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Birmingham Notes

Rev. E. Lee Smith preached morning and evening at Wylam.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson preached morning and night at the First Church.

Rev. G. W. Smith preached at Gate City and Wahouma to attentive audiences.

Rev. W. R. Adams supplied for Bro. P. C. Barkley at Jonesboro. One received for baptism.

Rev. T. M. West was at Sloss Mines Sunday where the work improves and all feel encouraged.

Dr. Crumpton preached a missionary sermon in the morning at East Lake. One addition to the church.

Pastor L. M. Bradley, First Church, Avondale, held his regular services and received one and baptized one.

Bro. J. A. Beal had well attended services at "Station A." Thy interest and work at this point grows right along.

Pastor Provence at Ensley spoke on "The Good Samaritan" in the morning and joined in the union service at night.

At Woodlawn Dr. Blackwelder talked to his people on "Expectation the Limit of Attainment," and "Jesus our Helper."

Rev. J. O. Colley had his usual good services at West End and a steady increase in interest and attendance all along the line.

At the Ministers' Conference Rev. B. G. F. Stoval read a paper on "The Mission Means and Methods of Baptist," that provoked more discussion than has been had in a long time.

At East Thomas this week a gospel tent meeting is going on under the direction of Bro. G. W. Smith, assisted by Bro. J. W. Partridge, who is doing some fine preaching. Interest is good and growing.

Bro. L. T. Reeves reports a good meeting at East Birmingham just closed with six received for baptism and three by letter. The preaching done by Revs. A. C. Swindall and W. R. Adams was fine.

Their meeting house will be completed at once and dedicated immediately after. Brother Reeves resigned as pastor to accept a call to Cullman.



BUSH DORMITORY, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, EVERGREEN, ALA.



GIRLS' COTTAGE, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, EVERGREEN, ALA.



THOMAS J. SCOTT COTTAGE, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, EVERGREEN, ALA.

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Fountain Heights church had regular services by pastor Walter S. Brown.

Rev. J. W. Partridge has just closed a good revival at Virginia City, assisting Rev. C. S. Lovingood, where twenty-eight were added, nineteen by baptism. He preached at Gate City and at East Thomas Sunday, where a protracted meeting begins.

Rev. J. W. Sandlin has not yet accepted any regular charge, as our reference to him might lead some to suppose. He is just from the Seminary, where he has been preparing himself for better service as he thinks. From our acquaintance with him we heartily commend him.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray spent two days with Dr. Shelburne at a Baptist Rally at Ashville and supplied for the Bessemer pastor at both hours. In the afternoon was at the Pipe Shops with Brother Sandlin, who for two weeks has been assisting Bro. D. W. Morgan in a tent meeting. Brothers West, Gavin and others have helped. It is probable a church will grow out of this work soon, and the old building at Bessemer may be given for this place. Before another year the Bessemer saints hope to be in their new building.

We beg to extend to Dr. W. A. Hobson, of Jacksonville, Fla., our tenderest sympathies in the awful sorrow that has come to his heart and home. On the 16th inst. he and his family were taking an airing in the automobile, which loving friends sometime since gave him, and in attempting to avoid a rapidly approaching street car, the automobile was made to swerve aside quite suddenly, when his little girl, six years of age, was thrown out and directly under the wheels of the approaching car. She was crushed to death, the body being dreadfully mangled. May the God of all grace comfort the hearts of the parents in this, their hour of inexpressible sorrow. We know that many hearts all over our land will bear them up in petitions to the throne of grace, for wherever Brother Hobson is known he is loved.

The above from the Christian Index fittingly states the accident and expresses our feelings. Brother Hobson was the former pastor at East Lake and everywhere is much loved and deeply sympathized with by all in the loss of sweet little Mary Kate.

OUR SERMON.

A Duel by Types; or the Victorious Name.

Text, 1 Samuel 17: 45: "Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword, with a spear and with a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel."

When we read our histories, we read of war, war, war. It would seem, from these records, that the nations that have lived and that are living had naught to do but to fight and flourish or die.

All great nations have had, at some time in their histories, fierce struggles for the maintenance of right; for conquest, or for glory—if glory can be attached to bloodshed. So the chosen nation of Jehovah, having passed from bondage, through trials and sorrows and hardships, to the Land of Promise, are now seeking to subdue that land for themselves. They cannot make peace with the inhabitants, for God had said they should be driven out.

The laws and the symbols had been given to Israel to keep them in the thought that they were "the peculiar treasure" of God—totally separate from the nations about them; hence no compromise could be made with the people who occupied the chosen ground for Israel's race. Therefore, we are brought, in their history, to the incident from which we shall seek, under the guidance of God's Spirit, to draw some lesson for ourselves. It shall be to us a lesson of types, yet a lesson that shall, if we pursue it in a humble, earnest, truth-seeking spirit, give us some hint on the conduct of spiritual warfare.

1. Consider, then, the Opponents and the interest they represent.

The scene of battle is laid in one of the vales of Judah, in the southern part of Western Palestine. The army of the Philistines are encamped upon one mountain and Israel is upon one opposite; the battle field is in the valley between them.

It will be interesting to note, by the way, that Israel is from the loins of Shem and the Philistines from Ham, brothers and sons of Noah. We must not however, become possessed of the idea that this was a house divided against itself, for the house divided against itself is like fighting like,—evil combating evil, good fighting good; but here we have legitimate and righteous war. Notice,

Israel nestling upon the mountain the living God. A youth clean and strong, fair and ruddy, and favored of God; knowing how to fold the flock, to defend it from wild beasts and how to lead it into pastures green and to the clear limpid streams. A young man who communed with Nature and with God as he went hither and thither over the pasture lands of Judea.

Israel is nestling upon the mountain side, fearful and trembling. They want a leader, a champion, a man of valor to do mighty deeds before their eyes for their encouragement. And is there not

one voice to cry aloud to them, "O, ye of little faith, why are ye fearful?" Look, Israel! Here is your champion. This stripling! Why do you mock us? Give us a leader, a man! Nay, nay, but I tell you he is your champion. He shall do valiantly on the day of battle, "that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

2. Goliath, representing the Philistines, is a towering specimen of humanity. Israel thought that in Saul they had the finest and largest specimen of manhood in all the land, he being "head and shoulders above them all."

Looking upon the extraordinarily tall man of today, we find him measuring not over six and a half feet, if that much. Giving Saul the full margin of head

together again in their own land, the prophets told them of a King to come. They looked for Him and expected Him. Of course, the advent of a new kingdom into the world would bring forth opposition, and so it was not expected that the kingdom of heaven should have an easy time. So we have

1. David as a type of the coming King. Speaking of him thus we mean to say that he is the type of all that is good and pure and true; for David being a type of Christ, the King, is also a type of the followers of that King—Christians.

Oh, that I might pull the veil from before human understanding and conception and present the Christ as He is! It seems to me that men and women, if they realize fully the privilege of following such a leader, would, as did the fishermen of Galilee's Lake, forsake all—drop every tie, every ambition,

the enemy of the ruler of the kingdom of heaven. As this kingdom represents all that is pure, holy, lovely and good, so its enemies represent all that is unholy, untrue, impure and unlovely. The ruler of the nether kingdom, typified by Goliath, is the devil, and as the weapons of warfare on the side of Jesus are spiritual, so the weapons of the devil are carnal. See how boldly the giant comes out before God's people, boasting that he will give the bones of their companion to the buzzards to pick. Hear him ask if David expects to do much with his little shepherd's stick. Now listen for the reply of the dauntless youth: "Thou comest to me with sword, with spear and with a javelin, but I come to thee in the NAME of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel." You are loaded down with the weapons of carnality—visible weapons—but I shall fight you in the conquering Name.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear;
It sooths his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

Is there no other lesson that we, as individuals or as a people, are to learn? Shall we go further into this strange conflict for some guiding principle for our individual lives? Let us look for a lesson in the

III. Conflict between the Antitypes—In the study of these apparently unequalled combatants as types, we find in them a prefiguration of the conflict between two kingdoms. David, the champion of Israel's cause, is a type of Christ and His kingdom. Goliath, with the Philistines, is a type of Satan, his subjects and the evil they put forth in the world for the destruction of the everlasting happiness of the human race.

The war is on between the Antitypes. Men and women, today, must ally themselves on one side or the other. Perhaps a large number are allied on the side of Satan, but it will not be counted treachery for them to desert and join the army of the living God.

Some one has said that "a holy war is better than the peace of the devil's palace;" and no sooner does Christ enter the human heart than war is declared between the carnal and the spiritual man, and it is only by the grace of God that the spirit wins.

