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ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

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Anniston, Ala., July 20, 1904.—The 83rd session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was called to order at 9:30 this morning in the beautiful house of worship of the Parker Memorial Church. The Minister's Meeting was a happy prelude to the regular Convention.

The devotional service of the morning session was conducted by J. R. Magill, of Northport. J. W. Sandlin led the Convention in prayer, followed by E. C. Dargan and L. M. Bradley. Bro. Magill made an earnest talk on "Isaiah's Vision." The devotional service was closed by prayer by J. M. Frost.

President H. S. D. Mallory, who has served the convention so admirably as its honored presiding officer for a number of years, declined to be re-elected, stating that he thought it was now time for another to assume the position.

J. V. Dickinson nominated G. L. Comer for president. His nomination was seconded by W. D. Hubbard and M. B. Wharton.

Brother Comer, of Eufaula, was unanimously elected. He expressed his appreciation for the high honor. He pointed out the great work devolving upon the Baptists of Alabama.

R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, and N. D. Denson, of LaFayette, were elected as first and second vice-presidents, respectively.

W. B. Crumpton said he didn't usually make nominations, but he would venture to nominate W. A. Davis as Secretary. Someone suggested a rising vote, and when the question was put, delegates and visitors rose together.

C. J. Owens, President of the Anniston College for Young Ladies, delivered the address of welcome.

He referred to the mineral resources, the commercial advantages, the educational facilities of Anniston. It is a city of schools and churches. It has been called the Brooklyn of the South. In behalf of the Parker Memorial church, and the whole city of Anniston, he welcomed the delegates. He said "We are proud of our guests." He declared that the Baptists traced their origin back to Christ and his Apostles. He spoke of the persecutions of the Baptists in the past, and the great principles which they have ever held and proclaimed to the world.

Paul V. Bomar, of Marion, made a happy response. He was reminded of a negro he was examining for the work of the ministry. He put this question to the negro: "What would you do if a woman came to you with a baby in her arms and ask you to baptize it?" The negro replied, "Well, boss, I would ax somebody else who knew more about

it what to do." So what to say, what to do, is ever the question that confronts us. When we have been welcomed by the king and queen what can we say or do, but to bow an acknowledgment? He spoke of the great work intrusted to us, and in closing threw out some poetic gems.

A number of delegates were welcomed, among them J. M. Frost of the Sunday School Board, W. P. Harvey of the Western Recorder, T. O. Buchanan of the Argus, B. J. W. Graham of the Index, E. C. Dargan of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Bro. Maples of Texas, E. E. Bomar of the Foreign Board, B. D. Gray, of the Home Board, J. F. Ray of Mississippi, under appointment as missionary to the East, L. P. Level of Mississippi, J. E. Barnard of Georgia, and G. W. Young of Kentucky.

W. B. Crumpton read report of State Board of Missions. The report compared the work now with twelve years ago, at which time the convention met in the city of Anniston. Then we gave for State Missions \$7,617, now \$12,930; then we gave for Home Missions \$4,034, now we report \$9,826; then we gave for Foreign Missions \$6,217, now \$16,916; then our Board's total collections were \$19,197, now \$42,511.

The State Mission work began in 1871, just thirty-three years ago, when the convention appointed a Sunday School Board to be located at Talladega. "The report this year, looked at from any standpoint, is most gratifying." More and more the churches are taking hold of the plan of apportionment. This matter of a systematic plan is of so much importance, the Board recommends that the convention appoint a committee of our wisest brethren, who shall submit a plan to the churches for their approval.

In many quarters the subject of Evangelism is being much discussed. The discussion is timely. God seems to be moving all hearts in the same direction. Some Associations have already begun a campaign of evangelism, and have men preaching in tents.

Our Woman's Work is most hopeful. They gave the past year \$7,384.60, and boxes valued at \$3,210.40.

The increase in contributions in Alabama to Foreign and Home Missions is due largely to our noble women. Mrs. Hamilton is doing a fine work in organizing.

The Board is persuaded that the plan we are working in Alabama for assisting the colored people is the best. Bro. W. H. McAlpine, a man of good education and fine character, who is universally respected by whites and blacks, teaches the young ministers, numbering thirty, in the Selma University through the session, and gives the whole of his vacations to the Institute work among the preachers of his race. If the ne-

groes of the South are saved, their preachers must be the instruments which God will use.

The report called attention to the two schools owned by the convention, the Scottsboro Baptist Institute, situated at the county seat of Jackson county, and the Healing Springs Institute. There were 104 pupils at Scottsboro Institute the past year. The property at Healing Springs consists of one hundred acres of land with a two-story frame building.

The Alabama Baptist through its large and enlarging circulation, affords the Secretary a fine opportunity, to keep the work of the Board before the denomination, which he gladly avails himself of.

The Board suggests that we fix as the amount we will undertake to raise for Missions another year the sum of \$54,000, to be prorated as follows:

State Missions, \$16,000.

Home Missions, \$16,000.

Foreign Missions, \$22,000.

J. M. Frost was asked to tell of the work of the Sunday School Board. He spoke of the marvelous growth of the work. The Board is now on a permanent footing with fine property and a good reserve fund.

R. J. Campbell, of Dothan, preached the convention sermon from Acts 16:9-10. His subject was "The Cry of Human Need." If the cry were to come to us as it did to Paul, "Come over and Help us," we would want a month for preparation. Not so Paul.

Whose ears will catch the plaintive cry of human need. Those whose hearts are filled with love and sympathy for those who suffer. Missionary work is Man's Mission to his fellowman.

The helplessness and misery of the heathen is a silent appeal to us. They need not utter a cry. There are those who can look upon sorrow and suffering unmoved. Their narrow hearts full of pride and prejudice and selfishness have no room for human sympathy. Only a few of God's people are large enough to catch the wail of human need.

What do they hear? The same cry that Paul heard. Paul went over into Macedonia and found three that were representatives of humanity—a seeker on the sea-shore Lydia, a sufferer, a poor, deluded maiden, and one who put Paul in the stocks, and all were appealing to Paul for help.

The men that are fighting us and trying to push us from them are appealing to us for help. Paul forced this gospel upon Europe, and we today are enjoying the gracious results. Paul went to Lydia, the seeker, and to the poor girl, the sufferer, and to the jailor, the sinner.

The cry which came to Paul and which comes to us is a call to action. We shall also gather that it is a call to

unity. The discourse was an earnest, impassioned appeal for missions, and struck the key-note for the convention.

E. E. Bomar led the closing prayer, in which he asked that God might help us to heed the cry coming to us, "Come over and help us."

The morning session then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION — FIRST DAY.

The devotional service was led by H. T. Crumpton.

W. B. Crumpton submitted his financial report. The report of the State Board of Missions was referred to the following committee: J. L. Gross, Perry Henderson, J. W. Dunaway, W. H. Colman, W. A. Bellamy, C. C. Pugh, W. W. Howard.

J. M. Shelburne read report of Board of Ministerial Education. During the past year there has been an enrollment of 42 ministerial students in Howard College. This is in excess of attendance over that of any one year in the history of the college. At the Seminary in Louisville we had 14 in attendance from our State. A large number of those at Howard have been engaged in ministerial work about Birmingham.

The Board's indebtedness for the past session is \$1,585; amount received, \$1,175; balance due, \$410.

