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Judson's Beautiful New Auditorium and Music Hall.

The Alumnae Auditorium and Music Hall of the Judson College at Marion, which has just been completed at a cost of \$25,000, and was used for the first time at the last commencement, is one of the handsomest and best appointed buildings of its kind in all the South.

It is built of pressed brick, finished off within in the natural wood, brilliantly lighted with electricity, furnished with 1,100 opera chairs, in a word, has all the modern conveniences. It is well ventilated and heated. It has also one of the largest pipe organs in the country. In the rear of the auditorium there are fifty music practice rooms.

The new building will add much to the efficiency of the famous old Judson, which has been such a powerful factor in the upbuilding of Alabama, and too much cannot be said in praise of President Patrick who conceived and successfully engineered this enterprise.

THE JUDSON COMMENCEMENT.

The Historic, Noble Institution Closes the Most Prosperous Session of Its Long Career.

Reported for the Alabama Baptist by Victor I. Masters.

General higher education for women is really quite a modern thing. There is only one Baptist College for women of which it may be said it has passed its sixty-sixth anniversary, and that college is the Judson.

INTRODUCTORY.

The Commencement at the Judson began on May 22d and closed May 26th. The exercises throughout were highly interesting and were signalized by the presence of large audiences made up of the people of Marion and its vicinity and of patrons and prominent visitors from Alabama and several other States.

It has been the most prosperous year in the history of the splendid institution, with the largest attendance and the greatest material development. During this and the previous year additions and improvements costing more than \$30,000 have been added. The greatest single addition is the new Alumnae building with its splendid audi-

torium and its fifty music practice rooms, and the addition of much dormitory space to the main building. The present capacity of the college dormitories is approximately 300 students.

Alabama Baptists are with good reason proud and fond of Judson College and it will add to their pleasure and pride to come and see the handsome new auditorium. The writer is rather familiar with female college plants and he has seen only one which has an auditorium which equals the new room at Judson, and this one does not surpass it. The room is seated with eleven hundred high grade opera chairs. The floor is inclined, there is a balcony and the ventilation is perfect as also is the acoustics. At the back of the stage is the great pipe organ. The entrances to the room are adequate, tasteful and convenient. The whole room is finished simply but tastefully, and is brilliantly lighted with electricity.

The initial exercise in the auditorium was on Sunday morning, May 22, at 11

o'clock. The Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Nashville, Tenn., preached the Commencement sermon before a concourse of at least eleven hundred people. The text was from Isaiah 1, 4, and the sermon a powerful one, in which the preacher impressed upon the student hearers that the only true learning was that which did not expend itself selfishly but goes out in the service of humanity.

It was a great discourse and was followed at night by another capital sermonic deliverance by the same gentleman, before the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society of the College. Dr. Burrows greatly charmed all who heard him, and to a still greater extent those who met him socially.

THE ART EXHIBIT.

Monday morning was given to the annual art exhibit. Several large rooms in the main building were thrown together and hundreds of paintings done in oil, water colors and charcoal beautified the apartments. Besides these numerous lovely exhibits of China painting, and the newly popular pyrography was in abundant and artistic evidence. Miss Laura Bell Parsons, the

art teacher, was in charge of the exhibit which drew a large number of interested persons, who for hours inspected the work and enjoyed social intercourse with their friends. Under Miss Parsons the art department at the Judson has much popularity, and the work done is of high order. The course comprises four years, and thoroughness, honesty and earnestness characterize the work. Perhaps the most striking collection was that of work done by Miss Mary McGuire of Jasper, Alabama, who is the only graduate in the department.

ELOCUTIONARY.

The exercises Monday night consisted of two plays by the elocution class. The first was a performance by a cast of eight characters, of five scenes from Scott's "Lady of the Lake."

Sir Walter's poetry is rather stilted for a play for popular consumption, and his people of the wild Scottish woodlands speak loud swelling English for such ruralities, but Scott is classic and a fit vehicle through which the young ladies could show the high order of training they have received. They not only did this very creditably, but charmed the audience into repeated applause.

The second play was of a popular nature. It was "Esmeralda," a composition of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett.

All the young ladies did their work well, and one hesitates to discriminate. But particularly fine was Miss Ethel Salter as "Old Man Rogers," and Miss Aline Meadows as "Dave Hardy." Miss Salter has real histrionic talent and a voice very expressive, particularly of pathos. Miss Meadows is rather petite, but carried off with effective vocal effect and masculine directness and aggressiveness the part which she filled.

The young women who had men's parts dressed their hair like men and wore men's coats, which above their woman's skirts, made a costume which was neither fish nor fowl, but they looked and did their parts well despite their little disadvantage of costume, some of them even mastering the difficulties of the masculine baritone charmingly.

ADDRESS BEFORE ALUMNAE.

The address to the Alumnae was delivered by the Rev. John R. Sampey, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning. He began his address by some humorous and informal references which put the audience into a good humor with itself and its speaker. He announced as his theme "The Queen and Her Daughters." Not all the fires of earth nor the judgment day can burn down this institution, said he, for the Judson is a spiritual force abiding in the hearts of its friends. Judson is a queen in the educational circles. The degrees achieved at college represent but the beginning upon which the

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B. Y. P. U.

To the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama:

I note with sincere regret that Brother Barnett is compelled to put advertisements on the B. Y. P. U. page of his paper in order to fill up space. Now don't lay the blame at his door, but take it home to yourself for not having sent him some good helpful notes upon the work you are doing in your local Union. To have the use of the columns of the Alabama Baptist, free of charge, is certainly a privilege, to say the least of it, and one which I fear we do not fully appreciate. I feel safe in saying no two Unions in our entire State are doing identically the same work. Have you ever considered what a help it would prove if each of us would contribute a good thought, or even a bad one, for then we would be warned to avoid it. Do not imagine that because you have in mind some small detail that it is too insignificant to be of worth. As a B. Y. P. U. worker I have found the small details of our work the most difficult problems.

And now for another item which is of grave importance. Your State Officers and Executive Committee, in order to do good work, should be in possession of every particle of data, with reference to local conditions, that it is possible for you to give. In some instances we do not even know to whom to address a letter when we desire to communicate with you. Where we have this information we are now sending our blank "Inquiry Forms" asking the name of your pastor, the officers of your Union, the number of members enrolled, the average attendance, something of the work your Union is doing, etc., etc. It is impossible, however, in every instance, to ask a direct question covering every point of information which we should have, and it is therefore earnestly requested that you not only fill in the blank sent you and return promptly, but in addition tell us everything you can of the status of your local Union.

Through prayer and earnest effort we expect this year to accomplish great things for the glory of God. Indeed we fail to fulfill the first object for which we organized (the enlistment and development of our young people in Christian service) when we fail to progress. Let us therefore be about the Lord's business, and during the coming year may the B. Y. P. U. of the State of Alabama be the means of bringing many souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your State officers solicit correspondence with the local Unions, and not only will be glad to hear from you but we shall feel badly if you forget us in this particular. Might also add that we are in a position to obtain information which might prove quite helpful to you, and if you ask any question which we cannot answer, we'll endeavor to find some who can enlighten you.

Sincerely yours in the work,

H. B. Wood, Secretary.

SOUTHERN STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The Southern Student Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations will be held in Waynesville, N. C., on June 10 to 19. This Conference has

been held annually since 1892 for the purpose of promoting organized Christian work among Southern college and preparatory school students, and of training the student leaders of this work. The Conference was held last year at Ashville school and was attended by 26 delegates representing 86 institutions in 12 states.

The program of the Conference will consist of platform meetings, conferences on college Young Men's Christian Association work, missionary institutes, normal Bible and mission study classes and meetings where Christian callings are forcibly presented. The afternoons are devoted to athletics and other forms of recreation. The Conference will be entertained in the well equipped Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel, where all the meetings will be held.

Among the speakers who will address the Conference are Professor C. E. Brown of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Walter R. Lambuth of Nashville, Dr. J. A. B. Scherer of Charleston, Dr. A. L. Phillips of Richmond, Professor Edward L. Bosworth of Oberlin College, Mr. F. S. Brockman of China, and Messrs. John R. Mott and Robert E. Spear of New York City.

Bible classes will be conducted in those courses which have been most useful in the colleges. Among the leaders of such classes will be Professor W. M. Forrest and Dr. H. M. McIlhenny, Jr., of the University of Virginia, Dr. Brown of Vanderbilt University, Professor W. C. Branham of Branham and Hughes School, Mr. F. Boyd Edwards, formerly traveling secretary of the Student Department of the International Committee, and Mr. A. J. Elliott of Brooklyn.

The Missionary features of the Conference are in charge of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. A number of representatives of Foreign Missionary Societies of the various churches will also participate in the Conference.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

To The Alabama Baptist:—

The State Sunday School Association will be held in Anniston June 8th to 10th. Quite an elaborate and interesting program has been prepared and published. Quite a number of leading Sunday school workers will be present and will take part in the discussion of the various topics which have been arranged for consideration. Several of the delegates who attended the great convention in Jerusalem recently will be present and add material zest and interest to the occasion, by giving us a glimpse of the Holy Land, and some account of the proceedings of that, one of the, if not, the greatest Sunday school conventions ever held in the history of the world.

Our coming Sunday School Convention is of equal interest to all protestant denominations, and it is earnestly hoped and desired that a large representation from all Sunday schools in the State will be present. I especially hope that our Baptist friends will take advantage of this splendid opportunity to come in touch with some of the best informed and best equipped Sunday school workers in the country. I be-

lieve the coming convention will be of great profit and will doubtless give inspiration to all who attend. The good people of Anniston are expecting a large crowd, and will be prepared to take care of all who go. Fraternally, G. G. Miles, Chairman Executive Committee, Montgomery, Ala.

RAILROAD RATES

The basis of representation is as follows, to-wit: Five delegates at large to each county, all ministers of the Gospel, the Superintendent and two delegates from each Sunday school.

The railroads of the State have granted reduced rates to delegates attending the Convention.

Each delegate desiring to obtain the reduced rate must purchase a ticket to Anniston at the regular tariff rate and at the same time procure from the ticket agent a certificate of standard form. If through tickets cannot be procured at the starting point, the person should purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained and there purchase to Anniston, procuring a certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased. Tickets for the return home will be sold at one-third and first-class fare plus 25 cents to persons holding certificates properly signed by the officers of the Convention.

Delegates will be entertained by the Sunday school workers of Anniston. The Chairman of Entertainment Committee, L. H. Carre, Anniston, Ala., earnestly requests that the names of all delegates be sent him before June 1st.

Y. M. C. A. AT HOWARD.

East Lake, Ala., May 1, 1904.

Dear Sir:—

Thinking you would be glad to hear something of our Y. M. C. A. work during this last year and of our plans for next year, we take pleasure in writing to you that we feel that this has been the most prosperous year in the history of our Association.

We have enrolled over one hundred men—including both active and associate members; the Bible Class has an enrollment of ten more than that of last year; we hold daily prayer meetings out on the campus every evening just after supper; several young men were converted this year during Mr. W. D. Weatherford's—the Traveling Secretary—visit to us.

