. 15, township 18, Range 5; except three (3) acres on east side, and except mineral interest situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, being the property described and conveyed in the above mentioned mortgage.

J. M. RUSSELL,
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L. V. VINES,
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The N 1/2 of S W 1/4 and S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec. 6, T. 15, R. 1, E, which said land is to be sold under a decree of said court for the purpose of division among the joint owners H. B. Ware, Walter Gilmore, Wm. Gilmore, James Gilmore and John Gilmore.

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Convention Notes.

The paper was delayed to get the convention report.

Nashville like Birmingham has many delightful suburbs.

Nashville has some beautiful homes. Broad Street is truly a magnificent thoroughfare.

Nashville is quite an educational center, with its public schools, private colleges and endowed universities.

The tabernacle is truly a remarkable meeting place. It is commodious and yet one speaks with ease and is easily heard.

The excursions to the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson, are being greatly enjoyed by the visitors and the delegates.

Many visitors and delegates make pilgrimages to the residence and tomb of President Polk in the very heart of the city.

The beautiful country homes near Nashville add greatly to the city. Some of the estates are almost ideal in their magnificence.

Nashville is built on natural rising ground, reaching an elevation of 460 feet above sea level, and is regularly laid out.

We had to leave out the notice of fifth Sunday Meetings and Baptist rallies to get in the convention report. We had most of them already set up.

The capitol is an imposing building of limestone and iron and cost nearly \$1,500,000. It is on a commanding hill and the views from it are magnificent.

Don't get troubled about the items sent in. We will publish them as soon as we get the space. We give the convention the right of way this week. We were compelled to condense the convention report in order to get it in.

The convention was great in many things but greater than all in its spiritual uplift, and we feel that hundreds like ourselves came away with a burning desire to be more and do more for our Master.

Nashville is an old city, being founded in 1780; incorporated as a town in 1784; chartered as a city in 1806. It was the seat of the legislature in 1812-15 and 1826-43, becoming the permanent State capital in 1843.

There is one thing that Nashville has which we Birmingham people haven't got and that is a river flowing right through the city. A river is a mighty handy thing to have by the side of a city.

General Thomas defeated the Confederates here under Hood in Dec. 1864, in what is known as the "Battle of Nashville," which practically ended Hood's campaign in Tennessee. His army numbered about 40,000 men, while Thomas opposed him with 56,000 Federals.

B. Y. P. U.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

The Baptist Young People's Union opened its Ninth Annual Convention with a service of prayer and praise.

THURSDAY.

The Rev. H. A. Sumrell, of Danville, Ky., spoke briefly of the spirit which should rule the day's proceedings. He called for individual prayer sentences, invoking God's presence and different members made short petitions.

Delegates then rose and sang the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Dr. J. B. Searcy, of Mississippi, led in prayer.

After the singing of another song, the convention proper was called to order by President L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. The enrollment of delegates was then taken up.

A motion was passed suspending the rules and making the visitors delegates to the meeting.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung, after which Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Atlanta, was introduced as the first speaker of the day. His subject was "The Baptist Young People in the Great Cities of the South," and he said in part:

"Mr. President, Brethren and Friends: The subject assigned me this morning is one on which it is a great pleasure and privilege to talk. It is borne upon me constantly what an important factor our big cities are in our lives. I am country born but I have found that the most of the great and good things come from the cities. Also I regret to say, most of the bad things.

"The cities in the Bible are referred to 262 times and if you cut out the cities and their happenings you lose half your Bible. And the church in the South that neglects to evangelize and train the young populations of our Southern cities will be sadly backward within twenty-five years.

"I am glad of my present subject, also, because of the opportunity it gives me to speak of the young men. Young men in all ages have held prominent places—Napoleon, Hamilton, Byron and a thousand others. It is therefore well to take the young man and give him the right kind of ambitions and ideals.

"How can the church do this? By first getting the young men; next, by training them; and third, by using them.

"The devil's shrewdest imps are sent to the cities and the young man coming to the city looks for a country devil and is lost to a city devil of which he knew nothing."

The speaker showed the possibilities open to church work, making the service a voice of welcome to young men and organizing for watching over them in their ordinary life. He advocated the adaptation of church services to the wishes of the great masses outside the church. He mentioned his advocacy of orchestras in churches.

Dr. Broughton continued: "We must train our young men. Teach them the Word of God without cavilling over minor points. Train them in the work of the church, not alone its doctrines but

its methods. Impress them with the great value of individual effort. It is the heart. Activity which bespeaks life is the vital necessity in this work."

Dr. Broughton's address was most eloquent. His illustrative anecdotes were refreshing and never failed to strengthen his points. His perfect command of humor and pathos made logic irresistible.

At the conclusion of Dr. Broughton's address the delegates sang "Throw Out the Life Line."

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald of the M. E. Church, South, was called on, and endorsed Dr. Broughton's address. He spoke briefly of his one time experience as pastor, pro tem, of a Baptist Church.

