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Convention Notes.

The Southern Baptist Convention has met four times in Nashville

It was courteous in President Eagls to call on Ex-president Northern of Georgia to make the opening prayer.

We sat by B. D. Gray at the opening of the Convention and his face was wreathed in smiles—Dr. Gray faces hard work with a smile.

The devotional exercises were led by Dr. S. H. Ford, the editor of Ford's Christian Reposer. His long life has been a witness for his Master.

At the Alumni Banquet we had the pleasure of sitting between Drs. Stakeley and Eaton. Of course we had a good time.

Alabama was entitled to 114 delegates and at the first roll call 107 were present. This makes a fine showing for attendance.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, in speaking at the Alumni Banquet on "Our Mother and the Tomorrows," pictured her future as one of beauty and glory.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones "The First Grandson" of the S. B. T. Seminary, made a delightful talk at the Alumni Banquet. He honors his grandmother.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, who spoke at the Alumni Banquet, in Dr. Dickinson's place, was at his best and his talk on "Collateral Kin" kept the banqueters in an uproar.

Dr. Thomas S. Potts of Memphis, in his talk at the banquet, showed just "what sons can do for the mother." They can love, support and say kind things about her.

Dr. R. T. Bryan of China, who spoke at the banquet on "Our Mother and the Man," prefaced his remarks by that according to the Chinese he was only "a little piece of Chinaman."

Dr. James B. Hawthorne was a conspicuous figure at the Convention and always had a group of friends around him. His many friends in Alabama will rejoice to know that he is much improved in health.

The Alumni Banquet on Thursday evening was a great success. The menu was good and the speeches were sparkling and short. Many expressed regret that Dr. A. J. Dickinson was not present to respond to "Our Mother and Her Sons."

Convention Notes.

Rev. and Mrs. O'Halloran, missionaries to Cuba, are attending the Convention.

Nashville has a fine system of street railways and the transfer station tends to make transfer cheap and pleasant.

The Maxwell House is like a bee hive of swarming Baptists. They are gathered here from all parts of the South.

The First Church under Dr. Lansing Burrows has taken on new life and they say he is doing some very effective preaching.

It was a jolly lot of preachers that sped on their way over the L. and N. on Wednesday to the Convention. Many a good story was told and the fellowship was most refreshing.

The Alabama pastors are here in force and they show up mighty well. We take joy that we were born and bred in Alabama and gladly let it be known that we hail from Birmingham.

Drs. Burrows, Lofton and Ray are a mighty three and are playing a big part in helping to make the visitors happy, while Drs. Van Ness and Folk are giving hourly exhibitions of the gracious host.

Nashville has one, if not the finest, passenger stations in the South. It is a beautiful structure and has many conveniences. We hope to have one as good or better in Birmingham before another century.

Dr. E. B. Pollard, who made an address at the Baptist Young People's Union meeting, was for a while professor in Columbian University, Washington, D. C. He is now pastor at Georgetown, Ky. He has a very refined and classic face.

The Sunday School Board building was a revelation and inspiration to members who visited it. The denomination was fortunate in being able to get such a home and at such a price. It stands in the heart of the city a daily reminder that the Baptists are progressing.

Nashville almost seems like home to us. We studied at Vanderbilt University and in later years during the Centennial we acted as assistant pastor of the First Church during the long and trying illness of Dr. James B. Hawthorne. The saints of the First Baptist church are a patient lot. We tried them and they murmured not. We love them for their patience and longsuffering.

Convention Notes.

A large map of the Southern States displayed on the left side of the stage showing in black the per cent of colored population was a great object lesson as to the need of intelligent and Christian work among the negroes.

Dr. George W. Truett's speech at the banquet on "Our Mother and Her Neighbor Boys," made such an eloquent talk that some wondered what would have happened had he been a "son" instead of just a "neighbor boy."

Fifteen hundred and seven delegates on the financial basis and four hundred and eighty-three Associational delegates. Just think of it, within one hundred of two thousand. The Southern Baptist Convention is a big affair.

Before the Convention was called to order a number of dear old hymns were sung by the visitors and delegates in a feeling way without any professional leading. It was a great relief from the spectacular performances at Savannah.

On the right of the stage a large map comparing the size of other countries with the United States was a revelation to many. Belgium, Holland and Greece could be stored away in Arkansas, the home of the President of the Convention.

Dr. Lansing Burrows made no cut and dried address of welcome but made a strong plea to the delegates and visitors to help enthrone Jesus in the hearts of the people of Nashville, and the response by Rev. R. T. Bryan of China was genuine and spiritual.

We thought Dr. Lansing Burrows knew everything and yet he had to ask publicly at the Convention to get the initials of Dr. Crumpton. If Dr. Burrows had run down to Alabama nearly any Baptist child in the State could have told him, for W. B. Crumpton is a household name in Alabama. We kind of resented it that anybody had to ask the initials of our beloved Secretary.

The Tabernacle is truly a wonderful auditorium. As we sit here looking out into thousands of faces as they listen to the speakers our mind goes back to the former great gatherings held here during our work in Nashville as assistant pastor of the First Church. It also comes to us how one Sunday afternoon we had the privilege of preaching to a great throng the unsearchable riches of Christ in the very city in which as a student of Vanderbilt University we were without God and hope. Truly God is gracious.

Convention Notes.

Alabama gave 23 per cent more to Home Missions than last year.

Rain fell almost incessantly all day Friday and yet the crowds at the Tabernacle were large.

Calder B. Willingham of Macon, who was elected one of the Vice Presidents, belongs to the famous Willingham family of Georgia and the South.

At the Friday afternoon session the brethren were given to sleep until Dr. McConnell interrupted the reading of a report long enough to awaken the delegates.

Major John W. Thomas, the distinguished layman of Tennessee, who was elected one of the Vice Presidents, is not only one of the most successful railroad presidents in the country, but is a speaker of rare eloquence.

It was a great relief to get down to business without having the time of the Convention taken up by welcoming Governors, Mayors and laymen with historical and material sketches of the State and City.

Dr. Gray, before reading his report of the Home Mission Board, stated that if the brethren would quit reading their papers for an hour and a half he would promise to get through and let them take them up again. He read so well and the report was so encouraging that there was great applause.

There was one man here at the Convention with eyes and ears open, who both sees and hears, and seeing and hearing he is able to tell what he saw and heard. Just wait until Brother Crumpton makes his associational rounds: you want to know what happened at Nashville.

Drs. Willingham, Gray and Frost are among the happiest men at Nashville, for they have been faithful unto the interests given unto their charge by the Convention. Each brought good news to the body. We thank God for the great-hearted Willingham, for the level-headed Gray, and for the sweet-spirited Frost.

Rev. Richard Hall, who made a very excellent practical talk at the Baptist Young People's Union Thursday afternoon, formerly was a stenographer in the office of Maj. Geo. R. Knox in this city. After graduating at the Seminary at Louisville he became pastor at Florence, Ala., where he had a prosperous pastorate for several years. He is now pastor at Orrville, Ala., a wealthy little city in Southern Alabama.—Nashville American.

Southern Baptist Convention.

Extracts from Report of Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board, with devout thanks to God for His blessings upon our work, presents its Fifty-ninth Annual Report. Despite many adverse circumstances the work has moved steadily onward. The Board was called upon to sustain a most serious loss shortly after the Convention in Savannah in the resignation of Dr. F. C. McConnell, as Corresponding Secretary. Though with the Board only two years, he had taken strong hold of the work. His magnetic personality and superb gifts were being laid without reserve on the altar of this great service. Only a conviction of duty could have taken him back to the pastorate, and the Board, in reluctance, surrendered him to Calvary Baptist Church, of Kansas City, Mo., that great and throbbing center of the Central West, where he is already recognized as a tower of strength, and has lost none of his love and zeal for Home Missions.

To record in succession for three years, the loss of a Secretary, as we have had to do in the death of Doctors F. H. Kerfoot and I. T. Tichenor, and the resignation of Dr. F. C. McConnell has been a most sorrowful experience and one fraught with serious consequences to our work. Necessarily in turn each had to learn the work and adjusted himself thereto, and loss power is always incidental to a change in administration. Our work has undergone the strain of four changes in the Secretaryship in as many years and has had violent opposition from sundry sources, and is, nevertheless, more prosperous than ever before. This fact becomes at once the ground of our confidence that the work is of God and the source of our inspiration to larger endeavor.

The new Secretary, Rev. B. D. Gray, has been in office a little over seven months, one-half of which time has been spent in visiting State Conventions and the Island of Cuba in order to secure a comprehensive view and thorough grasp of the entire field. Little stress until after the first of January, was laid upon the financial question. Nor had we at any time, what we have hoped for several months we might have, a number of our strongest missionaries among the churches, informing them on our great work, its needs, its prospects and the wonderful blessings of God upon it, and thus stimulating greater interest and provoking larger gifts to its support. The pressing demands of the various fields have made it impossible for our missionaries to leave their positions and come to the churches with fresh news from Cuba, the frontier, the cities like Baltimore, St. Louis, Memphis, Galveston, New Orleans and others, the negroes, the mountains, the mines, the mills, and the foreigners. Still, despite these unfavorable conditions, our financial receipts surpass those of any previous year of our history.

While we cannot present a complete tabulated statement of all the work accomplished by our missionaries, the following exhibit is somewhat sugges-

tive of the scope and character of their labors:

SUMMARY OF WORK.	
Missionaries	618
Weeks of labor.....	20,815
Churches and stations.....	2,244
Sermons and addresses.....	63,772
Prayer meetings	12,846
Religious visits.....	147,073
Baptisms	7,526
Received by letter.....	9,271
Total additions	16,797
Churches constituted	157
Houses of wor. built and imp.	179
Sunday schools organized....	714
Bibles and Testaments distrib.	18,275
Tracts distributed (pages)....	2,094,140

RECEIPTS.
The total amount of cash received for the work of the Board from all States last year was \$103,969.05, and from miscellaneous sources \$5,514.24. Our receipts from all the States this year have been \$127,850.56, and from legacies and other miscellaneous receipts \$5,707.44, a gain from all the States of \$23,881.51.

NEW FIELDS.
Isle of Pines.—It had been earnestly hoped that we could begin work on the Isle of Pines this year. Brother C. D. Daniel has been so burdened with his duties in Cuba that he has not been able to inaugurate this new work. The Board, too, has lacked funds. We will not delay longer, however, to enter this promising field, where so many Americans have gone and are going. The island is just south of Cuba, about forty miles, is admirably adapted to stock raising, fruit and vegetable culture, has a most delightful climate, and is destined to become densely populated. Its nearness to Cuba makes it almost one country with the latter.

Panama.—The canal zone, a strip ten miles wide across the Isthmus of Panama, has been acquired by the United States and the property rights to the canal secured by our government. The canal is assured. Panama is thus brought to the front, and no place on the globe of like dimensions will witness the flow of such a tide of the world's commerce in the near future. Mission work is sadly needed in that country. Our Board is planning to begin work there at an early date. Panama, said to be the oldest city on the continent, with 30,000 people, has no Baptist work, neither has Colon, with between 5,000 and 10,000 people. Dr. T. T. Eaton, who recently visited the Isthmus of Panama, has furnished us a very instructive article for our April "Home Field" on "Panama as a Mission Field." The Board is in correspondence on the subject, and hopes very soon to begin work there.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.
We must conclude, as we began, with profound gratitude to God for His abundant blessings. Much of the time during the early part of the Convention year the office secretary's serious illness kept him from his work. Shortly after the Convention the Corresponding Secretary resigned; then followed the interregnum before his successor came into office. During six weeks of February and March, at a time when personal visits by

the Secretary to the large contributing churches had been planned, the serious illness of his wife interfered with this phase of the work. Yet notwithstanding all the untoward circumstances, the Lord has given us a glorious year. Every State, with two small exceptions, has made an advance in contributions, the total above last year in cash receipts being \$23,881.51, or an increase of 23 per cent. A notable fact is that \$42,221.45 was received the last day, April 30th. The Board was ordered by the Convention last May to enlarge its work and had done so in a measure, but adverse circumstances, added to extreme caution against the peril of incurring too great a debt, caused the Board to hesitate as to further enlargement. Some of the appropriations too were made conditionally, and as the conditions were not met the appropriations were not paid. About half the cash receipts for the entire year came during the last six weeks of the year, and with \$42,221.45 coming in the last day, we could not weeks and months beforehand anticipate the final outcome. Hence needy fields unoccupied and a considerable balance in our treasury! A few weeks ago, however, the Board decided to make an immediate enlargement on various lines, provided the receipts at the close of the year should at all justify it. The brethren in their liberality have come up gloriously to the help of the Board, and the conditional enlargement will be made effective at once—which will call for all the surplus now on hand.