We hope next year to be in shape to carry out our plans concerning our Y. M. C. A. building; we intend to have three Bible Classes next year and one Mission Class. Further, we desire to send eight men to the Southern Student Y. M. C. A. Conference at Ashville, N. C., this summer and in order to do this we will need about \$100.00. Feeling that you are interested in our work and would be glad to make a contribution of one dollar or more toward this good cause, we send you this letter, and trust that you will respond by sending a donation to our Treasurer, Mr. W. T. O'Hara. Thanking you in advance and hoping we will have the pleasure of seeing you at the College some time in the near future, We remain yours in bonds, J. O. Colley, B. S. Huggins, J. D. Dickson, Committee.

Anyone having a dollar to give to the cause will spend it well by sending to the Committee.—Ed.

FROM JERUSALEM.

Dear Brothers of Alabama: Having learned to think about you I find it real difficult to reform although my mind is tired and body weary.

I am in full sympathy with Kipling when he wrote:

"Its bad for the Christian's peace of mind
To hustle the Ayrian brown;
The Christian riles and the Ayrian smiles,
And it weareth the Christian down.
And the end of the fight is a tombstone white
With the name of the late deceased;
And the epitaph drear,
'A fool lies here
Who tried to hustle the East.'"

By the time one takes in Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Athens, Constantinople, Smyrna and Ephesus he really is ready for a rest and is paid for his trip.

I really wonder why persons who have visited Palestine have not been more enthusiastic over it. Forty of us went by horseback from Damascus to Jerusalem, taking ten days. We had, it is said, the finest dragoman in Palestine. All of us are agreed that Palestine is the most wonderful country we ever imagined. This fact began to dawn on me as we reached one of summits of snow-capped Hermon. It had been cloudy all day; we had come over a rugged, rough road, winding and climbing step by step, when we reached the summit there met our eyes the most gorgeous scenes upon which I ever gazed. It was the head of the famous Jordan Valley; to the right were the ruins of Corsica Philippi; below us were beautiful groves of olive trees; at our feet was growing wheat waving with the full promise of life. On the other side of the valley were the hills of Palestine. The whole valley was clothed with green, lighted here and there by the sun rays struggling through the clouds; to the left stretched the valley of the Jordan, covered with flowers of every possible color while two branches of the Jordan flowed like two silver streams to form Jordan the most historic river of the world.

Above the mountains on the other side was a magnificent array of white, tumulous clouds, through which the sun sent columns of silver to complete what seemed a temple of glory.

Would that I had time to tell you what we saw in ten days, after walking in the paths of Jesus. Time can never obliterate the feelings I had when approaching the sea of Galilee, and standing at the little town Nain, where He said to a bereaved mother, "weep not," which means "don't cry." How natural, how loving. The Bible will be a new book to me, missions a vastly more powerful subject, for I see the needs and also I see the glorious results of Christian missions and my own life can never be the same; by God's grace its power must be doubled.

We now started for Egypt, then back to Naples, Rome and through Europe. I delight to think of all the brethren and especially of the dear Church at Roanoke. Affectionately yours,
Henry O. Risner.

Jerusalem, April 20, 1904.

Commencement Exercises at Central College, Tuscaloosa.

SERMON TO CENTRAL GIRLS.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief of Union Springs, delivered the Commencement Sermon for the Central College at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

His text was Proverbs 23rd chapter, 7th verse, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." It was a splendid exposition of the power and influence of thought. He said there was no limit to the development of the intellect and compared the condition of the man whose power of thought had widened his horizon and the one who was forced by a lack of the same to lead a treadmill sort of existence in a contracted space.

He dwelt forcefully on the influence of thought.

"Life is what we make it and we make it what we conceive it." He pleaded for an ideal and said the way to an ideal achievement was through right thinking. God's will is what makes right and wrong and the man or woman who is in accordance with God's desire is living the sublimest life. He told of a beautiful life he knew of whose secret motto was "Whom not seeing, I love." He made an effective application to the students who heard him and indeed all the audience was deeply impressed with the uplifting ideas presented and the attractive way they were told.

Mr. Moncrief has a most pleasing delivery. He has a splendid, deep voice, uses beautiful language and is in reality a most eloquent preacher.

GRAND CONCERT.

Wagner—Von Bulow—Overture to Tannhauser—Misses Evelyn Daniel and Flossie Clark. Browning—An Incident of the French Camp—Miss Bessie Donoho. Rachmaninoff—Prelude O Minor—Miss Nina Hurley. Godard—Waltz Chromatique—Miss Addie Cox. Jouberti—Serenade—Miss Evie Clark. Chopin—Prelude Op. 28, No. 15—Miss Susan Sawyer. Chopin—Etudes No. 5-13—Miss Myrtle Williams. Rubenstein—Barcarolle—Miss Alva Jenkins. Buck—Come Where the Lindens Bloom—Miss Bessie McGahey. Knight—A Shaker Romance—Miss Banks Todd. Chopin—Waltz Op. 34, No. 1—Miss Honor Monnish. Neidlinger—Parting—Misses Evie Clark and Sadie Bevell. Moszkowski—Gondeliera—Miss Bessie McGahey. Riley—There's the Way You Look—Miss Louise Maxwell. Schumann—Listz—Spring Night—Miss Nell Johnston. Schubert—Frühlings Glaube—Hark! Hark! the Lark—Miss Kathleen Cotter. Cowen—Schenecker—Bridal Chorus—College Chorus.

It was the annual Grand Concert and the culmination of the excellent work shown by the pupils during the year—proving that in Mr. Ludebuehl, Miss Clooson and Miss Jaynes, the college has had artistic as well as conscientious teachers.

The piano pieces were all played admirably. There was not a number that would not have done credit to a school of music. Miss Clark being ill Mr. Ludebuehl played the overture with Miss Daniel.

The songs were charmingly done. The singers all have exceptional voices and

they showed delightful style and artistic interpretation. Miss Cotter was roundly encored but did not respond.

The readings were among the most finished ever presented here. There was the nicest sort of voice control, and they all had the simplicity and naturalness that were marks of ability and culture. Miss Todd and little Miss Maxwell were both heartily encored.

GRADUATES AT THE CENTRAL.

The graduating exercises at Central College Tuesday night were a beautiful close to a remarkably successful year and Alumnae Hall was crowded to its fullest capacity.

The programme opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Lowry. Then Mr. Ludebuehl played the Liszt arrangement of Schubert's "Erl King."

President Giles then introduced Rev. A. G. Mosely, of Evergreen, who delivered a thoughtful and able discourse on "Woman's place in the sphere of Missions." This sphere of woman was being enlarged and should now aid mightily the missionary cause not alone by her contributions but also by becoming trained and educated Christian women. He quoted St. John's appeal to Gaius for aid for the missionaries and made a similar appeal to the individuals before him to seize on their opportunities at hand if they could not go to foreign lands.

President Giles made an address to the graduating class that was full of good sense and right counsel and his words of love and esteem came from his heart. Degrees were conferred as follows:

Jane Elizabeth Foster, A. M., Edith Mae Borland, B. L., Addie Estelle Cox, A. B., Alma Lee Finley, A. B., Cara Czarina Graylee, A. B., Cora Kilgore, A. B., Huldah A. Lewis, A. B., Geneva Grace Lewis, A. B., Alberta Ella Noel, A. B., Lucy Peterson, A. B., Lillian Gertrude Poole, B. S. Snow Shirley, A. B., Fannie Pearle Spiller, B. S.

Graduating in Piano Music—Norah Alverson.

The following certificates were announced:

Stenography and Typewriting—Ruby Bates. French—Annie Thornton, Carrie Jones. Stenography—Lottie Harrington. Music—Kathleen Cotter.

Mrs. Gilmore of Birmingham, then pinned the badges of the Alumnae Association on the new graduates and made a most appropriate and graceful speech of welcome and advice. Her mention of the alumnae's desire to erect a monument to the late Dr. Joshua H. Foster was received with applause.

Hon. F. S. Moody in his most felicitous manner presented the handsome medal offered by the Maxwell-Raiford Jewelry Co. to Miss Evelyn Daniel for having shown the greatest progress in music.

The exercises were closed with the singing of the doxology and prayer by Rev. Mr. Hendricks.

ALUMNAE DAY.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Alumnae Hall was full. To a march played by Mr. Ludebuehl the procession of alumnae and this year's graduates entered the hall preceded by those partici-

pating in the exercises, the officers of the Alumnae Association and others.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. J. G. Lowry after which Miss Norah Alverson of the Class of 1901 played a selection by Rachmaninoff delightfully. Mrs. W. F. Fitts of the class of '74 sang a beautiful solo and then Miss Anna Baker, President of the Alumnae Association, in a most graceful and finished fashion, introduced the speaker of the day, Rev. J. H. Hendricks of Pratt City.

Mr. Hendricks' discourse was very appropriate, thoughtful and most scholarly and the audience was deeply impressed by it. He took as the inspiration of his remarks Catherine de Medici, a brilliant figure in the 16th century who proved by her life that one might have all the attributes of greatness and still be a failure.

Mr. Hendricks is a forceful and effective speaker and his address was supremely enjoyed.

Mrs. Carrie Lucius of the Class of 1890 played a brilliant Chopin Waltz and Rev. A. G. Mosely pronounced the benediction.

The feast was spread in the stately reception hall, where in days of old the Supreme Judges of the State rendered their admirable exposition of the law.

Covers were laid for one hundred and twelve and the hall was a beautiful sight with its fair women seated around the banquet board. The college colors, white and yellow, were beautifully carried out. The walls and windows were hung with white and yellow draperies, relieved by ornamental plants and blooming flowers. The tables with their snowy damask coverings had numerous vases of daisies, yellow nasturtiums, etc. resting on dainty pieces of lace embroidery, while there were quantities of the flowers loosely scattered everywhere.

The menu cards were charming souvenir programmes of the toasts, printed in yellow and tied with yellow satin ribbons. The quotations, poetical and otherwise, that interspersed bespoke a clever and accomplished mind back of it just as the splendid feast showed the care and attention of a most skilled and loyal lot of alumnae.

The feast of reason and flow of soul that was heard about the festal board was brilliant and eloquent. Miss Baker presided with brightness and grace and fittingly introduced each speaker. The following were the sentiments responded to:

Welcome to Class of 1904—Mrs. D. I. Purser. Response—Miss Snow Shirley. Alabama—Miss Ella Davis. Central College Historically Considered—Miss Dollie Burks. University of Alabama—Miss Anne Moody. Our Fireside—Mrs. Abbott. Our Alumnae Association—Mrs. S. M. Spencer. Woman's Work—Miss Kate Walker. Education—Miss Carolyn Rowe. Memories of College Days—Mrs. A. J. Upchurch.

Some of these speeches were gems of wit and all were feeling, clever and forceful, breathing of the purest spirit of loyalty to alma mater and good fellowship for its daughters.

The interesting exercises closed with the spirited and expressive singing of "Auld Lang Syne," which was led by Mrs. A. J. Roby.

THE CHAPERON A SUCCESS.

Another packed house greeted the Clonian and Polymnian societies at the Central College Tuesday night.

The play "The Chaperon" has a pretty plot and its unfolding was watched with great interest. As Mrs. Dyncourt, a wealthy lady whose life is saddened by the loss of a child years ago, Miss Snow Shirley appeared to advantage.