By the action of the convention our Board stands responsible for the financial aid of the beneficiaries at the Seminary, and that all funds for the Seminary are to pass through our hands.

A. D. Smith submitted report of Board of Trustees of Howard College. The report was a most encouraging one, showing an enrollment during the past year of 174. The trustees congratulate themselves upon the ability and judgment with which President Montague has managed the college affairs. Besides maintaining the general college work, he has built and furnished an excellent dormitory that will accommodate about 100 students at a cost of about \$20,000, all of which has been paid except about \$3,500, and this amount is being looked after by one who will see that it is paid.

The trustees urge the convention to arrange some plan by which the Christian education fund may be collected.

The report on the Judson was read by J. B. Ellis. The 66th session which closed May 26th was the most encouraging in the history of the institution both in attendance and in material advancement. The enrollment last year was 260, of whom 215 were boarders. There are 31 officers and teachers. The health of the students has been excellent, and a number were converted and joined the church during the session.

The Alumnae Auditorium was completed the day before the convention. This is a handsome and commodious building which costs about \$25,000.

The Board highly commended the administration of President Patrick.

The report of the Orphanage was read by P. M. Bruner. There have been received since the last report 18 boys and 39 girls. Four splendid brick buildings capable of sheltering more than 100 children now constitute our equipment for caring for the destitute children. There are now 104 children in the Orphanage.

Statistical Secretary M. M. Wood submitted his report:

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| Number of Associations | 81 |
| Number of Churches | 1,869 |
| Net Increase | 13 |
| Number of Baptisms | 8,519 |
| Number less than last year | 1,584 |
| Present membership | 143,574 |
| Net increase | 3,853 |

T. W. Shelton, A. N. Reeves, T. V. Neal, M. M. Wood, J. W. Vesey, J. T. Fanchier, made fine reports of the work in their sections. These reports showed the destitution in certain sections, and the many obstacles in the way of the work.

These speeches caught the convention. After Brother Fanchier had finished telling about the condition in Athens, it was moved to take up a collection at once to pay off the indebtedness on their house of worship of \$3,500. Brother Fanchier said he would not ask for more than \$800. This amount was very soon raised, some to be paid each year for four years.

H. E. Rice was the last speaker on the subject of mission works in our State.

The convention then adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION, FIRST DAY.

After the singing of several hymns and prayers by B. F. Giles and H. Provence the convention came to order to consider the interests of our schools. At this time it was decided to discuss only the Judson and the Seminary. Paul V. Bomar was the first speaker for the Judson. He showed that the Judson had a place of usefulness in the Kingdom of God, and if we ever discovered that it was not useful, it should cease to exist. We learn the real value of a thing only when we learn its use. He told of how the Judson was fulfilling her God-given mission, of the fine religious atmosphere, of the sweet influence upon the girls who go there.

The next speaker was A. J. Dickinson. He was always ready, he said, to speak of Judson. He said that the college is an organism. It has different parts. It has a beautiful body. We speak of organizing a school. We can't organize a school. It organizes itself and grows. He thought the school would grow for years. She is now only 66 years old, and when the Lord comes he thought the Lord would transfer it to heaven. He liked the good manners of the Judson from the President down to "Abraham," the janitor. The impress of all the presidents and teachers is found upon Judson.

The Judson is not a cheap school, and he advised for that reason that parents should send their daughters there. You don't want a cheap education. The Judson doesn't employ cheap teachers. The Judson gives to your daughter all she gets at cost—you don't want anything cheaper than that. He graphi-

cally described the beautiful characters that the Judson sends out to bless the world.

President Patrick followed in a three-minutes' speech in which he expressed his appreciation for the great co-operation he had received.

The next interest presented was the Seminary at Louisville, which was discussed by E. C. Dargan. He recounted the pathetic yet glorious history of the Seminary, of its struggle for existence in the early days, of the noble men who stood by it, of its wonderful prosperity today.

The past year has been one of the most pleasant and prosperous of its history. There were 273 students. We have a wise, tactful, sweet-spirited, strong president, and everything is harmonious.

He told of the new enterprises, The Review and Expositor, and the Ladies' Training School. He said there was a deficit in the student's fund of about \$500 for the Alabama students whom Alabama Baptists had agreed to be responsible for. Subscriptions were taken and enough raised to cover the debt.

The three speeches were among the best of the convention.

The night session adjourned at the close of the discussion of our schools.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

J. D. Ray, of Selma, conducted the devotional service at the opening of the morning session of the second day.

There is a fine attendance of delegates and visitors upon the sessions of the convention. The reception committee has already assigned homes to 415.

H. S. D. Mallory read the report of nominating committee. Harvey Hatcher, of Atlanta, was recognized and given 10 minutes to represent the interests of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The officers and members of the different Boards were re-elected with a few exceptions.

On the State Board of Missions, to succeed those whose terms expire in 1904, the following were elected: A. J. Dickinson, J. B. Ellis, George W. Ellis, D. C. Cooper, J. L. Thompson, A. C. Davidson, M. B. Wharton. Howard College Trustees, Dr. W. P. McAdory to succeed Paul Carson, resigned. Orphanage Trustees, W. R. Ivey to succeed G. R. Farnham, resigned, and Jno. C. Williams to succeed G. A. Joiner, resigned.

The convention ordered the constitution printed in the minutes every year.

The next consideration was Howard College. J. M. Shelburne discussed the cause of Ministerial Education. He thought the speakers for the Judson were given a little to exaggeration. The Howard has a place in our denomination as well as the Judson.

The subject was also discussed by A. J. Dickinson, B. F. Giles, S. O. Y. Ray.

Brother Ray stated that the ministerial students of Howard College baptized ten times more people the past year than all the Baptist city pastors of Birmingham.

W. J. E. Cox offered a resolution in behalf of a committee from the Trus-

tees of Howard to the effect that efforts be made at once to raise an endowment for Howard of \$200,000, and that a committee of five be appointed to push the matter.

President A. P. Montague made an eloquent speech of two or three minutes in which he asked Alabama Baptists to rise up and make Howard College equal to any college in the land. He was followed by L. O. Dawson, who took subscriptions for current expenses for Howard. About \$6,000 was raised.

The resolution in regard to raising the \$200,000 endowment was then adopted.

A. J. Moncrief was appointed to preach, but the hour being late, he dismissed the convention with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

W. J. D. Upshaw led the prayer service, after which L. P. Levell made a stirring address on the Sunday school. The Sunday school is the teaching service of the church. He told of the great Sunday school of the Calvary church, Washington, where there are 1,000 grown people in the Bible class. There are baptism in that church nearly every Sunday. He recommended most highly the books of Dr. Greene, and Dr. Spillman as helps in Sunday school work. Brother Levell was asked to talk a half hour. Brother Crumpton said he had spoken an hour, and explained it by saying he said so much in the half hour it was worthy of a full hour. He made a fine impression on the convention.

C. S. Rabb, of Evergreen, read the report on Temperance. The report stated that 30 millions of people were living in prohibition territory.

O. F. Gregory reported for the committee appointed by the convention last year to confer with other denominations in regard to the work of co-operating with the Anti-Saloon League.

Communications were sent to a number of religious bodies but only one replied, and that one declined to co-operate.