From many sources have come assurances that the work of the Home Board was never more entrenched in the affections of our people and that the hour of supreme opportunity for services now confronts the Board. Indeed, the constant favor of God upon our workers and their great success in every field we occupy constitute the chief glory of our year's work and furnish the reason for our own conviction that the greatest work ever opened to the Board has been outlined in this report. Like charity, and with charity, the Board desires to furnish the bond of perfectness that shall bind together all our denominational forces for the testimony of Jesus Christ to the uttermost ends of the earth. Every department of our work is important, but concerning no one department, do we say, "This is the great work of our Board." With even a partial grasp of the work in the two territories and its immense possibilities, some say that is the first task before the Board; Texas is immense, and to win her is to win an empire, but even Texas is not the supreme thing; to seize the cities and shape the destinies of the incoming foreigners, that of itself is a task for which all the present resources of the Board are inadequate, but that is not the first great work of the Board; to lift the dark cloud and assume the burden of the negro problem by giving the 9,000,000 of the race the gospel of our Lord, that many good brethren regard the supreme task of our Board. They are mistaken, we have a mission greater than any one of these things, important as they all are, indeed, than all of them combined, namely, witness-bearing for Christ. The agencies may be many, the methods multiform, but our aim is one, the

enthronement of Christ in the hearts and lives of men. The immediate sphere of our activity is our own near home land, but our ultimate aim is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. Let this convention, let our Baptist people become imbued with this high and holy purpose of making Christ regnant on earth, then we will spend our best thought and noblest effort on the accomplishment of this great end and not on the mere methods of its attainment. And may He, whose is the right to reign, hasten the coming of His kingdom throughout the whole earth.

Extracts from Foreign Mission Report.

We render to our God praises and thanksgivings for His manifold blessings on the work which we have been trying to do for Him during the past year. He loves this sin-cursed world, and after giving His Son to save men, He committed to His people the great work of carrying the glad news of salvation to every creature in all the world. In obedience to His command, we have sent out men and women to proclaim the Gospel of His love and invite dying souls to Him. The reports which come back from our workers at the front are glorious. Never in the history of our work has there been such a mighty onward movement among our workers. They tell us with joy and thanksgiving of 2,076 baptisms on the foreign fields during the year. This is a mighty army won to our God, and when we remember that only a few years ago we rejoiced at the news of five hundred converts, we lift our hearts in praise and adoration to God, who has so greatly blessed our labors, for we know that these thousands now gathered in, will themselves be a power to win others and that really they are only the forerunners of many thousands more who will soon turn to God. While we greatly rejoice at the large increase in the contributions of the churches in the home land for we have more than doubled our contributions in the past few years, we more greatly rejoice that the Lord has more than trebled the number of converts on the foreign fields. Let us thank God for this great ingathering, and earnestly pray to Him for still greater blessings during the present year.

We are glad to report that through the liberality of the churches, we have been able greatly to strengthen our mission stations, not only sending out new laborers, but better organizing them for more efficient work. It is the policy of the Board, so far as possible, to make each mission strong and effective. We do not think it best unwisely to multiply fields of labor, but to strengthen and develop each mission, which is opened, until it will become a strong center of influence, and mighty for accomplishing good. To this end we are procuring homes for our missionaries, opening schools and hospitals, and helping to establish publication houses. Of course, it takes a great deal of money to make these missions strong and effective, but we believe that our people wish to do the very best work for the glory of the Master, and we think that this can be accomplished better by giving facilities for work to the men and

women who have given their lives in the name of the Lord.

HOMES FOR MISSIONARIES.

In a number of cases we have thought it best to furnish missionaries with homes. Their health, and even their lives, seem to depend upon their having comfortable houses in which to live. We fear that in the past we have lost much by death, or the complete collapse of the missionaries, which required their return home at heavy expense, simply because we did not have comfortable houses in which they could rest from their arduous toils. It is the policy of the Board, so far as possible, to take care of the health of the men and women whom we send out to do the Lord's work. We feel that this will not only conform to the wish of our people in the home land, but is really for the best interest of the Master's Kingdom.

THE DOCTRINE "GO."

We rejoice that more and more our pastors are proclaiming the imperative "go" of the Master, and the churches are heeding. From all sections come up reports of churches that give the salary of a missionary (\$500 or \$600 according to location). Quite a number which started out to give the salary of a missionary, now give enough to pay the salary of two. Besides this, there are several brethren and sisters who each give individually the salary of a missionary. Then again there are a great many churches and individuals, who raise enough to pay the salary of a native worker in the foreign land. Of a large number of churches in their mission work, it can be truly said, "Old things have passed away; all things have become new," and the number is constantly increasing. The strong missionary pastors are those who are making strong missionary churches.

NEW FIELDS.

In deference to the expressed will of the Convention, your Board has decided to open missions in new countries. The first of these is in Argentina, South America. This growing, developing country needs the pure gospel of the Lord Jesus. With its millions of inhabitants, not much mission work has been done there by evangelical Christians, and we decided to begin operations at Buenos Ayres, the capital city. Rev. S. M. Sowell, our first missionary to that country, went out September 23, 1903, and Rev. J. L. Hart and wife sailed from New York April 5, 1904, to join him in the work. Rev. K. W. Cawthon and wife have since left starting the latter part of April, so that we now have five missionaries for this important work, but this number ought to be greatly increased soon.

The Board has also decided to open a mission in Persia. This country of such historic interest has for centuries been under the sway of the Mohammedans. We have heretofore been working in Pagan and Papal lands, and now think it well to enter this country, with its population of nine million human beings. Rev. J. F. Ray, of Mississippi, has been appointed to begin the mission. We hope soon to have others who will work with him.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

We are glad to report that we have been able to send out sixteen new missionaries during the year. We greatly

need others, but it is very difficult to secure those who are suited for the work. The Board has tried to be very careful in selecting the workers for the front. This is one of the most delicate and difficult of all the tasks which devolve upon us. We are anxious to send all whom God calls; but only those whom He does call. Of course, the Board has to a great extent to be guided in these appointments by the information furnished by brethren and sisters who know the applicants well. We call upon our churches to pray the Lord for more laborers. The work is needing them and we could easily place twenty right away, if we could secure them. We know of no more important subject that can be presented to the Convention than this of procuring more laborers for the foreign field and we think it will be well for the Convention to make special prayer to God that He will send forth laborers.

Convention Paragraphs.

Secretary Burrows said he had a deed in his hand conveying certain property to the Educational Board of the Convention. The deed had been sent to him and he desired information as to the method of procedure. Dr. Burrows said that in 1876 or 1877, about 200 acres of land in Alabama were deeded to the convention. The income from this land was used to forward the Home Mission work by Secretary Loveless of the Board. After his retirement the property was lost sight of, until recently a prospective purchaser had appeared. It was then learned that the title rested in the Convention. Dr. Burrows asked that the Convention take the matter in charge.

On motion it was decided to refer the question to a committee of five lawyers—Index.

The Tabernacle accommodates five thousand people. Clouds floated indolently. The morning had in it balm and ozone. A mocking bird saluted the morning with a song. Baptists were greeting one another. Gladness was abundant, but not everywhere.

Familiar faces are absent. Death has taken notable men from the leadership as well as from the ranks. Satan has invaded brotherly fellowship. But the Convention is going forward. Clouds hover, but the shine is beyond the shadows and the sun conquers winter and night.—Word and Way.

At the conclusion of the last speech on Sunday school work, L. G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., presented arguments for stressing evangelistic work. He would not withdraw emphasis from financial achievements in behalf of missions, but he would put tremendous emphasis on the fact that every church ought to be a soul-saving church. The net gain by baptism within a year is alarmingly low according to his statistics.

It should be noted that the Home Board secured an invitation for the next Convention to meet in Havana. The acceptance of that invitation would have given many brethren an opportunity to personally inspect the work in Cuba and to form their own conclusions at first hand.—Western Recorder.

A telegram from A. J. Diaz, of Cuba, was presented to the Convention. Diaz wanted a committee of arbitration, said committee to consist of Ben M. Bogard, J. M. Raines and J. A. Scarboro. The Convention peremptorily and almost unanimously refused to give the matter consideration. It would seem that the Convention has forever washed its hands of Diaz and his rumpus.—Baptist Argus.

Convention Statistics.

The report of Dr. Lansing Burrows, Statistical Secretary, shows that at the close of the year the Southern Baptist Convention comprised 779 associations and 20,431 churches, with a membership of 1,805,889. There are 11,409 Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 761,059. The increase in membership by baptism for the year is 103,241, and the decrease by death is 15,953. The aggregate contributions for 1903 were \$5,038,203. The aggregate value of church property is \$22,828,672.

The membership of the colored Baptist churches of the Southern States according to statistics furnished by them is 1,909,139, and the total Baptist membership in the world is 5,600,851.

At the meeting at Nashville of the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Seminary it was shown that there are now two hundred and seventy-three male students in the institution and forty-eight women students. The treasurer's report showed that the total assets of the institution including endowment are \$508,052, and the present annual expense account \$25,000.

The Foreign Board Missions are located in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. In these fields there are 180 churches with 294 out-stations. It has been decided to open a mission in Persia. The statistical table printed in the report of the Board shows that in what are known as the "pagan fields" there have been 821 baptisms, and in the "papal fields" 1,255. In all the Board has 63 male and 75 female missionaries, 68 ordained and 115 unordained male and 32 ordained female native "helpers." The total membership of the mission churches reaches 9,969. There are 109 houses of worship, 164 Sunday schools and 66 day schools. In these schools there are 7,000 scholars. There were 2,076 converts in connection with the foreign mission work.

Within the bounds of the Convention there are nine million negroes. It is conceded that the great majority of them are Baptists, or under the influence of Baptists.

During this year there have been supported jointly by our Board and the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention four general missionaries, all negroes, involving an expenditure of \$2,037.50 by this Board and a like sum by the National Baptist Board.

The reports of all these missionaries for the year show that they have rendered 280 weeks of labor; delivered 2,087 sermons and addresses; visited 2,733 homes; visited 843 churches; attended 191 conventions, associations, etc.; held 64 missionary conferences, and organized 61 bands and women's societies.

A table showing the growth of the work on the foreign field since 1898 is full of instruction. Then there were 76 missionaries, 117 native helpers, 102 churches, with 4760 members. The contributions were \$124,249.09. Now there are 138 missionaries, 215 native helpers, 180 churches, 2067 baptisms, 9,969 church members, \$247,629.69 contributed.

Here is a summary of the work of the Home Board: Missionaries, 616; weeks of labor, 20,815; churches and stations, 2,244; sermons and addresses, 63,772; prayermeetings, 12,846; religious visits, 147,070; baptisms, 7,526; received by letter, 9,271; total additions 10,797; churches constituted, 157; houses of worship built and improved, 179; Sunday schools organized, 714; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 18,275; tracts distributed (pages), 2,094,140.

Miss Armstrong's report of the W. M. U. showed receipts of \$112,043 for the year. Within its sixteen years of history the Union has raised \$995,198. The Christmas offering for China amounted to \$10957 this year, about \$2,000 more than last year.

The increase for foreign missions is \$10,925, and for home missions \$5,574.

Miss Armstrong has no salary. The expenses of the Union are paid by the three Boards of the Convention. This year the Richmond Board paid \$1,650, the Atlanta Board \$1,650 and the Nashville Board \$400.

FROM EGYPT.

Cairo is a modern city, the only one we have seen in the eastern world, made so by England's protection and the presence of 40,000 Europeans in the midst of a 600,000 population. We sailed up the Nile yesterday and passed the place where Moses was said to float upon its waters, and as we passed by I thought of how this ark must have been made of the tough bullrushes that grow along these waters, all platted and twisted together with prayers and tears and cemented with faith and love and launched with a mother's own hand. Ah, what a safe sail boys have today when launched in a boat thus constructed. I climbed to the top of Cheops shaft and shall never forget my feelings as I stood on this Pyramid 450 feet above the plain, with Sahara stretching itself for 3,000 miles westward, and the richest lands and finest grain fields the world ever saw, reaching out for many miles to the east. As I stood there and mingled the past with the present I said it is indeed a truth that "He who hath not seen Egypt hath not seen the world." We soon sail for Rome and after six days there and at Naples we turn again toward New York. Amid all these wonders and privileges that have come to me I am thinking of Alabama, of the orphanage, of "Friends day," and take this last opportunity of again urging friends of the Home to make this a great day for the adopted family at Evergreen. Tiny hands here are lifted to friends pleading for that education, that development of mind, heart and hand that will enable them to meet in a coming day the responsibilities that come as the days go by.

J. D. Pittman.

Commencement at Howard College.

The Howard College commencement opened Sunday, the annual sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Gross, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Selma. The East Lake Baptist Church, in which the services were held was crowded to overflowing. Dr. Gross is a very forcible pulpit orator. His theme was "The Royal Rule of Loyal Life."

His sermon was full of advance thought and he held the rapt attention of hearers at all times.

His text and sermon follows:

Text, Mat. xxiv, 42. "He saved others; Himself he cannot save," and Acts v, 15, "That at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them."

"I'm afraid of my own shadow—as it might fall with blighting influence on some passing life."

The words of the second text refer to an incident in stirring times. Jerusalem had just been shaken from centre to circumference by the tragedy on Calvary where One who was esteemed by the common people to be the Messiah, the Son of David, had been put to death by the leaders as a vile impostor and deceiver. But a persistent rumor to the effect that this supposed deceiver had risen from the dead could not be downed. Indeed there were many witnesses who constantly affirmed that they had seen Him alive many times since His passion. And to make the matter worse their testimony was made stronger by their ability to perform miracles in His name. A handkerchief taken from their persons and laid on sick people effected a cure. So great became the reputation of Peter that people were brought on beds and couches and laid in the streets that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them, and when he came they were healed.