Miss Addie Cox played Mariam, the gypsy, who restored the lost child to her mother, and spoke her lines with genuineness of feeling.

As Jill, the waif finally restored to her mother, Miss Norfleet Daniel had a very sweet, appealing part, which she presented with naturalness and charm.

Miss Jane Foster made a capital Miss Morange, in charge of a young ladies' seminary, and Miss Estelle Bealie as Madlle Jeanne, the French teacher was a perfect success.

Mrs. Dyncourt's maid, by Miss Susan Sawyer, made a big hit.

Miss Flossie Clark played Joyce Dyncourt, who is up to all sorts of mischief at school and who disguised as her mother acts chaperon for a visit with her school friends to an artist's studio. It was a bright, sparkling role and Miss Clarke invested it with her own delightful individuality. As her chief kindred spirit, Phyllis, Miss Bessie Rush made a pronounced and gratifying success. Miss Carrie Pegues made a most excellent Suzanne, with her flights of elocution. Other school girls, who had bright and breezy lines to say looked most fetching, were impersonated by Miss Evie Clark, Dicy Snead, Stella Palmer, Nell Johnston, Sallie Kate Harrie and Annie May Wilmot.

The play went with smoothness and the stage management was admirable, proving that Miss Jaynes is a most versatile and highly accomplished teacher. The work of the girls in the play was a source of pride to the college, a credit to their teacher and also a source of much gratification to the societies they represented.

LOOK HERE, ARE YOU SICK?

If so I have a remedy that will absolutely cure any case of kidney trouble, indigestion, constipation, sick head ache nervous affection, loss of appetite, female weakness and rheumatism. If I don't cure you sound and well in six months, I will refund the money. Any kind of reference given on demand as to my medical, social and religious, moral and financial standing. I suffered twenty years with liver and kidney trouble. In six months I cured myself after I had tried many remedies, and I have cured many others. In fact I have got the first patient to write me to refund the money. I will send any one a month's treatment for one dollar. Only one tablet to be taken every night. If you are troubled with any of the above diseases, send me one dollar money order and get thirty tablets. I mean what I say, one dollar a month. Respectfully Rev. W. M. Cole, M. D. Blountsville, Ala.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

THE JUDSON COMMENCEMENT.

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cultured woman begins the structure of a finished character. This institution prepares you young women for the highest, purest, social services. We are not studying or living for ourselves, but for the largest and richest social usefulness.

In these days of material progress the world needs much to be taught that character and courtesy and the artistic are greater than money-making.

Judson stands for Christ controlling the heart and for the acceptance of his ideals. Finding a woman a slave, Christ has made her a queen; finding her a plaything for man He has made her his equal, and developed him through her so that his spirit instead of brute force steered him in life. Continuing Dr. Sampsy enforced many practical truths intended to encourage the devotion of the Alumnae to the Alma mater.

CONCERT.

On Tuesday night a concert was given by the music students, which consisted in the first part of classic instrumental numbers. The second part consisted of a cantata. About one hundred young ladies took part in it, and the sight of them by the electric lights as they sat or stood on the stage in costumes of immaculate white was fascinating and brilliant in the extreme. The music throughout was classical, rather than popular, but the excellence of its interpretation coupled with the interest which the audience felt in the performance held the close attention of a large assembly for more than two hours. The accompanists, Miss Robson at the piano, and Mr. Powers at the great organ, were very fine indeed.

Following are the program and personnel:

Chorus—Schumann, The Gipsies. Schumann, Spring Flowers. Piano—Schubert, Impromptu in A flat, Miss Ida Andrews. Piano—Tchaikowsky, June Barcarolle, Miss Lizzie McIver. Violin—Papini, Perpetuum Mobile, Miss Helen Collier. Piano—Chopin, Waltz in C sharp minor, Miss Lillian Gilmore. Piano—Moszkowski, Hungary, Miss Minnie Mason. Violin—Schubert-Weiss, Serenade, Miss Letitia Williams. Piano—Tchaikowsky, Song without Words in F major, Mendelssohn, Etude in B flat minor, Miss Ada Dunaway. Piano—Leschetizky, The Two Larks, Miss Ruby Adams. Violin Duet—Rzhia, Mendelssohn, Waltz, Miss Annelu Burns and Miss Letitia Williams. Piano—Grieg, Norwegian Bridal Procession Passing By, Miss Sarah Bowen.

CANTATA—KING RENE'S DAUGHTER.

CHARACTERS.

Iolanthe—Miss Susie Cowan. Marta—Miss Minnie Ward. Miss Lucy Dauhgrill, Miss Marietta Aldridge.

Beatrice—Miss Carrie Stamps, Miss Marietta Aldridge, Mrs. E. T. Gaillard. Quartet—Miss Irene Lambert, Miss Ethel Pitta, Miss Nina Sullivan, Miss Evelyn Farmer.

CANTATA CHORUS.

First Sopranos—Misses Brown, Burk,

Barnum, Dodd, Ellis, L. Head, Pollard, Perkins, Stackhouse, Swink, Jones, Molett, McBryde, M. S. McBryde, Mason, Mitchell, McCollum, Roberts, Lacy, Underwood, Waugh, Thompson, Davis, Shivers.

Second Sopranos—Misses Allison, Baily, Bomar, Cocke, Cunningham, Dew, K. Davie, L. Gilmore, Gaillard, M. Head, Hilliard, Montgomery, Patrick, Watrous, Wiggins, Wilkerson, Williams, L. Williams, Collier, Hall, Lee, Parker, Coleman, McDonald, Kling.

Altos—Misses Bowen, Dickson, E. Davie, Foster, Hogue, Huffman, McIver, Provence, Crane, Dunaway, Goodhue.

Chorus—Those singing in the Cantata and the following: Misses Andrew, Burk, Bennett, Burney, Bentley, H. Bentley Bloom, Bean, Burson, Burns, Collier, Chapman, L. Davie, P. Davis, Dean, Donchoo, Edwards, Graham, Gray, M. Gray, Hale, Hopson, Higgins, Hudson, Idom, Jordan, M. Jones, Knight, Kidd, Lacy, Letcher, McCurdy, Moore, McCoy, McGee, B. McGee, McLaurine, Norwood, Pollard, Spinks, Schoefel, Strong, Smith, Seears, Wooten, Watts, Thipen, Bennett, Thorton, Thompson, Tomkies, Sanders, L. Lambert, I. B. Smith.

Accompanists—Piano, Miss Robson; Organ, Mr. Powers.

SHAKESPERIAN PLAY.

"As you like it" was given by the senior class under the direction of Miss Annie Kirtley, the accomplished elocution teacher, on Wednesday night. The play was one of many which the students execute in their regular study. The costuming was striking, artistic and beautiful, and the twenty-four or more parts were filled with much effectiveness. Some of the fair players showed remarkable talent for their stage work. There were many striking and beautiful effects, and the play was one of the strongest presentations of the whole commencement.

THE GREATEST OF ALL.

Thursday night came the greatest of all the events of the week for at that time the class of 1904 was to receive an introduction to the world of letters by having conferred upon them the academic degrees, the first ever bestowed by the Judson. It was a brilliant and beautiful occasion. Perhaps no more beautiful scene was ever witnessed on a college platform than that which greeted the eyes of the audience as the thirty-one young ladies of this noble class, led by its president, Miss Ann Stakely, marched to the seats assigned them. The decorations were simple and artistic, the grand pipe organ forming an imposing background. W. A. King opened the exercises with an organ voluntary, followed by the singing of the Doxology by the entire audience and a prayer by Dr. J. G. Lowery.

Dr. Charles A. Stakely of Montgomery is an ideal commencement speaker. He knows what to say, how to say it and when to stop saying. "The Royal Law of Growth" was the subject of an admirable address which held the rapt attention and profoundly impressed all who heard it.

While President Patrick conferred the degrees the audience rose and remained standing, thus giving impressiveness to this interesting ceremony.

All were deeply moved by the fine singing by the Seniors of Rotoll's "Our King."

THE GRADUATES AND THE DEGREEES.

Bachelor of Arts.—Miss Augusta Carrell Gregory, Marion, Ala. Miss Winnie Belle Lee, Marion, Ala.

Bachelor of Science.—Miss Ada Lucile Barnes, Fearn Springs, Miss.; Miss Eunice Davie, Clayton, Ala.; Miss Irene Roberta Kling, Sartartia, Miss.; Miss Mary Sue McBride, Oak Hill, Ala.; Miss Jennie Stratton Paulin, Clayton, Ala.; Miss Ann Stakely, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Lillian Mac Swinly, Carlsville, Ala.; Miss Mary Evelyn Watson, Carlsville, Ala.

Bachelor of Literature.—Miss Marietta Mayer Aldrich, Jackson, Ala.; Miss Bessie Maria Bailey, Pleasant Hill, Ala.; Miss Ista Lena Bartlett, Lineville, Ala.; Miss Ethel Beatrice Bennett, Georgiana, Ala.; Miss Kathleen Davie, Blocton, Ala.; Miss Willie Pitts Felts, East Lake, Ala.; Miss Mary Eugenia Foster, Brewton, Ala.; Miss Allie Lett, Auburn, Ala.; Miss Lallage Longshore, Columbiana, Ala.; Miss Lola Manley, Roanoke, Ala.; Miss Daisy Mitchell, Talladega Springs, Ala.; Miss Mary Amelia Moore, Perdue Hill, Ala.; Miss Mary Ella Pollard, New Berne, Ala.; Miss Bernice Sheffield, Pine Hill, Ala.; Miss Flora Shahan, Attalla, Ala.; Miss Jessie Wilson, Prattville, Ala.; Miss Ruby White, Marion, Ala.

Elocution.—Miss Aline Meadows, Lowndesboro, Ala.

Music, Pianoforte.—Miss Minnie Lee Ward, Greensboro, Ala.

Voice.—Miss Susie Woodroe Cowan, Jackson, Ala.; Miss Minnie Lee Ward, Greensboro, Ala.

Art.—Miss Mary McGuire, Jasper, Ala.

Thus came to a close the sixty-sixth annual session of Judson College. In its long history many commencements have transpired terminating each a good year's work. But this past year has been the greatest of all in material growth, in attendance, and in the breadth of the curriculum. And the enthusiasm of the Alumnae for the great old school was never gladder nor more potent than it is at this present time.

The administration for eight years of President Robert G. Patrick has been eminently successful, and both Judson and the Alabama Baptist are to be congratulated upon having at the head of their surprisingly fine college for women this versatile and accomplished gentleman. Of President Patrick, of the institution's past and present, I have spoken more at length in an article to appear later and therefore may be pardoned here for passing so briefly matters the story of which will make interesting reading to Alabama Baptists.

The flowers and white dresses, the music and bright faces, have played their part in another commencement. The curtain is down, the scores of pianos are silent, the premises at Judson are lonely today, lonely for the joyous presence of bright girls. The English sparrows are having a conversation over it all on the lawn outside, and mean as English sparrows are, their unmolested twitterings go to one's soul some how today, bearing some sort of message

about the bright ones who have gone.

Judson is lonely and hundreds of homes are brighter and gladder. But Judson is unselfish. That is what it exists for—to train young women to gladden and render high service in society and in their homes. And Judson is not jealous, for it is well-loved and long-remembered by its graduates, through whom larger accessions of new ones come to fill up all the room each year, when summer heat is passed and russet autumn draws on apace.