"The hills of God are not far off from me today, and on that future shore I shall join in the Jubilee Song of the Family of God."

Prof. A. T. Robertson of Louisville, Ky., addressed the meeting on "Conscience and the Word." He said in part:

"Our conscience is not a farce outside of ourselves, nor is it an alter ego. It is a quality within us, but sometimes it is opposed to the trend of our natures. It is not whimsical, though at one time it may hold to what it formerly opposed. Conscience is influenced by our emotions.

"The other part of our discourse, the Bible is most important. The Bible is a human book. Regarded as a mere book with ethical truths told in skillful way, it has no connection with the conscience, other than the books of Plato and the philosophers would have.

"But the Bible is not only the effort of man to find God, but the effort of God to reveal himself to man. As this last it is nearly connected, almost an integral part of a right conscience.

"The Bible is, in the revelation of God, supernatural, without any sacrifice of the natural.

"Our consciences interpret the Bible for us, and so our Bible is, in reality, inside us. We receive from our Bibles what our consciences point out to us."

The speaker advocated deliberation in passing judgment against God's word in order that there might be less chance of error from not clearly understanding its teachings.

"We should not go against our conscience," said he, "but we should teach the conscience to be humble before God. It is through the spiritual that we see most clearly, and a clear vision is necessary to the understanding of the word.

"The ideal situation as to the conscience and the word, is a live conscience and a live word. The word is alive, and is meant to quicken the conscience. Take it and use it, and receive its benefits."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention opened with devotional services led by Rev. Rayland Knight, of Ashland, Ky., Rev. J. G. Harrison of Georgia, led in prayer.

While the delegates were being enrolled the Convention proceeded with the election of officers. Dr. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was re-elected President by acclamation. This is the ninth time Dr. Dawson has been elected and he expressed his appreciation of the honor. W. H. Smith of Columbus,

Uphold the Law.

Acting Governor Cunningham, having been advised by Attorney General Wilson that he is not authorized by law to order a special term of Circuit Court, Governor Cunningham has written Judge W. S. Anderson of the Thirtieth judicial circuit in which Baldwin county is situated and Judge T.S. Sayre of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in which Autauga County is situated urging them to convene their courts at once to investigate the lynching of negroes in those counties and through his private secretary has been sent this copy of a circular letter to all Circuit Judges in Alabama:

"The Governor, mindful of his oath to 'take care that the laws be faithfully executed,' directs me to advise you that it is his fixed purpose to do everything that in his power lies looking to putting an end to lynchings in this State.

"The law's delay is one of the main arguments used by those who resort to placing this blot on our citizenship.

"The Governor doubts the wisdom of the Executive exercising the powers of the judiciary in calling special term of courts, even if the Constitution and laws authorized it. The Attorney General holds, however, and the Governor concurs in the opinion of that officer, that the Governor has no authority to order a special term of a court, but that such power is committed to you.

"The Governor, therefore, indulges the hope that in all cases of arson, rape, assassination, and other like and serious offenses, that he may have your hearty co-operation in starting the necessary legal machinery in motion, looking to a speedy and prompt trial, by calling a special term of your court for the legal investigation, indictment and trial of such offenders, and also for the investigation of all lynchings that may occur in your circuit, that the law in all cases may be supreme and its violators brought to justice.

"He would be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience with such suggestions as it may be your pleasure to make."

Elsewhere we print the Governor's statement to the public explaining his policy and declaring that lynchings must be prosecuted to the fullest extent even if it becomes necessary to call an extra session of the Legislature to make the laws effective.

We are glad that Dr. Cunningham is taking strong grounds to uphold the majesty of the law in Alabama, and he ought to have the hearty support of all good citizens. Speedy trials will insure sure and swift punishment for the brutes at the hand of the law without demoralizing communities who, frequently maddened at the law's delay, take vengeance in their own hands.

Ga., was elected First Vice President; T. H. Athey, of Lynchburg, Va., Second Vice President, and W. W. Gaines of Atlanta, was re-elected Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Executive Committee was made by the Chairman, J. M. Shelburne. After going into a discussion of the purposes of the organization Mr. Shelburne stated that arrangements had been made to have a strong representative at the Baptist State conventions. The three important matters the speaker said were to adhere to the idea of education, to have a large representation at the convention to be held at Detroit, and that Baptist publications be used in all local unions. The Committee recommend that the policy of the organization be educational strictly. The report was adopted.

"How we may help and be helped by Attending our General Convention," was the subject of an address by Dr. E. B. Pollard, of Georgetown, Ky. Dr. Pollard stated that he wished to impress the importance of touching hands and hearts. "The presence of men adds strength to any cause; it gives fire and enthusiasm to the movement. There is great inspiration connected with a great gathering of souls. Young people are helped by a spark from a new anvil. I rejoice that those who are brought together in our convention have found some practical way of developing the work of the young people.

