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Birmingham Notes

Rev. L. M. Bradley reports fine services at First Church, Avondale. Received three and baptized three.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson was at Tuscaloosa in the morning, but filled his pulpit at First Church in the evening.

Rev. G. B. F. Stovall was at Searles helping in a meeting, and on account of a delayed train did not get to read his paper.

Rev. J. A. Beal at Station "A" reports all services well attended. He spoke on "Have Faith in God," and "Ye are the Light of the World."

Pastor Percy C. Barkley had full congregations at Jonesboro. Received two for baptism and baptized four. Many more are expected to join.

Rev. L. T. Reeves was at Macedonia in Shelby, and reports good services. Will begin a three weeks protracted meeting with fourth Sunday in July.

Rev. G. W. Smith preached at East Thomas both services. The evening service was very impressive. At Wahouma in the afternoon Sunday school work good.

Rev. H. W. Provence had his usual services at Ensley. Morning subject, "The Wheat and the Tares;" evening subject, "The Supreme Value of the Reign of Christ."

Dr. A. C. Davidson at South Side had for his morning theme, "The Ideal Christian as Presented in Paul's Writings." At night, "A Word to the Young People." One received for baptism.

Dr. W. M. Blackwelder, the Woodlawn pastor preached morning and evening on "Baptism." Three baptized. Sunday school prospering under the superintendence of Bro. D. N. Smith.

Pastor J. O. Colley and his West End people adjourned to attend revival services at the Methodist Church. The Sunday school is taking on new life. A library of 47 volumes has been secured and will be a great help.

Rev. W. B. Adams filled the East Birmingham pulpit at both hours and spoke on "Heaven" and "Pure Religion." Many asked for prayer, and there are fine prospects for the protracted meeting now in progress.



REV. E. E. GEORGE.

The talented young pastor of Sheffield, who has many friends in Alabama his native state.

Pastor Walter S. Brown spoke at both hours at Fountain Heights. Received one for baptism. Last week Bro. W. S. Gilbert preached a very acceptable sermon while the pastor was at Brookside.

Rev. F. M. West, at Sloss Mines reports he had Sabbath school and preaching Sunday afternoon. Interest increasing good. Also Sabbath school at Thompson town.

At Shades Valley Church Pastor W. K. Henson spoke morning and evening to good congregations. Topic, Matt. 10:8, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Followed by a good collection for State Missions.

The District Woman's Missionary Union held its session this quarter with the Fountain Heights Church, and were out in greater numbers than ever. This was very gratifying to the ladies of the church. The program was excellent and well carried out. The next meeting will be in September, when the Birmingham Association meets with the North Birmingham Church.

At Wilam Pastor J. W. O'Hara held two good services. The morning topic was "God's Provision and Watchcare," (Psa. 78:72), and evening text, "Be Merciful to Me a Sinner," (Luke 18-13). Church invited Bro. H. S. Chenoweth, of Bellington, W. Va., to preach for them on the second Sunday of July. Next Sunday will be the last service of Bro. O'Hara.

At Bessemer Pastor R. S. Gavin spoke at both hours. Full houses. Good interest. Three joined—one for baptism. Took collection for State Missions Work decidedly on up-grade. He was with Pastor Morgan at Lipscomb in a good meeting last week. Had twelve additions. Meeting begins this week in tent at Pipe Works.

Rev. J. G. Lowery, a former Birmingham pastor, cheered the conference with his presence and pleasant report of his present field. He is now pastor of Linden, Rembert, Catherine and Pine Hill Churches. These churches are moving along very nicely with good Sunday schools and weekly prayer meetings. At Catherine last Sunday one was received for baptism.

Others are expected at the next meeting. Mission collections have been very good, and the outlook is hopeful. A pastor's home has been purchased at Pine Hill; also a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society organized.

From Pratt City Pastor J. A. Hendricks reports that the 11 o'clock subject, "The State of the Dead Between Death and the Resurrection," being the second in a series on last things. Both congregations were splendid. It was most gratifying to see the large number of young men in attendance. Subject: "Elisha, the Pupil and Successor of Elijah." Two or three other sermons will follow on Elisha's work. Recently the pastor finished a short series on Elijah and his work, much to the profit and pleasure of many if not all. The Sunday school lessons for the rest of the year will be mainly on the life and work of Elijah and Elisha.

Sheffield Pastor.

Rev. E. E. George who has recently become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Sheffield is a son of Hon. E. P. George of Perry county. He attended the Military Institute at Marion, Howard College at East Lake and took the three years' course at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

At these institutions he was greatly honored. He was on the committee of hospitality at Marion, associate editor of the Collegen at Howard, and was two years president of the Board of Directors of the Seminary Magazine in Louisville.

He built the church at Alabama City and dedicated it, the same year he paid off a debt on the Albertville Church and dedicated it. He served two years as pastor of the Glenview Church in Kentucky. In October he married Miss Louise Nuckols of Louisville, and now he is back in his old native state to give his life to the Master's work.

Rev. R. T. Bryan, our missionary at Shanghai, China, expects to return to his field on the "Siberia" August 30. He asks the Alabama brethren to raise \$2,000 for the Yates College. Send it to Bro. W. B. Crumpton for this object. Will not the pastors and interested friends take it up in their churches? "The college will be built," says Bro. Bryan. Every one who gives to it now will feel proud of it then.

Delegates to the State Convention at Anniston should send their names for entertainment to Bro. J. H. Foster, Jr., as requested elsewhere in this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Visit to Asama Volcano in Japan.

By Edward A. Marshall,
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Bible Institute.

The rare opportunity of seeing a volcano which is both active and yet easy of access is afforded the visitor to Japan. Assama yama is located about ten miles from the village of Karuizawa, which is the favorite summer resort of the missionaries.

Some planning is necessary for the journey. Our party consisted of Messrs. VanHorn, Austin and myself. Our outfit contained three Japanese ponies on which we were to ride to the base of the mountain, a coolie to lead each, two men to carry baggage and to guide us up the mountain, clothing for winter and summer, a heavy overcoat, mackintosh, umbrella, plenty of lunch, bottles of water, kodak, etc., etc.

We left Karuizawa at eight o'clock for the night's venture to explore the living mountain, from whose summit we had often seen huge volumes of smoke and vapor shoot forth by the power of the restless elements beneath.

Our start was in a drizzling rain which, however, was no particular indication of the condition of the weather at the top of the mountain. Our coolies led the horses along a narrow trail for ten miles across the plain to the foot of a steep mountain. We passed farm houses, villages, rice mills where some simple grinding machinery was turned by an undershot water wheel with one of the numerous tiny brooks which earn the living for Japan.

At the foot of Asama we left the horses and their attendants. The two guides packed all our belongings on their backs and at 11:30 p. m. we began the ascent of the heaving mountain, which is three thousand feet to the last landing. After fifteen minutes brisk climbing we were above the timber line and the growth of shrubbery. Here we found ourselves surrounded by broad stretches of crumbled lava which were very impressive in the daylight, on our return trip. We were in a dense darkness save for the flickering light which came from the two Japanese lanterns carried by our guides.

After diligently climbing for an hour and a half, through a thick cloud which threatened to drench us with its mist, we began to see the stars peeping above us and knew that we were getting above the clouds. Soon all was clear. Myriads of stars glistened and sparkled in the heavens. Below us, like a white sheet covering the earth, hung the clouds through which we had passed.

At 1:30, tired and weary, we reached the lip of the old crater which was one-third of a mile from our destination. The wind was piercing cold. Under the shelter of a huge volcanic rock we hastily took a midnight lunch and then prepared to resume the journey. The ascent was steep and difficult, but the thought of beholding a furnace of fire, which no man had kindled, absorbed

our whole attention and made us forget the fatigue. At 2:05 a. m. we stood on the summit. Before us yawned a threatening gulf, 1,000 feet in diameter and 1,200 feet in depth, from which rolled immense columns of smoke and clouds of suffocating sulphur fumes.

By means of the long staves we had used in climbing we let each other down the edge of the slope so as to approach closely enough to look into the crater. The fumes were so strong, however, that we had to go further around to the windward side. Here, by lying on the ground and crawling up close to the brink, we could easily look over into the abyss below and get an excellent view of the whole bottom of the pit. What a terrible sight! A caldron of boiling, seething lava! It held us spell-bound by its awe-inspiring power. There before us was a furnace of molten earth and rocks which has been boiling for centuries with no attendant but the Almighty.

By the aid of a pair of bi-nocular field glasses I could see more clearly. The sulphur flames were issuing from the fissures in the bottom and burning with crucial heat. There were large square openings which had been blown out by some recent explosion, and which revealed underneath the liquid boiling like a sea of molten glass.

Now and then a puff of wind would bring the choking sulphur fumes toward us, making us abandon our position and run away gasping for breath, our eyes smarting with a stinging pain and flooding with tears.

For two hours we watched the changing scenes of that strange wonder of nature. The heat moderated the severe cold of the high altitude. The fires lighted up the sides of the volcano and glistened through the smoke as it rose out of the pit into the sky above us. The tremendous roar of the rolling liquid fire, and the hissing flames beneath were like the rushing of a wild tornado.

Never before did Peter's statement (Rev. Ver.) seem so real. He declares that the earth is stored with fire, and again, that the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements melt with fervent heat. After a look into the yawning abyss of a living volcano his statements become vividly and tragically real, and quicken the God-given desire to preach the gospel to every creature, and to warn them to flee from the wrath to come.

But alas! the people of Japan know little of the teaching of the word of God concerning these things. The character of this mountain has greatly excited their superstition and led them to call it "Sacred Asama yama." Around the base at a distance of about three hundred feet apart are placed stone images as guardian sentinels to protect the sacred mountain.