This conflict was foretold by God in the garden, when enmity was declared to be established between the seed of the woman and the serpent. When Christ came to establish His kingdom, the first outward manifestation that the devil made was soon after the birth of the Son of God. Herod was the tool in his hand, but since the Babe escaped he found that he was dealing with no small personage. The real conflict began when the devil began to tempt Christ; and when his last temptation was resisted—the temptation to take the kingdoms of the world in recognition of his Satanic majesty—the words of the Son of God, "Get thee behind me, Satan; thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, as it is written, and Him only shalt thou serve," as a mandate of the

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By Rev. O. T. Moncrief,
of Georgia.



REV. O. T. MONCRIEF, OF GEORGIA.

An Eloquent Young Preacher with a Promising Future.

and shoulders, we have probably a little more than seven and one-half feet tall. The record says that Goliath was six cubits and a span high. A span, according to the Talmud's table of measurement, is nearly eleven inches, and two spans make one cubit, or nearly twenty-two inches; further calculation would reveal to us a giant nearly twelve feet high—at least four feet taller than Saul, and about twice as high as David and proportionately built. No wonder Israel was frightened, you say. And yet, God was still the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and their children; and one, even though he be but a stripling, with God is a majority, though the whole host of Philistine assail.

2. Consider the Opponents as Types.

The type must prefigure something to come. That for which Israel had been looking, hundreds of years later, was the kingdom of God and the King. After they had been scattered and almost destroyed, as a nation, and had come

thought of self, every idea and deed for self-aggrandizement,—and go after Him, who came to conquer the world and His enemies.

David is a type of Jesus, in his innocence. He was a guileless youth, fresh from the hills of Bethlehem that day; and might he not be a type even in this, that years later Israel's deliverer came from Bethlehem. And as Israel cried that day for a deliverer, to rid them of their dreaded enemy, so the world had been crying, and cried afterwards for one to deliver it from sin. And so individual souls cry today, when in the presence of their enemy, sin, as revealed to them by the Holy Spirit—

"Oh hear my cry, be gracious now to me;

Come, great Deliverer, come.
My soul, bowed down, is longing now for Thee,

Come, great Deliverer, come!"

2. The Philistine giant, a type of

CORRESPONDENCE

Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama.

While on a visit to our orphans home last Friends Day, on the occasion of the dedication of our new buildings, it occurred to me that a great many of our people would be surprised if they knew the size of this helpful institution, and would be glad to learn about the buildings in detail.

THE LOCATION.

Our home for orphans and widows is located at Evergreen, the county seat of Conecuh county, on the L. and N. railroad about eighty miles south of Montgomery. This section is lower than some others in the State; but the town is built on series of hills and having good water and drainage seems quite healthy. Theories about the lack of healthfulness of the place may be held by some; but on the day I was there out of more than a hundred children there was not a single one sick. 'Twould be a rather difficult matter to find one hundred children all well at one time in many sections of the State.

THE HOME ITSELF

is located on a splendid plat of eighty acres of land in the edge of the town, close enough to enjoy all its privileges, and out far enough to have quiet for the children to study and work undisturbed.

The property fronts on one of the streets perhaps three hundred yards. This frontage will afford splendid building facilities, and room has been wisely reserved for growth.

OUR PLANT.

Entering the grounds one first comes to the old Y. M. Rabb residence which together with the eighty acres attached was purchased in November, 1893. This building is now called the

GIRL'S COTTAGE,

and is 64x80 feet, two stories high, with an attic for storage. The body of this substantial building was erected before the war at a reputed cost of \$8,000, and since being occupied by the orphans has been renovated and added to, providing a dining room, kitchen, store room, bath rooms and six bed rooms at an additional cost of \$4,000.

This building is presided over by **MRS. MARY E. GARRETT** who came from Scottsboro nearly two years ago and who, by her genius for practical affairs, has not only cheapened the cost of living, but has improved the quality of food and given an atmosphere of orderliness to the whole Home which is most helpful to the growing life therein. Among the larger girls she keeps constantly trained six or eight leading cooks and their helpers who do the work by turns.

Mrs. Garrett is not only matron for this building, but is house keeper for all the others, as the entire family take their meals at the Girls' Cottage.

The building will accommodate by a little crowding about fifty girls. There are now forty-three, and all seem contented and happy.

Looking across the grounds one sees a lot of children, and going there he finds the

SCOTT BABY COTTAGE,

which was made possible by a generous donation in September, 1902, of the Scott Brothers of Montgomery as a memorial to their father, Mr. T. J. Scott. It is 32x40 feet, with one story, basement and attic, and is well adapted for the use intended. However, it will need by winter a furnace for heating and ought to have its own kitchen and dining room so that the little tots would not have to go out to the Girls' Cottage for their meals in the bad weather. The money for this needed improvement is lacking at the present, but will surely be forthcoming in time. This building was begun in September, 1902, and in about one hundred

It has two wards, one for boys and one for girls, one in each end of the building, 24x34 feet; also light, individual rooms for children when they have contagious diseases. The building has not been used a great deal, but when needed it has been indispensable. The building sadly needs a heating plant, furnishings for one more bath room, a medical dispensary and more beds for the unfurnished ward. A striking feature about this building is that every brick out of which it was constructed was made on the premises. It is now occupied by

MRS. IOLA FENN,

the nurse, her four children and two helpers. At the time of the writer's visit there was an old woman stricken with an incurable disease who was being cared for until her release.

Down under the hill from the Baby Cottage is a commodious

BARN

84x34 feet in the main building, and an



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORENCE, ALABAMA.

days the family was moving into it.

The presiding genius of this place, made attractive by the presence of twenty-six babies, is

MRS. MOLLIE JONES.

the widow of an Alabama Baptist preacher. Together with her two bright but frail children she came to the Home in 1893, and has mothered her large family in a most helpful way, though at times she had so many children that she did not know what to do.

Just to the left of the Baby Cottage, back in a quiet nook amid the softly sighing pines stands the

SANITORIUM,

a noble one-story building 101x34 feet, made possible by the generosity of the citizens of Evergreen and the splendid subscription of the Convention held at Tuscaloosa. Begun in the summer of 1902 it was by winter completed sufficiently for occupancy by a part of the family who were well, but like the Savior, had no place to lay their heads.

It will accommodate twenty-five patients, besides nurses and attendants.

annex 48x46 feet, which was built in the summer of 1903 by squeezing the current expense account. It has capacity for twenty-three cows, four horses, one thousand bushels of hay and forty tons of hay, also has sheds for a herd of dry cattle, wagons, etc.

There are now in the Barn fourteen milk cows, sixteen head of dry cattle, two mules, two horses and twenty hogs. This is a substantial building and well suited for the use to which it is put.

Fronting the street and about three hundred feet from the Girls' Cottage stands the most beautiful and imposing building on all the grounds—the

BUSH BOYS' DORMITORY.

In 1901, seeing the great need of a building for the boys, that noble hearted layman, Mr. J. C. Bush, of Mobile, made a generous gift of \$3,500 which enabled those in charge to erect the handsome building which now very properly bears his name. The building was commenced in 1901 and built in part out of brick made on the premises, and completed this year. It

is 60x54 feet, two stories, with basement and attic, which latter has been fitted up for a school room, as the Home has none at the present. The building cost about \$7,000, but is easily worth more. It is under the immediate charge of the able superintendent, Mr. J. D. Pittman, but the two devoted teachers, the Misses Stitt and Dunklee, live in the building, and there are also three girls who help with the domestic work. These, together with the twenty-six boys and Mr. Haygood, the farmer, make up this interesting household.

Besides these splendid buildings there is, just back of the Girls' Cottage, the Old Kitchen, now used for washing and ironing, and on almost any Tuesday the yard back of it will be full of clean, white clothes which have been washed the day before. Also the workshop in which is the printing press and the ground floor for storage.

THE FARM

consists of eighty acres of fine sandy loam suitable for truck farming. About half of it is practically level, the other is rolling. The work on the farm is done mostly by the larger boys under the superintendence of Mr. Hagood, and they raise fine quantities of all kinds of vegetables—also oats and other feed stuff.

In looking over the buildings and grounds one is astonished that such a great institution could have grown from the small beginning it had—three children and one matron in an old dilapidated house, in something like ten years.

Surely the hand of the Lord has been upon the sometimes blunt, but always faithful steward, and the dear old saint, Mrs. Ansley, who shared his early toils and struggles.

I have not space to write as I would like to do of all the faithful workers in the Home and will close this article by making a few suggestions and recounting some of their

NEEDS.