FROM PRICEVILLE.

The churches are thriving well under the supervision of Bros. J. E. Weaver and J. D. McClahan at Cave Springs, Crowton and Shoal Creek. Each church has a pretty good Sunday school. Shoal Creek is going to have a Sunday school rally in July. We have a good Sunday school. The writer is the superintendent. J. H. Holbrook, J. H. Wallis and sister Carrie Luman are teachers, and J. P. Fields secretary-treasurer. The school is composed chiefly of young people. I wish the parents would come to Sunday school. The old people have the idea that Sunday schools are for young people and children only. We Christian people ought to take the world for Christ. Jesus has promised to stand by us in every battle to help us gain the victory. J. J. Bishop.

NEWS NOTES.

Pedro Alvarado, the former Mexican peon, who has acquired great wealth from his wonderful mine at Parral, Mexico, during the past few years, has just purchased a solid silver dinner set for \$25,000. The silver pieces were made to order for him. The set contains 6000 ounces of pure silver. It will grace a new mansion which Alvarado is erecting at Parral, at a cost of \$400,000.

There will be a determined effort made to bring the next meeting of the Southern Cane Growers' Association to Montgomery. The matter is to be presented to the meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Association at its meeting tonight and it is very likely a committee will be appointed to go into the raising of the money it will take to pay the expenses.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal G. G. Miles of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Knights of Pythias has let the contract to the Brown Printing Company of Montgomery for the Journal of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, recently held in Birmingham. It is expected to be out and ready to distribute in thirty days.

A small force from the garrison of Col. Younghusband's mission moved out Saturday to clear the line to the south, says a dispatch from the London Times correspondent at Gyang-Tse, Thibet. Colonel Brander was at the head of the force, and after burning three farm houses occupied by the enemy returned to the post. Two of the Silks were killed and Lieutenant Hodgson was wounded in a raid on a farm house last Thursday. The Thibetans lost about thirty men. There have been fifty-seven casualties among the British since the mission crossed the Tangia.

WOMAN'S WORK

Send all Communications for this Department to
Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake, Ala.

THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION.

Alabama's apportionment for 1904-1905.

Foreign Missions \$5,000
Home Missions 3,000

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Nashville, Tenn., May 11 and 12, was an occasion of much interest and profit.

The States were well represented, Alabama having her full number of delegates (8) present. It was greatly regretted that our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Malone, could not be present, owing to sickness in her family.

Our Central Committee was most ably represented by its Vice President, Mrs. N. A. Barrett of East Lake.

The spirit of the meeting was fine throughout the entire session.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U., Miss Annie Armstrong, also the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Lowndes, were very gratifying, showing that the Southern Baptist women have had the work in their hearts and have gone forward.

What a joy it was to look into the faces of some of our missionaries, both Foreign and Home. Some of them having been long years in the fields, others just entering the work, having been recently appointed by the Boards.

Now, dear sisters, it behooves us, who stay at home, to stand by these noble servants of the Lord as never before. The Lord has called them to go and carry the glad tidings and we can have a part in the great work by praying and giving of our means.

Let us resolve to do more this year than ever before.

Dear Baptist Sisters of Alabama, we will have to rally and press forward as we never have. The cause is urgent and the Lord wants our best efforts.

We are asked to give this year, for Foreign Missions, \$5,000; for Home Missions, \$3,000.

Let us work and pray and strive earnestly to meet our apportionment.

There was a special meeting for all Alabama ladies, in the First Baptist Church, Nashville, May 16. Quite a number present, and we talked about our apportionment, and prayers ascended to our dear heavenly Father, that He would guide in this work and help each to do her part.

As our Central Committee shall apportion the amounts to the Association let us be ready to fall in line and press forward, remembering our Father will help and strengthen us.

"Hitherto the Lord has helped us,
Guiding all the way;
Henceforth let us trust Him fully
Trust Him all the day."

Yours in the Master's work,
Mrs. Henry L. Mellen.
Livingston, Ala.

W. M. U. CONVENTION NOTES.

Such a delightful time as we had attending the W. M. U. and the S. B. Convention, to which it is auxiliary,

during their recent session in Nashville. Added to this was the pleasure of knowing that more than one hundred Alabamians were there present.

Look at the growing figures of our apportionment and you will see that great things are expected of our Alabama ladies this year; but from the enthusiasm and regular attendance of so many of our earnest workers during each session I feel that we may yet proclaim a glad victory.

The work for the new year was well outlined. Our delegates were unanimous in their desire to help build the chapel in Cuba, also the church in Brazil and thus give our missionaries and the new converts a real church home, rather than only a rented room, that could be taken from them.

The present to our W. M. U. from a philanthropic Christian woman whose identity must be kept secret, was a delightful surprise. In her letter she wrote that she desired to give to the W. M. U. (10,000) ten thousand dollars to be appropriated as a home for the missionaries, children. A suitable home will soon be located by the committee in charge.

How the hearts of our good officers rebounded when the figures for last year were given us by Mrs. Morrow—speaking so distinctly of an advance and telling some of us of the many who with prayerful hearts had been ever about the Master's business. To all such it was happiness to know that we exceeded the total amount asked of our Alabama women by almost (\$1,000) one thousand dollars. So now they ask a two-fold increase. To reach it new workers must be enlisted, more young ladies Societies organized.

For a year past many have united with Miss Kelly in her prayer for a young lady helper on her Chinese field. God has touched the heart of a dear young woman and we believe the prayer will speedily be answered; but will not the young ladies societies of Alabama follow the example of Virginia and bond together for the support of Miss Kelly's helper? This would be something worthy of their enthusiastic effort. Much was said in our W. M. U. as to helps for our Sunbeam Bands, but each leader was left to gather up and make individual plans. This should rest heavily upon our hearts as it is our initial work, and all States do not have such a deservedly loved leader for their Sunbeams as have we in Alabama. I often feel the truth of the following couplet:

"An angel paused in his onward flight,
With the seeds of love and truth and right,

And said, "Oh, where can this be sown
To bear the most when full grown?
To whom can this precious seed be given

To yield the most for earth and heaven?

The Savior answered and said as He smiled,

Plant it at once in the heart of a child."

After our farewell service to the dear

missionaries on Sunday afternoon, we had no other session, but stood adjourned, so that all day Monday we enjoyed the great talks and greater reports as they were discussed in the Tabernacle, where the Convention assembled each day.

We were proud of our work, proud of our workers, and happy that we may begin another year in the name of our beloved Master.

Mrs. N. A. Barrett.

East Lake.

Mrs. S. A. Smith of Prattville kindly prepared a sketch of the meetings of the W. M. U., but as a great part of the proceedings have already appeared in our columns, she requests that her paper be omitted. There follow two extracts:

An open Conference in regard to Mission work among young people and children was one of the most interesting features on the program. The best methods of interesting young people in the work and securing the co-operation of parents and of securing the most desirable Missionary literature being the topics especially discussed. Mrs. Spalding of Alabama told of a plan which had proved exceptionally successful in interesting young people in Missionary work.

Each member of the Board assumes the name of some missionary and at each meeting impersonates this worker and gives an account of his or her recent labors. Problems and methods in mission work were discussed. Miss Elizabeth Garrett, of Kentucky, who is a leader of a successful country society give valuable suggestions on the topic, "How to keep alive societies in country churches." She emphasized the importance of having good leaders and of the excellent work which can be accomplished by even a small society in a remote district when properly officered and under divine guidance, spoke of her society making quilts, in which every member was interested. They often met in a private house and would have work going on in two rooms at same time, every one brought her dinner, which was arranged on a table, thus they had a good time socially, while at same time making money.

NOW FOR ANNISTON.

Only about six weeks remain before the Baptists will turn their faces toward Anniston.

What sort of a host will it be? We want it to be a host. We ought to have five hundred messengers and as many visitors. We want a praying host. God only can give us success.

We want a host filled with the consciousness of victory. This feeling will not be ours unless we fill these six weeks with heroic work.

I am wondering if the pastors are going to heed the several earnest appeals I have sent out for State missions. I certainly expect it and will be awfully disappointed if they fail me.

What about the sisters?

Mrs. Hamilton has done a good work this year. We are all proud of her. The support for this work comes wholly from the State Mission fund through the Home and Foreign Boards yet by far the larger part of the contributions

given by the women's and children's societies. I am looking for liberal help from the women's societies. It is a time for all to help.

W. B. Crumpton.

HOME NEWS.

The United States transport Kilpatrick arrived from Manila, via the Suez canal with ninety-eight cabin passengers and ninety-three Government employees, discharged soldiers, civilian employes and enlisted men. She also brought the bodies of sixty-four soldiers who died in the Philippines.

The union of the denominations was the chief topic at Monday's session of the General Assemblies of the Northern Presbyterian Church at Buffalo, N. Y., of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Mobile, Ala., and of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Dallas, Tex.

As a result of an explosion of two drying rooms of the Lake Shore Novelty Company's plant at Findlay, Ohio, on Sunday, May 22, seven persons are known to be dead; five are so seriously hurt that recovery is believed to be impossible, and twelve or fifteen are injured badly. From reports of the physicians, ten of the less seriously injured may die as a result of blood poisoning from the potash that was driven into their bodies.

The May crop report will show that the dry weather of the past month has kept the cotton and corn crop considerably behind, as there has not been sufficient rain to cause the crops to come up out of the ground. The dry weather, which still prevails, has caused considerable alarm in many sections of the State, as in many instances cotton which has been planted several weeks has not yet come up out of the ground.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The report that Rear Admiral Jensen finding it impossible to save the protected cruiser Bogatyr, which went ashore recently in a fog on the rocks at Valdivostok, caused her to be blown up, is confirmed. The guns of the Bogatyr were removed before she was destroyed. No loss of life attended her destruction.

F. Nisard, the French Ambassador to the Vatican is expected to arrive in Paris today to confer with Foreign Minister Delcasse preliminary to a meeting of the Council of Ministers on Tuesday. The recall of Nisard is the absorbing topic in Paris. The Socialist organs are demanding a complete withdrawal of the embassy and the embassy staff.

Persistent rumors of unrest among the native tribes have been rife for some time, according to a Times' dispatch from Johannesburg, South Africa. Unrest is perhaps too strong a word to use at present. The natives have been talking a great deal and feel themselves dissatisfied, but only in a vague manner. The activity of the leaders in the Ethiopian movement, which is based on the idea of Africa for the native races, is believed to be largely the cause of the feeling.

Majesty of the Law.

GOV. CUNNINGHAM TO STUDENTS OF
HOWARD COLLEGE.

The majesty of the law was upheld before the Literary Societies of Howard College Monday night by the acting Governor of Alabama.

Dr. R. M. Cunningham made an earnest plea for obedience to the law and respect therefor. The essence of his address was condemnation of lynch law, although he at no time alluded to this form of lawlessness by direct name. He did not indulge in abuse or bitter arraignment of citizens who take the law into their own hands. Indeed he admitted there were times when a community, as an individual, might plead the law of self defense when its chastity was outraged. But he told the young men who are to take part hereafter in the development of Alabama and its government, that the moral and material progress of the State depends upon the sacredness with which it was held and the impartiality with which it was enforced. He impressed upon them that if a law is bad it is the duty of the State to repeal it, or to amend it if defective. There was no escape from the inexorable conclusion that the people were responsible for the laws and for the infraction thereof.