Dr. G. W. Young, of Kentucky, who had been invited to come down as the representative of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the convention. He had a profound sympathy for the specialist, for the one who works at, thinks of, weeps over, one thing until it shuts out other things of equal importance. So the temperance question had grown upon him. It was Gladstone who said that intemperance was the cause of more sorrow and suffering and sin than all the wars and famine and pestilence of the world, and he who pronounces Gladstone a fanatic pronounces himself an ignorant or a fool. This is an age of organization, and the churches have caught the spirit and are organizing against the common enemy, the open saloon. The church was the first temperance organization, and will be the last.

The hope of whipping the saloon is the coalition of all the forces of the churches in an omni-party, interdenominational organization. Thirty-five States in six years have been organized in the American Anti-Saloon League. He urged the preachers to be the leaders of this people against the liquor

evil. The wail of the world is for competent leadership.

Dr. Young in a clear, forceful, eloquent speech set forth the work of the Anti-Saloon League and he had the undivided attention of the convention throughout.

The following recommendations of the committee were adopted: To endorse the American Anti-Saloon League, and that we strive to get our churches to co-operate with it to seek the passage of the Hepburn-Doliver bill, which forbids the shipping of whiskey into dry counties, and to appoint messengers to the Anti-Saloon League convention which is to meet in Columbus, Ohio, November 16-18; that a fund of not less than one hundred dollars be used by the committee in the prosecution of the work, and that the preachers be requested to preach on the evils of intemperance some Sunday in October, and to take a collection.

The report on Woman's Work was read by A. J. Moncrief. Each report of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention in the sixteen years, shows an advance except three. In 1889 there was contributed \$30,773.69; the last report for the past year was \$112,042.78.

The W. M. U. of Alabama shows a large number of new societies organized and a large increase in contributions. The past year our women of Alabama contributed \$24,858.18. Last year they gave \$25,407.85.

The report was discussed by A. J. Moncrief and W. B. Crumpton.

The convention then adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The great question of Foreign and Home Missions was the topic for consideration Thursday night. H. W. Williams read the report on Foreign Missions.

The report noted the fact that a number of our most gifted and successful pastors are resigning their work at home and asking to be sent to foreign fields. Our Foreign Board now has 138 missionaries and 215 native helpers, a total of 353.

E. E. Bomar, of the Foreign Board, introduced to the convention four missionaries now under appointment. The first was J. F. Ray, of Mississippi, whose field of work will probably be in Persia. He spoke of our unseen partner in the work.

The second was Thos. M. Thomas, of Alabama. His field of work will be Central China. He said he would be stimulated when he knew that the people at home were praying for him. We must get a conception, he said, of the dying Christ, and then of the dying world, and then of the dying self.

H. W. Provence, of Ensley, under appointment for Central China, was next introduced, but before he began to speak his father, S. M. Provence, was asked to lead in prayer. In his tender, touching petition, he seemed to lift the convention up close to the throne of grace. Brother Provence told of his call to the foreign field, and how the question was finally settled. His call to the foreign, he said, was clearer than his call to the ministry. He felt that the great need in China was well-train-

ed native teachers. His work will be principally teaching the natives, that they may go forth and preach.

Miss Daisy Pettus, of Alabama, was the fourth whose work will be in foreign fields.

Brother Bomar followed in a short but earnest speech, in which he declared that there was no trouble to get the money when men and women offered themselves for the work. The report was adopted.

S. H. Campbell read the report on Home Missions. The report called referred to our recently appointed and most efficient Secretary, B. D. Gray, and the admirable report he made at the last session of the Southern Baptist convention. There was an increase of 23 per cent. in contributions, and splendid work had been done by the missionaries. The affairs in Cuba were reported as in fine condition, order having been brought out of chaos. More work was accomplished and greater achievements made than in any year during the history of the Board. There has been steady progress in the mountain districts, where schools and churches are being established.

The work among the negroes has grown until it was found necessary to employ a field Secretary, who was in close touch and deep sympathy with the negroes, and one capable of pushing the work to greater success, Dr. A. J. Barton, of Arkansas.

Secretary B. D. Gray was with us, and spoke of the great work upon his heart. He pointed out the vast extent of the Home Board territory, the population of this territory, and the character of the people among whom work is to be done. He made an earnest and eloquent plea for the negro, declaring that we ought to do everything for the negro that a superior race can do for an inferior, and he prayed that the Spirit of the Master might come upon us and enable us to do our duty to these people who live among us.

The report on Home Missions was adopted, including an amendment recommending that Alabama Baptists raise \$16,000 for Home Missions.

The night session then adjourned.

MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY.

The morning session of the last day opened with a few delegates present. J. I. Kendrick led the prayer service. J. L. Gross led in special prayer for our Seminary. Geo. E. Brewer led in prayer for Howard College. G. W. Dunaway prayed for our school for girls.

J. D. Norman, of Lanett, made report on Time and Place, and Preacher, recommending Sheffield as the place, and J. L. Gross to preach the introductory sermon, and O. C. Pugh, alternate, the time Wednesday before the third Sunday in July. Of course this report called forth many speakers, many advocating Dothan instead of Sheffield. The final vote was in favor of Sheffield as the place, and Friday before the 4th Sunday in July as the time, including the 4th Sunday.

Resolutions introduced by A. J. Moncrief to the effect that the convention appoint a committee to confer with a committee of the Faculty of Howard

College looking to the establishment of a Ministers' Summer Institute at Howard, were adopted.

An amendment proposed by H. S. D. Mallory that we send fraternal messengers to the American Anti-Saloon League Convention instead of delegates was adopted.

J. H. Foster, Jr., presented the cause of the First Baptist Church of Anniston. The sum of \$429.63 was raised for this church.

Editor Frank Willis Barnett made an enthusiastic speech for The Alabama Baptist which caught the convention. He announced that he had secured L. O. Dawson as associate editor, which announcement called forth vigorous applause.

Dr. J. N. Prestridge, of Kentucky, made a good speech for the Alabama Baptist. W. J. E. Cox, C. A. Stakely, B. F. Giles, and H. S. D. Mallory made speeches for the paper.

The new associate editor was called upon to speak. He stated that he had no partnership with Bro. Barnett, but stood more as a contributor. He felt it a duty that he owed the paper to help it. He urged all to co-operate in making it the very best paper.

J. W. Stewart told of the management of the Orphanage and while he talked there were many hearty Amens. He had six little orphan children with him, and Mrs. Mollie Jones, who has charge of the baby department. The sight of the little ones touched every heart.

O. A. Bamber, of Birmingham, made an eloquent plea for the Orphanage, and closed it by giving Brother Stewart a check for \$10.00. A collection was taken which amounted to \$85.00.

The convention passed a motion authorizing the trustees of the Orphanage to add to the Board the following, as soon as the courts would legalize it: S. H. Campbell, W. B. Nichols, J. L. Gross, J. W. Dunaway, J. E. Barnes, J. A. Thomason, A. A. Hutto.

T. V. Neal read the report of the B. Y. P. U. The report was discussed by A. Y. Napier. He said this was a day of specialists. The world needs trained men today, and they are needed in the ministry as well as elsewhere.

He was followed by J. M. Shelburne who spoke of the importance of the work among the young people. If the B. Y. P. U. should die there would still be the need, but it is not going to die. The report was adopted.