1. In the vacant space between the Girls' Cottage and Bush Boys' Dormitory a

MAN'S BUILDING,

to be named after the one into whose heart the Lord shall put the suggestion to make it possible, in which shall be the central dining room, the school room, an audience room, and executive offices, for all of which there are now only temporary quarters.

2. The proper equipment for the Sanitorium.

3. Dining room and kitchen, and heating apparatus for the Scotts Baby Cottage.

4. In view of the fact that this family will possibly grow to five hundred in the coming years, adjoining land in good large quantities ought to be purchased.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. As the growth has been rapid, necessarily the growing pains have produced some angular effects and crudities; but we are laying a good foundation. Taken altogether, perhaps the wisest thing has been done all along under all the circumstances.

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Correspondence.

Brother Crumpton on the Birmingham Situation.

I am glad Brother Dickinson has given us the facts about the Baptists in the city of Birmingham. It is a sad showing for our people, if the figures are correct.

Among the causes assigned, Brother Dickinson could have added: The failure of the big churches to send out colonies. In all our big cities that stands in the way of growth. As we multiply our places of assembly, we reach the people; and we will never do it by concentrating in the great centers where three-fourths of the members are idlers. Swarm! swarm! swarm! ought to be the cry of the pastors at the head of the great churches. We can't compel it, but it can be encouraged.

But I took up this matter to say a word in reply to Brother Dickinson's second reason. (See last week's paper.)

I want to say in reply: nearly all the mission work ever done in Birmingham district was at the suggestion of the Executive Committee of the Birmingham Association. The pastors of the two city churches are members of the said committee. Now and then the missionary in charge has suggested changes in men and fields to the Corresponding Secretary and the changes have been made, upon the idea that the brother had the mind of the committee before the suggestion was made.

If the city churches will establish missions at suitable places and get the work under headway, the boards are ready to help when the burden becomes too great for the church to bear. The church should take the initiative.

The State Board and the Home Board have helped Birmingham liberally from the beginning. I will not stop to make the investigation, but I am quite certain that more money is paid into the Birmingham district than comes to the Board. I do not complain at this.

The Executive Committee, of which Brother Dickinson is a prominent member, has the distribution of it all.

The present missionary, Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, will do everything in his power for the city proper, if the Baptists there will give him their support. The organization of the North Highlands Church, in the city limits, is the direct result of his labors.

Before the year closes there should be two more churches organized. This will be done if the pastors of the two city churches are willing to do it.

Put the State and Home Boards down for Birmingham all the time.

W. B. Crumpton.

The Literary History of the Baptists.

At the American Baptist Historical Society held at Cleveland, Ohio, during the Baptist anniversaries the Examiner says:

"The address was delivered by Rev. Kerr Boyce-Tupper, D. D., pastor of

the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, perhaps the most heavily endowed church in the country, with one of the finest houses of worship. His subject was "The Literary History of the Baptists," and he reviewed the various fields of literature in which Baptist scholars and writers have been prominent. In Bible translation and exegesis, he said the Baptists have had special place, and even before the publication of Luther's Bible Denck and Haetzer in 1526, made a fine translation of a part of the Old Testament. William Carey translated the Bible into 18 dialects and languages. Judson, Nathan, Brown and many others had put the Bible into the hands of Burmans and Karens and a score of peoples. These missionaries had also published grammars and dictionaries and created the literary languages in many cases. In sermon literature Baptists have not been so conspicuous, yet the most widely circulated book on preaching is by a Baptist, Dr. Broadus. And what preachers were Spurgeon, Christmas Evans, Robert Hall, Clifford and Maclaren. In distinctively theological and polemical literature the denomination holds a commendable place. The first modern treatise on religious liberty was the production of a Baptist, Leonard Busher. In historical research not much has been done. Men of strong intellect are needed to search the libraries of Europe and America and give us a scholarly and satisfactory history of Baptist achievements. In secular literature also Baptists have a creditable rank, which will be raised in future.

Dr. Tupper's address charmed his audience, showing most thorough preparation and perfect command of the whole field of Baptist literature."

It does us good to know that our denomination has given to the world so many good preachers, consecrated missionaries and able scholars, and Dr. Tupper is to be congratulated for gathering and disseminating the data. Dr. Tupper is well known in Birmingham, having frequently visited Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, our beloved missionary worker who has done so much to interest the women of Alabama in the cause of missions and who each month pleases the young readers of the Alabama Baptist with a page conducted for the "Sunbeams."

Frank Willis Barnett.

Concerning the Negro Work.

A few words to the brethren concerning the work now entrusted to me. As announced by Dr. Gray, I have become Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board. While it is contemplated that the field secretary shall supplement the efforts of Dr. Gray and advance the general interests of home missions in every way possible, his work is to have special reference to the larger efforts for the evangelization of the negroes. He comes to this work with confidence as to its fruitfulness and as to the support that he is to receive from his brethren, who have always been unflinching in their kindness to him personally and in their loyalty to every interest committed to him.

There are some things on which all of

us are well agreed. One is, that our negro brethren have made very gratifying progress in their religious and church life. In the language of Dr. Broadus, at Nashville in 1893, "The negro has done a great deal better than we might have expected under all of the circumstances." So true is this that a good brother recently cited the character of the negro ministry, the quality of the negro meeting house, and the state of the negro churches of his town as in his mind good and sufficient reasons why we ought not to undertake further help to the negro. There are many conspicuous examples of the negro's decided advancement in every phase of life, industrial, intellectual and religious. But over against this is the second fact on which all thoughtful men must agree. Our "brother in black" is yet in great need of the most intelligent and sympathetic help from us who in many ways have been more favored than he. No thoughtful person will allow the conspicuous examples of the negro's progress to obscure the fact that, in the great mass of negroes, hundreds of thousands are yet unchristianized, and that of the negro Christians hundreds of thousands are yet far below the plane of intelligent, well rounded Christian character. The lost among them must be saved, and the saved must be cultured and developed in Christian character. A third thing that is manifested is, that owing to civic and industrial conditions past and present, this work is attended by some difficulty, such difficulty, perhaps, as does not attend any other phase of Christian missions as conducted by Southern Baptists. But loyal Christians, particularly Baptists, do not allow difficulties to deter them from doing their Master's expressed will. And in this work, whatever the difficulty our orders are imperative; our duty plain.

It is the purpose of the Board to move as discreetly and wisely as the Lord shall enable us to do. The plan of work will in a general way embody the following points: (1) The effort will be limited to evangelization in distinction to education, leaving education to the Home Mission Society of New York, which has done and is doing so important and fruitful work in that field. (2) The work will be done through well equipped pious negro preachers, in whose support our white brethren will share with the negro brethren. (3) Bible conferences will be held in which the best available talent both white and black will be brought under tribute for the benefit, both of negro preachers and laymen. (4) It is hoped that the work may ultimately result in a closer and more sympathetic relation between the white and negro pastors and the white and negro churches in each community.

While the work may be broadly outlined as above, plans for so important a work cannot be wrought out in detail in a day. We are thinking and praying and counselling with our brethren. We shall move forward as the Lord may be pleased to give light and leading. The Board and the Secretary will welcome

any suggestion that any brother has to make. Such communications may be addressed to me at Little Rock, Ark., and shall receive careful and respectful consideration. The secretary will visit, not only the meetings of the white brethren, both local and general, that he may put the work on their hearts, but also the negro meetings so that he may do directly a work among them, and also incidentally that he may be able to give intelligent advice about the selection of missionaries.

Personally I may say that my acquaintance and relation with the leading negro Baptists, both in my own State and in the National Baptist Convention are close and intimate, such I feel sure, as to guarantee to me the fullest co-operation and support from the negroes. This, I take it, will be a point of vantage ground. From my white brethren I am sure I may expect unflinching sympathy and support as we move forward planning and prosecuting in this delicate work as the Lord shall lead us. From time to time both through the Baptist press and by personal visits and word of mouth I shall hope to communicate with the brethren concerning the work and to lay the burden of it upon their hearts as the Lord shall lay it upon my own and shall give me grace and power to do.

A. J. Barton,
Field Secretary.

Little Rock, Ark.

Two Important Announcements.

1. By agreement with the other two Boards and the Woman's Missionary Union, we will not provide this year any Missionary Day programs for September. It is understood that the Home Mission Board will make a special appeal in that month, just as the Foreign Board did in the early spring, and just as the Sunday school Board is doing for its Bible work on Children's Day in June, and from which we hope for large returns.