"We need all young Christians to realize the solemn responsibility resting upon us. We young people should take Christian work to heart. It is the most serious duty we can think of. If you go to the Detroit Convention, and I hope you will, while we are there let us sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him, and go out with enthusiasm to serve in His name."

"Problems of the Local Union" was the subject of a discourse by Prof. N. L. Brittain of Atlanta. "One trouble in city churches is the growth of materialism," said Prof. Brittain. "Young people are too much distracted by worldly things. We must not allow ourselves nor allow our children to be reared for such things. The trouble of our brethren in the country is ultra-conservatism.

"We have seen the denominations about us develop societies for the training of the young people and shall we, as Baptists, not do a similar work? In our beloved Southland ten, twelve and thirteen white men out of one hundred cannot read and write, while further north the number is four and five. Can we afford to neglect the educational work for which the Baptist Young People's Union stands?"

GENERAL DISCUSSION.

There was a general discussion of the subject, L. W. Doolan, of Henderson, Ky., being the second speaker. He stated that some persons say that the B. Y. P. U. was inclined to substract from the church work. The members after their meeting do not stay to the evening sermon, but are more inclined to have an organization of their own. The ministers do not make this statement. The important thing is for elders and members to know something with re-

gard to the young people's work. If the old people will meet with them and lend their aid, I believe this objection to the young people's society will be null and void. Pastors, work with our young people and they will work with you."

Richard Hill of Orrville, Ala., stated that his experience had been largely in the city. Mr. Hill was of the opinion that a lack of adaptability was one of the great troubles in the Baptist Union and made some mention of his experiences.

Mr. Pegues, of Dallas, Tex., missionary for the Baptist Sunday school Board, made a short talk on the subject. Mr. Pegues has organized many Sunday schools in Texas and his talk was instructive. The speaker stated that the most important thing is the election of officers best qualified for the work.

Rev. R. B. Headden, of Rome, Ga., stated that for a long time he was opposed to the B. Y. P. U.

The meeting of the convention in Rome caused Dr. Headden to see the work in a different light and enter into it with his heart and soul.

VETERAN IN WORK.

Rev. J. B. Searcy, of Biloxi, Miss., stated that he had been engaged in the work twelve years. The first great fright had been the statement that this is an outside organization, threatening to take the bit and run away. The speaker had found that the young people need the spur more than the rein.

Dr. Dawson closed the discussion, stating that one trouble was we expect too much of our young people's meetings.

A. J. Barton of Arkansas; L. B. Warren of Florida, and C. F. Burts of South Carolina, were appointed a nominating committee, and reported the following nominations:

State Managers—Alabama, T. M. Callaway; District of Columbia, C. C. Coleman; Georgia, R. VanDeventer; Louisiana, C. V. Edwards; Mississippi, Arthur Flake; North Carolina, T. N. Johnson; Tennessee, T. B. Ray; Arkansas, F. F. Gibson; Florida, W. A. Hobson; Kentucky, Carter H. Jones; Maryland, C. L. Laws; Missouri, A. W. Simmons; South Carolina, J. D. Chapman; Texas, G. W. Truett; Virginia, J. E. Hicks. Local Managers at Birmingham—J. M. Shelburne, W. M. Blackwelder, E. P. Hogan, G. Herbert, J. W. Hargrove, A. C. Davidson, H. W. Provence, B. H. Wood, L. P. Fleming, P. C. Ratliff.

The nominations were approved by the Convention which then adjourned until the night session.

EVENING SESSION.

The final session of the Convention was held with one of the largest audiences that ever filled the church. At 10 o'clock, after the conclusion of an interesting programme, the convention adjourned sine die with the benediction by Rev. W. H. Geisweit, of Chicago, editor of the Young People's Union, President L. O. Dawson presided at the evening session. Praise service of twenty minutes was conducted by Rev. A. Y. Napier, of Auburn, Ala.

Rev. W. A. Anderson, of Oklahoma, and Rev. E. E. Lee, of Indian Territory were elected managers for their respec-

tive territories. A collection to defray the expenses of publishing the minutes was taken. The report of the Committee on Enrollment of Delegates was, on motion, considered and adopted.

Rev. W. M. Harris, of Galveston, Tex., delivered a strong and inspiring address on "A Revival of Doctrinal Preaching and Teaching." The speaker said in part: "In discussing this subject the first thing to be done is to decide what is meant by doctrinal preaching. I do not think that doctrinal preaching is the same as controversial preaching. They are not interchangeable terms. I am grateful that the day has passed forever when Elders Smith and Jones meet at the cross roads for a three days' discussion on doctrinal subjects. I am not to be understood as favoring a creedless Christianity. A man who has no creed is a man who has no convictions, and a man who has no convictions has no thought. You can so emphasize the great commission that baptism is the greatest thing in it or you can so read the commission as to make it appear that missions or some other cause are the one great object.

"Doctrinal preaching may be warm, warm with the throb of the human heart and the heart of God. Doctrinal preaching is a constant adhering in preaching to the great central theme in Christianity. Doctrinal preaching contemplates the preaching of the great fundamental doctrines of the New Testament in love, appealing to both the heart and the intellect of man.