W. B. Crumpton introduced a resolution endorsing Brother J. A. Maples, temperance lecturer of Texas, and recommended him to pastors.—Adopted.

J. L. Gross made report of committee to whom was referred the report of the State Board of Missions. The committee heartily endorsed the work of the Board, and recommended that a committee of five be appointed to map out a schedule of offerings to report at the next session, also that we push the work of evangelism in our State; that we encourage the work in our academic schools, and that we establish others wherever it is deemed advisable. The report was laid on the table until the afternoon. A resolution was passed authorizing the President and Secretary of the Board of Missions to sell

the timber on our Healing Springs property.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION — THIRD DAY.

At the opening of the afternoon session it was readily seen that a number of delegates had departed. Brother Mack Stamps conducted the prayer service. Prayers were offered by J. L. Gross and R. E. Pettus.

The first order of business was consideration of Sunday schools.

The Secretary read report on Sunday schools prepared by Bunyan Davie. The report was discussed by W. J. Elliott. He showed the importance of impressing a child when it was young. The parents in the home should co-operate with the teachers in the Sunday school. He was followed by L. P. Levell, of the Sunday school Board, whom Dr. G. W. Young on yesterday referred to as "the despair of the stenographers and the hope of the Sunday schools." He emphasized the thought that the Sunday school is one of the services of the church. What is a layman good for, if he simply listens to you preach. A brother asked if Brother Levell thought you could get people simply by inviting them. "No," he said. "Well, how?" "Invite them personally, invite them patiently, invite them persistently."

It is our business to train men and women. Successful business men should use their brains in training children in the Sunday school. He gave many helpful suggestions for Sunday school work. The report was adopted.

R. E. Pettus introduced a resolution to the effect that we urge teachers to pay particular attention to temperance lessons, and to strive to persuade pupils to avoid the use of tobacco, especially cigarette smoking, which was adopted.

L. O. Dawson made report on Colportage, recommending that the State Board encourage the Colportage Work, but that no secretary be employed specially for this department.

The report of committee on report of State Board of Missions was taken from the table. This report endorsed the establishment of our Academic schools, and recommended the establishment of others, where the Board deemed it wise. It also recommended the appointment of a committee to make a schedule of offerings to report at the next convention. It also recommended the encouragement of evangelism, and suggested the appointment of a committee to see if arrangements could be made for teaching practical methods of evangelism in our Seminary. The report was discussed by J. V. Dickinson, S. O. Y. Ray, W. A. Taliaferro, A. J. Dickinson, W. J. E. Cox, W. A. Windam, W. B. Crumpton, L. O. Dawson, P. M. Jones.

Brother Taliaferro thought the town and city preachers ought to get out in the country occasionally and preach.

Bro. A. J. Dickinson said the city preacher already had his hands full, and didn't have time to get out in the country. Brother Cox differed from Brother Dickinson, the city preacher could find time to get out in the country and preach. He advised Brother

Dickinson to try it. "It will help you, Dickinson, and you will get more religion."

The report was adopted. A resolution of thanks was offered by O. F. Gregory, expressing the thanks of the convention to the people of Anniston, to papers, railroads, etc., which was adopted.

A committee consisting of Thos. M. Callaway, Richard Hall, and O. W. Mathison was appointed to see that the newspapers next year had proper reports of the proceedings.

The following standing committees were announced:

Foreign Missions.—A. G. Moseley, J. S. Averett, W. J. Reddick, J. W. Dunaway, S. J. Catts, T. V. Neal, Jno. L. Ray.

Home Missions.—J. W. O'Hara, O. M. Stewart, H. T. Crumpton, W. J. D. Uphaw, A. A. Hutto, G. W. McRae, J. L. Gregory.

Sunday School.—W. R. Ivey, W. J. Nash, A. J. Creel, H. M. Nipper, J. W. Sandlin, J. A. Jenkins, N. M. Olive.

Temperance.—O. F. Gregory, C. S. Rabb, J. V. Dickinson, W. M. Blackwelder, A. J. Moncrief, C. J. Bentley, M. Stamps.

Woman's Work.—W. W. Lee, J. W. Vesey, P. M. Jones, A. N. Reeves, J. A. Bealle, W. A. Bellamy, Edward Brand.

Young People's Work.—C. O. Pugh, A. J. Johnson, O. A. Bamber, W. D. Hubbard, M. M. Wood, J. L. Kendrick, Robt. H. Tandy.

Messengers to Anti-Saloon League Convention.—O. F. Gregory, C. S. Robb, W. J. E. Cox, J. M. Shelburne, J. V. Dickinson.

Committee to Confer Regarding Summer Schools.—A. J. Moncrief, J. L. Gross, L. O. Dawson.

Committee on Evangelism.—E. M. Stewart, T. M. Callaway, A. G. Moseley.

On Co-operation.—J. L. Gross, W. M. Blackwelder, J. S. Thompson, P. M. Bomar, W. A. Taliaferro.

This finished the business of the convention. Dr. Gregory was appointed to preach at the night session and to lead in the closing exercises. He selected as his text, II Cor. 6:1.

It was a most delightful session, and every delegate was ready to vote Anniston a charming city of charming people.

Some Convention Notes by Brother Crumpton.

The Ministers' Meeting was a great success. Probably a better program could have been arranged. The brother who wrote on "Diverge," gave us a splendid paper; but in the opinion of the writer the most of us showed woeful ignorance on the subject. The question is receiving much attention by all denominations, and we ought to post ourselves. A live discussion of the subject in the paper would do good. The speakers on some of the subjects missed the point entirely. But there is often the case.

We failed to make provision for a committee on program to arrange for the next meeting the day before the

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A Talented Musician Who Uses His Gifts in the Service of the Master.

Robt. E. Black.

It is due to Prof. Black and also to the Baptists of Alabama, that they know each other fully. He is one of the ablest musicians of our Southland, having been director of music at Judson Institute and also at Shorter College, and last at Roanoke Normal College, Roanoke, Ala. It is not of these positions which he has held that I wish to speak; they speak for themselves; but I wish to speak of him as a Baptist. He loves the cause of his blessed Savior, and wherever he is his great musical ability is used to its utmost in the service of song in our churches.

As a director of church music I have never known his equal. He is pious and gentle, and as tender as a woman in his feelings. Now that he is about to leave east Alabama, I beg the privilege of presenting his face in the Alabama Baptist, and of saying that he is worthy to be trusted with the most delicate of services in the cause of our Master, as well as that he is a great master of music in our schools. He is worth loving and preserving.

Very truly, John P. Shaffer.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Roanoke Baptist Church, in Conference June 5th, 1904, having received and accepted the resignation of Prof. R. E. Black as Director of Music, offered the following resolutions through committee appointed.

Whereas, Brother Black has been led to see that duty calls him to another field of labor, resolved,

First, That we, the membership, individually and collectively, of the Roanoke Baptist church, extend to Brother Black our sincere appreciation for the long, unselfish labor so generously given to the cause of the Master. During the years of our pleasant Christian association, we have noted with pleasure and pride the attractiveness

and progress made in this important feature of our church service. We feel that our Brother's work has not been in vain, but that good seed have been sown that will grow and ripen into abundant harvest.

Resolved, second, That we assure our brother, as he has faithfully lived among us in labor, even so does he live in our memory and heart; and as he goes to his new field of labor with him goes our sympathy and prayers. We sing and pray "God be with you till we meet again," if on earth we meet no more, we shall meet and sing in notes divine in our bright home beyond.