2. We are having frequent inquiries and even orders for the Baptist Hymn and Praise Book which is to be published by the Sunday School Board. The plates are now being made, and the book will be ready by the early fall. We will publish later a full description of the book, and will then be able to name the price. There is every promise that it will be a great book, and will meet the needs and demands of our people.

J. M. Frost.

Nashville, Tenn.

Convention Railroad Rates.

The railroads will sell tickets from points in Alabama to delegates to the State Convention at Anniston upon the following conditions:

1. Persons paying full tariff fare going to meeting for which rates are arranged and who hold certificates of the standard form properly executed and stamped by the agents at the starting points, will be sold tickets for the return journey at one-third of the first-class limited fare, plus twenty-five cents, via the routes traveled in going

to place of meeting, as specified on the certificates.

2. Each person desiring to avail himself of the reduced rate must purchase a first-class ticket to the place of meeting at the regular tariff rate, and at the same time procure from the ticket agent a certificate of the standard form properly executed and stamped by said agent. If a through ticket cannot be procured at starting point the person should purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained and there repurchase through to the place of meeting, procuring a standard certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased, and presenting all of the certificates to the special agent at place of meeting.

3. It is absolutely necessary that certificates be procured indicating that full fare has been paid for going passage and also indicating the routes traveled in going to the places of meeting. No refund of fare can be expected because of failure to secure such certificate.

4. No certificate will be honored for reduced fare returning which evidences that less than seventy-five (75) cents was paid for the going journey.

5. No certificate will be honored which was procured from the agent at starting point more than three days prior to the date fixed for the commencement of the meeting (Sunday not included.)

6. No certificate will be honored which shows the purchase of a ticket for the going journey more than two days after the date fixed for the commencement of the meeting.

7. No certificate will be honored unless presented during the time the meeting is in session, or within three days (Sunday not included) after the date fixed for the adjournment of the meeting.

8. The ticket for the return will be limited to continuous passage by the first train leaving the place of meeting after purchase.

9. Certificates will not be honored by conductors. They must be presented to ticket agents.

10. Neither certificates nor tickets furnished on account of the meeting are transferable, and if presented by any other persons than the original purchaser they will not be honored but will be forfeited.

Wm. A. Davis, Secretary.
Anniston, Ala.

Montgomery Notes.

Congratulations dear brother editor on being able to make that trip to St. Louis and the Pacific slope; wish I could have been with you; but I can only dream of such a thing and learn "to labor and to wait," and as all things come to him who waits, maybe one of these days, when I get as young as you, I can go there too. May you be spared to hold aloft the banner of the Alabama Baptist for many years to come.

OUR CHURCHES.

The old First, after adopting the plan for their future house of worship, are now busy examining stone and marble,

pictures and materials, making haste slowly before giving out the contract for building. Dr. Stakely has now only one service on Sunday, but gives his people, as usual, good solid food at that service. He is now absent in Loudensboro, aiding pastor W. J. Elliott in a meeting.

At Adams St. we have two services on Sunday still, but at night the pastor has been answering questions (previously propounded) on church history, Christian doctrine and Christian living. We are now rejoicing that the pavement has at last been completed on Adams street, and that steps are on foot to condemn the southern portion of the square on which the capitol stands, with the view of making needed improvements to that building, and perhaps of erecting thereon a gubernatorial mansion. This will mean much to our cause in East Montgomery.

The ladies of Adams Street Church, residing in Highland Park, have for the past two months had a Sunday school meeting in the afternoon, under the superintendency of Mrs. Gregory. They have no desire to sever their

and Capt. Faulkner was happy and we rejoiced with him. In the face of great difficulties he conceived the plan, gave the land, matured the plans, pressed them to fruition, and now this beautiful spot is adorned with ten modern and attractive homes for veterans, and a hospital. The old soldiers are well cared for and are happy. Our brother A. J. Brooks is the commandant; we call him "Sunday School Brooks" down this way. He can not live without a Sunday school and so he has one here for the veterans and the people of the surrounding country.

A veteran's repast of camp stew, barbecued lamb and pork, and other good things was served. There was no respect of persons that day in that place, the Governor of the State was cheek by jowl with a fellow who was nothing but a private all through the war; all had things in common. The people of Alabama little realize the great work that Captain Falkner, aided by his sympathetic wife, have done in two years in this place.

There was no set program, but splen-

beautified by a splendid job of painting. The interior of the church likewise has been grained, papered, and decorated by one of the leading decorating firms of Birmingham, and a beautiful unique baptistry has been put in, as a gift of the consecrated women of the church.

Upon the completion of these improvements, the Sunday school decided to celebrate the reopening of the church with a rally. A special service and special music were prepared, and it was a day of great-rejoicing and thanksgiving. The climax of the day came, however, at the eleven o'clock hour, when Dr. George B. Eager, of Louisville, preached a tender and refreshing sermon upon "The constructive Work of the Christ." It was a message of instruction and power, and awakened the dormant gratitude of many a heart. An enthusiastic collection, amounting to \$900.00, was then taken to help defray the expense of the improvements.

The superintendent was delighted, the pastor was happy, the Sunday school was enthusiastic and the entire congregation was stirred by a profound sense of gratitude which lifted every soul heavenward, and filled every heart with truest devotion.

PICKED PARAGRAPHS.

A piece of skin cut from a human body will show signs of life for ten days after separation. This discovery is important in connection with the grafting of new skin over a damaged part of the body.

Another million sterling has been given by Andrew Carnegie to stimulate scientific research among Scotchmen. The amount of fellowship offered will be ample for adequate study, but not large enough to induce the holders to cling to them in order to make a livelihood.

Antiseptic shaving is beginning to be featured in certain barber-shops of our own and other countries. Razor, soap, brush, towels—even the finger tips of the barber—are either sterilized or disinfected.

The botanical papers report that De Vries, the great Dutch experimental evolutionist, has by long-continued selection produced a variety of clover which has normally four leaves.

The paper windows of Japan are said to be of great sanitary value. Air passes through the paper quite freely, ventilating the room, but ninety-seven percent of the bacteria of the air are excluded.

The mysterious "sleeping sickness" of West Africa, which has been the subject of late scientific investigation, proves to be a form of meningitis, differing from cerebro-spinal meningitis in its chronic and almost invariably fatal character. It is classed with hydrophobia as one of the most deadly diseases known. It is communicated from person to person in some unknown way, beginning with slight listlessness, which passes into coma, and then into death, its duration being from one to six months.



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connection with our church, but need and ought to have a place where a Sunday school and occasional services may be held.

Southside Church is rejoicing in the coming of their new pastor, Rev. A. Y. Napier, who did such good work at Auburn. All the other Baptist churches in Montgomery closed Sunday night and united in a welcome service. Dr. Crumpton presided felicitously. The Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. J. H. Sams. Short addresses were made by Rev. E. C. Moore of the Methodist Church and pastor Stakely and Gregory, to which pastor Napier happily responded. It was a pleasant and profitable occasion.

Rev. J. H. Sams is acceptably "holding the fort" at Clayton Street Church until the pastor elect, J. W. O'Hara, will arrive on the first Sunday in August. We wait his coming with gladness.

THE SOLDIER'S HOME.

An event of the past week was the visit to the Confederate Home at Mountain Creek by Camp Jeff Faulker and invited guests. It was an ideal day,

did speeches were made by Hon. B. H. Screws, Governor Cunningham and the Mayor of New Decatur; and "a few feeble remarks" were offered by your scribe, which produced a "rain of silver." God bless the old soldiers, and their friend and benefactor, Capt. Falkner. O. F. Gregory.

July 4, 1904.

Sunday School Rally.

That was a great day the Florence Baptist Sunday school had the first Sunday in June. For several months the First Baptist church has been undergoing repairs. The Sunday school, under the efficient management of Bro. C. W. Ashcraft, has been growing so rapidly for more than a year, that it had become apparent to all that more room must be provided for.

So, in the early spring, when Rev. P. H. Pandey accepted a call to the pastorate of the church, the brethren decided to celebrate his coming by beginning work upon some much needed improvements. A Sunday school annex was built, another vestibule was added, the church was weather-boarded, and

Louise Short Orphans' Home.

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2. In view of the fact that this institution ought to be state wide in its helpfulness and in the sympathy which it receives, would it not be wise either to increase the number of trustees or create an advisory board large enough to have a representative in every section of the State, and ought these not to meet for full counsel twice a year, once, the day before and at the place of meeting of our State Convention, and once, say in January, at the Home? May God bless and prosper this institution until every needy widow and orphan in the land has food, shelter, clothing and culture.

J. L. Gross.

Selma, Ala., June 3, 1904.

Brother Crumpton's Correspondents.