At four o'clock a. m. the beams of the morning light began to faintly light up the eastern sky. As dawn approached we sat on the lava banks by

the side of the crater and watched the silent approach of the coming day. Away in the distance in all directions stretched low ranges of mountains, while huge billows and banks of fleecy clouds packed the gulfs between and hung over the valley like bridal veils. They rolled and tumbled in the morning breezes as though they were glad that the night had gone and the world was once more being awakened into life.

However it was an hour and a half before the sun came up. It kept us waiting long, but at last began to send its beams far up into the sky to announce that it would not delay much longer. The golden tints soon lighted up the eastern horizon with crimson glory. No pen can picture it nor brush paint its divine tints on the canvass. Only the glory of Him we soon shall see can surpass its grandeur. A moment more and the golden orb peered over the horizon and ascended majestically up the sky like a "thing of life," as it seemed to say "good morning" to a sleeping world. It seemed so prodigal with its beauty and flung it all around until the fleecy clouds became waving sheets of gold, reflecting this borrowed grandeur to everything its influence could reach.

So is the Christian life. Looking into the glorious face of Christ we are to reflect his beauty to the world.

Our descent was rapid, down to the clouds and through them, back to the plains and home; but the memories of those visions and their lessons for the advancement of the perfect life will always linger with potent charms.

Karuizawa, Japan.

From Switzerland.

Dear Brethren of Alabama and Readers of the Baptist—Travellers have to work assiduously as do the farmers in the spring; every day brings its own peculiar duties; but I hasten to drop a few lines to the people I shall always love.

Palestine and Egypt have their own lessons, and so does Europe. Leaving Rome, four of us came to Florence. Florence is one of the most interesting cities in all the world. In the twelfth century it was the birth-place of genius and brilliancy. Here Brunelleschi brought forth his incomparable work that stirred Angelo as long as he lived. The Duomo with Giotto's Campanile is one of the most wonderful structures now in existence. In Florence one can see the sculpture, architecture and painting of some of the most wonderful men; he can stand by the tomb of Dante, Angelo, Rossini, Galileo, and that noble saint of God, Savonarola, who was burned in the streets of Florence.

I cannot take time to speak of Venice, "the Queen of the Adriatic," with its gondolas, pigeons, and Byzantine Conquest seen in the beautiful St. Marks. As one enters the historic "Bridge of Sighs" he can almost feel the atmosphere of tragedy.

From Venice to Lake Como brings one to the feet of the Alps. We came over the noted Simplon Pass, over which Napoleon marched his army. It is the most wonderful road my eyes

ever beheld, being forty-one miles long through the very heart of the Alps. It took the French government six years to complete it. When Napoleon proposed it two engineers said it was not possible, whereupon Napoleon disposed of them by ordering them shot. There are men who can see through mountains, and only such men can truly say, "Beyond the Alps lies Italy!" How invidious must be those who object to the plans of real leaders and constructors. In that matchless work of Angelo, "The Last Judgment," in the Sistine Chapel, one can see in the right hand corner the portrait of Messer Biagio, who criticised the nudity of the figures. In return for this criticism, Angelo gave him ass' ears and placed him in hell with a serpent coiled about his body. What will be the penalty of those who criticise God's plans and designs.

Coming back to the Simplon Pass, I will not attempt to describe it, for Americans abroad are noted for the prodigality of their money and adjectives. I have long ago run out of adjectives, and even ejaculations are scarce. The Pass at first was very dusty, but we escaped the dust, as all things should be escaped, by rising above it. We drove on in the diligence till we began to reach the alpine altitude. Often J. W. Millard and I got out and played snowball; soon we began to go between walls of snow and then through tunnels of snow. We saw fountains of water giving birth to rivers while mountain torrents leaped like wild cataracts for thousands of feet. We beheld the moraine of vanished glaciers, and glaciers that wept tears of repentance for their havoc as they struggled for supremacy with the piercing javelins of the noonday sun.

I spent last Sunday at the foot of Mount Blanc and last night was spent on the famous Rigi. It is not so high as the Jung Frau or mount Blanc, the monarch of all European mountains, but the Rigi furnishes a view of all the other mountains, valleys and lakes that the whole, seen at sunset is simply a temple of glory.

Coming down this morning I was talking with a family from Cleveland, Ohio, about Palestine and Egypt. I remarked in the conversation that a lady on our ship died at Joppa. I had not more than gotten the words out of my lips about her death till a Jew from Cincinnati, sitting a few seats in front asked: "And vot became of her ticket?"

The Lord bless the Baptist and all who read it, and forgive those who do not read it if they repent.

Very truly yours,

Henry C. Risner.

Lucerne, Switzerland, May 28.

Issues of Incidentals.

What we frequently call unimportant incidents have sometimes proved to be exceedingly important in their final issues. A few steps taken in a different direction from that which we had intended, may lead to results of much magnitude. A word or two, spoken by us in the most incidental manner, may be the means of changing the current of some one's life. Two persons,



living at a distance from each other, meet together in an apparently accidental manner, and the result of a brief conversation is the salvation of one of them. Such has been the case in scores of instances. A world-renowned preacher, in a sermon based on the fact that Simon, a Cyrenian, was compelled to bear Christ's cross on the day of his crucifixion, says: "Five minutes, sooner or later, or the fancy of going into Jerusalem at another gate, and Simon's whole life would have been different. He came there just at the moment when the procession was passing; he happened to be nearest to the four soldiers, and they laid their hands on him, in the careless, rough manner to which the legionaries were accustomed, and pressed him into the service. How little he thought, when he started from somewhere outside the city that morning, intent upon some little business in Jerusalem, what he was going to meet before he passed the gate! Apparently quite outside the circle, either of the friends or of the enemies of Christ, all at once and involuntarily he was sucked into the whirlpool and into the very middle of the world-important tragedy which was going on, he himself being all unconscious. Aye! and it is often so in ourselves. We think of some things as trivial, and they start up into greatness as the determining incidents of our lives, as upon some mountain summit a pebble more or less determines the course of the infant stream, whether it goes this way into the Atlantic, or that way down the Pacific slope."

How instructive is the philosophy of incidentals! And what a value we ought to put upon the little acts of ours! God forbid that by some small incident we should lead some one into eternal ruin! C. H. Wetherbe.

I. O. O. F. Memorial Sermon,

Sunday morning about fifty members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 282 together with the other visiting brothers met at their lodge room at 10:30 a. m. and marched in a body to the First Baptist Church where they together with a large audience, listened to one of the ablest, most impressive and profound memorial sermons perhaps ever heard in Athens, delivered by the pastor in charge, Rev. T. F. Hendon. His text was John 14:2—"I go to prepare a place for you if it were not so I would have told you." For forty minutes he held his audience with rapt attention. His sermon throughout was delivered in an oratorical, able and most touching manner, his illustrations were most appropriate, and well received by the audience. This sermon was a rich treat for the members of the I. O. O. F. order and one which they will long cherish and remember and on behalf of Mc-Minn Lodge No. 282 of Athens we extend congratulations to Bro. T. F. Hendon on this his most magnificent effort.—The Athenian Citizen.

"Here's hoping that Uncle Sam may choke to death on the next bite he takes of Canada, is the pious toast of a Toronto paper.

I am glad to see the progress you are making in improving the paper. It is better now than it ever has been. It is dearer to us because it brings news from my native heath. I have taken the paper for the last fifteen years and feel that I shall be a life-time subscriber.

Rev. J. F. Savell.
Rochester, N. Y.

I enjoy every weekly visit from it, and sincerely wish every Baptist in the State could or would appreciate the splendid paper you are giving by subscribing regularly. Your work is a great and noble work.

With best wishes for its success,
Mrs. Geo. C. Cunningham.

I cannot express to you how much pleasure the paper affords me each week. Am glad you have taken the old name—or rather dropped part of the new. It seems more like our own Baptist now. Wishing you continued success and prosperity,

Mrs. H. H. Self (of Texas).

Rev. R. M. Hunter writes: "I can, without any semblance of flattery, say that the Alabama Baptist is better than I have known it to be in twenty years. It ranks among our best journals. I am delighted with it."

Several times I have had it in my heart to congratulate you upon the continued improvement in the Baptist. It is now getting to be what it ought to be

J. H. Foster, Jr.

The Alabama Baptist is improving every day. May God bless you in your great work.

A. C. Hickman.

I love the Alabama Baptist because it tells us how the world is gaining for Christ. I am so glad that the foreign fields are being enlightened by the gospel. I am thankful to our heavenly Father that our Baptist mission work is spreading wider and wider every day.

B. H. Howell.

Mrs. Arnold S. Smith writes: "The Alabama Baptist was almost as dear to me as a member of my father's family, as long as I can remember, and I love it and the cause for which it stands. With an earnest, consecrated man at the helm and loyal men to support it, we hope to see it continue to improve until Alabama and the Baptists may claim the best religious paper in the land."

Allow me to say that your paper continues to improve each issue, and may this year be a crowning success in your efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, not only throughout the entire State, but all over this glorious South of ours.

W. T. Mitchell.

You are giving our Alabama brethren an excellent paper and they certainly ought to support you liberally. If I could read the paper at all, I should continue to take it.

B. G. Lowrey.

PICKED PARAGRAPHS.

Science has given the human race only a limited span of existence. This was one of the prospects which distressed Darwin, and it has weighed on many other sensitive minds. Some three millions of years or so is about the average estimate.

The Court of Copenhagen has been the playground of monarchs when off duty. Here Alexander III. threw off all reserve, he forgot his fears of assassination, and became a bantering, frolicsome, care-free comrade.