Resolved, Third, That copies of these resolutions be furnished the Roanoke Leader, the Lafayette Sun, The Alabama Baptist and a copy be furnished Brother Black.

Affectionately submitted, Mrs. B. O. Driver, Miss Lena Hardy, Miss Emma Fausett, R. L. Brumbaloe, F. P. Nichols, John Faucett.

FROM THE ANNISTON STAR.

By profession Dr. Thos. M. Callaway is not a newspaper man. He is a minister, strong and influential. He lives at Talladega, and has for eight years filled the same pulpit. As a pastor he is much loved. At the annual conventions he is a prominent figure. At every convention he figures in newspaper reporting. For eight years he has written down for the Alabama Baptist what the sessions of the convention have done, and his reports have been of a high character. To the Alabama Baptist he is sending full reports of the present convention, and condensed reports to the Western Recorder, the Religious Herald, the Baptist Reflector, the Baptist Standard and the Christian Index. He is a Georgian—was reared at West Point, and has been in charge of churches at Forsyth, Dawson and Lumpkin. He came to Alabama eight years ago.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.

From the collection the convention passed to a discussion of church publications. Rev. Frank Willis Barnett was the first heard. He is editor of the Alabama Baptist. He said he felt that he was now in a position to labor for the Master's cause as he never was before. His purpose, he said, was to give to the Baptists of the State the very best paper possible. His speech was a forcible one, and much appreciated. He was followed by Dr. J. N. Prestridge, who is here in the interest of the Baptist Argus, which he conducts at Louisville. He gave hearty endorsement to the Alabama Baptist, and urged that it be circulated extensively in the fields where the missionaries are working. Incidentally he referred to his own paper. Dr. Prestridge is a native Alabamian. At Selma he was born and grew to manhood.

Dr. W. J. E. Cox then spoke in endorsement of the Alabama Baptist, and also of its editor.

Dr. Charles A. Stakely, of Montgomery, spoke along the same line. He said that it deserved support, and that were the proper support given it would be carried to the point the Baptists wish to see it carried.

Rev. B. F. Giles spoke in the same vein.

Colonel H. S. D. Mallory spoke in representation of the laymen. He said when the preachers set the pace in matters of support the laymen would follow.

Dr. L. O. Dawson, pastor at Tuscaloosa, associate editor of the Alabama Baptist, was next heard from. He is one of the most popular men in the convention and one of the strongest. He said that to the paper he would give the best that he could, and to the Baptists of the State he made an urgent appeal for support.—Evening Star.

FROM THE MILL TO THE MISSION FIELD.

That was a dramatic and touching scene on Thursday night when Rev. A. G. Spinks, pastor of the First church of Anniston, arose and with tremulous voice stated that Miss Kate Crowder, a mill operative in one of the big cotton mills, and a member of his church, offered herself as a foreign missionary.

The following letter will explain itself:

Huntsville, Ala., July 24, 1904.
Miss Katie Crowder, Anniston, Ala.

My Dear Young Sister: I am directed by the Alabama State Convention to express to you its pleasure at your decision to lay yourself upon God's altar to be used by Him wherever He, in His providence, sees fit to direct you, and to pledge you its prayers and best wishes that you may become a bright and shining "light of them which are in darkness." Rom 2:19.

Fraternally,

R. E. Pettus.

Brother Pettus in a personal letter says: "I believe the Ladies Missionary Societies of the State would do the right thing if they would put Miss Crowder in school beginning this fall."

Brother Barnett: I have just received a telegram from Brother Miles saying that Miss Maud Merritt's father died suddenly Sunday and will be buried Monday. I return at once to Montgomery. Brethren who have seen this noble girl in my office, know how faithful she is, and will ask God to give her grace to bear this crushing blow. Not many months have passed since she buried a brother.

W. B. Crumpton.

P. M. Bruner, of Evergreen, has his heart in the work of the Orphanage, and can always be counted upon to look out for its interests.

O. J. Owens, President of the Anniston College for Young Ladies, invited the delegates and visitors to attend a recital at the college on Thursday afternoon which was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Owens did everything in his power to add to the pleasure of the delegates and visitors throughout the Convention.

Correspondence.

Revivals.

NORTH HIGHLANDS.

That was a great meeting—already that church has a membership of seventy, and they are receiving new members at every service. They will begin at an early day to erect their new house, which will be a credit to them and to the denomination. They are the most enthusiastic set of Christians in my knowledge. We must help them build. Their young pastor, in addition to all the work he is doing with his own church, is engaged to hold meetings in several portions of the city and district. He is now in the midst of a great meeting at Powderly which promises a great revolution in that place.

EAST BIRMINGHAM.

Here too a good meeting has just closed, six were received for baptism and three by letter. Brother Reaves has resigned and will go at an early date to Cullman, where he will begin work at once.

VIRGINIA MINES.

The meeting at this church was one of the best held in the district, the preaching was done by Brother Patridge. Brother Livengood is the pastor; nineteen were baptized and nine received by letter.

PIPE WORKS.

This is without question the most needy and longest neglected of any place in all the district. No house, no minister, and until recently no Sunday school or any other service, for several months they have been using a tent provided by the East Lake church, where they have been conducting a good Sunday school under the leadership of Brothers Bell and Lewis. We have just closed a meeting there which resulted in four received by baptism, and material gathered for the organi-

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zation of a church. Brother Tom West is in charge there now. Much good work has been done there by Brethren Waldrop, Barclay, Morgan and others.

GRAVES MINES.

Brother W. F. White and Brother Hudson held a meeting at this place under the trees. Great crowds came out to hear the preachers and much good was accomplished. Six were received for baptism and a church constituted with 20 members. Many others will join and a house of worship will soon be built.

MARY LEE MINES.

Brother Hudson held a meeting here which resulted in nine or ten baptisms and many others by letter. A new church was built here this year. These meetings have been held in the last six weeks, and the results give occasion for great joy. Counting those received in the Packer Memorial meeting, we have a total in our mission stations and smaller churches of 162 members. We are holding meetings now at Powderly and East Thomas, which promise gracious results.

S. O. Y. Ray.

A Great Convention.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, the organ of the Baptists of Alabama, who has just returned from the eighty-third session of the Baptist State Convention, held at Anniston last week, says: "In many ways it was the greatest in the history of Alabama Baptists. The attendance of delegates was larger, there was less friction, more enthusiasm and better reports. The ministers' meeting, which preceded the convention, brought together pastors and preachers from all parts of the state to discuss ways and means to further their work. The subjects handled were varied and the speeches of a high order. Rev. George E. Brewer presided with dignity over the ministers' meeting, and Rev. W. A. McMinn made an efficient secretary.

"There was an earnest desire among the delegates to enlarge the work along all lines. The summer school for ministers to be established at Howard College will be the means of bringing into this district each summer a number of progressive ministers from all parts of the state for counsel and improvement. It is confidently expected that efforts will be made at once to raise the \$200,000 endowment for Howard College. The election of Hon. G. L. Comer, of Eufaula, gave general satisfaction. He proved to be a fine parliamentarian and dispatched business and maintained order like an old hand. Hon. W. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, a consecrated business layman, was chosen first vice-president, and Judge Denson, of Lafayette, a member of the Supreme court, was made second vice-president. W. A. Davis, of Anniston, the efficient secretary, was unanimously re-elected, and was honored by a rising vote. Rev. J. H. Foster, the host of the convention, was ably seconded by his people in his efforts to provide for the com-

fort and convenience of the delegates. The homes of Anniston were thrown open to the delegates, and the visitors and all were made to feel at home. Anniston is an ideal convention city."—Birmingham News.