IS REVIVAL NEEDED?

"Do we need a revival of doctrinal preaching? I do not know whether we need the revival or whether it has already come. In some sections a revival is needed, others it is not. Where anecdotal sermons are preached almost altogether there is great need for this revival; where there is too much sensationalism and civic preaching the revival is needed.

"Preach to the sinner the doctrine of man's depravity. Many with his own hand has written the record of his own guilt confirmatory of the word of God that man is a sinner.

"Preach to man God's judicial wrath, the wrath of holiness, the wrath of justice. Because of this fact it is inexorable. Preach to him the doctrine of penalty.

"Preach the doctrine of the atonement. Preach the good old evangelical preaching; it will beat all the ghost stories that a man ever told.

"There is more indoctrinal preaching on which to lay the foundation stone of the structure of man's character than in any other kind of preaching. A sermon should not be a bank of flowers, but a granite column, around which

fragrant flowers may twine.

"The great preachers have been doctrinal preachers. Paul and Martin Luther and John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards and Frederick W. Robinson and Spurgeon were all great doctrinal preachers. Their work will live long after the sensational thought, the spinner of yarns and the flings of bouquets shall have passed away."

THE INNER LIFE.

Dr. W. H. Geistweit, of Chicago, delivered an enthusiastic and interesting address, the theme being, "The Inner Life," concluding the day's programme.

"I shall try to tell you as best I can how to live," he said. "After all, in the last analysis there is but one life we are living, not two. The man of the heart, the inner life, is the real life. The inner life is the impulse of the outer life. Robert Louis Stephenson told a story of a man of dual lives, but after all the man of the inner life became the one man, the real Mr. Hyde. It is the inner life that is the real life of man, that makes up his real existence. The inner man abides and enriches more and more, though the flame on the outside may consume the man, the world knows. The real man is the man of the heart—man as he really is, not always man as we know him. Life consists not in what luxuries and splendor man has, but in eternal life elements. Life consists not in an abundance of the things that man has, but in soul elements. High living is not compatible with high thinking.

"Go to the home of simplicity if you would find great thinking—the real life, the inner life.

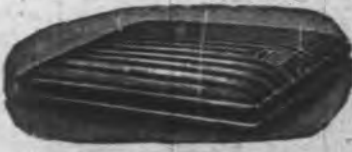
"You will not find it where luxury and desires is the supreme thought of those who live there. It is the inner life that makes the wealth of the outer life. Who owns the clouds and the heavens and the earth? The man who knows Christ. If you have Christ in your heart, if you know Christ, you have all things.

"It is not a question of going to heaven when you die but being in heaven while you live. When a man dies he goes to heaven on the level that he has lived. We should not preach that unless you come to Christ you will go to hell. I am come that you might have life and that in abundance."

"The enduring things of earth grow out of the inner life. Let us forsake the dual life and take up the cross and be crucified with Christ. Then we shall take up the life that never ends. Life eternal."

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Year	Tithe Fund	Total Receipts	Appropriations	Reserve Fund	Building Fund	Net Assets
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1874	7 82	48,539 10	3,837 15			9,876 61
1875		53,919 39	4,028 81	1,000 00		11,796 17
1876		66,291 41	4,412 60	2,000 00		14,312 30
1877		66,291 41	11,855 40			22,747 70
1878		673 16	66,700 35	10,000 00		20,818 05
1879	1,274 04	67,000 35	13,000 00	10,000 00		23,818 05
1880	3,200 97	71,819 42	13,528 18	30,000 00		23,818 05
1881	3,130 95	78,819 42	16,288 02	44,000 00		23,818 05
1882	4,104 64	87,345 71	15,000 00	50,000 00		23,818 05
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In this connection, but deserving special attention, the Board makes announcement of its "Hymn and Praise Book," which is now about ready for the printers. We cannot say just when it will be published, but as soon as possible. The demand for its publication has been growing for years, and our people are in great expectation of it. It will contain between five and six hundred hymns and songs, and will be pre-eminently a book of praise. It will contain many of the old hymns so rich in doctrine and spiritual power and sweep of music, and also some of the nobler songs which have gaddened the heart and enriches the life of Christians in these modern times as Zion has awaked to sing afresh the story of redeeming grace. The selection has been made with the greatest care.

Since its last report the Board has made new issues of several of its tracts and books—each issue of the book representing a thousand copies, viz; Baptist Why and Why Not, one issue; The Story of Yates, two issues; the Hatcher Seminary Lectures, one issue; The Schufler Seminary Lectures, three issues. In addition to these the Board made new publications as follows: A Primary Catechism on the Bible, and a Little Folk's Catechism on the Bible; the last being a simple edition of the first for small children, by Rev. M. D. Jefferies, who was awarded for his work a special prize offered by the Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester; Spiritual Farming, by Rev. J. F. Love, a very neat and helpful booklet; A Catechism on the Life of Christ, by Rev. Frank Marrs, missionary to Mexico. It will be printed in Mexico in the Spanish language, for the use of the missionaries in Spanish-speaking countries.