France is the weight ceaselessly holding back Germany. When the Emperor sent his telegram to former President Kruger, the French Ambassador to England informed Lord Salisbury that he had been instructed by his Government to place at the disposition of England the entire military power of France.

In connection with the Red Cross Society's preparations to assist the Russian army, it is said that Count Irloff Davokdoff, a philanthropist, an intimate friend of the late Czar Alexander III., has given \$500,000 for hospital and medical use at the front. Of this sum, \$300,000 is to be devoted to the establishment of a school for children made orphans by the war.

In making a decision as to what his work in life shall be, a man who would woo success should heed the God-given message that speaks in his blood. One's natural inclination, developed by encouragement and education, and controlled by conscience and reason, is the surest guide to an employment most likely to be rewarded with success. "A plowman on his legs," says Franklin, "is higher than a gentleman on his knees." One would better be a successful cobbler than a briefless lawyer, or a physician without practice.—"Success."

Russia, according to Mr. Johnston, now has on the spot and en route a total of from one hundred and seventy thousand to two hundred thousand troops, and it is not improbable that before the summer is over the immense total of four or five hundred thousand will be reached. This is none too many, for Russia will have to maintain a front extending from Vladivostok along the Korean frontier to Port Arthur, and from there to Newchwang and westwards towards Mongolia.

In order to influence a boy to make the most of himself, one must first

reach his heart. His confidence must be won by taking a real and permanent, instead of a feigned or spasmodic, interest in him.

Women today sell for from twenty-one dollars up, men and children at varying rates of value, at the slave market at Marrakesh in Morocco. The sale of human beings lasts for two hours before sunset, and is opened with a prayer to Allah.

It would seem that the credit for first forming the idea of a Pan-American railroad, running from the northern to the southern extremity of the New World, belongs to the venerable Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who included it, in a lecture delivered several years ago, among the coming wonders of the world.

Within three or four months' time, when the Port Arthur and Vladivostok squadrons are reinforced by ships now on their way to the scene of war, Russia will have in the Far East about three times the weight of battleships that Japan has. This is the assertion made by Mr. Charles Johnston in an article in the current Harper's Weekly, in which he discusses the strength of Russia on sea and land. He believes that this preponderance of naval strength in favor of Russia is a factor which is likely to involve the British navy, as England would probably come to the aid of Japan if the latter were hard pressed.

Few Americans,—in fact, few lumbermen,—realize the extent of the lumber industry of this country. We read with wonder the value of the iron, the coal, and the petroleum produced in the United States. Likewise, the production of American gold and silver means tremendous wealth. The vastness of the wheat crop is almost beyond conception. Yet the value of all iron, coal, petroleum, gold, silver, platinum, nickel, aluminium, zinc, lead, copper, and wheat produced in the United States during 1895 was \$116,000,000 less than the value of the timber crop five years earlier.

A letter sent to Harper's Weekly from its correspondent in Newchwang tells some interesting details of the life of the officers and men on the United States gunboat Helena while in winter-quarters at Russia's war port: "The Helena's men have gymnasium, recreation-hall, and readingroom ashore, which they enjoy immensely, as the first two cannot be had on board ship. Before the weather became too cold, every Wednesday and Saturday would see two blue-jacket teams lined up for football, the different divisions playing every day until it became too cold. The bowling-alley in the recreation-hall is the source of the greatest enjoyment, as it is not interfered with by the weather. The officers have Manchurian ponies, and form a polo-team which plays the Newchwang team. Although the polo is not the most scientific quality, it is quite a novelty for seafaring officers, and is the only all-navy polo-team on record."

CORRESPONDENCE

Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes.

It has been about a month since I took the trip, but I couldn't write it up sooner.

For the first time in my life I got three

"FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS" all in a row and not very far apart. Rock Springs in Clay County, not far from Good Water was the first. We had a very good congregation for the first day. Give them a year to get ready for it, but there will be something that "just has to be done," to keep them away the first day.

A pastor made about this kind of a speech to his country congregation at his January meeting: "Brethren and sisters, we are to have the fifth Sunday meeting here in March. It will open on Friday and I begin this early to advertise it, because I want you all here the first day. If you are going to miss any day let it be the second. I will give my reasons for saying that after the meeting. If you have the regard for me I think you have, and if you love the Lord's cause like I think you do, you will heed this admonition of your pastor. Now begin to talk about it and let everybody know. I want it to be the biggest thing old Bethel ever saw. And the first day I want to be the biggest day of all."

At the February meeting he repeated the speech and added: "I have seen the program of the meeting and you cannot afford to miss a word that is said. The preachers are coming with something good for you. Of course you will entertain them gladly in your homes and you will give them a fine dinner at the church here every day; but they would ten times rather have you and your children to fill these seats at every service. Brethren and sisters, I beg you not to miss a thing that is said at this meeting and see that your children hear it all too; be here on the first day especially."

In March he repeated about the same speech and added: "I have written to every man on the program telling him you were all going to be here from start to finish and I have letters in my pocket from every man of them saying he is coming."

When the time came, the house would scarcely hold the people. At the close of the first day the pastor said: "I have been begging you to be here on the first day and you have done what your pastor asked you to do. I will not insist on your coming tomorrow, you may do as you like about that." The secret was out. The pastor knew if they took in the first day, nothing would keep them away the next day.

I write out this experience for the benefit of the next fifth Sunday meeting. I could tell some sad experiences with pastors who cared nothing about the meeting; some who forgot the appointment, and of the disappointed preachers who came weary miles, without fee or hope of reward, to find the pastor away and the house empty.

Talk about your wet blankets! That is about the wettest, coldest thing I ever ran up against! But

ROCK SPRINGS

wasn't that way. We had a good meeting the first day. How I wish I could reproduce Bro. W. T. Davis' reminiscent talk. He is the pioneer preacher of these parts. He fought the liquor and false doctrine and Carey Association owes much of its prosperity to his heroic labors. Brethren Stodghill, Garrett, Conger, Ingram and Mathews, and maybe others, were the preachers present. Brother Garrett is the much loved pastor of the church, coming more than thirty miles to serve them. This was the Sunday School Convention, but the church being in one corner of the territory, not many of the schools were represented. The Carey is one of the few Associations that keeps up a Baptist Sunday School Convention and maintains a colporteur in the field.

At

GOODWATER

I preached to a late congregation at night. School commencement the night before and a picnic that day tired the people and I was not at all surprised at the small congregation. Bro. Upshaw, one of the best of men, is pastor. I was the guest of his interesting family in the comfortable home provided by the church for their pastor. The church is in good shape and the surprise to me is that they do not have their preacher for at least half his time. In order to reach his appointment at Centerville, he travels over three lines of railroad and touches Coosa, Talladega, Shelby, Chilton and Bibb counties. Can any preacher in Alabama beat that! Goodwater is a good business town, but they are awfully cursed with saloons.

MOUNT OLIVE.

is a strong country church, six miles from Goodwater, where I spent a day.

One of the neatest, new country churches in the State, I found here. I haven't seen anywhere a country congregation that surpasses the one that greeted me that hot Saturday. The young people simply swarmed. Howard College has several fine boys from this community. Bro. C. C. Heard is the pastor. He is doing a great work in all this section. The visiting brother put in a stanza against tobacco, as he frequently does. The pastor, in some pleasant remarks at the close of the day, said: "We are glad of Brother Crumpton's coming. He always does us good, even when he hits some of us hard. He gave the pastor some blows today and I am almost ready to say I will quit the filthy weed,—thereupon a sister put in a hearty "Amen," but Heard pretended he did not hear. Brother Arnold Smith, the "Little Giant" of the Central Association, was present and added much to the meeting. "The Baptist Principle" was pretty thoroughly discussed in the afternoon, as was education and some others in the forenoon. I have but one criti-

cism to make on Mount Olive. They sadly need an organ. They did well on a few tunes without one, but what music they could have with a good organ to lead them.

MACEDONIA

Is in Shelby county, separated from Vincent by about five miles of dust. The road machine had done its work well and the sun and dry weather did the balance. Such clouds of blinding dust, I haven't seen this side of California! Bro. L. T. Reeves, one of our Howard students, is the pastor. The house, yard and woods were full of people and we had an all-day meeting. Here I found another new house of worship. There is a demand for better houses of worship and the people are building them.

REFLECTIONS.

In passing, I saw Bro. C. J. Bentley at Sylacauga. He is well pleased with his new home. When they build their new house, I am going to be with them at the opening. I heard good words about Bro. Bentley (O. P.) at Vincent. He was away, attending a Sunday School Association at Winterboro. The awfully dry weather was broken the night I left Vincent. Farmers were blue over the prospects up to that time.

I heard more remarks on this trip than ever in my life, indicating that people were reading the Alabama Baptist.

The author of "Trip Notes" is thankful to know his work is appreciated. But for the kind things said of them, by which I am led to believe they are doing good, I would have given them up years ago and thus avoid the labor of their preparation. One dear old sister said: "When I finish reading the 'Trip Notes,' I say, God bless Bro. Crumpton in his work."

For many miles about Birmingham, the young preachers from Howard College are making themselves felt. All of them are poor, some of them have their families, some are in feeble health, none of them can give much time to the churches, but they are infusing a missionary spirit among the people wherever they go and the young people are stirred with ambition for education.

No money given to God will do more good than that put in young preachers and Howard College.

W. B. Crumpton.

From Brother Pettus.