FROM GREENSBORO.

We have recently experienced a gracious revival in our midst, in which we were made to rejoice in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence. Dr. Bomar, the Marion pastor, did the preaching. And surely it was with power and in the demonstration of the Spirit.

The sweet old gospel story was presented in such an earnest, winning manner as to take hold of the hearts of the people. Large numbers of the people of other denominations came out and took part in the meeting. The interest was greatly increased by Miss Daisy Pettus, who is under the appointment of the Foreign Mission Board to work in Persia. The presence of such an earnest, consecrated Christian worker brought a great blessing to our people, and especially did her work among the ladies result in a spiritual blessing. At the close of the meeting four happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism. Others have recently been added to the membership of the church. And it is very gratifying that the work is steadily gaining ground, for which our hearts go out in gratitude to God. There has been a gradual increase in contributions and an increase of interest in the general work of the church and with it all we trust a deepening of spirituality and a more thorough consecration to the Master on the part of the membership.

In giving up our work here as pastor of these noble people there has been a hard struggle, and only would we give up a work so dear to us save only to take up a work to which we believe the Master calls in distant China, where the many millions are dying with no one to tell them of our Saviour. Pray that God may continue to bless His people here and send the right man at the right time to take up the work and carry it forward, and pray also for the retiring pastor as he goes as your missionary in China in the early fall.

T. M. Thomas.

FROM WINFIELD, ALA.

Thinking that a few dots from this corner of the field would be of interest to some of your readers, I will proceed to give them. I established a preaching station at Brilliant January, 1903, under the auspices of the State Mission Board and have been preaching there regularly, and visiting and talking and praying with and for those people, hoping that some day God would give me the victory. I have had strong opposition to the work that I have been trying to establish.

I have been denounced as a devil from the pulpit; have had my actions misunderstood and my motives misjudged; but by the help of the Lord and the co-operation of a few of His noble men and women we have progressed this far. On Monday night,

13th inst., I began a series of meetings at Brilliant, which continued until the Wednesday night following. I did not try to hold a revival meeting as the term is generally understood, but I tried to teach the people the doctrines of the Bible as the Baptists believe it.

On Sunday I sent for Elder D. W. Dickinson to help me in the organization of a Missionary Baptist Church there, which he did. We organized with sixteen charter members. The meeting continued until Wednesday night, during which time we received six more—three by letter and three by experience and baptism. There are some six or eight more who were kept away on account of sickness who will come in as soon as an opportunity is afforded them. I hope the readers of this sketch will not forget to pray for our work at Brilliant.

A. N. Reeves.

A GOSPEL TENT.

For some time it has been in my heart to say something about the Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association and its tent work. Only a few months have passed since our Association purchased a tent and in connection with the State Board, called Rev. P. M. Jones, then pastor at Brookwood, to take up the "work of an evangelist." Brother Jones has been a pastor for eight years, and knowing the hearts and needs of the people, is well qualified for the work into which the Lord has called him.

His preaching is of the gospel kind, and always fruitful because it comes from a man of prayer, who honors the Spirit of God.

As a result of the meeting at Searls, the Lord added many souls to the church and saved an \$800 house to our denomination.

Meetings have held at Holt, Tuscaloosa and Cottondale, and the tent is now at Mt. Zion. The Lord has greatly blessed the work and more than two hundred and fifty souls have been added to His line of march. May many more be led to accept Him as Saviour and King before our associational year closes in August. Each time the tent is located, we endeavor to put it in reach of several churches, and have the different churches extend an arm of the church to the tent, where they receive members.

This plan has worked well, and will continue to do so as long as the people pull together and honor God. There are hundreds of places where just such work is needed, and may our Lord put it into the hearts of the people to see their opportunity, and act promptly.

Jas. R. Magill.

Northport, Ala.

FROM OAKMAN.

Our revival meeting of ten days at Corona, Ala., closed last evening with thirty-three accessions to the church—twenty-one by baptism and twelve by letter. It is said by the Corona people to have been the best meeting in the history of the town. Bro. T. H. Watkins, of Russellville, Ala., did the preaching, and it was done in demonstration of the Spirit and power. Bro.

Watkins preached a few sermons at Corona about four years ago, when he was in Howard College. When he came to help us in this meeting he found a Baptist Church of thirty-six members and a house built a year ago at a cost of about \$1100. He and his good wife and baby Wilson returned today to Russellville, with our best wishes. Our people are greatly endeared to Brother Watkins and family. They leave us with our membership almost doubled. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Praise His holy name! Any church is fortunate in securing Brother Watkins to help them in revival meetings. May God bless you and the Alabama Baptist. It is a welcome visitor in our home.

J. I. McCollum.

FROM DEATSVILLE.

I am here helping Brother Schramm in a meeting. Interest is good and congregations large. We are hoping for good results.

But the purpose of this note is to tell of Children's Day at Enterprise.

Sunday night I gave them my hour. Sister Bettie Bailey and her faithful helpers, Sister Stevenson and Miss Estell Moseley, had an excellent program, which was carried out in detail. The services were very impressive and instructive. A freewill offering for the Bible Fund was made amounting to \$10. Bro. Will Edmonds, our efficient Superintendent, rendered good help. He is one of the very best Sunday school Superintendents in the State—untiring in energy and effort. There are few such young men.

Miss Bettie Bailey for church work and faithfulness has no superiors. She is one of the Lord's anointed. Recently a number of valuable accessions have been made to our church.

I would say more about Enterprise did it not appear as boasting.

R. M. Hunter.

REVIVAL AT MOUNTAIN CREEK.

We have had a great revival in the Boseman Church, and we feel that the Spirit has blessed us. Our pastor did all of the preaching and we can hardly see how anyone could have improved on the fine sermons he gave us. The Lord was in the work and gave us thirty souls, eighteen by experience and twelve by letter. Our church was packed at each service and several times some had to stand. We feel that our entire church is in a much better condition.

E. L. Thornton.

BELLWOOD, ALA.

We have just closed a good meeting at this new railroad town. I got the little church on its feet again; eight accessions to the membership; ordained two deacons; raised at a public collection about enough to build a much needed church. Many beautiful towns in Southeast Alabama are springing up, and in every one there should be erected a Baptist Church—it makes no difference if there are twenty other denominations already planted. Baptists in this country are increasing rapidly in number, but oh! how they do need to be taught missions.

R. M. H.

WOMAN'S WORK

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

The Sunbeam Society at its last meeting elected the following officers: Miss Iris Estes, President; Miss Minnie Rutherford, Vice-president; Mr. Ed Pyron, Secretary; Miss May Pyron, Treasurer and Mrs. Gennilla Ross, Organist. This Society since it has been organized has done good, bought a lamp for the outside of the church, sent Miss Willie Kelly \$1.00 and fenced in the parsonage with wire.