The Board's policy in its field work is the result of earnest thought. Two plans were considered, viz, to appoint

men in each State conjointly with the State Boards, or to appoint its own men, fewer in number, but under its own direction and supervision. This latter method seemed wiser and more likely to accomplish larger results, though possibly both methods may be operated as the Board's ability increases.

In the past year it has expended thousands of dollars as appropriations to State Boards, co-operating with them in this way for Sunday school advancement.

In this connection mention should be made of Brother M. P. Hunt, representing the work of the Southern Baptist Convention west of the Mississippi. He is appointed and supported jointly by the three Boards of the Convention, according to instructions given in the session last year. His work differs somewhat from the work of the Field Secretaries. Its aim is specifically to increase a Convention sentiment in missionary operations among our people in the great West, and to co-operate with them in marshalling their forces for the furtherance of the Gospel, with no intention or desire to frustrate or do violence to plans and methods under which they are doing their work.

The Home Department.—This name describes a special branch of work in connection with the local Sunday school; so named because its aim and effort are to reach those who cannot attend the school and induce them to study the Word of God in their home. They are grouped and listed into classes, though they never assemble together. They are counted as part of the school, are furnished with lesson helps, and study the same lesson that is used in the school; are under a separate management, and yet make contributions to the scope and power of the school work and training.

They use the same papers, namely, the 'Bible Class Quarterly' and the 'Advance Quarterly,' and sometimes the quarterly for the lower grades if the case so requires.

At this time when the importance of teacher-training and normal work is being emphasized as never before, and the need of it is being so deeply felt, it is well to remember the glorious work done by the teachers of the past, and to remember also that the first and highest qualification for Sunday school teaching is heart power in the teacher that comes from an experience of the Word of God, and of the riches of grace in Christ Jesus. If this be wanting there is no substitute for it; while this will always remain a crowning glory to whatever attainment may be made.

In recounting the forces that have contributed to the success of the Sunday School Board for this year and other years, we must name the Woman's Missionary Union as one of the most constant and effective. Both as individuals, and in their organized capacity, the Baptist women of the South have been wise and untiring in their efforts for this part of the Convention's

work. With grateful appreciation we enter here as part of our report the annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union, submitted to Miss Armstrong, the able and efficient Corresponding Secretary.

Mission Literature Department.—This is conducted for the Home and Sunday School Boards under the management of Miss Armstrong, who has made it very successful in producing missionary literature in tract form. It is self-sustaining, and has gathered within itself the finest list of tracts that can be found within the whole range of missionary literature. The headquarters is in Baltimore, Md., where a large collection of tracts are kept on hand, and can be had for a mere nominal price. It is a magazine of power held available for the use of pastors and other workers.

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The Spanish Court will go into mourning for one year.

It was reported that the ships bombarded Port Arthur early on the morning of May 6, and succeeded in closing the entrance but no official confirmation of the latter's statement can be obtained.

The strength of the garrison at Port Arthur is not revealed by the Authorities who will only say that it is adequate for defensive purposes. It is not believed that the force there exceeds 10,000 soldiers.

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Woman's Auxillary Union.

Seven States and Territories were represented in the large assembly of consecrated women delegates to the Woman's Auxillary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, with a number of visitors, which filled the auditorium of McKendree Church Thursday morning. Placards bearing the name of the States represented marked the State sections, the altar, banked with palms, clusters of mountain honeysuckle and royal purple flags presented a beautiful appearance.

Seated on the platform were the officers: Mrs. John A. Barker of Clifton Forge, Va., President; Miss Annie W. Armstrong, of Baltimore, Md., Corresponding Secretary; Miss M. M. E. Wright, of Augusta, Ga., Recording Secretary, and Mrs. W. M. C. Lowndes of Baltimore, Md., Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. John Barker, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. E. De Vaughn of Georgia. After the singing of "Coronation" and Scripture reading, "Stand Up for Jesus" was sung and a silent prayer was an impressive feature, followed by sentence prayers given by the women of the congregation.

Miss Gertrude Hill, State Recording Secretary of the Missionary Union, made the address of welcome.

Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Texas made a happy response, voicing the pleasure of the delegates at being in Nashville. **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.**

The address of the President, Mrs. John Barker, of Virginia, was an eloquent effort, containing a resume of the work of the Union in the past and a hopeful outlook for the future. She said in opening:

"When Christ told his disciples that the kingdom of heaven was like a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—He did not mean that His kingdom was insignificant and of no vital import to the human family. Indeed, all of His teachings lead us to believe the very reverse, and His words 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God' emphasized emphatically the divine conception of the most important objects in life. Therefore, we are led to conclude that only in its beginning on earth is this kingdom like the tiniest of seeds. We know that this is true when we study the life of Christ.