Like Peter we all cast a shadow as we walk the pathway of life, but alas, with us sometimes they curse instead of cure.

We all cast shadows whether we are aware of it or not and even though we may try not to. A hermit is talked about.

From the cradle to the grave as we pass through life we touch others as a bane or a blessing.

The power of influence is both universal and ineradicable. We may try but we cannot wash our hands of this power. Pilate tried but failed. Influence is not dependent altogether upon circumstances or conditions.

A man need not be rich or specially gifted to be a great helpful factor in the world. Some obscure characters have shaped great lives. Neither need a man be cultured, rich or especial gifted to send forth streams of pollution. A barkeeper for instance.

The nature of the influence will depend upon the character of the heart. A good heart, a good stream of influence. An evil heart, a bad stream of influence.

The Dead Sea, a place of dreariness and death because it gives nothing forth; beautiful blue Gallilee, a place of song and joy, it receives in order to give forth.

No man has the right to exercise an evil influence. Liberty is freedom to do right but never license to do wrong. Whenever a man goes beyond the borders of the golden rule he trespasses upon someone else's rights and, too, becomes a wrong doer.

An injunction will lie against my neighbor if he pollutes the stream on my farm. Every life is a stream, all running into the great river of humanity and when a man pollutes the stream of his own life he ruins other lives and so becomes a wrong doer. We can not pass through the world alone; but as we go along the arms of our influence are extended and we take others with us either upward or downward.

Liberty needs a new definition if America is to lead the world in highest living and thinking.

Again, no man has a right to live a negative life. Life is the gift of God and its great powers must be used for the uplifting of humanity or there is a sinful waste.

Every life is the heritage of humanity in common. Its as free in certain lines as the air, because it touches every other life.

One might justly claim the atmosphere as to think that he can use his life exclusively for self. For every life creates an atmosphere breathed by the world. It must be good and pure or else harm will come.

Every life is a true estate to be administered for the good of humanity, and the glory of God. If some man should will me \$100,000 in trust to help educate young men and I spend it on myself I would be a thief and a robber. The greatest estate is a human life, throbbing with power and influence. An engine capable of bearing humanity's burdens.

These great gifts have been bestowed upon us by Him in whom we live and move, and have our being for the good of humanity. Is it any less robbing to waste them on ourselves?

What then is the royal rule of life? To serve others. To place ourselves in line with Him of whom it was said, "He saved others; Himself he cannot save."

When we speak of losing or sacrificing self some thing of a weak, unworthy, small self reluctantly sacrificed for some sort of gain. Not so. Bring your best self enlarged, strengthened, ennobled not as a slave, but with a victor's tread and joyfully consecrate it to humanity and God, and you shall enter into large life through the death of self. For if a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it shall bring forth a great harvest.

This is the only life worthy the possibilities and potentialities of a human soul made in the image of God, who loved the world and gave Himself to the world in the incarnation of his Son. This is the really happy life. This brings us back into harmony with God and so makes possible our noblest destiny.

The medal at the declamatory contest of the Sophomore Students of Howard College was won Monday morning by J. G. Fulmer, after a close contest with a number of others. The College Chapel, where the exercises

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BIG PIANO DEAL

Frank Fite's Birmingham House Bought by Forbes Piano Co.

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BAPTIST RALLIES.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT HYRAM CHURCH.

Following is the program of fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Hiram Church, May 27, 28 and 29.

Friday, 27th, 10:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises, C. E. Ingram. 11 a. m.—sermon, J. W. Mann. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises, Ben Hugley. 2 p. m.—"The Object of Fifth Sunday Meeting," J. H. Bush.

Saturday, 28th, 9 a. m.—Devotional exercises, Dr. Prather. 9:30 a. m.—"Duties of Deacons to Their Church and Pastors," S. R. Boykin. 10 a. m.—"Duties of Churches and Pastors to Their Deacons," J. W. Knolles, J. W. Quillan. 11 a. m.—Sermon, J. W. Malone. 1:30 p. m.—"Missions as Taught by the Bible," led by F. M. Flanigin and Dr. G. S. Anderson. "Benefits Derived from a Spirit of Missions,"—Parrott, Henry J. Bush.

Sunday, 29, 9 a. m.—Sunday school mass meeting, led by W. A. Bellamy. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. G. S. Anderson.

All who come by rail will be met at Seale. We are expecting a great meeting and insist that the brethren attend. Pastor W. T. Foster.

RALLY IN ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting will be held with Union Church, Honorville, Ala., beginning Friday night before the 5th Sunday. The program is as follows:

Friday, 8 p. m.—Introductory sermon by Pastor Judson M. Cook.

Saturday, 9 a. m.—Enter upon the discussion of subjects as follows: 1. "Exegesis," Matt. xi 3, W. P. McQueen, M. W. Williams, W. C. Avant and others. 2. "Exegesis," Heb. x 24, C. H. Morgan, T. L. S. Grace, W. H. Cheatham and others. 3. "Duty of the Church to Excluded Members," J. M. Frymire, G. R. Vickery, T. E. Morgan and others. 4. What is the Scriptural Law of Divorce? Jno. W. Holloway, C. C. Lloyd, J. C. Fonville and others. 5. "Is it Binding on All Christians to Contribute to the Cause of Missions?" W. H. Sharp, J. M. Cook, Tobie Wells and others.

All are cordially invited to come and take part with us. With God's blessing we expect glorious results—Instructive, helpful, uplifting. Dinner on the grounds. W. P. McQueen, T. L. S. Grace, T. E. Morgan, Committee.

Greenville, May 3, 1904.

RALLY AT BEAR CREEK CHURCH

Following is the program of the fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Bear Creek Church, beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in May.

Friday, 11 a. m.—Sermon on Missions by Rev. F. H. Watkins. Afternoon, 1.—"What is being done in the Boundary of the Shady Grove Association for Missions?" Opened by Rev. J. T. Thompson. 2. "What are the needs of State Missions?" Led by W. N. Taylor and W. W. Mehrg. 3. "The Needs of Home Missions," by S. W. Lee and T. J. Jackson. 4. "Needs of Foreign Missions," by B. J. McLeskey and W. M. Olive. 5. "Why the Low State of Religion in our churches when we Claim to Trust in God?" By Thomas Southerland. 6. "How can We Attain to a Higher State of Religion in Our Churches?" J. M. Frost and J. T. Johnson. 7. "The Importance of Systematic Bible Study and How to Secure it," J. W. Clark and R. W. Clark. 8. "The Importance of Ministerial Education," F. H. Watkins.

Sunday, 9 a. m.—"In What Way Can We Make Our Sunday Schools Most Efficient?" By J. E. Fairless.

J. E. Fairless,
E. C. Burton,
Committee.

CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern District of the Cahaba Association will meet with Pisgah Church at 4 p. m. Friday, May 27. The public is cordially invited to be present and take part in the work. Following is the program:

Friday, 4 p. m.—Prayer and song service conducted by R. F. Garrison and Robert Potts. 4:30 p. m.—"A Hundred Years of Organized Work," discussed by Rev. H. C. Sanders and others.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—"What is Necessary to the Spiritual Growth of a Church?" E. P. George and Willie Harris. 10 a. m.—"Is Once a Month Service

Sufficient to do the Work that Our Master Would Have Us Do?" Roland Terry and J. A. Giles. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. A. M. Perry. 1:30 p. m.—"Are District Meetings Helpful to the Cause?" Rev. J. S. Boling and W. M. Caffee. 2:30 p. m.—"The Best Methods of Enlarging our Congregations," C. S. Heard and Green Suttle. 3:30 p. m.—"Missions, Why?" H. C. Sanders and others. 4:30 p. m.—"Orphans' Home," Robert Potts and W. H. Hanson.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—"Sunday Schools," Willie Davis and Dr. Mundine. 10:30 a. m.—"Home Training," E. P. George and J. T. Smith. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. H. C. Sanders. 2 p. m.—"The Gospel Call," W. B. Alexander.

Dinner will be served at the Church Saturday and Sunday. We insist that as many as possible can meet with us.

RALLY AT MACEDONIA CHURCH.

Following is the program for rally to be held at Macedonia Church, in Shelby County, near Vincent, on May 28 and 29.

Saturday, 28, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises. 10 a. m.—"Duties of Church Members to the Church," 10:30 a. m.—"Hindrances to Church Progress," 11 a. m.—Sermon or address by Rev. W. B. Crumpton. Dinner. 2 p. m.—"Loyalty to Denominational Institutions," 2:45 p. m.—"Duties of the Church Toward the Community, the State and the World."

Sunday, 29th, 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises. 10 a. m.—Sunday school and address on "Sunday School Work" by the visitors. 11 a. m.—Address by Dr. A. P. Montague, President of Howard College. Dinner.

There will be singing in the afternoon and other exercises to be announced after the meeting begins. Everybody is invited. Come and let's have a great meeting. Pastor.

TUSKEEGEE ASSOCIATION.

Following is the program of the fifth Sunday meeting of the Tuskegee Association to be held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (Reeltown) May 27-29.

Friday, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises by J. L. Staugh. 10 a. m.—"What is the purpose of God in the Church?" by W. G. Gregory. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. H. W. Williams. 12 m.—Adjournment. 1:30 p. m.—"The Church, What is it, and How Organized for Work?" By G. S. Anderson and W. E. Hudmon. 2:30 p. m.—"Pastor and his Duty," by A. Y. Napier. 3 p. m.—"Deacon and His Duty," by Z. D. Roby. 3:30 p. m.—"Duty of the Church to Pastor," by S. M. Provence.

Saturday, 28th, 9 a. m.—Devotional exercises by A. W. Langley. 9:30 a. m.—"Baptist Doctrine," by H. W. Williams. 10 a. m.—"The Baptists and Missions," by S. M. Provence. 11:30 a. m.—Sermon by A. Y. Napier. 12:30 p. m.—Adjournment. 2 p. m.—"The Church; Her Progress and Future Outlook," by G. S. Anderson and J. H. Wallace. 2:30 p. m.—"Present Dangers in Religious Practice; What are They and How to Meet Them?" by J. J. Claud and F. T. Hudson.

Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—Devotional exercises by J. D. Hudson. 9:30 a. m.—"The Sunday School," (a). Its Officers and Its Management, by J. H. Wallace. (b). Its Aim and Its Rewards, by F. T. Hudson. Short talks from volunteers. 11 a. m.—Sermon by G. S. Anderson. 1:30 p. m.—"Our Present Missionaries and Their Work," by W. G. Gregory and S. M. Provence. 2:30 p. m.—"Why Should We Give the Gospel to the Heathen?" by J. E. Wallace. 5 p. m.—Adjournment.

Dinner on the ground each day. Nearest railroad station Notasulga, and all who wish conveyance please notify me. R. F. Stuckey, Notasulga, Ala.

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Below will be found the program of a district meeting of East Liberty Association to be held at Langdale Baptist Church, Chambers County Alabama, May 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Thursday, 26th, 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by C. J. Burton; subject, "Justification by Faith."

Friday, 27th, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional services by J. D. Norman. 10 a. m.—Organization. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by J. L. Gregory; subject, "The Atonement."

Saturday, 28th, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional services by G. W. Shealey. 10 a. m.—General discussion: "The Need of a Revived Church Membership," led by George

Gregory and J. P. Hunter. 11 a. m.—Sermon by George Gregory; subject, "The Power of Prayer." 2 p. m.—General discussion: "How Can We Have a Revived Church Membership?" Led by C. C. Pugh and J. O. Bledsoe. 3:30 p. m.—"The Results of a Revived Church Membership," led by W. C. Bledsoe and J. L. Bell. 4:30 p. m.—"The Ordinances and Their Significance," led by J. P. Shaffer and J. L. Gregory. 7 p. m.—Devotional services by Babe Smith. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by C. C. Pugh; subject, "The Coming of Christ."

Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—Sunday school mass meeting. Address by Hon. N. D. Denson and George E. Burnett. 11 a. m.—Sermon by W. C. Bledsoe; subject, "Regeneration." 3:30 p. m.—General discussion: "Missions—Why are They not More Largely Supported?" Led by J. W. Hamner and J. D. Norman. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by J. P. Shaffer; subject, "The Judgment Day."

The discussions are open to all, and we would ask every one to come prepared to talk on each subject.

Committee.

RALLY AT GUM SPRINGS.

There will be a three days' meeting at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Gum Springs, Ala., on May 27, 28 and 29. Dinner on the grounds. Everybody invited and welcome. Ministers and deacons urged to be present. Special occasion. Following is the order of exercises:

Friday, 27th, 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. M. Cole. 2 p. m.—"Distinctive Baptist Doctrine," Rev. E. M. Bowerman. 3:30 p. m.—"Christian Education," by Rev. F. Tidwell.

Saturday, 28th, 8:30 a. m.—"Church Work," by P. D. Aldridge. 10 a. m.—"Church History," by W. Y. Adams. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. S. R. Burson. 1:30 p. m.—"Missions," by W. B. Crumpton or substitute. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. T. Whitacre.

Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—"S. S. Work," by J. M. Pass. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. W. B. Crumpton or substitute.

Brethren, this is another opportunity for doing good. Come.

Parties coming by rail will stop at Garden City on the L. and N., and will be met with free conveyance.

S. J. Cox, Chairman.

Gum Springs, Ala.

MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Hayneville May 27, 28 and 29. Program as follows:

Friday, 27th, 10:30 a. m.—Organization and report of Committee on program. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Archibald Scruggs. 2:30 p. m.—"The Price of Religion," Geo. W. Townsend and H. R. Schramm. 10:30 p. m.—"What Must One Believe in Order to be Received Into the Membership of a Baptist Church?" A. J. Preston. 8 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. C. A. Stakely.

Saturday, 28th, 9:30 a. m.—"Echoes of Southern Baptist Convention," (1) Foreign Missions, N. B. Williams; (2) Home Missions, C. A. Stakely; (3) State Missions, S. J. Catts. 11 a. m.—Sermon, O. F. Gregory. 2:30 p. m.—"Systematic giving," G. G. Miles and Geo. W. Ellis. 3:30 p. m.—"Relations of Pastor and People," A. F. Dix and others. 8 p. m.—Preaching by H. R. Schramm.

Sunday, 29th, 9:30 a. m.—The Sunday School, (1) Its object, P. N. Cilley; (2) Its Possibilities, R. H. Hudson; (3) Its Officers, G. G. Miles and W. B. Davidson. 11 a. m.—Sermon, A. J. Preston. 3 p. m.—"The Church and Young People's Work," Paul F. Dix, E. L. Davant and Otto Hake. 8 p. m.—Sermon by S. J. Catts.

Devotional exercises, after organization, will be at discretion of presiding officer. The members of Hayneville Church, where the meeting is to be held, will meet the delegates and visitors at Letchatchie and convey them to the place of meeting. All who intend to go must write to H. C. Burdeshaw, Hayneville, Ala., for homes and conveyance. W. J. Elliot for Committee.

CAREY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Carey Baptist Sabbath School Convention will convene with Rock Springs Church on Friday, May 27, and continue three days.

Friday, 27th, 11 a. m.—Preaching by J. R. Conger. 2 p. m.—Organization. Reports from Sunday schools of the con-

vention, by the superintendents of the several schools, supplemented by B. W. Mathews, S. S. Evangelist. 8 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. Johnson, pastor of Millerville Church.

Saturday, 29th, 9 a. m.—Exercises by the different schools. 10 a. m.—"Mission Work of Sunday Schools," by W. M. Garrett and B. W. Mathews. 11 a. m.—"Is S. S. Work Church Work?" by F. J. Ingram and W. H. Preston. 12 m.—Dinner. 2 p. m.—Exercises by the different schools. 4 p. m.—Miscellaneous business. 8 p. m.—An open conference, led by W. B. Mathews, W. H. Preston and H. H. Harvell.

Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—"Things that Contribute to the Sunday School Work," by W. S. Smith, Will Jones and B. W. Pruett. 9:30 a. m.—"Things that Hinder the Success of the Sunday School Work," by J. W. Jackson and H. H. Harvell. 10 a. m.—"Possibilities of the Sunday School," by Prof. J. F. Langston and Rev. J. R. Conger. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. C. J. Bentley.

This program may be amended by the body. W. T. Davis, Chairman Committee.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Following is the program of the fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church:

Friday, May 27, 10:30 a. m.—Devotional services by R. W. Carlisle. 11 a. m.—Sermon by D. S. Martin. Dinner. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional services by W. H. Darden. 2 p. m.—"Personal Work," by R. W. Carlisle. 3 p. m.—"Home Training," by J. R. Conger.

Saturday, 28th, 9 a. m.—Devotional services by W. I. Newman. 9:30 a. m.—"Holy Spirit and the Preacher," by J. D. Hughes. 10 a. m.—"Holy Spirit and the Congregation," by L. H. Hastic. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. B. Crumpton. Dinner. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional services by W. T. Penton. 2 p. m.—"Baptist Principles," by W. R. Whately. 3 p. m.—"State Missions," by W. H. Darden. 4 p. m.—"Home Missions," by A. S. Smith. Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—Sunday School address by O. T. Smith. 10 a. m.—"The History of Mt. Olive Church," by W. P. Fulmer. 11 a. m.—Dedication sermon by A. S. Smith.

All the brethren are urged to come prepared to take part in the discussions. The ladies will have Mrs. Harlan of Alexander City, with them. She will lecture from lay to day on "Woman's Work." Let every one come. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION; ETOWAH ASSOCIATION.

Following is the program of the Sunday school convention of Etowah County Baptist Association, to be held with New Harmony Church May 28 and 29:

Saturday, 28th, 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by J. B. Keown. 10:15 a. m.—"Relation of Sunday School Work to Home Training," by Rev. J. T. Chadwick. 11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Smith. 2 p. m.—"The Sunday School and the Literary School," by J. E. Williams. 2:30 p. m.—"Why Have a Baptist Sunday School?" by E. B. Moore. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by J. G. Dickinson.

Sunday, 29th, 9 a. m.—Devotional services, by Rev. B. T. Smith. 9:30 a. m.—The Sunday school lesson taught to a selected class by A. E. Goodhue. 11 a. m.—"Missions," a sermon by Rev. J. M. Solley. 2 p. m.—"The Final Purpose of the Sunday School, and How that Purpose May be Accomplished." General led by D. P. Goodhue.

We would be glad to have our churches and Sunday schools all represented in this meeting.

J. P. Keown, Pres. Conv.

MONUMENTS.

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HOME BOARD.

The following recommendations in part by the Home Board were read:

"The fidelity and efficiency of the Woman's Missionary Union are joyfully recognized by the Home Mission Board. We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior and beg your hearty co-operation as we enter upon the work of 1904-5. As indicating the lines along which you can render us the greatest help, we submit the following recommendations:

"First—That the dissemination of literature be given special emphasis. Our people need information. Books, tracts and leaflets ought to be put into the hands of our people. Our Home Field has been doubled in size, though the price remains the same, only 16 cents a year. We ask your help in extending the circulation. For three months we have averaged over one thousand new subscribers a month. Help us to continue that rate for the entire year.

"Second—The completion of the Tichenor Memorial. Gratifying results have attended your efforts in behalf of this beautiful memorial and we beg that the work be continued until the \$20,000 is secured. Nothing is more needed by our Board than a great building and loan fund, of which the Tichenor Memorial is a part. What a home is to a family, a house of worship is to a church. It is not strange that our good women are peculiarly interested in this great work.

"Third—The boxes to missionaries. Possibly no service rendered by our sisters is prompted by nobler sentiments than the gifts of boxes to our poorly paid frontier missionaries. The benefactors and the beneficiaries alike share the blessings of the gracious work. But for these boxes in many instances, our missionaries would have to leave their fields of labor. Let the good work continue. It is understood, of course, that these boxes are love's offering from our good women, and supplementary to the meagre salaries of our missionaries, and are not to interfere with the regular cash contributions to home missions.

"Fourth—The need of more women missionaries. The demand for additional female missionaries is great. In the mines, the mills and the cities the call for such work is imperative. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send them and give us money to support them. During the present year, the Board has twenty women missionaries in Cuba and the United States. Let us increase that number materially.

"Fifth—The week of prayer and special effort for home missions has been a benediction, indeed. From every quarter have come glorious tidings of its unifying, uplifting power in the spiritual life of our women. A new vision of better things has come into the lives of hundreds and thousands, and the gifts to our Home Board have been most gratifying. By all means let our women share the blessings of this gracious season and lay their special gifts on the Lord's altar.

"Sixth—We recommend to you most earnestly and affectionately the training of our children and young people in the great work of missions. They are our hope for the future. From them must come in the next generation the workers and their support for our own land and other lands. We recommend that their energies be turned to the raising of money for the support of our schools in the mountains and in Cuba.

"Seventh—Following the above recommendations and to meet the increased demands of our great work, we beg that you will raise fifty thousand dollars for home missions during the year 1904-5. The need for distinct and immediate enlargement of our gifts is painfully urgent. If this amount can be apportioned among the different States, and in turn among the District Associations and the local Societies, and its claims put upon each individual member, we are confident, under the blessing of God, of your raising the amount requested.

"We have every reason to thank God for His remarkable favor upon our Home Mission Board. On every hand the work has been prospered, and for much of this prosperity large credit is due the Woman's Missionary Union. May the blessings of God and the guidance of His Spirit be given you for the larger plans for the coming year."

MISSIONARY WORKERS.

The following missionaries were presented to the Union and spoke: Miss Hansen of Home Board, Indian Territory; Mrs. R. H. Graves, of Foreign Mission Board, China; Miss Julia Mai Kenzie, of Foreign Board, China; also the following State Missionaries: Miss Lois Baker of South Carolina, Miss Julia Meadows, under appointment for China from Central Church, Nashville. Greetings were read from Mrs. Branham, Florida, who is very ill, and a prayer was given by Mrs. J. L. Burnham of Missouri.

A large portion of the morning meeting was devoted to the discussion of the mission work of the Union. Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, Ga., made an inspiring talk on the recommendations of the Home Board, making a strong plea for a larger number of mission laborers, and explaining maps which impressed strongly the need for mission work. Dr. M. M. Welch, manager of "Our Home Field," published in Atlanta, Ga., spoke for his paper. The singing of a Home Mission prayer, published in the May number of "Our Home Field" to the tune of Harwell, was a beautiful feature.

Contributions towards a fund of \$2,500 for a chapel at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, were asked and \$700 was subscribed. Another opportunity to contribute to this fund will be given tomorrow. Mrs. W. R. Woods of Mississippi made an eloquent plea for this worthy mission enterprise.

Invitation to the daily 5 o'clock teas at the Baptist Publication House was extended by Mrs. J. A. Wheeler.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

About 170 delegates, eight being assigned to each State, are in attendance, with numerous visitors. The following

officers were present: President, Mrs. John A. Barker; Vice Presidents, Mrs. W. D. Chipley of Florida, Mrs. J. D. Easterlin of Georgia, Miss E. S. Broadus of Kentucky, Mrs. J. L. Burnham of Missouri, Mrs. A. J. Wheeler of Tennessee, Mrs. W. S. Leake, of Virginia; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annie W. Armstrong; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes.

The Alabama delegation was as follows: Mrs. W. A. Barrett, S. A. Smith, S. J. Catts, Frank Edwards, J. W. Vesey, J. E. Hughes, H. L. Millen, I. C. Stratford.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mrs. J. L. Burnham of Kansas City, made the report of the nominating Committee, of which she is Chairman, as follows: President, Mrs. John A. Barker, of Virginia; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore, Md.; Recording Secretaries, Miss Nellie Martin of Baltimore, Md.; Miss M. E. Wright of Augusta, Ga.; Treasurer, Miss E. Ricker of Baltimore, Md. Local committee in Baltimore is as follows: Miss Alice Armstrong and C. Wolford, Mesdames W. C. Lowndes, H. Grady, L. L. Laws, J. E. Tyler, W. R. Nimmo, J. W. Miller and A. C. Johnson.

These officers were elected: Mrs. W. S. Splawn of Texas casting the vote for the delegates, and the enthusiastic greeting of these officials and the spirit of Christian fellowship prevailing gave a beautiful aspect to the convention. The delegates stood to greet the officers with waving handkerchiefs and the officials who have so faithfully served the organization in the past received felicitations on their work, which, with Divine help, has done so much for the Master. Mrs. Barker made a brief and earnest talk.

INTERESTING EVENT.

One of the interesting events of the morning was a talk by Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore, Md., elected as Corresponding Secretary. It has been the custom in the past for the Missionary Union, by reason of the arduous duties belonging to the office of the Corresponding Secretary, to pay an annual salary to the incumbent of the office. Miss Armstrong announced that she would in the future be willing to accept a salary for her work and that she could accept this office this year and at any future time only on the understanding that she would be unwilling to accept any remuneration.

At the last convention of the Union the delegates were unanimous in voting a salary to the Corresponding Secretary, and her refusal to accept it occasioned much discussion, during which Mrs. A. J. Wheeler and others paid beautiful tributes to Miss Armstrong's lovable Christian character and work.

On the motion of Mrs. F. Edwards of Alabama the following motion was adopted:

"Appreciating Miss Armstrong's position in reference to the salary, we gratefully accept her services for the coming year without compensation."

VICE PRESIDENTS.

The following ladies for Vice Presidents, representing the various States and Territories, were elected:

Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake Ala.; Mrs. E. Langley, Little Rock, Ark.;

Mrs. C. F. Winbigler, District Columbia; Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. J. D. Easterlin, Marietta, Ga.; Mrs. C. T. Carter, Indian Territory; Miss M. E. Broadus, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. C. Ammen, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. J. H. Eager, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. C. Hackett, Meridian, Miss.; Mrs. J. L. Burnham, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss F. E. S. Heck, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Oklahoma; Miss M. L. Coker, Society Hill, S. C.; Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. G. W. Truitt, Texas; Mrs. W. S. Leake, Richmond, Va.