R. J. Willingham: "Our missionaries are pleading for reinforcements, and if possible we ought to send out at least fifty new missionaries this year to strengthen the work, which is developing so rapidly on the foreign fields. I believe that if we send out these workers, the Lord would wonderfully open the hearts of the brethren and sisters at home to go forward. After the glorious manifestation of His presence and power in Nashville, we ought to try to greatly advance in His name.

"Do you not think that Alabama could raise \$25,000 for Foreign Missions this year? I want, if possible, to make that 25 per cent. advance recommended by the Convention, and I believe that Alabama has shown that she can do great things, and that we can count on her to do much more."

T. M. Thomas, Greensboro: "I hardly now how to begin writing this morning, the Lord has been so good to me. I just feel like praising His blessed name continually. Well, perhaps you can guess the secret of my happiness in Him, and that is that He has given me the grace to win in the struggle of becoming a missionary to China. Long since the question of being a missionary was faced, and now that it is settled, and having been appointed a few days ago by our Board in Richmond to the work in China, I am happy in God's leadings."

W. W. Lee: "We organized four Baptist churches in this Association from the middle of April to the middle of May, and the work is improving all along the line. Don't be discouraged about us. We are moving fast.

"May God's grace sustain you in your great but burdensome work. I try to help you by my prayers. God is great and good and He has sent us to this work. Is it not enough that HE sent us?"

A Friend: "I have just read your appeal for help in the Alabama Baptist and am sending you fifty cents for either Home or Foreign Missions; use it as you think best. Am sorry that I can't send more, but this small amount is nearly every cent that I can call my

own. 'Tis not mine, but the Lord's, and I want to use it for His glory. Hope you will be able to raise the desired amount. May God bless you in your great work. Pray for me."

Fred Dennis: "I have your request sent me long ago and I want you to understand that we are pleased to hear from you. I cannot tell the thoughts we have had of you. I would to God that we could have just such men with us. I want you to write to us and encourage us all you can. We are glad to hear from you."

A Freight Conductor, Sunday Runner: "The R. R. boys want a Sunday law like Georgia has, prohibiting freight trains to be run on Sunday, except perishable freight. Now Alabama makes like she cannot get along with a Sunday law, as it would ruin her perishable trade. Georgia handles ten cars of perishable freight to Alabama's one, and they get along O. K. and prosper under a Sunday law. We have 2500 R. R. men in Alabama and 50 per cent. of them have not had a chance, on account of Sunday work, to attend church in ten years.

"We could get this Sunday law if the preachers would help us to get it. It is not necessary for us to run coal and pig iron up and down the road all day Sunday. I beg you to use your great influence over Alabama to have the next legislature pass a Sunday law, so we could attend church and get acquainted with our families on Sunday.

"Thank you in advance for your influence."

W. G. Gregory: "I thank you for all the kind remembrances sent and want to assure you that I am with you and I share with you in anxiety for the cause in Alabama. I have but one more church to visit before the books close. I have reason to rejoice in my field this year so far, yet it is not all that I wanted to do. My churches for Foreign Missions have increased from 50 to over 300 per cent."

R. H. Gilbert: "This collection exceeded my most sanguine expectations. We are all happy over it. There was no high pressure,—just simply preached on Missions and the brethren followed by short talks and the collection sprung up spontaneously."

A. P. Mafors: "May the great Head of the Church send you and all of God's people showers of blessing this year, and that we may all have more of the Spirit of Christ, and hundreds of conversions like unto Zacchaeus', not only the heart but the pocket book. I am trying to get every member of my churches to give something and tell them that Paul told the Corinthians that everyone should give and that none were left out."

B. G. McClelen: "I have been appointed by my church to solicit and collect missionary funds. I started out last Conference to get pledges from our members. I hope to get up the \$30 assessment, our church's prorata, by our

next Association, Wednesday, (Sept. 28, 1904.) Sorry to say that our people have not enough missionary spirit. Whenever they get to believing it is a Christian and religious duty to do more, they will respond more liberally."

T. J. Ray: "I received your letter too late last Sunday to have it in Conference, but had it read Sunday, May 8th, by our pastor, Bro. J. J. Clayton, who preached a very soul-stirring sermon on the cause of missions, then, taking up a hat collection, got the small sum of \$4.80. Our church has never been taught much missions and our people need some education on the subject, but I think we have a whole-souled missionary pastor, for which we feel proud."

T. E. Tucker: "All my churches have more than doubled under the envelope system. I am trying to get our pastors to adopt them."

G. W. McRae: "We are planning to build a pastor's home. We also have some eighty dollars in cash and the brick donated. We also have the lot. I want to start to build by the middle of July if possible. The work is doing nicely and the pastor's salary is some ahead." Have just closed a meeting at Atmore with thirty-six additions. The church is greatly revived; the old divisions seem to be wiped out and the brethren are wanting full time preaching. Brother Wagner of Florida, was with me."

C. C. Winters: "We want to have a great missionary rally in connection with the dedication of our gospel tent. This will take place the fourth Sunday in June including Friday and Saturday before. I have been asked to write you in the name of the Executive Board and ask you to be with us on this occasion. Can you come?"

J. S. Ward: "I will ask you for God's sake to give us call, one to be on a fifth Sunday if it is in your power. We are all out of shape as to mission money and we would like to have you talk to our church on missions. I will do my best and will get all I can."

B. Davie: "Don't you think under the peculiar circumstances that you ought to come down again. We love to hear you preach and I doubt if there is now a spot in Alabama where you could put in an appointment to better advantage. Come."

S. M. Provence: "You can count on us for State Missions. We are not taking high pressure collections, but every Sunday a pile of collection envelopes comes in with contributions for missions, and I keep the subject constantly to the front.

"It is a great joy to us all to know that Alabama came out ahead of her previous record. I congratulate you."

Jno. A. Nabors: "I want to thank you for being the instrument in our getting Brother Gavin. We are delight-

ed with him as far as I have been able to find out."

W. A. Bellamy: "We now have a pretty neat church house right at the depot, so do come to see us sometime. We want to see and hear you. Brother Moncrief preached our dedication sermon last Sunday and a grand sermon it was too. We are glad Brother Foster is here with us and believe he will do a good work. All the people like him and he preaches good sermons. He also has a nice and useful family."

J. G. Lowrey: "I am very anxious for a real revival of religion in each of my churches. I know of no better preparation for it than a genuine missionary awakening. Now I want to have a meeting of this kind, especially at Pine Hill and Linden and want you to be present and assist me; I want to spend a whole day at each place in missionary effort. I will arrange the meeting for all day and try to get everything in readiness and we will sing and pray and give the Lord one day of real service.

"If more of our deacons and laymen could be induced to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, what a blessing it would be to them and the cause of Christ. I am still rejoicing as I think of the glorious meeting in Nashville. I believe one hundred missionaries will go out as a result of that meeting. Brother, won't you stop and help me two days? I know you are busy and pressed with work."

W. N. Huckabee: "Yes, the work is going right along at McWilliams'. They have a fine Sunday school and calculated getting into the church last Sunday. I hope to have the church ready to dedicate by summer. I am just back from Excel. We had the woods literally full of people. Fine attention and good service. There have been six additions this year,—some splendid material."

A. E. Burns: "Our church here is doing beautifully. Our Sunday school is doing the best work in its history and Brother Davie is happy. The church is in good spiritual condition. We received ten Sunday school scholars by experience Sunday and others are interested."

J. H. Wallace: "Reports West End, Phoenix City, clear of debt, the house lit with electric lights and a great revival. That is bringing things to pass."

H. M. Long: "I write to assure you that my heart is with you in your earnest efforts to stimulate your people to send liberal offerings for missions. In my own churches I am doing what I can in the matter. I have my own way of taking collection, which our deacon W. G. Robertson says is the best he ever witnessed.

"I feel much encouraged with the outlook in my large field. I have been fighting sin in general and the whiskey devil in particular, and my churches are standing to me in the fight. I have had the satisfaction of seeing my church here grow in membership about 40 per

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cent. since I took charge last June. I have been preaching the gospel of faith, love and good works, and have seen my church here increase her contribution to objects of benevolence over 100 per cent. Not so much at Gordon, yet she will go beyond her apportionment. For instance, Carrollton was apportioned \$40 for the entire associational year for missions and ministerial education and we have raised \$120 already, with one more quarter to hear from. Pickinsville was apportioned \$25 for the year and in the first three quarters \$41.75 have been raised there. At Gordon we have raised about \$16 in two quarters, it being apportioned \$25 also for the year.