Dr. Cunningham was deeply in earnest. Most of his speech he read from notes, disdainful of the arts and graces of oratory until he had reached his peroration when he turned from his manuscript and indulged in that flight of eloquence for which he is famous.

Dr. Cunningham began by saying that he had taken for his subject "The Laws of Man as Factors in Man's Destiny." Last year he had spoken to them of "The Laws of Nature as Factors in Man's Nature." While nature's laws were of divine origin and therefore perfect and man's laws were human and erratic there were analogies between them. Each in a broad sense were divided into two classes—the constructive and the destructive or restrictive. Nature exacted obedience to her laws by the imposition of inexorable penalties. Infraction of wise human laws was as certainly followed by penalties. These might be direct or indirect, but in the true sense they were ever penalties.

Law had its origin in authority. The first form of authority was in the family government; afterwards this authority was gradually enlarged into patriarchal or tribal government or rule by feudal lord or king. The people were taught to believe that the head of the government could not err and that he was the representative on earth of God or the gods. In the course of time this doctrine was overthrown and the principle was established that it is the duty of a ruler to protect and promote the interests of his subjects rather than to exact obedience for his own glory and profit. In the course of time it has come pass that the authority for making, administering and executing the laws are derived almost wholly, if not wholly, from the people. Therefore, if a law is defective or is violated or prostituted to some base purpose the people themselves are responsible.

This is especially true in the United States, and particularly in Alabama. Failure of the laws may be attributed to various reasons, among them a disposition on the part of the people to shirk the duties and responsibilities of statesmanship, or failure to study the great fundamental principles of the science of government. Bear in mind, however, at all times that if the law is awry the people are responsible; if it is not repealed or amended they are responsible. There cannot be one law for the rich and another for the poor, a law for one race and a law for another. The law must be universal in its obligation and demand obedience of all. The sole mission of law is the fixing of guilt upon the guilty and the punishment of guilty. This has been reached by a process of evolution from the avenging of blood in the tribal state by the taking of life of an innocent kinsman of the slayer of a fellow man. Whatever disposition may yet exist to visit upon a class or race the sins of an individual is a vestige of that barbarian sentiment.

"The right of self-defense, whether of the individual, community or state," continued the Governor, "is not only a principle recognized by the law, but is also a principle of the highest ethics. The purpose of government, however, is for the individual, community or the State to look to the law for his protection from harm, from injustice and criminal aggression. And yet if it is impossible under certain circumstances to invoke the law man has the right to take life in defense of his own. This principle undoubtedly applies to the community. If, for example, the community, through the instrumentality of the law, cannot be protected from that criminal aggression which destroys chastity, life and property, thus endangering the individual and the community, the right of self defense in view of the futility of the law undoubtedly prevails and may be righteously exercised. The practical question, then, is whether or not the law provides punishment for such offenders and whether or not it provides the means to bring them to justice and to inflict that punishment that justice demands and to enforce the laws in such a way as to protect the individual and community from criminal aggression. If the laws do not thus provide or if they do and are not thus administered and executed then the fault is with the law and the administrators thereof and the people themselves are directly responsible. Bearing in mind that it is unjust and unfair and wrong to punish the innocent, the first essential thing is to find the guilty. Can anyone deny that the painstaking and careful efforts of the law, in its organized and regular procedure, to ascertain the truth through the legal instrumentalities thereof, to wit, the courts with their machinery, is superior to the unorganized and irregular efforts of a community, however outraged they may be at a dastardly crime and however pure their motives may be as to their purpose and object? These facts are so well recognized that civilization everywhere demands as a condition for living in any community the absolute and unequivocal supremacy of

law in all things, that life and property may have an organized, regular and ethical trial whenever placed in jeopardy.

On the other hand, no one familiar with those principles which operate in determining the destiny of man will deny that an indorsement and justification of the violation of the law in one particular, however pure the motive may be and cruel the crime committed, will, if unchecked, lead to the violation of the law in other particulars where the motive and purpose would not be so good and where the crime or offense would not be so bad, and that if this, in turn, is justified, or an extenuation pleaded, this violation will certainly proceed until whenever a community or individual fails or thinks he fails to obtain justice through the instrumentality of the law, he or they will resort to these unlawful methods. This is as absolutely certain as that conservative and ethical principles and methods constantly operating upon the minds and hearts of men will ultimately result in establishing a higher state of civilization, culture and ethics.

"In Alabama this is a grave and serious question. No state in the Union possesses greater natural advantages than our State. Its productive capacity, in proportion to energy and effort exercised, is greater, perhaps than that of any other State in the Union. Again the people of Alabama are highly civilized, humane, moral and religious people. There is perhaps as small a percentage of criminals, pure and simple, that is to say, representatives of that degenerate class who commit crime because they prefer wrong to right and who are naturally or by acquisition criminals by instinct, in Alabama, as in any State in the Union. As a general proposition then, violators of the law belong to those classes, who, as in every other state of civilization, are naturally criminal. But there is a form of lawlessness in Alabama, fortunately but rarely exercised, that if not justified and participated in by the otherwise law-abiding citizens, at least has their extenuation. Indeed, I may go further and say that for certain crimes in this State, many of our best citizens who in every other relation of life measure up to the highest standard of citizenship often take the law into their own hands to avenge outraged innocence and to protect their homes and communities from these evil crimes. To class these men with criminals who violate the law because they are criminals and whose purpose is to bring the law into subordination, would be false and an insult not only to them, but to the whole State of Alabama. To us upon the ground who are familiar with these circumstances and conditions, even though we cannot find justification, we certainly find great extenuation. The extenuation, in my judgment, that may be logically pleaded is in the slowness of the exercise of legal authority. Upon this, however, there is a wide divergence of opinion. But whatever may be the cause, this form of lawlessness in Alabama places our State more or less under a shadow and prevents the State from taking that high place which its natural resources, the intelligence, pa-

triotism, morality and aspiration of its people otherwise provide. Bearing in mind what was said before that we are but part of a great civilization and that civilization at large demands the rightful and lawful protection of life and property we cannot, in the exercise of a supposed personal independence, afford to defy the sentiments of civilization at large, and at the same time build up our great State by inviting capital and labor to come and aid us in the development of our unexampled resources. It seems to me, therefore, that loyal Alabamians everywhere should recognize these conditions, and should in every instance give the law an opportunity to protect society and the community from those who, by their criminal aggression and passion bring sorrow and distress and disaster to the individual or to the community. If the law-abiding citizens of Alabama, and by that is meant those who in every other relation of life obey the law and aid in its administration and execution, will take a firm and unequivocal stand for the maintenance of the majesty of the law and will concentrate their minds upon the best methods for providing adequate laws and their administration for the protection of society from all these criminals and for the enforcement of the laws that now exist, this form of lawlessness would forever cease and in its stead the majesty of the law, which is the crystallized covenant of a great and honorable people, would always stand as the sovereign of all, regardless of any condition in life. This observance of law, and no State has a better code than Alabama, will place Alabama where nature's God intended it to be, the first of the great States which combined makes the greatest nation and the greatest government on earth."—News.

SAVED BY A LIFE.

Sir Henry M. Stanley, who found the missionary explorer, Livingstone, once told this story of his conversion:

"In 1871 I went to Africa as prejudiced against religion as the worst infidel in London. To a reporter like myself, who had only to deal with wars, mass meetings and political gatherings, sentimental matters were quite out of my province. But there came to me a long time for reflection. I was out there away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, (Livingstone) and I asked myself, 'Why does he stop here? What is it that inspires him? For months after we met I found myself listening to him, wondering at the old man carrying out the words, 'Leave all and follow me.' But little by little, seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went quietly about his business, I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it."

And now the Congo Free State is protected by civilized nations, has a railroad around the river falls and steamboats on its rivers and lakes, and, best of all, thousands of Christians. Verily, Livingstone did not live in vain.—W. B. C.

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THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

Bishop Hoos in a strong article on the "Religious Press and Pastorate" among other things says:

"Let us further affirm that a good religious newspaper, widely circulated, is the best assistant that any pastor can possibly secure. The reason for such a statement is not far to seek. Christianity is the religion of intelligence, and not of ignorance. It appeals always and everywhere to an enlightened understanding, and seeks to commend itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

With one voice the best pastors declare that their most loyal and liberal members, those upon whom they can depend in every emergency, are just those who, by reason of their weekly contact with the Church press, are best informed as to the claims that are entitled to recognition at their hands.

In these days, moreover, newspapers are the thought-exchanges of the world the clearing house to which all those who have something to say that is worthy of hearing bring their utterances. I am personally acquainted with a few uncommonly successful circuit preachers who often subscribe for an Advocate to be sent to each one of their officials and pay the bill out of their own pockets, when the end can not be reached in any other way. Talking to one of these preachers once, I said to him, "You cannot afford to stand the expense of such a policy." He quickly answered, "I cannot afford to do anything else; it is an investment that never fails to yield more than a hundred per cent." And no doubt he was right. Let us sow down the church as never before with our own church papers. The duty cannot be shirked or neglected without loss in manifold ways."

OUR TENT MEETINGS.

Brother O. H. Bramber who has been so successful in holding meetings in Louisiana and in the southern part of this State has come to Birmingham to assist me in work here for an indefinite period. He is a very earnest, consecrated and gifted man everywhere. The people hear him with joy and especially is this true of the common people. We invite the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of the brethren of this district and all over the State. No one but God can know just how much we need a great awakening among the Christians of this great city, and how much we need to make every effort possible to be made to reach the masses of unconverted people here, and to gather into churches the thousands of Baptists who have not identified themselves with our churches in this district.

An estimate has been made by persons in position to know that at least ten thousand Baptists in this city and district are not members of our churches. How can we reach these people who represent thousands of others besides themselves? The answer is not easy to give but the effort ought to be made and our meeting just begun is part of the plan our brethren have on foot by which they hope to do much.

Pray that God may bless this much needed and long neglected work.

S. O. Y. Ray.

Young women from the towns and country who are thinking of coming to St. Louis to find employment during the World's Fair are warned to put themselves in communication with some one in the city who may protect them from all the dangers and the deceptive inducements that are held out to them.—Central Baptist.

The night before Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," a number of godly men met together and spent the night in prayer to God for a revival. God's answer was that sermon, which began the greatest revival New England has ever known.—Western Recorder.

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The Way to Raise Money.

The American Weekly says: Bishop Nicholson, of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee, in answer to a question whether card parties with a charge for admission and money prizes, given for the purpose of raising money for the clergyman's salary, is a proper method, says in a communication to a church paper that he hopes money raised that way will "become hot with the fires of penitence," and that each penny of it may "burn holes through the consciences" of clergymen who receive it, even if it does not burn holes through their pockets. The bishop is right. There are legitimate ways of raising church money by outside things; but card playing is not one of them. And we sympathize with Bishop Nicholson when he asks: "When will Christian people learn the simple lesson of Christian giving, in the simple Christian way, by putting their hands in their pocketbooks and handing money out with prayer on their lips and a smile on their face?"