"Humanly speaking, He had neither rank nor position, and although the world was His and the fullness thereof, He had 'not where to lay His head.' When choosing His disciples he looked not among those of national repute, immense wealth nor high social position. He sought rather the humble and lowly, those who could boast of no social precedence—the fishermen of Galilee. His gospel was that of humility. His teaching was the very opposite of anything that had for its end advancement from a worldly standpoint. But from this humble seed of divine planting a fruitful harvest is promised."

She touched eloquently on the good accomplished by small things, and recounted the heroic services of early missionaries, saying:

"But now the periods of germination and unity are passed. The seed has become a tree, affording shelter to beast and bird. The twentieth century marks the fruition period, the harvest time. Every door is open and every nation calls loudly for help. Our missionaries are pleading for men.

"Of the history of our own organization we are fully cognizant. The seed planted sixteen years ago, has multiplied nearly four-fold financially." She spoke earnestly on the work of interesting young people in the mission cause.

In closing, she said: "On one occasion Judson was asked about the prospects of his field of labor. He replied, 'They are as bright as the promises of God.' The same promises belong to us. With every promise, however, God has made a condition. It is ours to make it possible for Him to keep His word. He will do it if we but let Him. Let us try Him and verily we shall see from this small beginning a great and glorious consummation. And now may our Father's presence abide with us during this meeting of our Union. May He so direct our thoughts, desires and impulses that we shall prove ourselves to be His children, indeed, seeking only to know and do His will, desiring only His honor and glory."

CORDIAL GREETINGS.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, representing the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, prominently identified with the Woman's Foreign Mission work of the same church, gave cordial greeting to the Union and were greeted by the Union. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Miss A. W. Armstrong of Baltimore, the Corresponding Secretary, submitted her report, giving a comprehensive review of the work for the past year. The report opens with a brief statement as to the work in Canton, China, begun forty-eight years ago by Dr. R. H. Graves, and shows how the work has grown until today there are fifteen Baptist Churches, with a membership of nearly 3,000.

The Secretary says: "Our organized endeavor to help carry out Christ's last commission—what of that in sixteen years? Have we helped or hindered the cause we love? In contributions, as the easiest form of computation, we have advanced from reported gifts of \$17,000 before the organization, to \$112,042 for this year; or a total in the sixteen years of \$995,198. Has this been taken from the gifts of the churches as such? If so, it were only a transfer and not a gain. The statistics of the Boards do not so indicate. From 1898, the date of W. M. U. organization, there has been a steady advance in general receipts apart from the gifts of the W. M. U. 'Those women who labored in the gospel' have helped."

"Immediately after the annual meeting the preparation of literature began afresh, with which societies throughout the seventeen State organizations have been supplied. For brevity's sake we will speak of them all at this time, though their issue has been made periodically as the various objects were pre-

sented. Their mention, to the initiated, will serve as a review in the history of the year.

The report then takes up and discusses the respective departments of mission work and explains how it was carried on and points out results. As to this Miss Armstrong says:

"What are the present results? Following the example of the girls of Virginia in paying the salary of Miss Hansen in Indian Territory, the girls of Missouri are aiming to pay the salary of Miss Ferber, an assistant for Miss Buhmafer in Baltimore. We hope these two fine examples will be followed by the girls of other States in supporting Missionaries.

"School work is also proving a favorite object of interest. A day of larger giving is perceptibly dawning all along the line. A band at Freemason Street Church, Norfolk, Va., has pledged \$350 to buy land and build a school for Miss Moon in North China. Mrs. L. D. Eakin, through the 'Young South,' supports Mr. Maynard in Japan, and secured 373 dolls for Mrs. Graves to take back to China. South Carolina children collected a very large number of picture cards to be used in the school work in China. Many new members to the Sunbeam Bands have been secured through the 'fish' plan. We have merely touched the outer rim of this vast sphere of influence. May our experienced workers be wisely guided to enter in and possess it fully. What hopes for the future this effort enfolds."

As to the work among the colored people, Miss Armstrong reports two donations, aggregating \$350, from two ladies of Georgia.

METHODS OF WORK.

Under the head "Methods of Work" the Secretary says:

"In connection with the school work just referred to, a correspondence has been entered into with all the foreign missionaries to secure necessary data as to the number and character of schools, the pupils and cost per pupil. With this data carefully arranged, the Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union will be prepared to supply societies, or individuals, with needed information directly from the field and will forward copies of letters to those interested in the support of the various 'desks.' Miss Moon most cordially endorses this plan of work as a very wise, complete and business-like manner of interesting the workers at home, especially the young people, and as an effective way of supporting the schools. The method of securing support for women missionaries by societies in an association, or by individuals, has been urged with growing success. In this interest of foreign missions, the Secretary undertook the labor of sending an appeal from Dr. Willingham to Sunday school Superintendents throughout the South, with a programme to interest Sunday schools in making an offering to foreign missions; 7,451 appeals were sent. A similar work will be undertaken for the Home Board at a later date. To every Home Board Missionary the literature for Christmas offering to China was sent. We heartily believe in the principle and practice of Home Missions as the basis of supply for foreign missions. Literature for week of

special effort for home missions, with personal letters, were also sent to every home missionary."