VOICE OF THANKS.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Wm. C. Lowndes, retiring Treasurer, with a beautiful mention of her valuable services to the Union, was passed, Mrs. Lowndes having declined a re-election to the office she has so faithfully filled for so many years. After a closing prayer by Miss Broadus of Louisville, the meeting adjourned until the afternoon session, after which the delegates will attend the 5 o'clock tea at the Baptist Publication House, where beautiful decorations are in evidence and social features will be enjoyed. Tea will be dispensed and the affair will be a delightful hour of hospitality.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The recommendations of the Foreign Mission Board, read by Miss Wright, were as follows:

Appreciating the help which our consecrated sisters have given us in the great work of world-wide evangelization and rejoicing in the noble advance which they have made from year to year, we make the following recommendations for the next convention year:

1. It is well for the "Christmas offering" to be again designated for the rapidly developing work in China. Last year your gifts for this purpose went beyond \$10,000. This is helping much to give the gospel to the benighted in that great land. We hope that pastors will unite with you in getting the co-operation of the women in their churches to enlarge the "Christmas offering" for this great work.

2. We trust that you will continue to disseminate information in reference to the work of foreign missions, by getting subscribers for the Foreign Mission Journal, distributing tracts and talking to those around you about the work of the Lord. The women have done much by securing thousands of subscribers for the Foreign Mission Journal. This is real mission work. We appreciate your help and ask that every society try to get new subscribers.

3. We again urge upon you the duty of systematic and proportionate giving, and ask that you, so far as possible, bring this important subject to the attention of the leaders in our various churches.

4. The Woman's Missionary Union is trying to secure enough funds to pay for the expenses of our schools (not including the theological schools) in our various missions. To this end they are making appeals to bands, societies and individuals for amounts sufficient to pay the salary of a teacher in a school, or for gifts sufficient to pay the expenses of one or more scholars. This is a good work which we commend to the sisters.

We ask that you raise enough to pay the expenses of the women of our Board, who are working in foreign lands, and to this end we request that you try to raise during the year \$80,000. We recommend that the W. M. U. divide this amount among the various States and Associations, as is thought best. The salary of missionaries is \$500 or \$600, according to the countries in which they work; where feasible we think it would be well to try to get different Associations to give enough to pay the salary of a missionary.

This report was unanimously adopted.

Dr. J. R. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, located in Richmond, made an address on foreign missions, directing attention to the vast development of this march of mission work. Still he pictured its needs, and told the convention that the Baptist Board decided only a few days ago to open work in Persia, a Mohammedan country. In Argentine Republic the work is already begun; and he made an eloquent and touching appeal for more workers to go to the foreign fields.

He outlined the plan of supporting Chinese students in the missionary schools, and in conclusion led in prayer.

Continuing in the same line of discussion, Mrs. R. H. Graves, a missionary recently returned from China, told of the rescue of eight blind girls in China from a life of degradation through the efforts of the Baptist women missionaries. The average price of supporting a girls' day school in China is \$50 a year, and it will accommodate fifty or sixty scholars. The pupils at these schools are wholly girls who would otherwise be heathens and would never hear the gospel.

After announcement of local officers the convention adjourned at 5:30 o'clock to attend a social reunion at the Baptist Board of Publication House.

Pen Portraits.

Dr. Broughton is tall, smooth-faced, thin, wears long hair. He is a man of unusual and striking appearance. As a speaker he is full of force and magnetism. He is a wonderful power for good. I believe that this man under God is destined to give Southern Baptist preachers a new bent as to their ideal of how a preacher should preach. Full of religion, fire, and the love and fear of God, but full of good sense and fearless of man, his idea of ministerial propriety is a different thing from that of many good men. But is he not nearer what the Lord would have than they?—V. I. Master, in Baptist Courier.

Dr. Landrum, who preached the Convention sermon, has a sonorous, penetrating and effective voice. He is a man of fine presence before an audience without being nervous. In several passages of the sermon, especially toward its close, he rose to impressive oratory. The theme was doctrinal, and the introduction abstract, but the purpose of the

preacher gradually molded itself into a practical and effective shape which all could understand, and to the pronouncing of which the Convention and large concourse gave their attention.—V. I. M. in Baptist Courier.

Speaking of secretaries, Dr. Oliver Fuller Gregory has served this Convention for many years, with Dr. Burrows as a yoke-fellow, and he is a thorough success. Blessed of a marvelous voice it is naturally Dr. Burrows who figures in most of the reading and secretary announcements before the Convention, but Dr. Gregory is not lacking in this gift either. We of South Carolina claim Dr. Burrows as an ex-citizen. We are glad to claim Dr. Gregory as a native. He is now in a prominent Alabama pastorate. He is known everywhere, but he is particularly known and loved in this body, which he has so efficiently served through the year. Long life and service to Dr. Gregory, and may he always be a secretary of our Convention.—V. I. M. in Baptist Courier.

Miss Minnie Vesey of Nashville was presented to sing a solo. She proved to be an artist, and she could afford to do that which a novice would not have attempted. She sang a simple gospel song, "The crowning day is coming bye and bye."

Fully conscious of her power she faced the great congregation with a smile upon her lips. She sang her way into the hearts of those who heard her. Now her voice rippled in tenderness over the notes, and then again it took unto itself wings and soared upward toward God, and one could almost hear the footfalls of the coming of the King. A sigh of regret floated out from the Convention when she concluded and took her seat.—Alex Bealer in Christian Index.

Rev. M. P. Hunt, the trans-Mississippi secretary of the Home Mission Board, was presented to speak. His speech held his hearers in a grip of iron. It was not so much the speech as the way in which it was spoken. You have never seen the man? He weighs about two hundred. His head is massive and his face—well—when he begins to speak—it is like a thundercloud, in its earnestness. Now his voice, as the thunder, rolls from his deep chest, and his earnestness, like the lightning, flashes from his face. He is an oratorical cyclone, and in the impetuosity of his manner, carries men along with him whether they will or no.—Alex Bealer in Christian Index.

Some of the prayers were pulsing with earnestness, some plaintive in their pleading and others quivering with emotion.

An aged brother, with smooth shaven face, arose. The almond tree's bloom was above his brow and the finger marks of time upon his cheeks, but the glory light of God was on his face. His name was N. Baker and he was a preacher from Georgians, Alabama. With quivering voice he announced that he had, for the first time in his seventy-ninth year, come to the Southern Baptist Convention. He said there would

be no more cries for money if the brethren would only get religion in their hearts. Then the old man with glowing face lifted upward, and with plaintive voice, led the great body to a throne of grace. It was one of those beautiful prayers that sometimes come like a breath of Beulah land from the days of long ago.

He called upon the great God, who looks from the east even to the west, and pleaded that with His power He might bind all hearts into one. He pleaded for a union of hearts powerful enough to frame a prayer that would mount the high hills of heaven and find an entrance there; a union of hearts so powerful that in answer to its pleadings the unconvinced would be convinced, and the unconverted converted.—Christian Index.

Rev. George W. McDaniel of Dallas, Texas, was the next speaker. He proved to be a new star and his easy manner and handsome face made a favorable impression upon the audience before he spoke a word. His manner was deliberate, his gestures graceful and his words chaste and elegant. He said some striking things about money. People were saying that preachers were spoiling their sermons by mentioning money. If this was true the Bible was a spoiled book, the message of Moses when he came from the mountain top was spoiled, the glittering dream of Jacob was spoiled, the wonderful vision of Malachi was spoiled, the tender sermon preached by Jesus on the mountain was spoiled, for they were contaminated by reference of giving money to God. The speaker declared in very emphatic terms that there was something radically wrong with the church member who was sensitive about giving money. This was greeted with hearty amens from all over the house.—Christian Index.

James P. Eagle was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention two years ago in Asheville, N. C. At that time his brave and beautiful wife was with him. Soon after she went from his presence to heaven, he published a charming book in memory of her. We most highly esteem Brother Eagle for many reasons, but especially because he honored in every true and manly way his wife. Their work in state and church was in a partnership of their compacted and interwoven powers. Their home had few equals in gracious hospitality. James P. Eagle is a great commoner. He is at home as Governor, President and Pastor of a country church.—Word and Way.

The Nashville Convention would have been incomplete without J. William Jones. He was Robert E. Lee's chaplain. Memories of the Southern Confederacy are as sacred to him as a prayer. He has written for the Examiner of New York many admirable reports of the Southern Baptist Convention. He makes large letters with his pencil. He wrinkles his benevolent countenance while he writes. His strong face looks somewhat like corrugated iron, of course, polished. His desire is to be permitted to abide in his beloved South.—Word and Way.

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A Commanding Prospect.

In reading the Thirteenth Annual report of the Sunday School Board we had it in mind to write an editorial stating something of its past history and its probable future, but when we came to the closing words of the report penned by the Corresponding Secretary, whose knowledge and whose love for it is greater than that of any one else, we said: we will let him speak for himself:

At the close of the year's work we stand on a mountain peak with commanding outlook. The sessions of the Convention are way-marks, showing great strides in Baptist progress. From Norfolk, 1898, to Nashville, 1904, a distance of only six years, the annual receipts have nearly doubled, while in every State the work is moving with the power of the rising tide. The Convention sentiment which stands for the co-operation spirit and the combined effort in missions, is growing and gaining tremendous power among our people; it manifests itself in wise planning, in vigorous execution and in glorious results which promise yet further enlargement and more glorious achievement. We have come upon great times in the denominational life, to such opportunities as Baptists have never known perhaps in all their history. Everywhere there are signs that Baptist churches throughout the South are rising to larger and larger things in the onward march for the kingdom of God. They are combining under the power of a masterful purpose and with solidarity for service.

The Sunday School Board is one of the newest, while yet one of the most potent factors in this organized effort. It has shown its power to enlist and unify, and at the same time to make every interest feel its helpful touch. It has not yet reached the fullness of its possibilities. Nearly every phase of its work is still unfinished. What has been wrought is yet hardly more than foundation work, but these foundations are laid for a great structure. The future years, if they match the years of the past, must be years of large building. Everything is full of hope and the finest prospects greet us on every hand. God has given us his blessing in fullness. By his gracious providence we have come safely through another year, and by His providence also we stand before an open door that looks to the future. We submit this report of our management of the interests with whose care we have been entrusted, grateful to all who have helped to make their success so triumphant, grateful also to God—humbly and joyously grateful to God—that we are co-workers with Him in the world's redemption, and that He has crowned this work with His loving kindness as an agency for bringing in the kingdom of His dear Son. May He use it more to hasten the day of His appearing when nations singing in con-

cert shall ascribe honor and dominion to our God and His Christ forever and ever.

Denominational Papers.

Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, in his report to the Convention says:

"On behalf of its constituency, and more particularly on behalf of the cause of the Master, whose kingdom it seeks to establish, the board records grateful recognition to the almost uniform generosity of the denominational papers in different states in publishing communications from immediate representatives of the board and from friends of the cause of world-wide missions, as well as kind editorial references to the board and its work.

"The attention of friends of missions is invited to the cheerfulness with which the state papers will publish communications bearing on different phases of the work, and the vast amount of good that may be accomplished by more general publications of this character, in the hope that those who have rendered such valuable services in this way will continue this good work, and that others may be encouraged to emulate their example."

We feel sure that the editors will appreciate this recognition of their efforts to further the work of missions. We are thankful to have had an opportunity each week to press the work upon the hearts of our readers.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Prof. Sampey said: Since the death of James P. Boyce the seminary has spent only \$500 a year for books and periodicals.

A fund ought to be raised so that the seminary could spend at least \$5,000.

We have just received a copy of "Glorious Praise," a hymnal for use in the various church services, by W. H. Doane and published by Harvey and Burnett, Louisville, Ky., at 35 cents per copy. It contains over 300 hymns carefully compiled.

When Dr. H. M. Hamill, Secretary of M. E. Church S. S. Board, made the statement at the Tabernacle that "Nashville issued more papers of Scriptural exposition than any other city in the world," it at first seemed almost untrue, but he spoke the truth.

The New York Herald estimates that the annual income in this country averages for, doctors, \$1,500; preachers, \$1,200; lawyers, \$1,500; teachers \$700; college professors, \$1,200; newspaper men, \$1,200; musicians, \$1,000; architects, \$1,200; actors, \$1,800; bricklayers, \$2,000 a year when they work steadily. Notice that the bricklayers head the list.

Recently the grand jury was investigating the selling of cocaine by certain Atlanta druggists to the negroes, with a view to returning true bills against the violators of the law. Ten of fifteen witnesses, all negroes, examined told of instances when they bought the deadly poison, several empty boxes which had at one time contained cocaine were offered as evidence.

The address of Bro. J. W. Sandlin after June 1st will be Moulton, Ala.

Some church has a chance to secure the services of a good preacher and pastor. Until he settles in a pastorate his services can be secured to hold meetings.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been a noble ally to the Home Board, having contributed \$24,869.70, and the sum of money received by the Foreign Mission Board through the Woman's Missionary Union is \$47,777.82. These figures speak eloquently of the great work being done by our women.

The Southern Baptist Convention adjourned at 10:30 Monday night. At 2:30 a. m., four and a half hours later, bound copies of the minutes, containing 284 pages were ready for delivery. Drs. Burrows and Gregory are to be congratulated for their record breaking performance.