In these days when churches are resorting to all kinds of questionable means to raise money it might be well for our pastors to ponder over the last paragraph where the Bishop suggests the true method of giving.

A Series of Notable Letters.

In 1902 the Moody Bible Institute sent Edward A. Marshall as a special Commissioner for a Bible Teaching Tour of the World. Having met him in Chicago in 1900 during a month's visit to the Institute, and having renewed the acquaintance with him later in Atlanta at one of the Bible Conferences at the Tabernacle, he kindly consented to furnish us with a series of entertaining letters of his travels. This he did, but owing to the fact that they came written on thin Chinese rolls, and being pressed for space, as editors usually are, we just filed them away, to be read at our leisure. Any editor knows how rapidly days of leisure roll around during the year. Well, to make a long story short, last week we unrolled them and began what we thought would be a perfunctory task, only to find that we were reading letters thrilling with up to date interest on account of present conditions in China and Japan despite the fact that they were written in 1902 and so we will begin to print them June 8. All this merely goes to show that frequently an editor keeps hidden out of sight

material that would delight his readers if he only had time to read and space to publish all that is offered him each week.

In a personal letter written from Peking, China, in 1902, Bro. Marshall wrote:

"The journey is beyond anything I had even fancied. Scores of opportunities have been afforded for preaching and teaching the Word

"The new views of missions and of the various countries have been a revelation. It would do you good to go through this great land of China and I wish you were along tonight."

And on the back of the letter were these words:

"Earnestly desiring remembrance in the prayers of yourself and friends for God's blessing on the teaching of the Bible in these and other cities, and for His preserving care during the coming year, I remain,

Yours in the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ,

and he referred to Rom. xv, 30:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."

Dr. Cranfill and the Standard.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill in a personal statement in the last issue of the Standard among other things says:

"On my own motion and under a conviction of duty, both to myself and to the denomination at large, I have disposed of my entire interest in the Baptist Standard to Brother George W. Carroll, and with this issue retire from all connection with the paper. More than twelve years ago, very reluctantly and under a sense of duty, jointly with M. V. Smith, of precious memory, I began the publication of the Standard.

"It would be less than human if I did not experience a pain and sorrow of heart in this separation too deep to be put in human speech."

Geo. W. Carroll says:

Brother J. H. Gambrell, who for a short while has been joint editor of this paper, has kindly consented to take the entire editorial management until our State Convention. He is well known to the Baptists of Texas and it is unnecessary for me to say that he is a man of high character and excellent ability. Bro. E. P. West has been made associate editor. He is well known in Texas as field representative of the paper."

We pray God's blessing upon the Standard, its owners and editors, and we also pray that Dr. Cranfill's wish may be answered for he closes his statement with these words:

"My future I leave with God, whom, if He will, I desire in some humble way to serve."

Good St. Nicholas.

The following dispatch sent by Gen. Kuropatkin to Emperor Nicholas gives some idea of the religious status of the nobility of Russia:

"Today, in the presence of all the troops here, forming the chief force of one of our divisions, a thanksgiving ser-

vice, in honor of St. Nicholas, the miracle worker, was celebrated.

"After a te deum I thanked the troops in behalf of your majesty for their valiant self-denying services and personally communicated to them the tenor of your majesty's dispatch of May 20. The troops replied with a hearty cheer to the wishes I expressed for your majesty's health and long life."

The Examiner well says:

"When news of the disaster to the Russian fleet at Port Arthur came, the priest of the Russian Church in New York urged his flock to pray to 'good St. Nicholas' to avert further calamity and give victory to the army and navy of the Czar. What is this but practical idolatry? 'Thou shalt have no other Gods before me,' is the word of the Jehovah; but the Greek and Roman Churches have exalted a multitude of finite men to the position of demigods, and render to them the homage that is due to God alone. It is a far cry from the pure Christianity of apostolic times to this mongrel faith, masquerading under the name of Christianity."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

We welcome Rev. B. S. Railey to Alabama and pray God's blessing on his labors at Girard.

The Examiner of the past week has a splendid account of the Baptist anniversaries held at Euclid Avenue Church Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-24.

Rev. A. Christian and Rev. T. B. Craighead will be in Washington County in June for the purpose of doing evangelistic work.

We welcome back to Alabama the members of the Jerusalem party and expect to hear great reports of their pilgrimage.

We congratulate Dr. B. F. Giles, the President of Central College, on the fine showing made by his school during the past year and for the success of the commencement exercises.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson delivered the literary address before the graduating class of the Alabama Normal College, Livingston, Ala., and delivered diplomas to twelve graduates.

Rev. Geo. B. Eager, D. D., of Louisville, by invitation of Camp Lomax, U. C. V., Montgomery, preached to the ex-Confederates at the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery on last Sunday.

We congratulate Rev. E. P. West upon his promotion from field representative to be associate editor of the Texas Baptist Standard. Bro. West attended the State Convention at Troy last summer and made many friends.

Like a great many others who attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville we brought home with us a severe cold which seems loath to let go. Hereafter we expect to take our overcoat even if we have to leave our new straw hat behind.

Brother Landrum P. Leavell arrived in Birmingham last week fresh from the Holy Land with glowing tales of things seen and heard. Fortunate is the church or crowd that hears him tell of his wonderful journey. He spoke at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night.

Brother F. M. Woods of North Birmingham has returned from San Antonio improved in health but is still unable to take up the full work of his ministry. He is greatly beloved by his people and has the love and esteem of the pastors in this district.

Brother Landrum P. Leavell, who is just back from a pilgrimage through Holy Land, called at our office last week and told many interesting incidents of his trip. We are glad to announce that he will write out many of them for the benefit of the readers of the Alabama Baptist.

The Pastors' Conference gave way last Monday to Howard College and the brethren attended the commencement exercises. We hardly appreciate the privilege we Birmingham brethren have each Monday morning of gathering together and talking over the work of the past week and planning for the future, and spending the morning in Christian fellowship.

In our first pastorate we were almost entirely cut off from fellowship with our preacher brethren as few were in reach. We missed the fellowship. There are hundreds of brethren throughout the State who know the feeling.

Dr. John Rust of Seattle is dead. It is with sorrowing heart we pen this, for we loved him dearly and can never forget the sweet fellowship lasting during the time we assisted Dr. Hawthorne at the First Baptist Church at Nashville, for Bro. Rust was located there. We join our tears with those of his dear wife and children. May God draw very nigh unto them in their sorrow is our prayer.

The commencements at Howard College and the Judson were unusually brilliant affairs, and Presidents Montague and Patrick have every reason to be encouraged. Alabama Baptists take pride in having two such able and successful heads for their denominational colleges. Each year Howard and the Judson grows in the favor and affections of the people.

J. W. Mitchell, associate editor of the Religious Herald in Echoes from the Convention says:

"Yes, the three Dickinson brothers were there—John V., Alfred J., and Jeter G., nephews of our senior editor. What a noble trio this is—all of them Virginians and Richmond College boys. They are of us, but they went out from us. But they have proved themselves worthy sons of the 'sacred soil' that gave them birth. It was my privilege to be at College with these noble young men, and there was a time when if any college sport (?) was indulged in there were wicked people who would say that John V. and

this unworthy scribe were in it. Of course, it wasn't true. It seemed strange to me then, but seems vastly stranger now."

Alabama is proud to have this trio within her borders.

Rev. W. A. McCain is holding a revival at Plateau, Alabama, assisted by Rev. G. W. McRea. The Church was organized May 30, 1903, with sixteen members, but now has a membership of seventy-two, and since revival began seven have joined for baptism.



OUR FIELD GLASS AND MICROSCOPE.

Rev. A. D. Glass, our jolly Field Editor, and his young son on a frolic.

A correspondent says that ferocious bitterness exists through the Chinese population against the Russians. He then relates the following incidents in explanation thereof. After saying the Russian settlers regarded the natives as being far lower than dogs, the correspondent says Russian officers assured him that the pleasant settlers tested their new rifles by taking a native as a target.

"One engineer with whom I traveled," he asserts, "did not salute a well known officer because the latter had shot down eight of his best laborers, for mere wantonness. His complaint remained unanswered."

One of the most sensational incidents of the Methodist General Conference occurred in the resignation of Bishop James R. Day, of Syracuse, N. Y. His resignation was accepted by the Conference. The Conference then voted to indefinitely postpone the election of a successor to Dr. Day on the Episcopal Board, and this action was taken to mean that there will be no balloting for an eighth Bishop by this Conference and that the Board will remain as at present.

The Japanese forces which landed at Taku-Shan Thursday surrounded and routed a force of Russian cavalry at 7 o'clock Friday evening, in the neighborhood of Wang-Chi-Tung, 7 miles north of Taku-Shan. The Russian force, which consisted of about one squadron, lost many men killed or wounded, as well as a captain who was captured. The Japanese sustained no losses.

Birmingham Notes

Rev. G. B. F. Stovall preached at Green Springs Sunday night.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached morning and evening at North Birmingham church.

Bro. J. A. Beal reported good services at station "A." Bro. A. J. Gross preached for him at night.

At the First Church there were good services at both hours with pastor Dickinson in the pulpit. One received for baptism.

Pastor E. Lee Smith at Park Avenue Church preached in the morning and Bro. F. H. Farrington in the evening. Two were baptized.

Pastor Shelburne filled his pulpit at East Lake. His morning topic was "The Testimony of John," and in the evening, "Jesus and the open heavens." Received three members.

Pastor Walter S. Brown preached at both hours at Fountain Heights to fine congregations. A week ago the B. Y. P. U., at night, conducted out a song service that up to the mark. The pastor was absent.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray presented the mission work of the district to the South Side saints Sunday morning and in the evening at Brighton. In the afternoon he was at Gate City where evangelist Bamber is conducting a fine meeting.

At the Conference in the absence of a paper the talk turned on the Sunday school lessons and system. Bro. L. P. Leavell, the field secretary of the Sunday School Board, gave some interesting talk on the subject.

Rev. W. R. Adams began a protracted meeting last week at Packer Memorial and Bro. J. H. Wallace of Opelika, came to his assistance Saturday and the campaign goes bravely on with hopes for a great work. There has been one received for baptism and six by letter.

At Wylam the meeting was a great success. Eleven received so far for baptism; two received by letter; eight baptized Sunday night. The meeting continues this week. Pastor O'Hara is doing the preaching.

Dr. A. C. Davidson had Bro. S. O. Y. Ray with him in the morning to talk on the missions in the valley. In the evening he preached himself on "The Folly of Indecision," Judges v, 15. Two received and one baptized.

Pastor W. L. Henson had a fine day with his Powderly Church. Rev. J. A. Beal preached at the morning service, Rev. L. M. Bradley at 3 p. m., and A. F. Loftin at night. The attendance was fine and interest good. They will have a singing school this week and a protracted meeting in the near future.

The Avondale pastor, Brother Bradley, will assist Brother Barkley in a protracted meeting at Jonesboro, beginning next Sunday.

At the First Church, Avondale, pastor L. M. Bradley had good congregations at both services and preached from Rom. xii, 2 and Acts xxvi, 28. He received two for baptism.

Former pastor F. H. Farrington visited Jonesboro at the morning service and gave a very helpful sermon. Prof. J. D. Patton who conducted a delightful song service. Pastor Barkley preached.