We closed today at the Dallas Avenue Church one of the most gracious series of meetings ever held in this city. Sixty-eight public professions were made, besides a number who told the ministers privately that they realized they had been saved, and forty-two additions to the church and others will join. Our own dear boy and girl were among the saved added to the church. Rev. W. W. Lee, a former pastor, did the preaching for two weeks in a plain, practical and powerful manner, which aided by the earnest gospel appeals of pastor Rice seemed to send conviction to the hearts of the hearers.

A score or more penitents were at the altar the last day and several scores present were interested.

Today the secretary and treasurer of our Sunday school, Bro. W. E. Pettus, who has just returned from a visit to the Holy Land, began a series of lectures on the points of interest which he saw. He will speak each Sunday on some place until a full account is given of his tour.

R. E. Pettus.

Delegates to Alabama State Convention and Women's Meeting.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the meeting of the State Convention with us in July. It is our desire to do everything possible for your comfort and pleasure. If you are coming please at once send your name to the chairman of the entertainment committee, J. K. Milner, 908 Quintard Avenue. Don't put it off. Sit right down and write a card telling that you expect to be a delegate to the Convention. You will all have good homes, but those sending in their names will have the preference both as to location and otherwise.

J. H. Foster, Jr.

Rev. A. Y. Napier Goes to South Side Church, Montgomery.

The Baptist Church here (Auburn) was thrown into a state of consternation when their beloved pastor, Rev. A. Y. Napier, tendered his resignation Sunday after the morning service. Although there had been rumors that he had calls to other and better places, his flock would not entertain the thought of his leaving.

Tears were freely shed, and one after another rose to express their regret, or to suggest some way of keeping him, each showing what a deep hold his exemplary life, kind sympathy and upright character had upon the hearts of his people.

Even at the risk of being discourteous, the church refused to accept his resignation, and appointed a committee to draft a set of resolutions endorsing his pastorate, and begging him to reconsider his resignation.

It is to be hoped that we will not lose this fine young preacher, who seems so suitable to the peculiar requirements of our college town.

M. E. B.

—Opelika Post.

Tuesday last the Rev. A. Y. Napier, pastor of the Baptist Church at Auburn, formally accepted the "call" to the southside Baptist Church, Montgomery. Montgomerians of all denominations have, this morning, expressed themselves as delighted with his decision to work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

This young evangel has not the slightest tinge of the spectacular pulpit poseur about him; does not parade his very evident learning. He avoids and hates sensationalism as he does sin. But he loves sinners and delights to take them to his heart and heal them spiritually and minister to their bodily needs, when the occasion demands—as did the Master.

Mr. Napier comes of a noble Georgia family and is, as yet, unmarried. His uncle, Capt. Edward Napier, now of Union Springs, was for some years a popular citizen of Montgomery.

—D. F. McCall in Montg'y Journal.

Entertainment for the State Convention Delegates.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention to meet at Anniston July 20-22, and to the Woman's Meeting in connection with the Convention, are requested to send in their names at once. Do not put off sending name to committee. Help this much to facilitate matters pertaining to entertainment. We hope the women will not neglect to send in their names.

J. K. Milner, Chairman.

Sulligent, Ala.

On the third Sunday in this month we had helpful services at Guin. One was received by letter and one baptized. The Sunday school under the management of Rev. W. J. Walsh observed Children's Day. The house was filled to listen to a well gotten up program. The children did splendidly, and a nice amount was given for missions. Misses Nora Engle, Margie Baird and Willie Baird trained the children.

In the afternoon the pastor told of the great Nashville Convention. This was done at each of my churches, and we had instructive and helpful services at them all. My churches are quite fortunate in securing evangelist pastors to aid in our summer meetings. Rev. J. W. O'Hara of Wylam, will aid us at Verving beginning the second Sunday in July. Rev. J. A. Hendricks of Pratt City, will aid us at Sulligent, beginning the fourth Sunday in July and at Shiloh the first Sunday in August. Rev. J. B. Dickinson of Jasper, will be with us at Guin. Arrangements will be made later for Mt. Pisgah and two mission points. This means hard work during hot weather, and we are praying for gracious results.

J. E. Barnes.

Waterloo Needs Help.

Our building committee a short time ago sent out quite a number of earnest appeals for help. I hope the brethren will not treat these appeals for help with silent contempt, but will heed our cry. Brethren, we need your help and need it badly, or we would not have sent out those appeals. Will any and all who chance to read this, whether you have received one of the appeals or not, send us some help. We need it. According to the Elder's report the Methodists spent over \$41,000 on their field last year and unless the Baptists on the outside come to our relief, their field will be lost to them. Brethren, help us, and thereby honor God and His cause.

C. C. Winters.

From Enterprise.

There are many happenings here full of interest to us that might not be to the public, and there are some in which all feel an interest more or less.

Bro. J. F. Gable of Florals, preached our school commencement sermon very much to the delight of an appreciative people. Ten days later he came and held with us a meeting, which was not a boom of shotless cannonading, but with smokeless powder he sent the missiles of truth straight to the mark till the enemies of Jesus fell wounded and convicted. Brother Gable is one

of our best men and a good preacher; also a fine pastor, consecrated, scholarly, humble with it all and devoted to Baptist interests and the Redeemer's kingdom.

It was not a season of great ingathering, but of sowing that shall yet blossom and ripen unto life eternal. Enterprise is growing very rapidly. Many plants of interest and profit are being fixed in the town. Each year many acres of beautiful land are opened up to the ploughshare. Numbers of Alabama's best people are locating here. As an evidence of thrift and contentment men do not want to sell their homes, and none are moving to Texas or elsewhere. We need a large brick church, which it is our purpose sometime to build. My own personal work presses me over. I see so many places in the country where church houses and consecrated men are needed. I am helping where I can.

During the entire summer my time will be given to holding revival services. Let genuine Christians pray for all those who are engaged in soul saving.

R. M. Hunter.

Lanett, Ala.

The Rev. L. S. Barrett with his bright, young, Christian wife has moved into our town and is now one of our East Alabama Baptist pastors, having accepted a call to Lanett and Cusseta churches. His parental home was near Washington, Wilkes county, Georgia. For the past year he has been teaching and preaching at Lafayette, Ga. He will now devote his full time to the ministry. He is young, active and well equipped for the great white harvest all about him, and he evidently realizes the weight of the responsibility. He is in full sympathy with all the organized work in our State, and is a missionary in a missionary church. Under the wise leadership of the Rev. C. A. Bentley, the former pastor, the work is fairly well organized. You may expect to hear more of him later on.

Jas. D. Norman.

Lauderdale County to the Front.

Our fifth Sunday meeting, May 28, 29, at Gravelly Springs, was a great event to the Baptists of our county, and especially to the community of Gravelly Springs. The talks, speeches and preaching were up to the high water mark. The attendance was all that could be desired in quality and quantity. With pleasure we record the fact that every ordained Baptist minister in our Association was present.

The new church building, just completed, which is a credit to the entire neighborhood, was dedicated on Sunday. The sermon was preached by Rev. Joe W. Vesey, the following brethren taking part in the service: Rev. O. F. Huckaba, Rev. F. G. Posey, Rev. J. O. A. Pace, Rev. C. C. Winters, Rev. W. J. N. Wylie and the pastor, Rev. R. E. Paulk. Eighty dollars was raised to pay indebtedness on building.

Another important event will take place June 26 in Florence, the dedication of our "Gospel Tent," which is of great interest to our Association. It

will be used principally by our consecrated missionary, Rev. R. E. Paulk, who will be assisted by the different pastors in meetings during the season, and in this way, to a great extent, we hope to solve the problem of "State Mission Work."

Attendant.

From the Orphanage.

As the fiscal year draws to a close several things of interest are impressed upon those who are near to the work here.

It will be seen that this has been the banner year of all we have had, in the number of children that have come to us, there having come to us since last report almost forty children.

A larger number have been baptized than we ever had before with one exception. Our health has been good.

Our crops have been good so far as we have seen their result. Our oats were better than we have made here before, and were harvested in as good condition as could have been desired. We have saved not less than six hundred bushels.

Beans and cabbage in abundance for the families use, and now there is in sight a good supply of tomatoes for the table and some for the cannery.

"Friends Day" was observed according to our purpose frequently mentioned in the paper. The forenoon was given to the exercises of the kindergarten class, and the closing exercise of our school. This brought us to the middle of the day, and the middle of the day brought to us something we will not soon forget, in the way of a good dinner, furnished by the ladies of the community.

The dedication was at four o'clock, and was held under the twin sycamore trees at the front of our grounds. Brother Gross made the dedicatory address and Brother Dickinson the prayer. The laying of these three buildings on our Father's altar free from debt was no small thing to those who have carried it upon their hearts for so many years. The place of the meeting couldn't well have been better, under the twin sycamore trees standing like sentinels at the front of our lawn, and marking the spot for the central entrance to our main building, whose vacant lot was left when these buildings were begun three years ago.

The evening was given to the entertainment for which the auditorium of the Southwest Alabama Agricultural school was kindly given us. A large audience was present, and I doubt if ever at a school entertainment there was more respectful orderliness maintained. Coming at the time it did, we could not have expected many from a distance, but we would have been glad to have had representatives from all parts of the State. A helpful increase in the receipts for the month showed that some who could not come were thinking of us. We are humbly of the conviction that our Father's favor is upon the work, and sure we are that his blessing has been upon it.

Death has come again into our midst after immunity from it for nearly two years.

Mrs. L. O. Skipper who had been oc-

cupping a quiet home with us for several months, and who in declining years became a victim of an incurable malady grew worse rapidly the last few weeks, and on the night of May 25th quietly sank to rest, and left comforting assurances, that she has gone to a better home than we could give her here. She was a lovable, gentle and good woman. She was in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

Florence Lanier, a bright sweet little girl, who had been in our household less than a year, and who had been delicate from the first, had been seized with an affection of the heart, that the physicians could not understand nor control, and growing weary with contending for life, gave up the struggle last week and we trust has exchanged the orphanage for the orphan's home where God is the orphan's Father, and where mansions are prepared for the redeemed. We had done what we could to prolong the life and to put cheer into it while she was here. Before coming to us she had been dragged around the country by a roving band of gypsies.