An Exchange says: 'Andrew Fuller once asked an old friend for money for foreign missions. The friend said: 'I will give you five pounds, Andrew, seeing it is you.' Fuller handed it back. 'I will take nothing,' he said, 'seeing it is I.' He saw the point, and replied: Andrew, you are right. Here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus!'

The Northern Methodist Conference now in session at Los Angeles, Cal., is proving anything but a dull affair. One matter which aroused considerable feeling was a resolution by a delegate from Ohio asking that a detailed statement of salaries, traveling expenses, house rent and all other expenditures of bishops and other general conference officers be prepared and presented to the conference.

The negro delegates to the Methodist General Conference, of whom there are seventy-nine in addition to the three white delegates representing colored churches, have met in caucus and by what amounted to an unanimous vote agreed to concentrate their strength upon a single candidate to be Dr. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga. The selection of the colored candidate by their own people meets the approval with a majority of the white delegates who favor the selection of a colored bishop.

In his article on the St. Louis World's Fair in the Youths Companion—"The Achievement of a Century"—John Swain speaks of Santos-Dumont's promised visit to St. Louis, where he will possibly open an aerial bus line. It is said he will charge passengers fare at so much a pound from youngest to oldest. The child who is "under five" but appears to be over twelve cannot escape under this system, although it will at any rate pay less than the heavy father or the giantess of the Midway.

Enlightening expert testimony as to the beneficence of a popular Oriental institution is quoted by the Countess of Jersey in an article on "The Women of India," published in the Youth's Companion of May 12th. A native of India Mohammedan or Hindu, sent the following petition to the British Governor of the Madras Presidency: "Nothing is more miserable than for a man to have more than one wife. I have three and I pray your excellency to banish which ever two you please to the Andaman Islands or some other distant country."

Rev. W. R. Adams on Sunday began a revival meeting with Parker Memorial Church, Anniston and Bro. J. H. Wallace of Opelika is expected to assist during the meeting. Prospects are bright for a great meeting, as they are already receiving accessions to the church. Brother Adams earnestly requests that the readers of the Baptist pray for the meeting.

J. B. Albritton of Eunola, writes: "There will be held in the city of Montgomery, at the state capitol, on Wednesday, June 8th, 1904, a prohibition mass meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Prohibition Convention which meets June 29th, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. You are cordially invited to be present and take part in the meeting."

The Associate Press Dispatch sent out, May 9th, from Los Angeles where the Methodist Conference is in session says:

An unusual feature of the morning session was the first appearance of a woman delegate upon the platform, Mrs. Eldora Nichols, of the Nebraska Conference. Mrs. Nichols presented a resolution, which was adopted, urging every pastor to preach at least once every year upon law enforcement. She spoke for five minutes on the laxity of both the church and state in the enforcement of their laws.

Brother Crumpton writes: "I will give you some notes of the Convention next week. While Alabama did well for the Boards, and I am very happy over the results, I want to beg the pastors not to put off until the last of the conventional year their collections. Think of the distress and anxiety of mind of which we might easily be relieved by our having a little timely, persistent system in our collections! I will submit at the convention a plan which can be easily worked. Let the brethren who attend the convention not forget the letter I sent them before the convention about State Missions, \$5,000 FOR STATE MISSIONS BY JUNE 30! That is a small amount. We must have it if we go to Anniston out of debt.

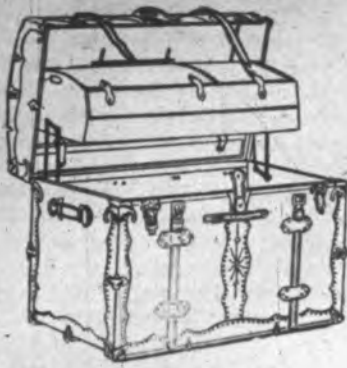
"I am at Ramer, Montgomery county, to attend the funeral of Bro. B. O. Jackson. He was well known and universally loved in all this country. He lived to be seventy-five years old. He has preached for the church here for many years.

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**COMMENCEMENT AT HOWARD
COLLEGE.**

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were held, was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The complete program was as follows:

Address—Dr. A. P. Montague.

Influence of Christianity—J. O. Vandiver.

Tribute to Alabama Soldiers—W. F. Watts.

"Napoleon Bonaparte"—V. E. McCord.

"The Unknown Rider"—J. G. Fulmer.

"Imitations"—J. A. Cook.

"Aux Italien"—W. W. Weissinger.

"Liberty"—J. F. Brock.

"Enthusiasm"—C. E. Crossland.

"Opportunities of the Scholar"—C. A. Oakley.

Vocal Selection—Misses Wolf and Burns.

Instrumental Selection—Mrs. Malone Mrs. Smith.

Solo—Mrs. McGaha.

Judges for Contest—Messrs. Fountain, Floyd and Adams.

In prize drills the captain's medal was won by Captain Albert Lee Smith of Company A. The Soldiers medal was won by Cadet Carey McCord of East Lake. Large crowds witnessed the drills.

Monday night over one hundred and fifty college students marched in a body to the home of Dr. A. P. Montague on Underwood avenue, where Governor Cunningham was his guest and gave an ovation to Governor Cunningham and Dr. Montague. A number of college songs were sung and lusty yells were given for Governor Cunningham and President Montague. The Governor responded in a very happy speech and was loudly cheered by the boys.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the college chapel listened to Governor Cunningham's address last night.

Tuesday morning members of the Junior class contested for the Junior oratorical medal.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the Alumni banquet was held in Renfro Hall. Members of the Alumni Association and friends of the college were present. A full menu had been arranged and a number of timely toasts were responded to.

The graduating exercises were held on Wednesday morning. The commencement address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. T. M. Callaway of Talladega. It was a feature of the commencement and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The following young men received diplomas: Percy Paul Burns, James Oscar Colley, Robert Cochran Crumpton, John Duane Dickson, Andrew Jackson Gross, Tipton Adams Gunn, Thomas Edward Huey, Benjamin Stewart Huggins, James Nathan Jester, Henry Drake Jones, Leranzo Thompson Reeves, John Henry Sams, Thomas McGifford Smith, James S. T. Wade, Jr.

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Bro. Crompton's Trip Notes.

If you want to preach to great congregations go to Sand Mountain. They are a church going people and they listen when they get there. I was at

BOAZ,

about twenty miles northwest of Gadsden and had a crowded house at every service. The occasion was a Baptist rally Brother Parker had arranged. Probably half a dozen preachers attended, among them Brother J. H. Snow from Knoxville, Tenn., who added much to the interest of the meeting. He is an able preacher and a solid all round man. I would like to see him in charge of some strong church in Alabama. He has held his present field for eleven years. Brother W. A. Parker, by a chain of Providences was moved from Clarke County to Sand Mountain last year. He likes it, though he misses his old friends. His people are fond of him. Boaz is a growing town surrounded by a fine farming section. Besides a large public school, the Northern Methodists have a college, to which they are adding new buildings. The town prospers in spite of the fact that they have no liquor business from which to derive a revenue. Marshall County, I believe, is a prohibition county. The Baptists have a strong church, but they have preaching only once a month. They are talking of adding to their present house, so as to accommodate the crowds who come. They will doubtless want their preacher for two Sundays another year.

One feature of the Boaz meeting I must not fail to mention. Amos Goodhue of Gadsden, an able lawyer, made a great Sunday school speech. He is the son of Prof. Goodhue of blessed memory. As I listened to him and thought of another layman, John L. Ray, who made a great Temperance address the night before, I said: "Oh, that God would wake up the laymen of our churches to do as these men are doing."

Preachers are making great mistakes everywhere in not leading such men out. The preachers cannot do all that needs to be done. If this country is taken and held for Christ, we must harness the talent God has given us outside the ministry.

The Baptists are numerous in MARSHALL COUNTY.

When the Association was organized it was called the Marshall Missionary Association. Though they have never done much for missions, they are becoming more interested and year by year they will show a healthy growth.

The coming of brother Parker is a great boon to

ALBERTVILLE

The Baptists have a good house of worship and a neat home for the pastor, who preaches for them two Sundays in the month. I was to have lectured here but a rain and windstorm interfered.

Albertville is the seat of one of the Agricultural schools. I learn it is well attended; but it seems to me it ought easily to have five hundred pupils with a little effort to bring them in. This mountain is filled with well to do farmers who ought to educate their children. While at Boaz I was entertained at the home of an old Confederate, whose doors are never locked, day or night. "No need of it," he said, "nobody never

bothers nothing up here." Think of that, ye South Alabamians and ye denizens of the cities! I thought that would be a good item for my Trip Notes. When I got to Albertville, I said: "Parker, I intended to make a note of the fact that locks were of no use on Sand Mountain, but I am discouraged, as I see a lock on your stable door." The Pastor said, "you know I am lately from South Alabama and I haven't gotten used to Sand Mountain ways."

SPRAGUES JUNCTION

is on the Atlantic Coast Line, just nineteen miles below Montgomery. Brother H. R. Schramm, one of the most consecrated men in Alabama, is the pastor. Many years ago I was an evangelist through Central Alabama. The plan was to go rapidly from church to church, telling them what we were trying to do. The Alabama Baptist had just been started and the State Mission Board organized. My appointments were published about six weeks beforehand. I have two appointments that year at old Bethesda, about two miles south of Spragues. I remember one of these appointments was in winter. John Orme, a remarkable man in many respects, was the pastor. Going over the Montgomery County roads then, in winter, on horseback, was no picnic.

Now the church is at Spragues. The people can come for miles in their buggies and carriages on a magnificent pike. On this occasion the house was crowded at both services and I came near talking myself to death. It was a glorious day and the dinner was such as only the people in the Black Belt can prepare.

As in all the Black Belt the sin of division among God's people is apparent at Spragues. The few people who live in the community are divided among half a dozen different denominations, no one of which is able to maintain a preacher.

A good Sunday school has been organized. If it can be kept up much of the trouble they have been having will cease.

RUSSELLVILLE

is a long way from Montgomery, in the northwestern part of the State. It is the county seat of Franklin County. It is surrounded by a fine farming country, but since the development of the iron mines it is difficult to secure labor for the farms. Hundreds of men are engaged here in the mines. The town has grown considerably. They have a fine school building, presided over by Prof. Yarbrough, one of our Howard boys. He is much beloved as a teacher. The town and county is prohibition. It does me good to report these good towns with fine schools, supported without the "blood money" which comes from the infernal traffic in liquor. But here, as everywhere, there are men who want to bring liquor back. Constantly the best people have to be on the lookout to thwart the dark designs of the wily foe.

THE BAPTISTS

have a strong organization, but have preaching only two Sundays. Brother F. H. Watkins, a graduate of Howard College, is the much loved pastor. He gives a part of his time to evangelical work in this section. This summer and fall I look to hear of great revivals in many of the churches hereabouts.

Brother T. V. Neal of Tusculumbia, another Howard boy, had just been to Russellville, helping in a good meeting, which extended over three weeks. I had large congregations at the two services and on Monday night a fine audience assembled at the Courthouse to hear the original tramp. The Methodists have one of their best preachers located at Russellville, preaching every Sunday. There is no reason why the Baptists should not have their preacher giving all the time to the church there.

REFLECTIONS.

Sand Mountain is a delightful place for summer homes for the people in the low country. The health is splendid. Fruit and country produce are generally abundant and reasonable in price. I would be afraid to print some of the reports I heard about the chicken and egg industry. It was simply enormous, almost unbelievable.

The most of the people on the mountain are from Georgia. They are building good homes and lands are steadily increasing in value.

Here and there you can find a community or sometimes a county where some other denomination predominates; but as a rule the Baptists are in the majority in the country districts of Alabama. Will the Baptists be able to hold their own. That is a solemn question for us to consider. If we could depend, as in the past, on mere preaching, we would have no trouble in holding our own, but other agencies are being introduced. Other denominations are establishing schools. If our Baptist children are educated in the schools of other denominations, we are certain to lose most of them. We will be forced to have our Baptist Academies and maintain them. I saw in Asheville, N. C., a great girls' school, built by Presbyterian money from the North. There were hundreds of girls in that school from Baptist homes. Do I blame the Presbyterians? Certainly not. But Baptists will be recreant to their solemn trust if they allow the children of Baptists to be forced into the schools of other denominations to get an education.

No collections for missions means starvation for the preachers. Let any church or preacher try it, who may, it will be found an invariable result. The contrary is true also: A missionary church is a pastor supporting church. A preacher disputed that with me once. On investigation, I found he had introduced systematic methods with reference to mission collections and allowed the no-system method to continue about the pastor's salary. He instructed his people about missions, but never gave them instructions about pastoral support. He got his mission committee together and drilled them about how to work up the mission collections; but he never had a meeting of his deacons to talk over church finances.

"I meet my deacons every month and we go over everything. I am glad to tell you every cent of my salary has been paid me promptly each month." A pastor said that to me. Not one pastor in fifty gets his deacons together at regular intervals to talk over the situation.

W. B. O.

Southern Baptist Convention.

SOME RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Bro. E. Y. Mullins the Convention protested against the crudities towards the natives in the Congo Free State, and directed the protest to be sent to the Secretary of State at Washington.