Brother Bamber's tent is being put up in Jonesville this week and as soon as he closes the meeting at Gate City services will commence there—this week perhaps.

At Woodlawn Bro. L. P. Leavell, field secretary of Sunday School Board, gave an interesting and most helpful address on the Sunday School Convention recently held in Jerusalem.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer preached a strong sermon at night. Three additions to the church.

Pastor Hendricks at Pratt City reports a good day, fine congregations. In the afternoon Brother Leavell was with them. He spoke on "Fundamental Conception of the Sunday School." At night he spoke to a full house on "The Missionary Feature of the Jerusalem Convention." All the churches in town gave way and came to hear him. This week he will give two lectures.

Pastor L. T. Reeves reports a Baptist rally was held at Macedonia Church, in Shelby county, last Saturday and Sunday On Sunday Brethren Clifton, Funderburg and W. B. Crumpton were present. After the sermon by Brother Crumpton a collection of \$18.16 for State Missions was taken. The meeting was very helpful to the church and community.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, the state prison chaplain, was a visitor at the Conference and opened it with prayer. He spoke cheerily of the good work being done at the different prisons and camps by himself and assistants; a number of hopeful conversions and a marked improvement among the whites. Letters from these after getting home leads to the hope that the work is permanent. In some places they maintain prayer meetings and Sunday schools among themselves.

J. M. McCord was at New Prospect Saturday and Sunday. Saturday was a great day for the church. Brethren Leavell, Shelburne, Montague and Ray was with him. Brother Ray preached for us. The other brethren made speeches. All enjoyed a trip to Jerusalem with Brother Leavell as guide. The pastor preached Sunday morning and lectured at night on the missionary map of the world. Three members received by letter.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

Editor of the Alabama Baptist:

I take this method of announcing this, May 28, 1904, as the twenty-fifth anniversary of our marriage. They have been years of honest, hard work, calling for real sacrifices, which have been cheerfully made by both of us.

We feel a deep sense of gratitude to multitudes of friends for their thoughtful and continued acts of kindness—especially when disease and death cast their dark shadows across our pathway. And we can never forget the unflinching kindness of the Alabama Baptist, under each of its managements.

To our friends, one and all, we make our best bow and return our heartiest thanks.

M. M. Wood and Wife.

FROM SEARLES.

I want to tell the people of Alabama just how the people of Searles have treated me. The Searles Baptist Church called me as pastor in April, and I moved among them as soon as the commencement at Howard was over. The next night after my wife and I got here a crowd of young people came to our home, interrupting our peace of mind, and causing us to think they were going to run us off. But O my! at the good things they brought with them! Bundle after bundle was brought in and deposited on the table until we began to think that they were moving the commissary right in our house.

We hardly know what to think of such people, but will try to stay with them a year at least. It might be well for other churches to try "pounding" their pastors, and see if he won't give you better service. We preachers need a "pounding" occasionally as well as other "beasts of burdens."

God bless the good people of Searles. Come down some time soon Mr. Editor and preach in our new church.

A. E. Page.

Anniston, Ala., May 30, 1904.

Unless the delegates who intend coming to the Sunday School Convention at Anniston, June 8-10 send their names at once to L. H. Carre, Chairman of the entertainment Committee, it will be impossible to provide homes for them and they will be on their own expense. We are providing homes only for those who send their names.

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

Via Central of Georgia Railway Co. From June 1st to September 30th, round trip tickets will be sold to summer resorts at greatly reduced rates, final limit of tickets October 31, 1904. For further information apply to your nearest ticket agent.

The position of the battleship Ore, which is stranded in shallow water in Cronsadt harbor, is critical. She is deep down by the stern and water is pouring into her through a bilge pipe which, for some unexplained reason, was left open.

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"To please him I did so, and to my surprise by their use the sore began to heal over, the hair grew over it, and to-day she has a nice head of hair, her skin is as fair as a lily, and she has no scar left to recall that awful sore, and it is over eight months and no sign of its returning."

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FROM GIRARD.

I have recently been called to the Church at Girard, after having spent seven years in the Baptist ministry in my native State, Georgia. I moved from Chipley, Ga., to take charge of my new field of labor the 21st of this month. Friday afternoon, the 22nd, my wife and I were busily engaged arranging our household goods, being assisted by some of the brethren and good sisters. Everything moved along smoothly and quietly, nothing being said about the pantry department until late in the afternoon. I was then told that tea for the evening meal had been provided and that I must have my lamp trimmed and burning that night. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Before we returned from our neighbor's table, which had been bountifully supplied, we were called upon to hasten home; upon our arrival we found quite a congregation of our members asking for admittance into the building in order that they might deposit their rich gifts. And for a few minutes it seemed that everything around had turned to people and delightful presents. Our hearts have been made to rejoice of the fact that the Girard Church have an eye single to the interest and comfort of their pastor. We are led to believe that with the co-operation of these good people great results may be expected from our labors at this place.

If you see fit to print this hastily written letter you may do so. And you may add my name to your roll of subscribers. I see Brother Hamner very often and will pay my subscription over to him. As soon as I get my field well in hand I shall work it in the interest of your paper. Yours for service,

B. S. Railey.

NOTES FROM SEALE.

Our new church building is complete, was dedicated last second Sunday. May 8th. Brother Moncrief of Union Springs preached the dedication sermon. It was a fine sermon, well received by a large congregation. Brother Underwood also preached a fine sermon at the evening service. All who know these brethren know it was quite a treat for Seale to have them preach for us. Our Church and community is very proud of their new house of worship. It seemed to have given new life to our Sunday school and church work every way. I am still well pleased with my new field. I find the churches ready to help in our organized work and some of them take the Alabama Baptist, and are well pleased with it, but a large number are indifferent about taking it. I shall make a strong effort soon for subscribers for I have learned that the paper is the pastor's best helper in enlisting and organizing the brethren into active church work.

We rejoice in the glorious success of our mission work and for the prospect that lies out before us. May the knowledge of God soon cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Brethren, pray for us that a great revival of the

religion of our blessed Christ may come to us.

W. T. Foster.

PROF. R. E. BLACK.

My report of the Roanoke revival exhibits a glaring failure in its omission of the name of our accomplished and devoted director of music, Prof. Robert E. Black. It is the merest justice to ask the privilege of making public statement of the faithful and prayerful co-operation he gave. Those who know him, his mastery of music, his native abilities, his rare enthusiasm, know what his co-operation means. From the first to the last service he was present. He did not miss one. He was never one minute late, and never wearied. At the all-day prayer meeting he was at his place. In directing the service of song, he brought out of his treasury things both new and old. He did not spare himself, but gave to the work freely and gladly. Even more than all this, I enjoyed the personal force that Prof. Black put in the meeting; the atmosphere of prayer in which he lived and the solicitude for the salvation of men that dominated him. To no brother minister am I more indebted than to this gifted and devoted master of sacred minstrelsy.

T. S. Hubert.

Roanoke, Ala.

FROM CARBON HILL.

I am much encouraged with my work as pastor of the Second Baptist Church at this place.

The congregations in church, prayer-meetings and Sunday school have doubled, the outlook is hopeful. At our Conference last Wednesday night we received into the church one of the leading men of the town. Several more are talking of uniting with the church. Upon our coming here we received a royal welcome. Under the Lord we hope to make this church what it should be. Brother W. T. Davis of the First Church has a good hold on his people and seems to be doing good work. Bro. come over into Carbon Hill and help us.

T. E. Pinegar.

FROM DAPHNE.

Perhaps it will be interesting to you to know the Lord is blessing his people here, in sending more laborers to us. I have been preaching here for three months, and we have reorganized the old Bay Shore Church, and received six additions. We have also decided to move the church up in town. We have subscribed for a new building \$325, and hope to put up a nice church and dedicate it to the Lord's service.

John D. Wilkes.

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OUR SERMON.

By Rev. A. J. Moncrief.
Preached at Central
College.

Text.—Prov. xxiii, 7.—“As he thinketh in his heart so is he.”

The power to think is the crown which makes man the king of all God's creatures. The words, “In his image” describe those faculties and functions of soul which we call thought, and which are the heritage of man alone. Other creatures, led by blind instinct, are pursuing the same narrow course which their kind pursued a thousand years ago, but man, the “wonder and wonderer” of the ages, led by aspirations and intellect, is ever searching for the new, discovering the strange and pressing toward higher. With every generation the race lives in a new and better world, which is largely so by its own making. We sometimes hear parents say, with tones of misgiving, that their children are not willing to begin life as they began but want to begin where the parents are leaving off. That is as it should be. Let that parent be anxious whose child does not aspire to possess something more and better than the parent possessed. Before each generation God sets new and higher ideals and the progress of the race depends upon its pressing toward them.

The text leads us to a study of the mind in its functions of thought, and of its relation to the life. For a moment let us consider:—

1. The possibilities of the mind.

In the study of the possibilities of the human mind two thoughts are of chief interest and importance:—

1. The mind is capable of infinite development.

In the realm of the physical and material there are limitations of development but the soul is capable of infinite progression. Some one has truthfully and tritely said that, “the difference between the glimmering condition of human society when ignorance and superstition occupied the seats of justice and astrology tried to regulate events, and the splendid illumination of the present is measured by the varied triumphs of the human mind.” Yet there are some who would tell us that the world is producing no giant intellects like some of the past centuries produced. There is nothing more natural than the disposition to idealize the past and magnify its productions. Nothing so increases the proportions and effaces the defects of a thing like intervening time. But one needs only a glance of comparison to see that the intellectual achievements of the past century along all lines, far surpass those of any previous century. Less than three hundred years ago Galileo was brought to the inquisition, condemned to the dungeon and driven at last into exile for announcing the belief that the world was round and a moving body, revolving about the sun. And the men who condemned him were the leaders of thought and the teachers of men three centuries ago. Such ignorance seems incredible to us for every child of twelve years today knows more than that. The difference measures the progress of mind. And if we think we live in the age of wonders

it is because we cannot look into the future and see what the next century is to produce. Let no generation think it has reached the limit of achievements for as we progress we but facilitate our progression. Another has said, “As we attempt to use our thought forces do we become able to use them more effectively,” and this is true of the race as well as of the individual. It is said that when Thomas Benton was retiring from the United States Senate, just as Charles Sumner was entering, he said to Sumner one day, “I am sorry for you. You are a brilliant young man and if you had lived with the passing generation you might have made a name for yourself, but now all the great questions are settled and the great problems are all solved and there is nothing left for you to accomplish.” The great questions and problems will never be solved, nor will there ever be a time when one may not surpass the achievements of all predecessors.