H. R. Schramm.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

At 9:30 o'clock the Sunday school room of Parker Memorial Church was well filled with delegates, visitors and the ladies of the church who had come together to give attention to the Master's business.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. W. G. Parker, of Columbiana. When listening to the old familiar songs so heartily sung by these workers who had come together from different parts of the State one could but be impressed with the strength of "the tie that binds" and the oneness of their interest and aims.

Representing the ladies of the church, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, delivered an address of welcome, which was most happily responded to by Mrs. L. O. Lott, of Mobile.

After the enrollment of delegates, of whom a larger number than ever before were present at the opening session, a summary of the year's work was given in the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and State Organizer. These were most encouraging, as they showed an increase in every way over the work of past years, the result of united effort all along the line.

Miss Daisy Winston Pettus was present and told as only she can tell and in a way which touched all hearts, of how God has led her through the years, often contrary to her wishes, to her present position of appointment as a worker in the foreign field. From herself she lifted the thoughts of those who heard her to Him who "ordereth all our ways," and many a prayer ascended asking a blessing upon the young worker and the Master's cause in that part of the vineyard to which she is going.

As Mrs. A. G. Mosley, who was to speak of the orphanage, was not present brief remarks were made by Mrs. J. F. M. Davis and Mrs. W. A. Taliaferro, after which the meeting was adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

OUR LITERATURE.

By Mrs. O. F. Gregory of Montgomery, Ala.

Prepared and read before the Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Anniston, Ala., July 19, 1904, and printed by request.

When the work of the Woman's Missionary Union began, we were confronted by two problems: 1st. Many

who doubted the legitimacy of woman's work, as such, held aloof and doubted whereunto this thing would grow. 2nd. We had to learn how to use wisely the enlarged and enlarging opportunities for usefulness which were opening to the women of our Southland.

During these sixteen years since its organization, the Woman's Missionary Union has proved its right to be, by the manifestation of the divine blessing upon the varied phases of their work.

In the overcoming of prejudices, in the correction of erroneous ideas regarding woman's work for missions, in arousing a deeper and more intelligent interest in, and securing constantly increasing contributions for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad, the place and power of the periodicals and literature of the Southern Baptist Convention has been an important factor.

Light alone can dissipate darkness, accurate information alone correct vague and mistaken conceptions. Knowledge is power, and just in proportion as the claims of our Master's work are known, will these claims be acknowledged and obeyed.

First of all in the list of instruments thus successfully used, comes THE BIBLE, the word of God. The distribution of this precious book to those who have it not, and its reverent study by those who possess it, is an important feature of the work of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, and our Woman's Missionary Societies ought to put more emphasis on and make larger contributions to the Bible and Colporter Fund, for it stands for the Bible work of the Convention. Appropriations are made out of this fund to some of the State Boards, to the Home Board and to the Foreign Board \$1,000 in cash.

2. It is worthy of note that altho anti-mission Baptists were at one time quite numerous, they have almost ceased to exist, while Missionary Baptists have made a remarkable increase, for anti-mission Baptists have also been decidedly anti-Sunday school too. This is not surprising since the Sunday school is one of the most effective missionary agencies in the church. It is admirably adapted to the work of instruction in missions. From the Primary Department to the Adult Class the atmosphere should be charged with missions. Recognizing this fact the literature and periodicals of our Sunday School Board are invaluable to the superintendent or teacher who is wise enough to know that unless our children are taught regarding our mission work, and trained in giving to it, the hope of the church of the future is Kind Words, Child's Gem, the various lesson quarterlies, the B. Y. P. U. quarterly all provide excellent helps for the worker, and accurate information regarding the work.

3rd. Our Home Field, published by our Home Board at Atlanta, at the low price of 10c per annum, and much cheaper in quantities, ought to have a

wide circulation in our churches, on account of the information it gives us regarding the important interests fostered by that Board.

4th. The Foreign Mission Journal, not only brings us the tidings regarding our fellow workers in the foreign fields, but every month permits us to become acquainted with the faces of some of those who are on the frontier. In proportion as the Foreign Mission Journal is circulated and read, there will be larger and more intelligent obedience to the command of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

5th. No Society can afford to be without the "Mission Topic Card" and its accompanying monthly literature, prepared for daily prayer, and study, and for use in monthly missionary meetings. It treats only of the fields occupied by and the work of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is issued by the Mission Literature Department, S. B. C., Baltimore. The cards alone are 50c per 100; or a single card and its 12 tracts, one for each month in the year, for 30 cents.

6th. Let not our Women's Societies dream that we have discharged our duty when our contributions are made monthly, but let us make this new Conventional year one of seed sowing of missionary literature. Let every Society have one or more members appointed for the special work of securing subscriptions to our denominational literature, not forgetting to endeavor to put the Alabama Baptist in every home in the church.

7th. Both the Home and Foreign Boards will gladly furnish all the tracts free of charge that you need or can use. Let us not leave this work undone because we have not been asked to do it, but obtain these tracts and put them regularly in the hands of others, and especially of those who do not attend our meetings or contribute to the work, and let us not limit our work to the women, but seek to interest one and all in this great work. Let us do it, not once, but persistently all the year, and at our next meeting our receipts will be very largely increased.

Montgomery, Ala.

CARROLLTON LETTER.

Our church at Carrollton has recently passed through a series of special revival services, lasting eleven days, in which the preaching was done by Evangelist E. B. Miller, of West Point, Miss. The church, in the main, was much strengthened by the meeting, and the visible results, generally, were highly gratifying.

Pastor Baird and his people at Reform, are at work painting and otherwise improving their church building, trying to get it in "apple pie" order for the Union Association that is to meet there in the early days of September.

The town of Aliceville, the southern terminus of the Carrollton Short Line Railway, though quite young, has grown to be a considerable trading point, and is increasing in population steadily. There is yet no church organization of any sort there, but I think the Garden church, about two

and a half miles from there, will soon move their plant there and build. This would be a good move, and would give the Baptists quite an advantage in this growing town.

There is a great need in this (Union) Association of more ministers—men well equipped for the work and who could give their whole time to the ministry. The churches, however, need to be educated out of the old ruts of secularizing their pastors, into the higher and Scriptural way of supporting them. Preachers, however, who are willing to live hard for a while, and who would come to this field and give their full time to training the churches, I think would ere long be amply rewarded, both spiritually and materially, for their toils and sacrifices.

The one great curse in this section is the whiskey traffic. There are now in this one (Pickens) county four open saloons that seem to be doing a thriving business. How long we are to be afflicted with this evil, the wisest among us cannot tell, but until it is banished from our midst we shall be sadly hampered and hindered in our work for the Master. I am laboring and praying for its removal, and that quite early.

Pastor G. W. Kerr seems to be making good progress in his field. He reports a moving forward along the different lines of Christian work in his churches. Brother Kerr is a stirring preacher. I have agreed to aid him in the near future, in his meeting at Mineral Springs.

Brother D. O. Baird, though old and feeble, is nevertheless full of labors in the vineyard of the Lord. He preaches at five or six different points each month.

Elder Hix B. Chappell, another of our aged ministers, and who has led quite an active life, has been an invalid for some time. His age and infirmities have compelled him to give up all his churches, except his home church, and he is too feeble to fill his appointments there regularly.

It became my sad duty not long since to bury one of the best women of Garden church, Mrs. Rhoda E. Sumner. She was a good woman and will be missed. "One by one we are gathering home."