"I write these facts that you may know we are not idle, and with the hope that you may take encouragement therefrom. I have about 125 members in all my churches and besides the pastor's salary, which is paid promptly every month, and besides other home expenses, they have contributed thus far for missions and education, since our Association, something over \$175, and I have hope of the figures reaching \$250, or an average of \$2.00 per member, by the close of the associational year."

Some Notes From Brother Crumpton.

With Brethren Eaves and Roan I formed a presbytery and ordained to the full work of the ministry at Decatur, Bro. C. W. Mathison. The young brother's relation of his Christian experience and his call to the ministry was thrilling and our hearts were made to burn within us while we listened. His views of doctrine were clear. Bro. Mathison is the pastor of Decatur Church, where he has lived for two years. Several appointments have been made for his ordination, but each time something interfered. I predict for the young preacher a bright future.

A NEW PRESIDENT

will have to be elected at Anniston for our Convention. Brother Mallory who has served so faithfully for a number of years will be kept away by business before the supreme court. He announced at the last meeting his purpose to decline further service in that capacity; but I am sure he would be elected over his protest if he should be there. Good presidential timber can be found, and we ought to ask God to guide us in the selection of a suitable man.

I have heard that

SHEFFIELD

would be an applicant for the next Convention. I have been expecting to see some announcement in the paper. I hear that Tusculumbia and Florence will join in the invitation. Since the three are joined together by the electric car line it will be easy to entertain as many as shall attend.

I want to beg brethren to excuse me for seeming to neglect

MY CORRESPONDENTS.

I cannot answer letters now. Every moment will have to be given to getting ready for the Convention. In the midst of the rush I will have to drop out three days for the Selma Association. How

I wish it came after, rather than before the Convention.

Will we have a large attendance at Anniston. That question is often asked me. That depends. If the pastors are insistent, we may expect a good number of laymen and lay women. "Nobody will go from here except the pastor." I have heard that more than once. They do not complain of the cost, the distance, or the weather. What is the matter! Can it be that our people care nothing for the Convention or its work? I beg the pastors to whoop up a big delegation from their churches. Some of the Lord's great men are going to be there. It is a fine opportunity to see and hear some of those whom the Lord has honored as leaders among His hosts.

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No Apology.

The temporary editor has no apology to offer for making the burden of his song for these few weeks "The Anniston Convention." He has purposely sought concentration rather than variety, and he is glad to contribute some little to the feeling of importance that our people ought to attach to that meeting. Let us hope that the Holy Spirit will impress us more and more with the importance of our inter-church gatherings and fill them more and more with power from on high.

The Convention Next Week.

When the next issue of the Baptist is out the Alabama Baptist State Convention will be in session with the church at Anniston. It is to be hoped that all the churches will be represented there. It is easy of access and the people of the city can readily handle a large crowd. Pastors and churches should not look upon this as an outing—a mere pleasure trip to be taken by those who have the time, money and inclination to go. It is a high duty for all to be there who can by any reasonable sacrifice manage to leave home or business. It is not an individual matter for individual decision, but it is a duty for each church to see that she is represented there. Perhaps A has the time but no money. B has money but no time. Let B furnish the money and A the time. C has both time and money. Let him go. If need be, let the church pay the expense of her delegates—of one or two anyhow. This need not be the pastor whose expense are paid, but anybody's who can give the church that much time. Let it be done, not as a compliment, not to give some one a pleasant trip, but as a matter of business that the church may keep a vital touch on the work of the convention, and herself informed as to the progress of the kingdom.

Important affairs are to come before us next week. It is of prime importance that all our churches shall be informed and all ready to move at once and together in the various enterprises before us.

Meantime what about that pre-convention Sunday and the prayer of the church for the presence of the Holy Spirit at Anniston!

Woman's Union at Anniston.

Our hat is off to the "good women of the State," and this is hoping they may have an enthusiastic meeting at Anniston during the State Convention. The work they do is simply a marvel, and every year adds to their efficiency and power. The Lord Jesus struck the shackles off the mind and heart of womanhood, and the glorious freedom he gave her is being dedicated more and more to His service. In this service the woman honors herself, blesses all mankind and glorifies her Lord. The Sisters will gather with the hosts next week rejoicing in the work of the last year and planning for greater things in the year to come. And may the Lord meet with them.

Special Subjects.

To us it seems that the question of ministerial education ought to receive especial attention at the convention next week. The demand for a trained ministry grows more and more insistent with each passing year, and strange to say, it is not so easy now to raise money for this object as it once was. Something is to be put on foot for Howard College to better equip it for its high service. The endowment committee of several years ago put the school in splendid shape to receive and wisely use an endowment, and it is certain that the endowment committee of this year has some further plans to be laid before us at Anniston.

State Missions must come in for special attention, else the rapid changes going on in our State will come without adequate force on our part to meet them.

The Colportage matter is yet to be disposed of, and we may be sure of lively times when the Temperance report is discussed. The pronouncement of the convention on this matter is going to help, and unless we are very careful, will hinder some of our anti-liquor forces. We have need in Anniston of our wisest and best men, and greater need of the continual presence of our Lord.

Laymen at Anniston.

The various meetings of our Baptist bodies, local and world-wide, are not meetings of or for preachers. We hope the day will never come when the indifference of the laymen will push our Conventions and Associations into mere ministerial meetings, where the clergy will assume all power and other members of the church sink into the sort of servitude that exists in the Roman Catholic churches. The cause of Christ needs all the various kinds of talent to be found in His churches. The merchant, the lawyer, farmer, educator and all have a duty to perform, a privilege to enjoy in this general work of the churches. Large numbers of them ought to be in Anniston next week.

Deluged Pulpit Committees.

We are confidentially informed now and then that "you would be surprised to know the number of men who scheme about to get their names before the

pulpit committees of prominent churches." Maybe so. Yes, doubtless so, "and pity 'tis true." Yet also true it is that those same committees have before them the names of Bishops who are utterly unaware of it, or who are in no wise responsible for it. The committee sometimes feel that all it has to do it to crook its finger and any given preacher will come quickly.

In answer to one of these "if-we-call-you-will-you-accept" letters a pastor recently replied that he did not wish either to leave his field or to go to the particular place in question, but that he was willing to have the facts laid before him and do whatever seemed to be God's will. He added, however, that he hoped the matter would be dropped where it was, and that he would hear no more of it. Sometime later he asked a member of the church how his letter was understood by the Committee. "Why," he replied, "they understood you to say that if the church calls you you will accept!" I imagine that pastor's amusement! God's will is not always indicated by the biggest salary, though it is hard to convince the public that preachers generally do not so regard it.

Yet the duties of a pulpit committee are delicate and trying. They need sympathy and wise council. Only do not let them be too much troubled by the multitude of names before them. Some whom they think anxious for the pastorate do not know they are being considered, some who know of it would be glad to withdraw their names if they could, and when given a chance will do so. The majority of pastors are all right.

B. D. Gray.

Under the far seeing eye, the cool, steady hand of B. D. Gray, the Home Mission Board is laying out great and blessed things for the future. A recent visit to Atlanta gave the pleasure of seeing him at his work and talking of the plans for the Kingdom. Alabama would follow his lead to almost any length, for he lived and toiled among us here long enough for us to know the size of his heart and the accuracy of his judgment. We were in some desperate straits not so many years ago, and his superb courage of soul and powers of endurance led us into the light. He is clear headed inside and out. He is O. K. through and through.

Union Meetings.

Are not our country churches suffering for lack of protracted meetings? And when they hold meetings do they not usually close them just as interest begins to show among the unconverted? If it be true, there are reasons for it, one being the difficulty the Bishops have in securing needed help. The other is that one man is often pastor of several churches and cannot give a very great while to any one without neglecting the others. Why can't two, three or more churches, if they are within reach of each other, combine at some central point and all work together? It would save time for the pastor and the helping preacher. It

would add power to the meeting. It would cultivate a spirit of fraternity in the co-operating churches. It would be the means of reaching many sinners. A brush arbor, or a tent, or a simple shady grove would suit as a place of meeting. The plan has been tried. It is good.

Mourning Costumes.

To be sure any word said about it is all in vain. This editorial is all in vain. It might as well not be written so far as effecting any change in a well established custom is concerned. None the less the habit of wearing black when our loved ones die is contrary to the spirit of God's Word and its teachings about death; it is unhealthy for the body, and a sometimes serious drain on the purse. People who are barely able to live are often compelled by this imperious custom to throw away their clothing and purchase black garments for which they have no use at all, and maybe at a time when of all times they are least able to do it.

Women with frail bodies often drag through weltering summers in sable robes that sap their strength, and add fresh weight to their woe.