2. The mind's degree of culture measures the sphere of life.

One's world is only so large as his sphere of thought. He who lives in the narrow sphere of ignorance is a slave without knowing it. The cultivation of the mind broadens the life. Each new truth with which the mind comes into correspondence adds just that much to the life. In order that we may better grasp the thought let us put it in concrete cases. Here is one who has grown to manhood's estate in ignorance and illiteracy. He earns a bare living by such unskilled labor as he can perform. His home is devoid of comforts and luxuries are unknown. He is a stranger alike to the revelations of science and the delights of literature. He has no knowledge worth mentioning, either of current events or past history. He has never traveled beyond the bounds of his county, hence knows nothing of the size and beauty of the world. His life is a treadmill existence, there is no world to him beyond the narrow bounds of his county. We do not have to imagine such a case for we can find them in almost every county. To fully appreciate the narrowness of such a sphere of life compare it with that of one of these college professors, whose life is to some extent in correspondence with all discovered truth. He has gone with the historian through the past ages and seen ancient kingdoms rise and fall. He has witnessed the drama of life in all ages and upon all stages. He has soared with the poet into the beautiful realm of fancy. He has followed the novelist into the charming world of fiction. With the biologist he has observed the wonders of life, animate and inanimate. He has descended with the geologist into the deep caves of earth and in its strata read the records of ages prehistoric. With the astronomer he has ascended into the shining heavens and measured the distance from star to star. He has perused the thought of scientists in every line of research. How vastly different is this life from the other. How

large is this sphere of being, and almost infinite are its resources of thought.

The possibilities of success in life are multiplied by the cultivation of mind. Statistics, carefully compiled, show that forty persons of liberal education succeed where one succeed without it. Taking from every occupation of life those whose careers have been conspicuously successful the educated are forty to one. To put the thought somewhat differently: to whatever profession or occupation one may aspire the chances of distinguished success are multiplied forty-fold by a liberal cultivation of mind—by training the intellect and putting it in touch with a larger world of truth. He who is content to work with his hands without his head must be content with a slave's reward.

The cultivation of the mind also increases the pleasures of life. Here and there are men who are conspicuous examples of success without education. They are the more conspicuous because so few. And even these few are unable to enjoy the success they have won as they might enjoy it if their minds were cultivated. The pleasures of art, of music, of literature, of science are most enjoyed by those who are educated, and indeed are unknown pleasures to the uncultured. And what pleasures of life are purer, more wholesome, or more delightful than the pleasures of mind? The pleasures of gain, of notoriety, of lust are evanescent, and leave a bitter taste behind, but the pleasures of mind are permanent and produce a lingering sweetness. Time, money and energy spent in the cultivation of mind even from the mere standpoint of pleasure is not spent in vain.

One is free only to the extent that his soul is untrammelled. Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” Every new truth of which the soul comes into possession every new field of thought that is opened to it pushes back the horizon and extends the sphere of being. [While in Boston a few years ago I visited Bunker Hill and climbed to the top of Bunker Hill monument. The ascent is by means of a narrow, winding stair in the center of the great obelisk. Here and there along the toilsome ascent are little windows that admit the light and air. As the climber pauses at each of these he observes that his range of vision is extending. The greater the elevation he attains the larger is the view. At last he reaches the top—an elevation of two hundred and twenty feet above the historic mound upon which the monument stands. From this lofty height he looks out in every direction upon a splendid view. Such is the vantage ground of knowledge, and so it is attained. As one toils up the heights he is ever and anon refreshed and thrilled by the extending vision, and, although he may never reach the summit, he may attain a height from which the vision will be all but limitless.]

But we must pass to another, more practical and more important consideration:—

2. The influence of thought.

Here, as before, at least two thoughts deserve our attention:—

1. The determining influence of thought upon character.

The text says that as one thinks so is he. This not only means that the range of thought measures the sphere of being but also that the nature of thought determines the character. The thought is parent to the act or the creation. [What we are and do are the results of what we think. There is an old Spanish proverb which says, “Sow a thought and you reap an act; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character.” One's habits of life are but the outward expressions of the habits of thought. Everything was a thought before it had a tangible form; first the concept, then the act or the creation. The building, the ship, the engine, the book, the song, the habit were first formed in the mind. Watt said of his steam engine that it was running a long time in his brain before he ever got it to run in his workshop. So the architect, the sculptor, the painter, the musician, the orator may say of their productions. So also the murderer, the thief, the libertine, the drunkard may say of their deeds and habits. This does not mean that every evil deed is premeditated, but it does mean that all evil is conceived before it is committed and that the soul's responsibility for evil begins with the conception. Every thought upon which the mind is allowed to feed will sooner or later assume concrete form in the life. Psychology teaches that the thought which is entertained for a sufficient time in the brain will find its way to the motor nerves and break out in action.]

If this be true then the ideal one cherishes in his mind will reproduce itself in the life. The ideal may be so high as to never be fully realized, but the life will be a process of development toward it. Some may think that dreams and ideals are unsubstantial, but if they do they are ignorant of the part these have played in the progress of the race. They are the substance out of which revolutions, reforms, discoveries, inventions, systems, and projects have been wrought. No one has ever been or done anything worth remembering who did not have dreams and ideals. It is said that some men are born great and others achieve greatness while still others have greatness thrust upon them, but certain it is that none has ever been great in a true sense who did not have a vision of great things.

2. Life is what we conceive it to be.

It is so obviously true that it has come to be an ancient saying that, “life is what we make it.” It is equally true that we make it what we conceive it to be. “Honor and fame from no conditions rise,” and there are no ideals that are too high to be aimed at, nor is there any position to which the humblest may not confidently aspire. While yet a boy, in poverty and patches, Henry Wilson aspired to be Vice President of the United States. One day he wrote his name upon the blackboard of the little New Hampshire school where he did the chore for his tuition, and after his name he wrote the words, “Vice President of the United States.” His school-mates laughed and jeered but what cared he? What matter it that the chances of ever fulfilling such an ambition were all against him? He had a dream of high

position and set his face toward it, and over difficulties and obstacles he pressed forward until in 1872 he was elected Vice President of the United States.

Many there are who never gobelow the airy surface of things. To such life is merely pleasure—a constant round of frivolities. They shrink from cares and responsibilities and shun to face life's serious side. There are others who go straight to the heart of life's great purpose and search out the hidden meaning of every experience. I have read of an idiot who passed his time spinning a top from morn to night he would wind and spin and watch the top with never abating interest. It meant nothing to him but amusement, it was only a toy with which to while away the time. In England a great scientist has been spinning a top. He winds and spins and watches the top with absorbing interest, but to him it is something more than amusement. Watching his top spin Lord Kelvin is solving problems in mechanics and dynamics. He is working out the laws that govern the heavenly bodies and verifying truths that are a part of God's great system. Even so is the difference between the one who takes no thought of life—who goes through life as a novice would pass through an exhibit of great paintings—and the one who goes to the heart of every providence.

But the consideration of the influence of thought leads to another and yet more practical consideration:—

2. The duty of right thinking.

Here as on the previous points we would emphasize two thoughts, briefly:—

1. The thought is subject to the will.

If what we live in our thought world is sooner or later objectified in our life then right thinking leads to right living and the responsibility begins with the thought. The will normally has entire control of the thought. Sin has been defined as an act of self-will; it begins, therefore, when the will permits the thought. If we would determine what we ought to think we must determine what we will to be. Fixing the ideal in the mind dwell upon the qualities thereof and they will gradually work themselves out in the life. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, exhorts to a certain course of conduct and character, and then as if to point the way to the fulfillment of this ideal he says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

2. God's ideal the highest possible.

What is it that makes one course of conduct right and another wrong? What is it that makes one character noble and another ignoble? These questions, pursued to their finality, can have but one answer—the will and purpose of God. Whatever is in accord with the will and purpose of God is right, is noble; whatever is not is wrong, is ignoble. Then the highest ideal for human life is the one which God has set. We find that ideal objectified in the life of Jesus Christ. He or she is pursuing the highest will of God whose life is growing into a living image of the Christ.

One who cheerishes this ideal and daily meditates upon its sublime qualities finds his life growing holier, lovelier, sweeter every day. In his story of the Old Wooden Image Nathaniel Hawthorne tells of an old wood carver who was set to the task of carving a figure-head for a vessel. For days and weeks he toiled at his task, and as the work advanced he grew more interested. At last he became so enthused that he toiled day and night until the image was completed. When finished the image was of such beauty that the fame spread far and near. Among those who came to see it were some famous sculptors. When they had looked upon it they said, "It is the work of a master." But the old carver said, "Nay, my hands have but wrought in the wood the image I have long cherished in my heart." The most beautiful lives, and those which are the greatest blessings to the world are the lives that express the Divine Image within. Drummond tells of a beautiful girl whose character was so lovely that she was loved and admired by all who knew her. She wore upon her neck a locket which she guarded sacredly. One day in a moment of unusual confidence she permitted a friend to open the locket, and she read there this inscription, "Whom having not seen I yet love." That was the secret of her beautiful life—she loved Him whom to love is to be like.

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The rules at West Point Military academy forbid the cadets to have tobacco in their possession but do not expressly prohibit smoking. The cadets have devised ingenious schemes to indulge in cigarettes and recently a court-martial was held on the matter. Cadet Berry of Kentucky was dismissed from the school for making misstatements, and it is hoped this will tend to break up smoking there.



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Obituary.

CANANT.—On the evening of April 26th, after a lingering illness, Brother Canant passed from his labor, toil and duty on earth to his eternal rest.

He was born forty-seven years ago in Russell county, Alabama; he was left an orphan at an early age. He being the eldest of three brothers assumed the responsibilities of life while he was quite young.

To the writer, to his family and to his numerous friends Brother Canant will be treasured in precious memory. He married Maggie McKissack of Ft. Gaines. Ill health had reduced his physical strength till he could scarcely talk, but as he would stand to read his favored text "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," his feeble voice became a power to every one that believed the word. It has been my happy lot to be with him during the last days of his life and heard him often say: "I have been a sufferer from lung trouble, but it will soon be ended, and I shall be free from pain and with my God in glory. I leave my dear wife and children with sorrow, but God knows best what I ought to do, and I bow with humble and cheerful submission to His will."

To his dear mother. Listen what his silent voice echoes back to thee:

"A picture memory brings back to me; I look across the years and see Myself beside my mother's knee."

We hear his devoted wife and sweet children breathe a silent refrain:

"How strange it seems, with so much gone,
Of life and love, to still live on."

We hear the only two surviving brothers say:

"We alone, dear mother, are left at the river's side,
To wait for the flood of a heavenly tide."

We, too, shall soon walk to meet the night that shall bear us into the presence of our elder brother, and a devoted father.

God blessed this union with ten children, eight of whom are living to mourn and feel the loss of a loving and a provisional earthly father.

Rev. John Register, of Geneva, preached his funeral at Pleasant Hill church, near Slocomb, Ala., where his remains were interred.

Bro. Canant's sermons usually indicated vigor of thought rather than scholarship. His purpose in preaching was to bring men to the knowledge of divine truth, and to extend the kingdom of Christ.

May the Lord be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless; and at last gather them home to the loved ones in heaven. Farewell, dear brother, we'll meet again.
J. E. Marley.

The following "Advice to his children" was found in a book, written by Brother Canant:

"Children, first of all, obey your mother; don't ever disobey her, but be kind to her, honor her, and take all the hard things off of her that you can; first, because she is your mother, and in honoring her you have a promise of

your heavenly father that your days will be long on earth.

"Second, because she is your best friend. She stood over you and nursed you, and lost sleep for you at all times and all hours—in sickness and in health.

"Boys, please take good care of her for my sake, as well as for yours and hers.

"Third, by so doing she may be spared to you a long time. Boys, help her to raise the little children, for here is the greatest struggle of my life, and the strongest trial of my death, to have to leave these little children."

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