On motion of Bro. A. U. Boone, of Memphis, a resolution was adopted expressing the opinion that no Baptist minister should solemnize a marriage where either of the parties are divorced on other than Scriptural grounds, as set forth in Matt. 19.

A long paper was read by Secretary Burrows asking Southern Baptists to unite with other denominations in forming a federation of churches, a meeting for that purpose to be held in New York in 1905.

On motion of Bro. Gambrell the Secretary was instructed to return a courteous answer declining the invitation.

On motion of Bro. T. S. Potts the legislatures of the Southern States were asked to enact more stringent legislation concerning divorce.

Bro. E. F. Folk offered resolutions which were adopted approving the Hepburn-Dollinger bill before Congress regulating the liquor traffic and forbidding the interstate commerce between prohibition and liquor territory. Also a resolution approving the work of the American Anti-Saloon League and directing President Eagle to appoint ten delegates to represent the Convention at the meeting of the League in Columbus, Ohio, next November.

For the first time in the history of the Convention, greetings were sent to the Anniversaries. The resolution was introduced by Rev. J. P. Stuart, of St. Louis, Mo., and seconded by Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas. There was no discussion.

FROM MODESTO, CAL.

There are several churches in this wicked town of nearly 3,000 people, also seventeen licensed saloons. The Northern and Southern Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians, (Campbellites), Catholics and Episcopalians, all have nice churches, and the colored Baptists have a church. Once there was a Baptist Church here and some trouble arose in the church and as a result the church was broken up and lost their property, through indebtedness, which was bought by the State Board. Some of the members went to other churches, this was a capital opportunity for the Campbellites, to get recruits by telling the Baptists there was but little difference between the two denominations. Now that part of this great San Joaquin valley is settling up pretty fast, quite a number of Baptists are dropping in, and the State Board promised to give them the property if they would reorganize. About the first of the year, 1903, the church was reorganized with twelve members. Soon after this Bro. W. H. Darward volunteered his services as pastor free of charge. He gave us his time Sundays and much more time in pastoral

work. We painted and papered the house and put in gas lights and other improvements. We made up and gave our pastor \$60 which he appreciated very much. During this time the church was gaining members.

Brother C. J. Hall, an evangelist, held a three weeks' revival service and did much good. We gave him \$97.00

Now we have thirty-three members, and others expected soon. We have a nice Sunday school, forty-seven present last Sunday, collection of 91 cents. We pay our pastor a salary this year of \$180 to start with and think we will be able to give \$250 by the last of the year. I do not think I ever have seen a band of workers as persevering and zealous as the members of this Modesto First Baptist Church. Enclosed find order for continuance of paper. K. S. Steele.

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I regret that I could not go to the Convention but felt my duty was here.

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CONVENTION NOTES.

The campus of Vanderbilt University is quite beautiful. The growth of the trees reminds us that we are getting old. It was here we studied in 1885 and 1886. All of the professors we knew have either died or gone elsewhere. We walked through the grounds and buildings unknowing and unknown.

Over a thousand women were assembled in McKendree Church Wednesday morning when Mrs. John A. Barker, the President of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Baptist Convention, rapped the sixteenth anniversary convention to order. It was one of the largest conventions in the history of the organization. Delegates were present from fifteen States and two territories. The States represented were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

At the recent meeting of the World's Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem, twenty-six countries were represented and fifty-three denominations. There were present 141 pastors, 159 superintendents, 335 teachers and 25 missionaries. These figures were gotten from the enrollment of one session, which showed 1,362 people present; many people did not fill out cards. The total mileage given was 12,083,000,—enough to take one man around the world 483 times. Toronto, Canada led in nominations for the next meeting. Nearly every visible place on earth was voted for except Jericho. One card stated—"any place but Jericho."

The Convention was world-wide in its sweep. The program consisted of reports and discussion of the Sunday school work in the various fields—thus making the missionaries prominent speakers. The Sunday school as a factor in the missionaries' work and success was conceded by all. America and England reported the most aggressive work, of course. The report from India was especially inspiring, showing 9,000 schools, with 15,000 teachers and 350,000 scholars and a system of publication which requires 35 editors, and produces the lessons in 20 different dialects. India has one-fifth of the human race—three hundred million; only one and one-half million of these are Christians. A full report of the Convention can be gotten from W. N. Hartshorn, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Special meetings were held with workers for plans and methods of class work. The Palestine Sunday School Association was organized, consisting of course of the missionaries and Christian workers in Palestine.

At a session of the Sunday School Congress held in Rome on Sunday, May 1, the following was stated by Rev. Mr. Walker, Baptist Missionary of England to Florence, Italy:

About a year ago some young priests secured permission of the pope to publish a translation which they had made of the Gospels and the Acts. These young priests are above the average priest in education and were led to

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The above facts were electrifying! This was in an "overflow meeting,"—only about 150 people present; they gave \$253.00 on the spot, to be used in buying these translations. How much will you invest?

L. P. Leavell, Field Secretary.

Rome, Italy, May 4, 1904.

FUN AND CONVENTION.

As might be expected, the delegates made some blunders the first day or so at Nashville while studying the "lay of the land" in a strange city. A good man among the South Carolina preachers the first morning drifted into a restaurant for breakfast, at the rear end of which before he finished his meal he espied a bar. Chagrined at this, for dinner he tried another place. Drifting into the room where rattling dishes, hurrying waiters, and the hum of the conversation of many diners makes one's head swim, he asked of a waiter: "Do you serve any liquor here?" "No, sir," responded the waiter apologetically, "but we can get it for you." My friend ate dinner, but did not order the liquor. His ministerial presence and bearing need culture.—Baptist Courier.

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.

There will be a fifth Sunday meeting held with Chalk Hill Church, Washington county, Ala., May 28 and 29. Following is the program:

Saturday, 28th, 10 a. m.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. J. Koen, Jr.
10:30—"The Importance of Corrective Church Discipline," led by Rev. T. E. Tucker.
11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Winham.
2 p. m.—Devotional services by Rev. John McKeen.
"The Duty of the Church to Her Pastor," by Rev. T. E. Tucker.
"The Duty of the Pastor to the Church," by Rev. Winham.
"Systematic Bible Giving," led by Rev. H. M. Mason.
3 p. m.—An essay on "Woman's Work," read by Miss Lillie Mae Mason.
7:30 p. m.—General Discussion on Prohibition, led by Rev. T. E. Tucker.
Sunday, 29th, 9:30 a. m.—"The Importance of Sabbath Schools," led by Bro. F. S. Johnson.
11 a. m.—Preaching.
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DAVID S. BROOKS,
Administrator.

College Commencements.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Commencement week, Sunday May 29, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Archibald Fairly Carr, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama. (In Clark Hall.)

Monday, May 30, 11 a. m.—Annual debate between representatives of the Literary Societies. Question: Resolved, That Japanese supremacy in the far East would advance Civilization more than Russian supremacy. Affirmative—Moses Kohn and John Wesley Vardaman, Erosophic Society; Negative—Aubrey Boyles and Earnest Scott McLaughery, Philomathic Society. (In Clark Hall.) 2 to 5 p. m.—Inspection of the Geological Museum, the Physical and the Chemical Laboratories, and the Observatory

8:30 p. m.—The President's reception.

Tuesday, May 31—8:30 a. m.—Annual meeting of the Alumni Society. (In Clark Hall.)

11 a. m.—Oration before the Society of the Alumni, by the Hon. Sidney Johnson Bowie, Anniston, Alabama; LL. B., University of Alabama, 1885. (In Clark Hall), 2 p. m.—Alumni banquet. (In the Dining hall of the University.) 8:30 p. m.—Junior contest in oratory for the Lomax prize. (In Clark Hall.)

Wednesday, June 1, Commencement Day, 10 a. m.—Senior orations. The conferring of degrees by the President. 8:30 p. m.—University reception. (In the dining hall of the University.)

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Commencement Programme May 26-31, 1904

Thursday, 26th, 8 p. m.—Entertainment by Model School.

Friday, 27th, 8 p. m.—Clonionian vs. Kappa Delta—Literary.

Saturday, 28th, 3 p. m.—Matinee.

Saturday, 28th, 8 p. m.—"The Princess"—Department of Expression.

Sunday, 29, 8 p. m.—Sermon on Misereate: Sermon—Rev. Carl W. Minor, Fitzgerald.

Sunday, 29, 8 p. m.—Sermon on Missions—Rev. Carl W. Minor Fitzgerald.

Monday, 30th, 9:30 a. m.—Exhibit by Art and Industrial Departments.

Monday, 30th, 11 a. m.—Clonionian vs. Kappa Delta—Oratory.

Monday, 30th, 1 p. m.—Alumnae Banquet.

Monday, 30, 3 p. m.—Matinee.

Monday, 30th, 8 p. m.—Grand Concert.

Tuesday, 31, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Address—Rev. J. J. Bennett, Griffin, Ga.

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BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

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ALABAMA NORMAL COLLEGE.

Livingston, Alabama. Commencement Exercises, 1904.

Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a. m.—Commencement Sermon, Rev. H. C. Howard.

Monday, May 23, 10:00 a. m.—Kindergarten Exercises.

8:00 p. m.—Graduating Exercises. Address by Captain Richard P. Hobson.

Tuesday, May 24, 10 to 12 m.—Reception by the Art Class.

8:00 p. m.—Play by Senior Class: "Much Ado About Nothing."

Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a. m.—Entertainment by the Tutwiler Literary Society.

8:00 p. m.—Annual Concert. You are cordially invited to attend. Julia S. Tutwiler, Pres.

MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE.

The Faculty, the Council of Students and the Corps of Cadets of Marion Military Institute request the honor of your presence at their Final Exercises, May 20-26, 1904.

Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Annual Debate: "Resolved, That the law ordering uniform text books for the schools of Alabama will be beneficial to education in Alabama." Affirmative—T. R. White, J. W. Pollard, for the Frankling Society; Negative—S. F. Hobbs, S. C. Godbold, for the Jefferson Society.

Tuesday, 5 p. m.—Battalion Drill and Dress Parade; Competitive Drill for Soldiership Medal.

Wednesday, 5 p. m.—Competitive Drill.

Thursday, 11 a. m.—Award of Honors; Final address.

FROM RUTLEDGE.

We had a glorious meeting last Saturday and Sunday at our church, Chapel Hill, Crenshaw County, conducted by our pastor, Rev. T. T. Dobbs, who has been our pastor for several years and has so faithfully discharged his every duty. He appointed a committee of four to raise money for foreign missions, another committee of four for Home and State missions, another for Orphans home, another for the indebtedness of church to pastor and so on. A new committee is appointed each month for each purpose and each committee is charged to do all they can. By changing them each month we think will cause them to be more energetic, for fear the next committee will excel them. We look for favorable results from this appointment and hope that some one else will get the idea from this. It gives the members a chance to do what they can. The preacher gets up and preaches for them to work and never gives them anything to do and consequently they don't do much if anything. We think this plan will give them a chance to do what the preacher says to do.

Our church is in good, lively working condition. We organized a Sabbath school on Sunday of 51 scholars that we trust will prove to be an evergreen one. Pray for us.

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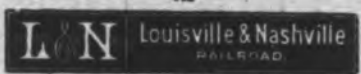
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Field Notes

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

A protracted meeting will be begun at the Baptist Church here on Sunday next, which will be conducted by Rev. R. S. Gavin, the pastor. Mr. Gavin has been here but a short time, having been engaged for a month, but has made many friends, and has shown himself to be a pastor and pulpit orator of a very high order.

The Church will call a pastor immediately after the 11 o'clock services Sunday morning next, and it is generally understood that the call will be unanimously extended to Mr. Gavin.—Bessemer Workman.

We are informed that the call was made; and that it was not only unanimous, but full of enthusiasm. The meetings make a good beginning. At both the Sunday services there were crowded houses and marked attention. The meeting will likely run for two weeks.

THE ROANOKE REVIVAL.

By Rev. T. S. Hubert.