No matter how sweet the light into which the dead enter—those left behind are sorrowful—inevitably and reasonably so. But our Lord has robbed death of its terror. They who have left us are gone to life, joy, peace, strength and glory. We will join them soon. Why put on the sign of hopeless grief? We do have sorrow—oh, the deep sorrow—but hope remains.

Dame Fashion lays many a heavy burden on a suffering world. What a pity that even our sacred chamber of death cannot escape her, and that stricken hearts at fearful cost are sent out into the world arrayed in her uniform of woe.

The Theatre.

A correspondent of the Sunday School Times has this to say about the theatre and its effect on the spiritual life: "I have been in active newspaper life for over twenty years, been on the stage myself, and been thrown in with actors and actresses and opera-singers, and I have no use whatever for the stage. The life is demoralizing and immoralizing; it sends spirituality glimmering." The editor comments on the item in these words: "When an actor can say of the theater that it 'Sends spirituality glimmering,' it may perhaps give Sunday school teachers and Christian parents who do not hesitate to attend and recommend 'the best plays, that are so uplifting, you know,' something to think about."

The theatre habit grows on one as stealthily as does the drink habit, and before one realizes it he has become an habitue and like the old toper who feels that all whisky is good, but some is better than others, so they think some plays are good, but some are better than others, and therefore go to good, indifferent good, bad, and even vile ones, without any questions of conscience. The safest way is to stay away altogether.

Choosing a Career.

President Thwing wisely says: "Not a few fathers hurt their sons and damage the careers of those sons by picking out careers for them. Train up the boy in the way he should go, and then let him choose his own work. In the choice of a vocation, as in the choice of a wife, every young man should be left alone. If he is not worthy of being left alone, the parent has grievously injured the boy in the preceding decade of his life."

We offer the following illustration: "Take the young man who has a turn of mind for mechanics. When he left school he wanted to go to work in a machine shop, but his parents forbade it. 'You've got to be a lawyer and uphold the dignity of the family,' his father said to him. And so the young man studies law and practices in a half-hearted way, but his interests centre in the engineering feats of the country, and his law office table is strewn with literature telling of the building of steel bridges, tunnels, railroads and other structures, while he neglects his law cases." A man's heart must be in his work.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

A number of churches are without pastors and a number of pastors are without churches. May the Lord direct the churches and lead the pastors.

On account of the great pressure on our columns we have had to condense and also leave out some items of importance that should have been in this issue. Some may come later.

Those who heard Brother Blackwelder at the B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Huntsville know how little stress Baptists put on the "sacred desk," the "holy altar," etc. Christ is all in all.

An editor has many worries, and yet in many ways his is a blessed work. How our hearts thrill as we read the daily mail which flows into our office telling of true men and good women in all parts of the State who are praying God's blessing on our work.

The Alabama Baptist has been a visitor into many homes in Alabama since its establishment in 1874. It has had the prayers of hundreds of good men and women in the past and we humbly pray that under God we may continue to hold the affection of its readers and use it for the glory of His name.

The Liquor Interests say: "You cannot make people moral by law," and this is true, and yet there is a truth which is frequently overlooked for "you can protect society by law." If this were not true our courts would be useless. Men should realize that no member of society can do as he pleases.

Drink is responsible for nine-tenths of the crime, seven-eighths of the poverty, seven-tenths of the hospital cases, one-half the sickness and one-half the lunacy of the nation. And yet the

saloon is fastened on us because so-called Christians who are in business refuse to fight the saloon keeper in our cities for fear that they may lose a little revenue and have their taxes increased.

Mr. Whittaker, a member of parliament, is authority for the statement that seven out of eight of the people over fourteen years of age in England are users of alcoholic beverages. Great Britain's drink bill last year was about nine hundred million of dollars.

Thirty thousand six hundred men were enrolled in the night schools of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America last year. Thirteen hundred teachers gave instruction in more than seventy-five different subjects. The average age of the students was twenty-two, and four-fifths of them were day workers. Over two hundred lines of occupation and employment were represented.

"Greed" and "grab" are by words in our vocabulary. England for a long while had the "grabbing" business almost in her own hands, but America having caught the land fever has created in her new colonial possessions opportunities for "greed" to have its sway at the expense of morality. God help us to beware of putting commercialism above Christianity.

The Western Recorder says: "A journalist telegraphed his paper to know if they would accept a certain story. 'Send six hundred words.' 'Can't be told in less than twelve hundred,' protested the writer. To which the editor responded: 'Story of creation of the world told in six hundred. Try it. Let our correspondents take the hint at this season of commencements and Fifth Sunday meetings and Baptist rallies.'

A religious newspaper is dependent on its advertisements for revenue as the amount of cash received on subscriptions fails to produce enough to carry on the business, and yet we have voluntarily reduced our advertising space and are printing more reading matter than heretofore in order to introduce some new departments. We feel sure that our readers will appreciate our efforts to improve the paper.

At the Southern Baptist Press Association at Biloxi a short speech by Dr. Connell, who was then Secretary of the Home Board, greatly impressed us. The leading thought being "We Baptists do not make enough of our Conventions." Every man and woman at Nashville felt the thrill of the Convention and many caught its spirit and were spiritually uplifted. Let every preacher and layman who possibly can attend the State Convention at Anniston.

Dr. E. R. L. Gould, one of the best informed men on the subject because he has made his investigations for the government, has published statistics which show that the saloon keepers re-

ceive from the laboring classes in the five leading countries of the world three-fifths as much as the landlords. Thus the liquor problem becomes of great economic interest. The saloon must go or the poverty of the laboring classes will be further intensified.

Those who are at the head of the Home Board see that the city—the centre of civilization, the source of moulding influence—will soon control the nation. As if by magic cities are springing up in the South. The duty of Southern Baptists—to take for Christ our growing cities while they are young. An explanation of the growth of cities—given by an old woman whom charity had given a home in the country, but who sought her old city haunts—"Paples is more company than sthumps." The worst portions of cities are fearfully destitute of churches, while saloons are increasing.

It is said that the late William Ewart Gladstone, England's grand old man, feeling that death was drawing nigh, wrote to a friend saying:

"All I think, all I hope, and all I write, all I live for is based upon the divinity of Christ, the central joy of my poor life."

And yet many young men come back from college and take pleasure in informing friends that having graduated they no longer believe in the divinity of Christ, but think he was a good man. As we sat and looked into the faces of the fourteen young men who received their diplomas at Howard we thanked God that they would return to their homes believing in Jesus as a Saviour.

The Baptist Argus prints a fine photo of Rev. E. Lee Smith, one of our Birmingham pastors, and has this to say of him in the issue of June 30:

"Since the beginning of Bro. Smith's pastorate at Park Avenue Church, North Birmingham, last October, there have been forty-seven additions and the Sunday school is larger than ever in its history. The B. Y. P. U. has sixty-five members and has 450 Bible readers. Brother Smith was formerly pastor of Ewing, Ky. We are glad to hear such an excellent report of his work."

We can truly say he believes in keeping up with the organized work and attends the conventions. He was at the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and we know he will be at Anniston.

The Sunday School Times says: "What is the central feature of your church? Is it an organ significant of praise, a rail suggesting prayer, a pulpit speaking of instruction, a Bible reminding of inspiration and revelation, an altar telling of sacrifice? Suggestive and appropriate any one of these is. Yet Jesus reminds us that the center of his church is in something that cannot be expressed by architecture or arrangement. 'There am I in the midst of them,' said he. A great teacher and theologian called his system of theology 'Christo-centric.' It was builded up around the life of Christ. That was

good for a theology, and that too is the ideal way of building up a church."

At the meeting of the W. M. U. at Anniston July 19, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds will deliver the welcome address. In last week's paper this part of the program should have been printed at the head of the column. It was simply an oversight which we hope will not cause any inconvenience.

Delegates to the State Baptist Convention at Anniston, July 19th to 22nd; are urged to send their names at once to
J. K. Milner,
Anniston, Ala.

Basis of Representation in State Convention.

This body shall be known as "The Alabama Baptist State Convention," and shall consist: (1) of three delegates from each Baptist district association in Alabama, co-operating with this convention, if said association shall have five hundred members, or under, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or fraction thereof above that number, whose annual election or appointment shall be duly certified by the printed minutes, or certificate of an officer of the association represented by them; (2) of one delegate from each church co-operating with this convention, if said church shall have fifty members, or under, and one additional delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof, above that number; (3) of persons who contribute funds, or are representatives of churches contributing funds for the regular work of this convention, on the basis of one representative for each one hundred dollars actually paid into the treasury of the boards of this convention during the fiscal year preceding its assembling. But in all cases must delegates to this body be brethren of Baptist churches in good standing.