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Mr. Scilla and Squire Charibdis sit on opposite sides of the church and as far apart as the seats permit. The pulpit is about half way between them when it is in the correct position; but some preachers move the desk over to one side or the other according to their respective inclinations. Mr. Scilla is deaf in his right ear and Squire Charibdis is deaf in his left ear and each sits with his ear turned squarely toward the pulpit. It is unnecessary to describe them to you for you know them intimately; but it is pleasant to gossip a little about them; for neither of them would know that we were talking about him, if he heard the whole conversation. Mr. Scilla is on most familiar intellectual terms with his Creator. He knows nearly thing about the Lord's intentions, motives and disappointments and if there is any little matter he does not know per se the Almighty tells Mr. Scilla all about it in confidence. He is a dictator by nature and training. He knows to the closest detail what every member of the church except himself, ought to do. He harangues the church continuously and informs the angels vociferously what the church members ought to do and what the church ought to be. He might be a great orator if he had anything to say; and he might be a passably decent man if he had some common sense. But he has not. Mr. Scilla believes in a missionary spirit. He wants a church in every school district and a mission in every block, and abuses the churches because such institutions are not established and liberally sustained. He declared in a public meeting of the church that the church was "dead to all Christian feeling;" that Christians "cared nothing for a lost world;" that if the church did its plain duty it would go out and plant missions everywhere, would stop the crowds on Market street and preach that the Kingdom was already overdue; that people should pour out "their hoarded gold like water" to save the horseracing gamblers who despise the church and hate our God; that the holy Scriptures should be posted in paragraphs on every fence and called under the flap of every circus tent, and that Christians should consecrate their last dollar to buy up the automobiles which poor sinners now lost in heathen darkness, use to pollute the Sabbath. To an outsider this description may sound almost like an irreverent caricature but it is not one; and he is not mentioned here for fun.

Mr. Scilla has such a profound faith in God's care for himself, that he won't work; and if his wife and son-in-law had the same trust which he has, then he would starve to death. He has started many a mission, however, even against the plain teaching of his own faith in God's ability to take care of the world, and has spent time enough to earn all the new enterprise cost in appealing to the "dead and hardened churches" to come up to the help of a "poor struggling interest," where the harvest is great and the laborers are

few. There may be thirteen other missions in the same block, or there may be nine strong churches of some other denominations in sight, but that makes no difference to Mr. Scilla. God tells him to set up a Zion in that cellar or over that saloon and the stingy ungodly church members down town must baptize their pocketbooks, and send in chairs and Sunday school children and pay the rent. All the money he has to use for the Lord is other people's money. Sometimes his wild scheme is taken up by some sensitive Christian man of industry and piety who is ashamed of the whole business and strange to say it sometimes becomes a strong church and confirms Mr. Scilla in his doctrine so loudly proclaimed that all he has to do is to stand still and see the triumph of his creed. He thinks the heathen should all be converted at once, and tells the religious assembly that he would give his all, if he had it, to see China as near to the Lord as he is. The poor two hundred millions of savag Chinamen he says are sweeping into the maelstrom of indifference, while the careless, unspiritual church members are supinely sleeping on their flowery husk mattresses, and to the neglect of the cannibals are sending their children to school. Mr. Scilla's trust in Providence is so sublime that he ordered hymn books for the Sunday school and Bibles for the congregation without authority from the church, and at a time when there was no money in the treasury to pay the last winter's coal bill.

When two special collections and a church supper were given for the Bibles, he said he would have given his overcoat off his back if it had not been "a gift of a dear friend." He would also have bought a ticket to the supper if it had not been held in the sacred cellar of the chapel; and if he had not anyhow earned it by bringing a basket of dishes and a lamp down from Widow Smith's. With no work to annoy him, no anxiety to pay his debts or subscriptions; with Providence so surely shaping events as to take care of him at the expense of his proud son-in-law, and his silent, meek, scrubbing wife, he seems to find some confirmation of his loud theories, that he who trusts in God and does nothing except with his tongue, shall have clothes, and food and shelter. And as though Providence were over kind to him, it gives him a deacon to criticize, a pastor to ignore, and a whole church roll of people to lash or pity according to his need of exercise. Spectators must wonder what his meditations include during the dull half-hour of the sermon when his deaf ear protects him like a turtle shell from the blows or caresses of the pulpit.

Squire Charibdis, who sits across the church, claims to be deeply religious and can cry with no sign of emotion. He says he believes in the "old fashioned gospel" and that charity should begin at home. He is reputed to be wealthy but there is no sign of it around the church. He invariably brings a cent to church in his vest pocket for the collection, and shuts his eyes as tight as his deaf ear during the

preaching. He trusts nobody. He declaims in the prayer-meetings about his warnings in season and out of season, which he has uttered in the ears of sinners who came to his factory to cheat him. He recited a score or more times how he warned a wretched man of Belial, who sold him a barrel of potatoes with the large ones on top, that everlasting shame and contempt would be his portion if he did not repent at least enough to bring another barrel. He was a justice of the peace for a while. But his fascination for fining people heavily filled the jail so full that they were compelled to dismiss him or build a larger jail for men who couldn't pay their fines. He does not hesitate to call the preacher a liar, regards a sewing bee in the chapel for a poor widow as an "ungodly use of the house of the Lord for a secular purpose;" and the ice cream social of the children in the cellar blew his peaceful soul into pyrotechnics of holy fury. Some one innocently asked him at the close of a religious meeting one Friday evening to buy a ticket to a concert for the benefit of the sick children's country week, and his indignation towered into whirlwinds of anger, that such servants of Satan were allowed to ply their ungodly traffic at the very doors of the church cellar. He says he suffers with a "painful complaint;" and some charitable persons think that there is some truth in the statement. When talking of his food he says "nothing agrees with him." It does seem like a double dose to have the dyspepsia added to such a naturally disagreeable stomach and disposition. Mrs. Saynte said last Sunday that she could not go to prayer-meeting so long as Squire Charibdis attended, because she thought it was wicked for her to sit in meeting and rejoice that he felt bad. But the minister's profession compels him to go.

Squire Charibdis would not trust the Lord for a toothpick. He hates church debts, and says it is the crime of the age, that churches contract debts. He says that the only time to trust in God is when you have the money in a national bank of which you are the cashier. He will not give in advance to the church treasury for fear the careless membership will use the credit such capital would give to go in debt to fix the roof. Squire Charibdis and Mr. Scilla are such extremists that they bend backwards down around under the church and actually agree on the general proposition that the church is honeycombed with unbelief and worldliness, and that only one pair of wings will be needed for the entire congregation when the trump shall blow.

But look here! What are we doing? Who would have believed that you and I would have given all this time and attention to Mr. Scilla and Squire Charibdis? Yesterday we both assailed the working men, the scoffers, the careless, the young people, and the rabble, because they so foolishly judged our church life by those two men. Here we are doing the same thing. They are only two in a hundred and yet they get more attention and are more powerful in shaping public opinion concern-

ing the church than are the hundreds of other members. There is a whole congregation of sensible, noble, generous, and pure hearted people between the pew of Mr. Scilla and that of Squire Charibdis. If you will permit your heart to swell and your eyes to spill over, then look down here at that lovely fair-faced teacher, at that faithful, honest deacon, at that open countenanced, enterprising young business man, at that white haired saint of the sunset, whose nod is a prayerful God-speed to the giver whose one-tenth and more goes surely on its charitable work each week, at the trusting laborer who knows that faith without works is dead, at the calm features of the successful man, whose example of honor and enterprise inspire the young, and who believes that reason was given us to use whether we go in debt or undertake to pay our obligations; at the pious members who believe sincerely in prayer, who love the Book and have charity for the preacher;—and in that open channel you will see the ship of Christ moving majestically and safely on.

Oh! Yes! At the heart of the church there is so much consecration, so much devotion, so much love, so much intrinsic, pure worship of God in spirit and in truth, that one who realizes the truth is softened into reverence and pressed down to silent praise and prayer by the contemplation. Perhaps Mr. Scilla and Squire Charibdis are allowed in the fold as outpost guards, or as dark contrasts, or for the trial of our faith, or for the proving of the pastor's patience; or it may be with a chance that even those two may be saved.

"As the stained web whitening in the sun
Grows pure by being purely shone upon,"

However that may be; one step back puts us on the unmovable foundation of our faith, and we see that God is God, the Bible is still all true, the church moves right on, trust in God is the main consistent, Christians are true, pure and good, the windows of Christian hearts are open to the morning, the former days are not better than these, and really the light of the holy Christ shineth clearer and farther every noon.

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In the church services as a rule a small portion only of the Sunday school children are found. The wise fisherman fishes where there are fish to be caught. Here the pastor reaches in the morning services those who are already Christians, who need instruction certainly and a few gospel-hardened sinners who are set against the Gospel. In the evening services if the congregation is not very small the pastor does have an opportunity of preaching to the unconverted, but they are already confirmed in sin and the preacher's task is vastly harder. We repeat, then, that the pastor who misses the Sunday school neglects the most fruitful material possible and confines his work to the most difficult. Is he not doing most wrong?—Baptist Argus.

THE CHILD CALLED.