YEAR'S STATISTICS.

The Secretary reports contributions by women as follows:

Cash contributions to Foreign Board, \$47,777.82; cash contributions to Home Board, \$24,869.70; cash contributions to Sunday School Board, \$443.24; boxes to home missionaries valued at \$38,362.04; boxes to Sunday school missionaries valued at \$589.98; Christmas offering to China, \$10,957.32; week of self-denial for home missions, results not tabulated. Cash total, \$73,090.79; box total \$39,952.02. Grand total, \$112,042.78.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes of Baltimore, Treasurer, submitted her report. This shows total cash and box contributions for sixteen years to be \$995,198.45. The contributions for Foreign Missions were \$47,777.82; Home Missions, \$24,869.70; Sunday schools, \$443.24. Band cash contributions: Foreign, \$4,382.90 Home, \$1,242.92; Sunday schools, \$129.18.

Contributions from Societies and Bands were: Home Missions, \$38,388.04 and Sunday schools, \$582.98.

DIGEST OF REPORTS.

A digest of the reports of the State Secretaries was read and Mrs. A. C. S. Jackson furnishes this from Tennessee:

"Our motto 'Go Forward' has been our inspiration and aim the past year. We are able to report progress and a gratifying increase in our contributions. Greater interest is manifested in every association. Our Vice Presidents are doing valiant service. Sixteen annual associational meetings were held. Several of the Vice Presidents held quarterly meetings. More societies were organized this year than in 1903. Our band work is included in 'The Young South.' The results of our 'Weeks of Prayer' for both the Foreign and Home Boards surpassed all previous efforts. Our intention is to keep striving until we have a society in every church in every association."

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Southern Baptist Convention.
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striking out Fort Worth and inserting in lieu thereof Kansas City. Dr. Hatcher made a vigorous argument in behalf of Kansas City. He said that Texas did not need the convention; on the contrary, it would get along splendidly if the convention never met there again. In fact, it would not be long before Texas could not only take care of itself, but could take care of the rest of the world. On the other hand, Missouri needed the convention. "Our people there," he said, "have had a hard struggle; they need us. We should go to them and inspire them in their work. Let us answer the call of our brethren in Missouri and reverse the decision of this committee."

E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, seconded what had been said by Dr. Hatcher and eloquently appealed to the convention to go Missouri and take that field for the church. It had been thirty-five years since the body met in Missouri.

T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, urged the adoption of the original report. He stated that after a full hearing of the claims of Tampa, Kansas City and Fort Worth, the committee had almost unanimously decided against the claim of Kansas City.

Dr. W. D. Turnley, of Florida, moved as an amendment to the amendment to strike out "Kansas City" and insert "Tampa." He made a strong appeal for Florida. There were many reasons why the convention should meet in Florida, but owing to the lateness of the hour he would refrain from giving in any other reasons at this time.

KANSAS CITY WINS.

The amendment to the amendment was voted down, then the question recurred upon the amendment substituting Kansas City for Ft. Worth was submitted. Pending a vote upon the question Dr. Luther A. Little, of Ft. Worth, pastor of the First Church, was by unanimous consent permitted to address the convention. He withdrew the name of Ft. Worth from consideration and the amendment was unanimously adopted amid scenes of great enthusiasm.

The original report, as amended, was then adopted, a motion to recommit had been voted down.

A resolution authorizing the Secretaries of the convention and the boards to change the place of meeting if satisfactory railroad and hotel rates and also if suitable hall or auditorium cannot be obtained at Kansas City was adopted and they were authorized to appoint a suitable place having such advantages.

SUNDAY, MAY 15.

Sunday was a great day in Nashville as prominent Baptists filled the pulpits. There was a rousing old-fashioned Baptist rally held at the Tabernacle in the afternoon in which several thousand participated. A Sunday School rally was first had, in which a number of prominent superintendents and pastors made interesting talks and this was followed by a powerful appeal for evangelism by Dr. L. G. Broughton,

pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Atlanta. Those who spoke on Sunday school methods and what might be accomplished by them were: Dr. Hamill, Secretary of the Methodist Sunday school Board; Mr. E. W. Stephens of Columbia, Mo.; W. O. Carver, of the Baptist Seminary; Mr. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Texas, and Dr. J. M. Frost of Nashville.

In the address of the afternoon on evangelization, Dr. Broughton of Atlanta said the Baptist Church last year showed little progress in gaining church members by baptism, and he surprised his hearers by stating that all a city preacher had to do to create a sensation would be to call for sinners at 11 o'clock morning service.

Dr. Broughton closed with a powerful appeal for more evangelical fervor. He said he was concerned for the masses that were never touched by the churches. "We are all agreed," said he "that the mission of the church is the salvation of the lost. The mission of the church is the mission of Jesus. He commissioned the church to take up the work he had begun. If a church is not winning sinners to Christ it should not be called a church."