For weeks before Sunday, April 17th, it had been Jabbok for some of us at Roanoke. Our needs were too many and too deep to admit of any other than an "I will not let thee go except thou less me" order of prayer. The announcement that I would begin a protracted meeting April 17th was wrung out of me by the very desperation of our condition. There was much wrong among us. I felt that we could not live another week without showers of blessing. In this feeling there were saints who shared—men and women of our church of whom the world is not worthy. Our hearts almost broke with longing for a revival of religion. We did not want a carnival of emotions nor a "joining the church" mania. Roanoke, with many another town, had had enough of that. We wanted to see men convicted of sin and brought to repentance and born of God. We wanted to hear penitents sob, "What must we do to be saved?" and believers shout, "Praise God for salvation!" A thousand "joiners" without this would not have satisfied us. God has most graciously given us our heart's desire. We have had an old-time revival of religion; a revival in which the experience of grace was sought and found unto the overflowing joy of many hearts. I cannot report the number of conversions. Twelve have been baptised, three await baptism, and "still there's more to follow." Those who have been received into church fellowship were asked to stand up in the old Baptist way and tell what God had done for them. God had done something for them and it was easy for them to tell it out. This is far more satisfactory and far more effective than the answer to one hundred questions. Perhaps the richest blessing of the meeting came upon members of the Church. We had some who had never been converted, some who were worldly and many who were indifferent to the meanings of Christian discipleship. The work of grace among

these winged our tongues with praise. There were reconciliations, public confessions and other indications of a thorough going spiritual revolution. Our methods were those that never fail. Appropriate, practical truth was preached—such as the necessity of regeneration and the evidence of it. This at once drew the line between being a Christian and not being a Christian. Sinners, both in the Church and out of it, were exhorted to "repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance." They were invited to "mourners' benches" for prayer and counsel. They came and found the Lord. Two days of public fast were helpful agencies. On these two days we had all day prayer meetings. Rev. J. P. Shaffer, D. D., gave most valuable assistance—such assistance as only he could have given. Brethren Brannen, Wright, Holliday and Shaddix also helped no little. After the second week of the meeting the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations united in the work. Rev. R. W. Anderson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rev. W. W. Turner of Roanoke Circuit, and Rev. Mr. Clark of Lowell Chapel rendered efficient service as did Rev. Mr. Morrow, the Presbyterian pastor. Denominational strife has been the fashion at Roanoke. Thank God it is an out of date fashion. The influence of this improvement is felt for good not only in Roanoke but throughout adjoining county. This is as much of your space as I have the right to claim, and yet, as I review what I have written, I see that I have made a poor and inadequate statement of what God has done for us. But the half cannot yet be told, and so I stop with this. Praise the Lord!
Roanoke, Alabama.

FROM BLOUNTSVILLE.

Resolved, that we, as a church regret the removal of Bro. H. W. Heard from our midst. His humble Christian piety, high moral character and unusual energy along Christian lines will be sorely missed by us. As a preacher he is safe and sound and efficient. Not only will he be missed by the Church but the Warrior River Association, of which he has been moderator for the last three years will feel his loss. Our prayers go with him in his new field of labor. Resolved, that a copy of this be furnished the Alabama Baptist with the request that it be published.

Done in Conference and signed by order of the same.

F. Tidwell, Moderator.

J. D. Small, Ch. Clerk.

FOREST HOME.

We are now pleasantly located on our new field. The church here gave us a warm reception and in token of their love and appreciation they presented to us a nice lot of groceries, which helped us very much to begin our new house-keeping. We are growing in love with the people here. For any one to know them is but to love them. No one could anticipate a failure in the Lord's work with such men at the head of the

church as W. H. Watt, J. G. Reynolds, Dr. Garrett, W. A. Glenn and others.

The churches composing this field are coming to the front. They have bought a good pastor's home and paid for it. Forest Home has added one more Sunday to their preaching service and pays one hundred dollars more to the pastor. We will pay all the mission money we have been asked for by the Association, and hope to do more.

The ladies have a good society and are doing some very efficient work. We have a fine school here under the leadership of Prof. E. C. Coggin. Prof. Coggin is a fine educator and has made for himself a good reputation. I am reaping where Bro. W. J. Ray has sown. Bro. Ray did a good work here and is very tenderly beloved by all who know him. May the Lord prosper him in his new work. Brethren pray for us that the Lord may use us for the advancement of His Kingdom.

G. W. Lovell.

FROM SLOCOMB.

It was hurting to my very heart to visit the home of our Sister Canant! I closed my meeting in April and left all of her family with her. Brother Canant was suffering some more than usual with his affliction. He had consumption. One of his sons wrote me in a few days after I was there of his back set, asking my prayers, and especially for his papa, saying the doctors had about giving him out. However, the summons had come; in a few more days he passed away. After one hard fit of coughing he looked at his brother, who sat nearby to help him in any way he could, "O Lord, how much longer." His helpful brother asked him, "general do you mind crossing over the waters now?" "No; I am anxious to go." All this his poor, bereaved, heart-broken widow told me last Saturday morning. Oh, she told me how she suffered while he struggled. She related the soul-crushing affliction that God made her able to bear. I who she ventured to tell it to as her pastor sat and cried like a weak woman. I could not help it. I had almost experienced the same three times in my life. But, God be thanked. I am rejoicing with the wife of my youth. In the instance of our brother's death a good man is gone. His brethren and his friends realize it and think of it. He had a large acquaintance in Southeast Alabama, having been a zealous, loving worker in his Master's cause, also holding himself up before the public with an unspotted character. We miss him more so and feel the loss to be more heavy than if it had been some one who had not kept under his body and brought into subjection. Yea, he had been an epistle and read and known among all his brethren an example worthy of following. Though the town and community, with their pastor, were in deep mourning, we are so sure our loss is his eternal and happy gain. In the midst of all our sorrows we had joys, too. Sunday at 3:30 p. m. I baptized the youngest brother and wife of our departed brother, Canant. They had been waiting their baptism for a month. There were two others received by letter. We have a good prayer meeting and an active Sunday school at Slocomb. We look forward to a day

when society there will be far in advance of what it has ever been in that new field. Pray for our prosperity here, Brother Editor, and readers of the Alabama Baptist. May the Lord bless you all in the honorable work is the prayer of yours in the work.

J. J. White.

ENCOURAGEMENTS AND PLEASANT SURPRISES.

Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock, May 7, 1904, will long be remembered in our home. On that day sisters B. D. Williams and Mary E. Allen and Misses Gussie Bagley, Lottie Bagley, Jean Williams and Cora Dodd, representing the ladies of Oxford, surprised us in our home and presented me with 20 handsome volumes by classic writers as follows: The Waverly Novels and the poems of Scott, Pope, Burns, Moore, Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier and Bryant, the latter each bound in beautiful padded leather covers.

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The Ladies of Oxford."

May 6, 1904.

A short time ago our young people presented me a handsome bookcase of oak of which I am truly proud. Besides these manifestations of love our Baptist Aid Societies and Bro. D. C. Cooper presented me a purse to defray all of my expenses to the Convention in Nashville. Verily "the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" and I am determined more than ever by the help of God,

"To live for those who love me,
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For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

Oxford, Ala.

W. R. Ivey.

REUNION SERVICE.

Dear Alabama Baptist: On the first Sabbath and Saturday before in May the Mt. Gilead Church, Covington county, held a reunion service, called a "reunion" because the church endeavored to get in its scattered membership at that time. A regular program was carried out by the church and pastor. On Sabbath morning Brother Jno. W. Stewart of the orphans home came in and gave us an interesting talk on the home its "purposes" and "management;" and at the close of his speech we gave him fifteen dollars for the home.

At 11 o'clock Brother Stewart preached us a very able sermon from the text, "The works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do." At the close of said sermon a collection was taken for missions amounting to five dollars and sixty cents, making in all \$20.60, and this is a little piny woods church at that. I have served this church ten years in all, and still they are alive and doing well.

O. L. Eiland.

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We will send to every worthy sick and ailing person who writes us, mentioning THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, a full sized \$1.00 package of Vitae Ore, by mail, postpaid, sufficient for one month's treatment, to be paid for within one month's time after receipt, if the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and doses of quacks or good doctors or patent medicines he or she has ever used. Read this over again, carefully, and understand that we ask our pay only when it has done you good, and not before. WE TAKE ALL THE RISK. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see results before you need pay us one cent and you need not pay us the one cent unless you do see the results YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE! We know that when this month's treatment of VITAE-ORE has either cured you or put you on the road to cure, you will be more than willing to pay. We know Vitae-Ore and are willing to take the risk.

Not a Penny Unless Benefited.

What Vitae-Ore is: Vitae-Ore is a natural, hard, adamantite rock-like substance—mineral—Ore—mined from the ground like gold and silver in the neighborhood of a once powerful, but now extinct, mineral spring. It requires twenty years for oxidation by exposure to the air, when it slacks down like lime and is then of medicinal value. It contains free iron, free sulphur, and free magnesium, three properties which are most essential for the retention of health in the human system, and one package—one ounce—of the ORE, when mixed with a quart of water, will equal in medicinal strength and curative value 800 gallons of the most powerful mineral water drunk fresh from springs. It is a geological discovery in which there is nothing added or taken from. It is the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as

Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Blood Poisoning, Heart Trouble, Dropsy, Catarrh and Throat Affections, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Ailments, Stomach and Female Disorders, Lagrippe, Malarial Fever, Nervous Prostration and General Debility.

as thousands testify, and as no one answering this writing for a package, will deny after using. Vitae-Ore has cured more chronic, obstinate, pronounced incurable cases than any other known medicine, combination of medicines or doctors' prescriptions which it is possible to procure.

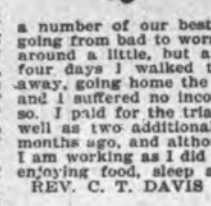
Vitae-Ore will do the same for you as it has done for hundreds of readers of The Alabama Baptist if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1.00 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this announcement. We want no one's money whom Vitae-Ore cannot benefit. You are to be the judge! Can anything be more fair? What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it would hesitate to try Vitae-Ore on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure ordinary cases; but two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. We mean just what we say in this announcement, and will do just what we agree. Write today for a package at our risk and expense, giving age and ailments, and mention The Alabama Baptist so we may know that you are entitled to this liberal offer.

This offer will challenge the attention and consideration, and afterwards the grati-ude of every living person who desires better health or who suffers with any, and diseases which have defied the medical world and grown worse with age. We care not for your skepticism, but ask only your investigation, and of our experience, regardless of what ills you have, by sending us for a package, ADDRESS

Enjoying Food, Sleep and Exercise.

Rev. C. T. W. Davis, Baptist Minister at Kensington, Kas., Tells What a Trial Package of Vitae-Ore Did a Year Ago.

I think Vitae-Ore is the greatest discovery in the science of medicine. I received the \$1.00 trial package and when I commenced using it I was suffering beyond description with rheumatism and neuralgia combined, in my jaw and whenever I opened my mouth to take some food I suffered terribly. I had been troubled with this affliction for several years. When I commenced taking Vitae-Ore I noticed almost the first day that there was an improvement and my health has never been better for twenty years than it is now. I had been treated by a number of our best physicians, but was going from bad to worse. I was able to walk around a little, but after taking Vitae-Ore four days I walked to a town six miles away, going home the same day in the rain and I suffered no inconvenience from doing so. I paid for the trial package at once, as well as two additional. That was thirteen months ago, and although I am 66 years old I am working as I did twenty years ago and enjoying food, sleep and exercise.



REV. C. T. DAVIS (Baptist Minister), Kensington, Kas.

Vitae-Ore Contains No Alcohol.

You mix only pure water with the Ore and know positively that you are not drinking the brain-destroying liquor under the guise of a medicine. How many such are there?

Read the following table taken from the Ladies Home Journal, the great women's paper edition of May, 1904, showing the proportion of alcohol in well known advertised medicines.

The Alcohol in "Patent Medicines"

THE following percentages of alcohol in the "patent medicines" named are given by the Massachusetts State Board Analyst, in the published document No. 34:

Medicine	Per cent of alcohol (by volume)
Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound	20.6
Paine's Celery Compound	21.
Dr. Williams' Vegetable Jaundice Bitters	18.5
Whisco, "a non-intoxicating stimulant"	25.2
Colden's Liquid Beef Tonic, recommended for treatment of alcohol habit	26.5
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	26.2
Hayes's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla	26.2
Wood's Sarsaparilla	13.8
Allen's Sarsaparilla	13.5
Dana's Sarsaparilla	13.5
Brown's Sarsaparilla	13.5
Peruna	25.
Wine of Cod-Liver Oil	18.8
Dr. Peter's Kuriko	14.
Carter's Physical Extract	22.
Hooker's Wigwam Tonic	20.7
Hoodland's German Tonic	20.5
Hove's Arabian Tonic, not a rum drink	13.2
Jackson's Golden Seal Tonic	19.6
Messman's Peptonized Beef Tonic	16.5
Parker's Tonic, "purely vegetable"	41.6
Schenck's Seaweed Tonic, "entirely harmless"	19.5
Baxter's Mandrake Bitters	26.5
Baker's Stomach Bitters	42.0
Burdock Blood Bitters	25.3
Green's Nervura	17.2
Hartshorn's Bitters	22.2
Hoodland's German Bitters, "entirely vegetable"	25.6
Hop Bitters	12.
Howe's Stomach Bitters	44.3
Kaufman's Sulphur Bitters, "contains no alcohol" (as a matter of fact it contains 20.5 per cent. of alcohol and no sulphur)	20.5
Paritana	22.
Richardson's Concentrated Sherry Wine Bitters	47.5
Warner's Safe Tonic Bitters	35.7
Warner's Bilious Bitters	21.5
Faith Whitcomb's Nerve Bitters	20.3

In connection with this list, think of beer, which contains only from two to five per cent. of alcohol, while some of these "bitters" contain ten times as much, making them stronger than whisky, far stronger than sherry or port, with claret and champagne very behind.

IT WAS TRUE 12 YEARS AGO AND IT IS TRUE NOW.

Hermansville, Mich.—I had been pronounced incurable of Bright's Disease by three eminent physicians, when I commenced using Vitae-Ore. I weighed about 100 pounds, but in three months I weighed 146 pounds and was well and hearty. Have not suffered with my kidneys since, and it was twelve years since I first used V.-O. I am now fifty six years old, and believe I am good for thirty years yet if I can have V.-O.

W. H. NORCROSS.