When we see the papers full of pleadings for child education; when we hear the halls of legislation resound with eloquence for child rights, oh, then, we are convinced that the strong church of the strong God must not neglect the child. The civil multitudes would care for his body and train his mind that the State may be made strong. The child's highest self the State cannot train; it is not its province. The church must do this. Every appeal for education and body justice for the child is a plea to the Christian forces to forget not the child. It is not "the forgotten child," but the "neglected child." The State is now remembering him; the ease-loving and money-loving parent has not forgotten the child, but this creature of immense futurity is neglected. The churches and Sunday schools MUST couple its work with the sound mind and sound body work of the State that the essential of a sound heart may be present to round out the child life and prepare it for man life and woman life.

The Sunday school worker that does not see an increasing opportunity and

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Last Appeal for State Missions.

A telegram just received from Secretary W. B. Crumpton says: "Books will close July fourth giving one more Sunday to collect for State Missions."

Now let every pastor in the State and every church, Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Mission Society raise a collection by next Sunday. If they do not have a meeting take it up individually by button holding each member for a contribution and send it immediately after to our Secretary at Montgomery.

Cost of Secretaries.

It is quite the fashion to discuss the per cent of cost attached to our missionary war. "Out of every dollar it costs thus and so to get the remainder to its destination." Into this cost the salary of the secretary is figured. This overlooks the fundamental fact that of all the missionaries connected with any Board the secretary is the most effective of them all. If he isn't, he ought to be. Why should the salaries of Willingham, Gray and Crumpton be charged to the "expense account" any more than the salaries of the missionaries on the field? None do greater service and none work harder. They are the greatest mission forces in our church life today. They are in the highest, truest sense missionaries, and may God bless them!

On the other hand, it is sad beyond expression to hear good brethren quibbling about the Secretaries' salaries. Not one gets what he really deserves. We cannot pay for such service. As for that matter, the vast majority of our preachers, the Secretaries included, are working with the certainty of poverty in their old age. In other callings of life salaries are adjusted according to ability, service, and especially responsibility. These men are carrying burdens and responsibilities enough to stagger the strongest. They are practically exiles, from home and strangers to children that need most sorely the constant care of their fathers. It is a thousand pities that pitiless people should add to their difficulties by making them special targets of criticism, and that some with less of care and more of income should wish to reduce their support. Some good brethren wish to do this because they really do not know all the facts involved. Some do it out of pure vindictiveness. We may forgive the first and ignore the last, but what shall we say of those who ought to know better and yet quibble at salaries that never will be what they would be were such services rendered in other lines of endeavor? And what we say of the three men mentioned, might be said of all our secretaries and assistants. When we go to count "expenses" let us in the name of common

honesty, quit including their salaries in the list. When we think to complain at the amount of their compensation, let us think again and, instead of grumbling, pray God to help us some day to do more for them. To begrudge their support injures the cause, wounds the worker and does the kicker no good.

A Sleeping Giant.

We can count 140,000 white Baptists in Alabama, actual church members. If we could count them all there would be over 150,000. This, of course, includes no infants, but only such as are old enough to have experienced a real work of grace in their hearts, and who have been baptized according to Scripture teaching. A very conservative estimate would place the whole number of people included in Baptist families in Alabama at not less than 400,000 souls. This is about one-half of the white population of the State—sturdy Anglo-Saxon stock. From this great population, as well as from hundreds who come to us from other denominations, we baptize every year more people than are to be found in all the Episcopal churches in the State and every eighteen months as many as are in all the Presbyterian bodies in Alabama. There are in these vast numbers tremendous power. Much of it is used, more of it will be used, but the mighty volume of its influence, like the waters of Niagara, rushes on to the sea without turning a wheel. Edison is reported to have said that the sight of the sea and the thought of its unused force almost drove him wild. How deeply the sight of dormant power in Alabama Baptists stirs the soul! What a mighty day it will be when that giant awakes! And who can tell what crowns await the man or men who succeed in rousing this Hercules to his blessed task?

Organic Church Union.

It would be well if we could distinguish between spiritual unity and organic church union. The ideal for which we all hope is the realization of both facts. But the first must come first else the latter will be a curse. A loving Christian spirit among those who are in separate Christian bodies is vastly preferable to strife and bitterness among those included in any one church. There was a day when nearly all Christians were in one organic body. It was a day of fire, fagot, fight. There was union but no unity. We are nearer the realization of John 17 than at any time for many centuries, though we have more "sects" than at any period in the world's history. We will attain both unity and union in God's good time. But we must grow into it. It cannot be forced. The blind ignorance of this has led to many unhappy things. The Catholic wants one church—his to be that one—and applies the devices of the law to woo the heretic into that fold. The church of England wants one church—it to be that one—and taxes the "sects" to support its ministers and sells the property of non-conformists to support schools in which non-conformist children are to

be taught things repugnant to the non-conformist conscience. Mr. Alexander Campbell grieved over the divisions in God's family—preached mightily for union and died, having created just one more division. That doughty Dowie inveighs against the lack of union and, a la Bro. Campbell, gives to the world another fold. Bro. Winebreuner ditto. And so for the others.

There is rich humor—aye, and pathos too—in the solemn exhortations of sundry saints to "make an end of divisions and all be one—my church to be the one." Will these unconscious humorists never learn that first of all we must be one in love, sympathy and soul? And that from this happy condition the other thing must grow?—grow according to the laws of growth? It cannot be forced by law, nor attained by externalities. We might all join one body and still be further than ever from that unity for which our Lord prayed.

When men have learned to respect the opinions of others, to honor convictions which cross their own, love their brethren everywhere and serve, in the Master's spirit all mankind, then we will not be far apart, and soon with the Bible alone before us, with God alone above us, and the Holy Ghost within us, we shall see eye to eye, and, for the first time before or since Christ, we shall be really one! It is coming. Nor can all the preachers of union prevent it. Tho' they are delaying it.

Immortality.

Earnest Renan, the brilliant Frenchman, whose writings and teachings did so much to impress the impressionable Parisians in spite of his speculations and vagaries truly said:

"You will get much less from a humanity which does not believe in the human immortality of the soul than from one which does believe."

He realized that the elect few, when belief and hope give way to unbelief and stoical facing of annihilation, may go on their way living lofty lives of obedience to duty and service to fellow men, but the masses are far more likely to say, "Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

It has been well said: "Whether man is to believe or not believe in the future life is something more than a mere academic or metaphysical issue concerning only the sensible few. It has immense import for the welfare of the race."

Safety comes in being able with St. Paul to say: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

William Dean Howells in a recent article said:

"We turn to the consideration of the age-long question of the immortality of the soul, to testify that despite all that science has done in modifying old views of the universe, of man's origin and destiny, it has not taken the hope of immortality from man, but rather, by emphasizing the unity of the universe, it is coming to support lastingly the hope."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

We pray God's blessing upon the special meetings being held throughout the State.

Prof. Allen J. Moore, of Howard College, is at the University of Chicago taking a special course during the summer term.

The Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville was a great spiritual uplift to those who were present. Let us make a special effort to attend our State Convention at Anniston in July.

Rev. F. H. Watkins, of Russellville, has just closed a meeting at Corona, Ala., assisting pastor J. I. McCallum, and doubled the membership of the church as a result.

Rev. J. W. Sanderlin, on the way from the Seminary to his field at Moulton, Ala., dropped in with a pleasant word of his work and good cheer for the paper.

Bro. F. L. Nisbet tells of a very delightful Children's Day exercises at Oswichee Church that we are compelled by pressure upon our columns to compress.

Rev. J. V. Boma of Marion, is conducting a series of meetings in Greensboro. It is gratifying to know that so many pastors are doing evangelistic work and helping one another. This is fine vacation work.

The First Baptist Church when completed is going to be a surprise even to Birmingham Baptists. Dr. Dickinson and his faithful band deserve great credit for building such a beautiful and commodious house of worship.

Brother, are you discouraged? Are you sitting under a juniper tree? Don't let the evil one make you believe that you are not appreciated and that you must seek another field. Look around and you will find work.

The Florence Association and Colbert also have each a tent and propose during the season to aid churches and mission stations at as many points as possible. This is a fine method for evangelizing when properly used. It is hoped it will grow.

Pastor T. E. Pinegar and his people of the Second Baptist Church, Carbon Hill, rejoice at the good things the Lord is doing for them. Sunday he preached on "What Meaneth the Wonder of Revelation 19!" and "He Suffered Without the Gate." Two new members were received when a great shout of praise was raised. He is greatly encouraged at the outlook and will begin a series of meetings soon. He asks the prayers of all.

The rule of the great city is truly a twentieth century problem. Babylon and Rome were ruinous to their empires. New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Baltimore, Birmingham and other cities in the South will try our civilization with their foreign popula-

tions It will be wisdom for Southern Baptists to give the Home Board the means to plant churches and mission stations at strategic points in these places.

We were surprised at the large number of country preachers at the Southern Baptist Convention. How we wish our Alabama pastors whose fields are in the country districts would realize the necessity of attending their State Convention. Go to Anniston and jostle the city preachers. They love you, for most of them, according to Bro. S. O. Y. Ray, came out of the "sticks." We be brethren.

John D. Rockefeller says of Richford, N. Y., his birth-place: "There was no religion in Richford. When I was eight I moved to a town made up largely of God-fearing people. I shudder to think what I should have been if I had remained in Richford all my life. There are so many men who hunt a little, fish a little, and drink whisky a little, and only attain a little success in life, and all for the lack of a little religion." How this characterizes the life of many men in our small towns!

Stirred by Gabriele D'Annunzio's good example, Mark Twain announces that he is giving his skull to Cornell University, where it can be studied for the enlightenment of future generations. "I am getting pretty old," said Mr. Clemens, speaking on this subject, "and shall probably not need the skull after next Christmas. I dunno. But if I should, I will pay rent." He modestly declined to state what rental he thought a skull like his ought to bring in the open literary market.