Rev. J. W. Sandlin, who spent the past session in the Seminary, is back in our State and can be secured for all his time. Brother Sandlin is one of our best preachers. Look after him.
S. O. Y. Ray.

In connection with the extensive manufacture of the new bullet invented for the French army several sets of cartridges have been stolen at Lyons. It is thought that they have been sold to foreign powers, and vigorous search is being made to trace the culprits. The new bullet's propelling power is so great as to drive the bullet in a straight course for half a mile, without any of the rise and fall of the present trajectory. This insures terrific speed and certainty of aim.

The hydroscope, invented by Signor Pino, the Italian engineer, is said to enable its user to see an area of several thousand yards of the bed of the sea at a depth down to 500 yards. The inventor is reticent as to the construction of the instrument. However, it seems to have been tested, with satisfactory results, by representatives of the Italian Ministry of Marine.

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Our Sermon. (Continued from page 2)

God on high, was a declaration of war; war to the bitter end.

After that great struggle between Carthage and Rome, known as the First Punic War, and just before the Second Punic War, the hired soldiers of Carthage revolted; they appealed to the natives of Africa, and a general uprising ensued, terminating in war most bitter and cruel. Carthage came near losing all she had, and so bitter was the war, it was known in history as "The Truceless War." So it is in the conflict between Jesus and Satan. Jesus desired all the world as His own, but Satan said "No, you must fight for what you get." This means that some will not enter the kingdom, and it means also that the matter comes down to individuality—each man must decide for himself who is to be his leader.

And, just here, may I ask in all solemnity and earnestness, "Are you, sinner friend, going to decide the question for Christ or Satan? Will you remain under the devil's rule, or will you revolt and join the army of the living God? You must decide for yourself, as no national decision has been or can be made, in which you are included.

When that conflict began on that mountain top, with the kingdoms of the world spread out before them, Christ and Satan knew that it must be not a national matter, but from that time forth an individual matter, and the conflict on Satan's part was for the retention of his subjects; on Christ's part it was for the winning of them to Himself. The contempt shown by the giant for David, only typifies the disdain in which our Lord was and is held by some. The man or woman, boy or girl, who rejects Christ, does so at his or her eternal peril, for Satan is a deceiver, a liar and a mocker of human suffering when once he has a person in his power. "But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The self-confident boasting of the giant, strong in the resources of carnal might, and incapable of appreciating the unseen and invincible power of a righteous man in a righteous cause, is precisely the spirit in which opposition to Christ has been given."

For sinners to conquer the devil is for them to revolt from his leadership and to realize that he is really the enemy of their souls; it is for them to turn on him in the Name and having hurled him, by faith in Jesus to the ground to turn his weapons against him. The shout of Israel, when their enemy was slain, rose no higher than will the triumphant shout of the victorious soul that has conquered sin and hell, for that shout is born of a realization of the preciousness of Christ's salvation.

Many people flinch at the thought of conflict, and this is often true in the setting up of the kingdom in the hearts of men. On the other hand there are many who think they must have a very strenuous experience. We remember, of course that Jesus said "I came not to bring peace, but a sword," and we remember that he said also that the

kingdom of heaven suffers violence and is gotten by force, or by those who thrust men. (Matt. 11:12.) On a later occasion he said that "the law and prophets are until John: from that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man entereth violently into it." (Luke 16:16.) The figure is that of invading, not storming, and has for its interpretation, what the old darkey called "great arousalment" on the subject,—intense earnestness in the pursuit of salvation. And when a soul exerts great spiritual energy in its efforts to enter the kingdom of God, realizing that it cannot escape hell if it "neglect so great salvation,"—so great safety as the kingdom of God affords, that soul is not far from the kingdom."

We would also place the suggestion before you that this entrance must be over the prostrate lusts, appetites, self and evil, by faith in Jesus Christ for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith."

It has been suggested that there are two ways by which faith asserts itself: (1) "Slowly, by conflict and struggle with the suggestions of evil and of the carnal mind, rising up victorious over them. (2) Leaping suddenly into its throne in the human soul."

There are many who are satisfied with their old experiences, the first and seemingly the only one they ever had. What we want, brethren, is fresh, daily experiences, for no soul should be satisfied with one small experience in the years gone by. Oh, tell of some new victory won; some new conflict in the soul, that by faith in the Word of God you were able to win, which experience is very sweet to you, because of your nearness to defeat.

Children love to hear of thrilling experiences in daily life, and to see the scars, that were gained in a conflict that meant almost the loss of life. So the children of God love to hear of the conflicts of the soul—of battles fought and victories won in the Name.

Let us take with us this closing thought:

(1) Let us learn never to quail at carnal might arrayed against the cause of God.

(2) Let us never fear to attack sin, how towering in height and seemingly unconquerable it may be. Be it sin in the heart or sin in the world, let us go boldly against it in the Name of Jehovah—"the name that is above every name."

"On every hand the foes we find
Drawn up in dread array;
Let tents of ease be left behind
And onward to the fray;
Salvation's helmet on each head,
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J. P. Stiles,
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DR. FOLK ON MORMONISM.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

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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.

This 28th day of June, 1904.

C. W. Ferguson,
Judge of the City Court of Birmingham.

Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Probate Court, 30th day of June, 1904. Estate of Ann A. Johnston, deceased. This day came T. H. Johnston, Administrator of the estate of Ann A. Johnston, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 28th 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.

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Sunday, June 26th, was a great day for Baptists of Florence and Lauderdale county. A large assembly of people gathered in East Florence from town and county for the purpose of dedicating our "Gospel Tent," which is to be used by our missionary throughout the county.

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The dedicatory service was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. H. Tandy, pastor of First Church, preached the sermon, subject, "Fishers of Men," after which a free-will offering was made to the amount of \$69.35 for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness on the tent and fixtures.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by our consecrated missionary, Rev. R. E. Paulk, and the large and beautiful tent was given, free of debt for the Lord's service.

Rev. D. E. Dorch of Columbia, Tenn., the sweet evangelist singer, who had charge of the music on this occasion, donated fifty of his song books, "Gospel Voices, 1 and 2" to go with the tent. This gift is much appreciated by the members of Lauderdale County Association.

Services has continued since Sunday and possibly will last a week or ten days longer. The different ministers in the Association preaching alternately. God has already blessed the efforts of these men of God and souls are being brought into His kingdom.

Mason L. Mitchell.

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Harris-Woodruff.—Near Decatur, Ala., on June 23, 1904, Mr. Fucious B. Harris to Miss Mollie Woodruff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jackson Gunn.

W. N. Huckabee.

Ooston-Deer.—In the Monroeville Baptist Church on the evening of June 22, Mr. T. M. Ooston and Miss Hortense Deer, the writer officiating assisted by Rev. J. H. Raffle. Mr. Ooston is a business man of Red Level, Ala., but formerly from North Carolina. He is a worthy Christian gentleman. Miss Deer is the daughter of Mr. John F. Deer, Treasurer of Monroe county. She is a skilled musician and has been organist in the Baptist Church for several years. The valuable presents received indicate the high esteem in which the contracting parties are held by the community. We regret to lose Miss Hortense as organist of our church for no one ever filled the place with more credit to herself and more satisfaction to the church and pastor than she did.

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Frank Willis Barnett.

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The bay of San Francisco is a magnificent harbor. It can accommodate the navies of the entire world without crowding them. During the year, the flag of every nation on earth flutters in the wind that ruffles the surface of this land-locked bay. Anchored here and at the docks, may be found Clyde-built clippers, sturdy, old-fashioned packets from Hamburg, craft from the Mediterranean, brigs and barkentines with queer lines and manned by queer little brown men from Japan, traders from the South Seas, coastwise tramps, whalers, tea caddies from Shanghai, etc.

Nature and man combined to fortify San Francisco Bay. Not only the islands of the bay bristle with cannon, but there is Fort Mason at Black Point, and the Presidio; Goat Island, just created the United States Naval School of the Pacific. Alcatraz commands the entrance to the Golden Gate, and the United States Military Prison is situated there. Angel Island continues the National quarantine station and Mare Island the Naval Station of the Pacific.

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This is the view of the guide-book man, but having lived a number of years in Birmingham, I would be willing to forego the winds, as I get blown about enough at home. They have a park here of which San Franciscans are justly proud.

The location is superb. To the south, rise the hills, clad in evergreen, Olympus, Liberty-crowned mound, overtopped with the wide silver band of the great bay and Mount Diablo's snows in

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