MONDAY, MAY 16.

Nearly all of the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention were in their places at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, when the convention held an hour of special prayer for the increase of missionary labors. This service was conducted by Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Birmingham. Songs of praise were sung and earnest prayers offered.

This was a most impressive hour and the delegates entered into it with an earnestness and zeal characteristic of the missionary spirit.

There was also words of testimony from different members. Rev. J. F. Watson, of Madison, Ky., said: "I have been praying that God would send some man from my dear church and I want you to pray that I have made no mistake and that I will do God's will. I have made an altar and placed all I possess upon it."

Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, read a letter from Rev. C. B. Daniel, the Cuban missionary in Havana asking the convention to hold its next meeting in Havana. If this cannot be done, the missionary asks for additional helpers in the Cuban field.

The following commission on work among negroes to report next year was appointed: L. O. Dawson, Alabama; J. F. Love, Arkansas; L. B. Warren, Florida; J. K. Fall, Georgia; I. C. Stalcup, Georgia; J. S. Dill, Kentucky; E. O. Ware, Louisiana; W. F. Yarbrough, Maryland; G. W. Hyde, Missouri; C. J. Thompson, North Carolina; E. T. Cady, South Carolina; A. J. Boone, Tennessee; G. W. Truett, Texas; R. B. Carver, Virginia, and C. C. Coleman, District Columbia.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The special order for this morning's session was the consideration of the Sunday school Board's work. At Saturday's session the report of the General Secretary of the Sunday School Board

was referred to sub-committees and reports from these committees were called for.

PAGAN FIELDS.

Immediately after the conclusion of the consideration of the Sunday School Board's work the reports of sub-committees on the report of the General Secretary of the Foreign Board were called.

One of the most important sub-reports was that on work in pagan fields, read by Dr. Charles H. Nash of Hopkinsville, Ky., Chairman.

This report feelingly referred to the deaths of Mrs. J. B. Hartwell and Mrs. W. H. Sears of China, who died during the past year.

The report says: "We note with interest that our missionaries in Africa remain at their posts longer than any other class of white people. Let us beware, lest we keep them there too long."

The committee noted the glorious light which is breaking in the benighted lands of Africa. There were 187 baptisms there last year, 80 more than any previous year. One hundred of these were baptized by a native missionary, W. L. Stone.

The committee reported progress toward self-support, and stated that it is convinced that the evangelization must be the result of the work of native evangelists.

The earnest appeals of the missionaries, Rev. R. T. Ryan and Miss Julia K. McKenzie, to raise funds for educational work was commended.

The committee reported a great need for equipped men and women for the foreign fields, and the report closed with the expression of the earnest desire that the brethren and sisters pray that the "Lord of the Harvest send forth many laborers into his field."

PAPAL FIELDS.

The Committee on Papal Fields through Rev. A. J. Dickerson of Alabama reported: "We find the management of the Missionary Union such as to commend it in every way, and command the confidence of our churches and people. We commend the work fully, and feel that all is being done which wisdom, under present conditions, would require."

Rev. T. Clagett Skinner, of Baltimore read the sub-report on finances of the Foreign Board.

The committee reported that \$105,000 had been given during the past ten years. The amount now is double what it was then. Texas, Georgia and Virginia gave last year almost as much as the whole convention. The work of the board is highly commended.

Those who discussed the reports on the Foreign Mission Boards work were Rev. E. B. Pollard of Georgetown, Ky., and Rev. W. L. Pickard of Lynchburg, Va.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The foreign missionaries were introduced and made short talks and then the Holy Spirit came in great power and young men and young women stood up and offered themselves for service and the great audience was moved, and when an opportunity was given to shake hands with the twenty who were ready to start for their field it was a scene never to be forgotten.

MONDAY NIGHT.

Monday night ended with a great missionary rally, too great to be described, but oh! how good it was to be present.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

One of the most notable events preliminary to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was the annual meeting and banquet of the Annual Association of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, which took place Thursday evening at Ward's Seminary. Dr. J. D. Blaton, President of Ward's Seminary, tendered the visitors the use of a large auditorium for the occasion.

About 300 of the alumni of the Theological Seminary representing the foremost of those connected with the Baptist ministry, educational institutions and publications were present. Those prominent in missionary work were present, and nearly every important Baptist journal was represented.

Dr. Wm. W. Hamilton, of Louisville, is President of the Alumni Association.

After the serving of an elegant menu the following speakers were introduced and responded:

- "Our Mother and the Man of Macedonia," Dr. R. T. Bryan, of China.
- "Our Collateral Kin," Dr. W. E. Hatcher, Richmond, Va.
- "What Can the Sons Do for Our Mother?" Dr. Thomas S. Potts, of Memphis, Tenn.
- "Our Mother and Her Neighbor Boys," Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Tex.
- "The First Grandson," Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky.
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Ar. Selma.....	11 30pm	10 30am
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 30pm	8 30am
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