In speaking of Indian chivalry it is said that the person of a high-class Indian woman is sacred. She can never be touched even with the tips of the fingers. She is looked upon almost as a goddess. She can frequent the most crowded public place without being subject to insult. A man that would gaze at a female passing by, as our loungers do, would be thought a most unmannered and uneducated person. It is a shame the way young men stand outside of the church and gaze at the young ladies.

It has been said that "the liquor problem has been our despair; and, unless some solution is found which will destroy the blighting influence of the saloon, and meet the present increasing evils of social drinking, the whisky barrel and the beer keg may one day represent our nation more truly than will the stars and stripes." Barrooms and fancy drinks are the signs of our occupancy of the Philippines and many so-called Christians uphold the sale of intoxicants on the ground of trade.

One of our Baptist papers says: "The churches take delight in hearing from each other and we are equally delighted in being the messenger in such service. The churches are many and our space is limited. Write us often but write us briefly, that all may

be heard and that we may be spared the labor of condensing what you write. Be sure that your items reach us not later than Saturday morning, and as much earlier as possible." If you do this you will make our task much easier.

The Young People's Missionary Movement has arranged a strong program for a ten days' conference at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., July 1-10. Few meetings have been held in the South during recent years that have exerted a greater influence on the lives of the delegates than did the Lookout Mountain conference of last summer. It is believed that nothing will mean more to the average church, Sunday school or Young People's Society, than to have one of their strongest workers spend ten days in quiet conference and prayer at this gathering.

Our sympathies are extended to our Huntsville correspondent, Bro J. E. Pierce, in the sudden death of his beloved companion, Mrs. Pierce, which occurred in Huntsville Saturday night, June 18.

Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Annie Whittaker, daughter of M. D. L. Whittaker, a prominent citizen of Mulberry, Tenn., and one of the most popular young matrons in Huntsville. She was a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of that city and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her.

The entire city was shocked at her sudden death and nothing but a crown of sadness and mourning covers the drooped heads of loved ones and friends. They had only been married about eighteen months, and she leaves a sweet little five months old girl.

President Charles F. Thwing, of the Western Reserve University, in an article on "How Shall I Educate My Boy?" among many other striking things says: "Neither would I educate my son abroad; he is an American boy. I should be glad to have him get all that is best from the private school in Jusanne or Geneva, but not for one instant would I have his ideals formed by the French master, or his methods by the German. A primary note in his character should be the American, although a note more fundamental is the human. He is, as a human boy, to be trained up for service in this great, interesting, new life of our New World." These words ought to be read by every true American. We were sent abroad when quite a youth and put in a private school in Paris to prepare for the College of France, and looking back to these days we wish to testify to the danger pointed out by Dr. Thwing

J. Q. A. Henry, writing in the Standard, says: "Drinking and drunkenness among women is a scandal to Christian civilization. Within the past fifteen years drunkenness among men has increased 43 per cent., but among women 104 per cent., showing that there are twice as many drunken women in the United Kingdom as fifteen years ago. This vicious

habit has begun to express itself in horrible fashion in infant mortality, imbecile and deformed children, and widespread physical degeneracy." We can never forget the sight of scores of drunken women congregated in some of the congested districts of London around the saloons. One who has never been in the White Chapel neighborhood cannot realize the misery, debauchery and brutality of the women. One of the most pitiable sights in this world is that of a drunken mother as she reels homeward with her baby in her arms, and yet it is no uncommon sight in London.

My Mistake.

In the list of churches giving \$100 and over is Gadsden. The pastor writes: "In your report of the churches that gave over \$100 for missions which was published in the Alabama Baptist, your total for Gadsden is \$100 short. Look and see if your addition is not wrong. You put us down for \$239 and then put us in the class that gave less than last year, when we gave \$339 which is between \$60 or \$75 more than year before. It makes little difference, I suppose, except some of our people did not like it and would be glad to have it corrected."

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W. B. C.

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What is the Matter With This Plea?

A special to the Journal from Birmingham speaks of a case, now in court, of alleged murder: "The defense has entered special plea of not guilty by reason of insanity and drunkenness." If men who are insane are not responsible for their acts, certainly any man, who, while drunk, kills another, should be acquitted or confined in the asylum for the insane.

It will not be long till juries will see it that way and refuse to convict when the party who did the killing was under the influence of liquor.

Nothing short of this will bring our people to their senses. We are licensing men to sell the stuff which makes men insane and then propose to punish the man for acts committed while insane. It is not right. He ought to be confined in the asylum. The real murderer is the man who sold the liquor, but he was authorized by law to do what he did
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We have just closed one of the most gracious meetings ever held in our church. Sixteen precious souls have been brought to Christ, and this afternoon followed the example of their Lord and Savior in baptism.

Bro. Wm. J. Martin of Abbeville had been previously invited by our pastor, Bro. E. M. Stewart, to come and assist him in this meeting, which began a week ago to-night. Bro. Martin is a strong and earnest preacher. He gives his hearers the gospel in plain, simple and well chosen language. His sermons are forceful, full of gospel truth and supported by pointed Scriptural quotations. He has the happy faculty of reaching both the hearts as well as the understanding of the people. He captured our people at the outset, and full houses gave him their earnest attention both day and night. The house was full to overflowing at the last service today. Interest in the meeting had not abated a particle—two joining at this last service. The membership of our church have been strengthened and spiritually built up, and all the Christians of the town have been uplifted by the Spirit's influence permeating their hearts. Our pastor's heart has been made glad by seeing so many brought to Christ, for whom he has been praying so continuously. The affections of our church and largely of the community go with Bro. Martin as he is leaving us for his home.

Fraternally yours,
John T. Davis.

Columbia, Ala., June 12, 1904.

FROM BROTHER PAULK.

Our Fifth Sunday meeting was held with Gravelly Springs Church. All the speakers were present and the program was carried out well.

Rev. J. O. A. Pace preached the introductory sermon. His subject was, "Let your Light Shine." This was a splendid sermon and well received by all present.

At 8:30 Saturday night Bro. R. H. Tandy of First Church, Florence, preached a very soulstirring sermon.

We have just completed a very neat house of worship. This beautiful house was dedicated to God at 11 a. m. Sunday. Rev. J. W. Vesey was the one chosen to preach the dedicatory sermon. Bro. Vesey preached us a very fine sermon. He had for his subject, "A New Testament Church."

We had a fine meeting. We feel that this meeting has been a spiritual uplift to the community.

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The membership is composed of some of the choicest and best people of the town. They have a good Sunday school, deacon A. J. Ivie Superintendent, good prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U., a large Sunbeam Band and one of the best woman's societies I ever saw. The church is united thoroughly and we expect to see here a church second to none in point of strength in all this section of Alabama.

We assumed the care of the church April 1st and the congregations have been large at every service and the interest gratifying to a new pastor.

The people here have been very kind and cordial in greeting us. My dear old friend, Neal, and his loyal congregation from Tusculumbia came over on Sunday night and united with the various congregations of Sheffield and gave us a welcome service, which we enjoyed. The ladies have furnished our home newly and neatly.

Mrs. George has been a little home sick for dear old Louisville, but we are taking hold of the work and under God we hope to "move things" and build up a work here to His honor and glory. The electric cars will start in May and link Sheffield, Tusculumbia and Florence together. All the furnaces will soon be in operation here and in some not far distant day we will have a great city here in this Tennessee valley and a host of loyal Baptists. Pray for us, come to see us; when we can serve you, let us know.

E. E. George.

Notice.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Probate Court, June 8, 1904.

Mary Latham Griffin, deceased, estate of.

This day came Dyer N. Talley, administrator of said estate, and filed his application in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of paying debts; upon the ground that the personal property is insufficient therefor; and it appearing that Mrs. John A. Griffin, a non-resident, whose place of residence is unknown, and George L. Griffin, a non-resident, whose place of residence is unknown, are heirs of said estate; it is ordered that the 18th day of July, 1904, be appointed a day for hearing said application, at which time all parties in interest may appear and contest the same if they think proper. It is further ordered that notice of this application be given publication in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in said Jefferson County, once a week for three successive weeks.

J. P. Stiles,
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This day came Mrs. M. A. Motherwell, guardian of the estate of Jennierie May, John Alexander and Thomas Manual Motherwell, minors, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final statement of the same.

It is ordered that the 7th day of July, 1904, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. Stiles,
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Baptist Exchanges

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Protestant Episcopal.....	88,263
Methodists, all bodies.....	48,133
Lutheran.....	45,745
Baptists, all bodies.....	37,627
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Congregational.....	18,653
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In the first place, God has called, qualified, and sent his ministry to preach. He has also specified the characteristics that shall distinguish them from other men. No one has the right to interpose a demurrer of any kind to them except for the absence of their conformity to divine requirements. (1 Tim. 3:1-7.)

AS TO CALLING THEM.

1. No one, or more members of a church have a right to negotiate for, or with a preacher for his services for any, or all the other members, against the duty of each for themselves by the directions of the Holy Spirit. The reverse of this assumption carries with it the idea that God works through one or more members for all, and not through all for each which is not true. One or more members of a church too frequently call a preacher for all, which equals the self-constituted arrogancy of Romish Popes and their allies on similar principles.

2. No member, nor members have a right to speak disparagingly of a preacher, whether using their own argument, or that of another, and especially an outsider for their point with a member or members as involving a preacher. A close examination will reveal the fact, one way or another, to same extent that such is instigated by an enemy to the will of the Holy Spirit.

3. No member, nor members have a right to contend with another, or other members one way nor another about a preacher, but each should admonish the others to submit the matter by prayer to the direction of the Holy Spirit for themselves. The opposite of this is carnality, which means worldly, fleshly and sinful, as evidenced by reference to 1 Cor. 1:12, 13 and 1 Cor. 3:3, 9, 4. Anything clandestinely, or secretly proposed by a member, or members, one way or another, to any extent, as involving their relation to a preacher in retaining or changing him as pastor is of Satan, on the principle that the Holy Spirit has no work he is ashamed of before anybody. The work of the Satan has always been in the back ground, in the dark, that of Christ open before the world.

5. Any member, or members, objecting one way or another to any extent to the untrammelled will, or wish of the Holy Spirit in another; or other members in directing them in their relation to a preacher as pastor, express their distrust in the possibility of a result in harmony with a selfish, sinful purpose in them against the will of the Spirit in each of the members. The Saviour said, when He, the Spirit of truth should come, He would guide each of his people in the way of all truth. He

has come. Will any member or members of the church make him a fabricator, by thus expressing distrust in the promise, or declaration of the Saviour, and the ability of the Holy Spirit to fill the mission, he was sent into the world to perform? The real truth is, such a member, or members, propose dictating the affairs of God, instead of the Holy Spirit, and as Paul said in regard to unruly and vain talkers and deceivers," their "mouths must be stopped," Titus 1:10, 11.

6. No member, nor members of a church, have a right to suggest, intimate, or propose anything touching a change or retention of a preacher, as pastor as long as that relation exist except in a conference capacity on the principle that it is there business is done for God, and they can't tell whether what they say will be accepted or rejected with the certainty of harm for the needs of Church authority. What right has any member of a church to interest himself in any regard for a church without church authority. This has reference to outside working up of factions for, or against a preacher, in violation of the will of the Spirit, which produces no such results.

7. There is no Scriptural warrant for the annual periodical call of a preacher as pastor of a church. The precedent is political and equally sinful in its character. The Holy Spirit does not come along just once a year, with the jolts, jars, and jostlings, common in the preacher calling business of today. The proof is, the tearing up, and rending asunder effect of such on our churches throughout the whole country.

8. Let us look at the ugly, wild picture a moment, and see if we find any Christianity in it. Preacher calling time has come. Each party, or faction has its man, identically on the order of modern politics. Who, or which will triumph is the burning question. There are usually two or more, as Democrats, Populists, or Republicans. The forces of each must be marshalled for the conflict. Do and say anything to beat is the rule. When the contest is ended they are at outs with each other and the preacher that is elected has the scorching enmity of those defeated, though he has nothing to do with the difficulty, and they assert they won't hear him preach nor pay anything for his support. Is God in any such! No, but Satan is in every instance.

9. There may be an effort or a proposition to cover up the smoldering embers that die down from such consuming fire, but they lie ready to be fanned into a burning flame at every breeze that moves the ashes under which they are hid. The disruption may

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Order of Publication.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, City Court of Birmingham. In Chancery.

Fannie Woods, Complainant, vs Roy L. Woods, Defendant.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of Jas. M. Russell one of the Solicitors for Complainant that the Defendant, Roy L. Woods, conceals himself so that process cannot be served on him in this cause and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him the said Roy L. Woods to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 3rd day of August, 1904, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

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Churches Calling Preachers.

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not be open and avowed, but it might as well be. The effect is the same. Christian comfort is lost and converting power on the world is gone. Paul says in Eph. 4: 27, do not give "place to the devil," but this is doing it.

In the same connection the idea of having, or keeping, or retaining a preacher as pastor of a church merely because another or others can't be had, or the electing time is past and won't be available till the end of the year, or the political precedent time, is equal to having none, and no more good can or will be accomplished, because the Holy Spirit is in such and the relation should be scorned, whether in December or May.

10. Every intimation, suggestion, requirement, proposition, or anything else coming from outsiders or the unconverted, one way or another, relative to a preacher being or not being pastor of a church is of Satan on the principle that there is no Holy Spirit in such characters to dictate Godly affairs; and any member or members of a church listening to or proposing to pacify or satisfy such, resolve themselves into an agent of Satan instead of a servant of Christ. True moral character of a preacher is all they can call in question, and it must be for such turpitude as strips him of the habilaments God has clothed him in, or with, as a minister of the gospel. Here is where the "good report" of them that are "without" comes in. Let this not be forgotten.

11. A church can appoint a committee to look after getting a preacher for it when it is without one and not until then on the principle stated, the prerogative of such a committee being to ascertain the possibilities to the end stated and report the results to the church for its action in calling or not by "lot" or ballot, that being the Bible way to determine questions to destroy the influence of man on man, by the speech-making usually indulged in pro and con on such occasions, against the will of the Spirit in each and every member for themselves.

12. No church can appoint a committee to call a preacher. That would be church delegation over, church messenger, in violation of the fundamental principles of the Bible faith. And in every case, in calling a preacher, whether directly, or through a committee, as stated, every church should consider the real prompting, whether the impulse be of God or not, that he might ratify the act with the bountifulness of his blessings in all the services of the church.

These principles still every mouth, preacher and members, into quiet and humble submission to the divine will, as presented to the world in the son of God. Those who won't obey him are not worthy to name his name as followers of him. If they are cut out, preserved, read in the conferences of such occasions and obeyed, they will be found a clear receipt against further troubles in this regard. Try it, all the churches.

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We have received from D. Appleton & Co., New York, "The Man Roosevelt," a portrait sketch by Francis E. Leupp. It is not a biography, and yet it is an interesting story of one who is now the President of the United States. Mr. Leupp fails to understand the South's position in regard to the negro, and makes a lame apology for the President's disregard of the views of Southerners. Mr. Roosevelt, still being a young man, may yet learn that the best way to help the negro will be to let him know that his future largely depends upon the favor of the Southern white. It is a question needing wise statesmanship and much Christian forbearance. We sincerely pray that Mr. Roosevelt will respect the feelings of the ruling class and not give them cause for needless irritation against the weaker class. We differ with Mr. Roosevelt on many questions, and yet as the head of a great nation his life

can be studied with profit, for it has been truly a "strenuous" one, and he well says:

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day came Lena M. Eargle, guardian of
the estate of Eugene Methvin, minor, and
filed his account, vouchers, evidences and
statement for a final settlement of the
same.
It is ordered that the 14th day of July,
1904, be appointed a day for making such
settlement at which time all parties in
interest can appear and contest the same
if they think proper.
J. P. Stiles,
Judge of Probate.

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The great B. Y. P. U. Convention
will meet in Detroit July 7-10. Our
State should be well represented. Just
think of it! Alabama is the B. Y. P. U.
State of the South, few if any
States within the bounds of the S. B.
Convention have been so highly honor-
ed. For the past eight and present
year the President of the B. Y. P. U.
of the S. B. C. has been selected from
Alabama—Dr. L. O. Dawson of Tusca-
loosa. The Treasurer, Hon. W. R.
Phillips, is an Alabamian, and as for
the Executive Board, well, we just
captured the whole of it

To be sure we must be well represent-
ed at Detroit. We want some one to re-
spond to "Roll-Call and Salutation of
Flags" for Alabama in a brief speech.
Who will do this? Let me know at once
those that are going and who will re-
present Alabama.

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THE PLACE OF MEETING.

The Light Guard Armory at the cor-
ner of Larned and Brush Streets, has
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It is located near railroad stations,
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lines of street cars. It will seat four
thousand people, and is provided with
every convenience for the comfort of
the thousands who may attend. There
are rest rooms, committee rooms, check
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supplies for young people's societies.
The hall is compact, has good acoustic
properties, is provided with ample facili-
ties for ingress and egress. The audi-
torium is approached by broad and easy
stairways, and is far enough from the
noise of street cars to insure quiet.
There are several auditoriums in close
proximity to the Convention Hall which
may be used for overflow meetings.

LET EVERYBODY SING.

The music of the Convention this
year will be in charge of Mr. George
M. Robinson, who for the past three
years has had charge of the music of
the Michigan Baptist Assembly at Or-
chard Lake and Lake Orion.

Arrangements are being completed
for a chorus organization of 600 voices,
which lead the singing of the Con-
vention. This year we hope to have the
Convention proper do more of the sing-
ing than heretofore. There is nothing
more inspiring than to have a great
convention of thousands of voices enter
into the singing with the same spirit
and enthusiasm as the chorus, and so
the motto of the committee this year is:
"Let Everybody Sing."

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

The Detroit Convention will be
strongly evangelistic. Wednesday even-
ing preceding the convention proper,
there will be a great meeting at the Ar-
mory, led by Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D.,
of Boston. Then at noon of each
day of the convention evangelistic
bands will hold shop meetings at the
great industrial concerns in Detroit.
Announcements will be made at the
proper time. Rev. Herman Burns is
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tee, having this important work in
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tels or ride out into the fragrant air of
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the sun shines upon.

DON'TS.

- Don't let your B. Y. P. U. go into
summer quarters.
- Don't be late at your meetings.
- Don't allow the services to drag.
- Don't refuse to lead when appointed.
- Don't be a drone.
- Don't "Rule or Ruin."
- Don't fail to put life in the service.
- Don't fail to be a missionary union.
- Don't say I can't, but I'll try.
- Don't forget to pray.

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AT 6.95 Linen Etamine—real Irish fibre. Flaked. The waist is blousey—full as you please. Double rows of white hand-made medallions over front. Stock collar with a single large pearl button at front. Straps over shoulders; full wide sleeves. Plain wide flaring skirt; stitched bands over hips. Sky blue, China blue and Champagne.

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