H. M. Long.

PROVIDENCE, FLA.

I have been here all this year, preaching to four churches, and four mission stations, getting along O.K. every way, both myself and family.

I start my protracted meeting at home next Saturday. Have one to run in August and two in September, after which I hope to have good news to write you all.

We like Florida all right enough, but as all our people, both living and dead, are in Alabama, I would move back there, buy a home and settle for life, if I could get pastorates enough to make a living. Would be glad to correspond with any churches, not too far from Birmingham, Ala., wanting pastor after November 1st.

Fraternally,

D. L. James.

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SOME CONVENTION NOTES BY BROTHER CRUMPTON.
(Continued from page 3)

Convention. I therefore nominate Brethren Brewer, Blackwelder, and Shelburne as a committee on program, and would suggest that a preliminary meeting be held on Wednesday night. I am sure that if Brother Brewer, our President, would name these brethren or some others, it would be entirely satisfactory to the brotherhood. I have been telling everybody that

COOLEST PLACE IN ALABAMA. in summer was Anniston; but I had to eat my words at the Convention. The weather clerk seemed to have put in a special hot order for the benefit of the Baptists. Apologetics were in order among the Annistonians, wherever you met them: "This is very unusual weather for us." "It is seldom we have anything like this in summer," were some of the expressions we heard on every turn. However, the splendid hospitality of the people made amends for all our inconveniences on account of the heat. With great pleasure I write down The Alabama, where I was royally entertained, as one of the best hotels in the State. It is bran new and up-to-date in every particular.

OUR PRESIDENT was a new man, but everybody sang his praises. If he erred, it was on the side of mercy--to the brethren who wanted to talk. The spirit of the Convention was beautiful--not an ugly word was spoken, barring some little personal flings, done in the way of pleasantry, and not thoroughly understood by everybody.

A ONE MINUTE'S SPEECH WHICH WAS NOT DELIVERED FOR THE WANT OF TIME: "THE EDITOR OF OUR PAPER SAYS IT SHALL BE MADE BETTER AS THE DAYS GO BY, WHICH WE ARE ALL GLAD TO HEAR; BUT ALREADY IT IS THE BEST PAPER IN THE WIDE WORLD FOR THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA. THE HERALD, INDEX, ARGUS, RECORDER, STANDARD AND ALL THE OTHERS THROWN IN, CANNOT TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE HOMES OF OUR PEOPLE. IT IS STRICTLY WHAT ITS NAME INDICATES, A PAPER FOR THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA. IN IT, AND NO WHERE ELSE, YOU WILL FIND WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO. STATE PRIDE OUGHT TO MAKE US DILIGENT READERS OF IT. DENOMINATIONAL PRIDE OUGHT TO MAKE US ITS BEST FRIENDS. PASTORS WHO LOVE THE CAUSE IN ALABAMA OUGHT TO SEE THAT IT IS IN EVERY HOME. FREQUENTLY FROM THE PULPIT THEY SHOULD CALL ATTENTION TO SOMETHING IN ITS COLUMNS. THE PAPER HAS ITS DEFECTS, OF COURSE; BUT SUPPOSE FOR ONE YEAR WE UNANIMOUSLY TURN OUR ATTENTION TO PRAISING ITS STRONG POINTS. LET'S DO IT, BRETHREN. I PROMISE FOR ONE TO FOLLOW THE PRESCRIPTION I SUGGEST FOR YOU."

ANOTHER UNDELIVERED SPEECH

of one minute was this: "It is a dangerous thing to send a boy away to college," said one of the brethren, and he was right; but may it not be more dangerous to keep him at home? We forget how many boys "go to the dogs" who never go away from home. On the farm at home, as clerks in the store at home, as cattle drivers at home, in the saw-mill at home, thousands are wrecked and people know it; but if a boy is sent away to College and comes back a wreck, everybody is ready to charge it to the College. Brother, if you have a boy who ought to go off to college, commit him to God, send him to Howard College. Follow his departure quickly with letters to the President and the Faculty, and the pastor of the church at East Lake; then every week write him you are praying for him, beg him not to smoke cigarettes or to fall into the tobacco habit, keep money out of his hands, and if there is anything in your boy, he will make a man.

Everybody said: "The best part of the Convention was 'Missions in My Field.'" But unfortunately only a few of the brethren could be heard. I shall insist that the next program give more time to this feature and that all the brethren who were not heard at this meeting shall be heard then with others from other parts of the State. Some more notes may follow these as I have time to write them.

FROM MIDWAY, KENTUCKY.

I am glad that I can make a favorable report of my labors in Kentucky. The Lord is exceedingly good to this people. But the people are not so good to the Lord. Perhaps there is no land in all the country so beautiful, productive and valuable as this about Midway, and certainly no other place where so little of the wealth is consecrated to the Lord. It is a delightful place to live, good health and good neighbors, but the lack of spirituality and reverence for Jehovah keeps one sore troubled. During my pastorate of a little more than a year the church has received forty-five members and has done better than before for missions, etc.

I have recently preached in two revival meetings. The Lord greatly blessed us in both. The one at Switzer added twenty to the church. The other at Corinth was of unusual spirituality, and nine were added to the church. I send greetings to friends in Alabama.
J. F. Watson.

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A Happy Move.

One of the happiest moves we have made since becoming editor of the Alabama Baptist was when we secured Rev. L. O. Dawson, D. D., of Tuscaloosa, as Associate Editor. His love for Alabama is genuine or long since he would have accepted one of the numerous calls which came to him to serve in other fields. That our action was timely was evidenced by the hearty applause which came at the mere mention of the fact that he was to be associated with us during the coming year. He is a busy pastor and only takes editorial work in order to increase the efficiency of the paper. We believe the brethren will appreciate his position and do all in their power to make his work pleasant and helpful. We earnestly desire to strengthen the paper and make it a true servant of the Baptists of Alabama, so that the closing words of Brother Dawson's personal letter to us may be realized, for he said, "God help us to help the people."

I Continue.

Until now I have never believed that I might, could, or would or should become an editor. So far as I can learn I am one of the few in the world who do not know all about how a newspaper should be run. I have no editorial ambition, and look forward to no literary career. Yet I have agreed to accept the task of writing for the editorial columns of the Baptist for one year, if Brother Barnett cannot in the meantime find a better man. I know that with the multiplied duties that press me, I can do justice neither to myself nor to the paper and its readers. But we all owe a duty to give of our best effort in making a paper adequate to the needs of our people. No one or two men can do it. I was asked to help in this way, and this is my answer.

If it please God that I may help somebody by what I write, I shall be satisfied—grateful. Let it be clearly understood that I have nothing to do with the policy, make up, or business of the paper. Therefore all cash, advice, contributions, abuse and other odds and ends that go to make an editor happy should be sent to Frank Willis Barnett. Lest life may prove too sad a thing for that good brother, I will relieve him of the trouble that might come through my errors by continuing to sign an asterisk (*).

A number of our most thoughtful brethren agreed to write regularly for the Baptist if I would undertake this work. Chiefly for that reason I agreed. When the people grow tired of my dull sentences let them turn to these promised articles and think of me with charity.

L. O. Dawson.

God Bless Our Women.

There was a meeting going on in the same building with the Convention that promises great things for the Master's cause in Alabama. It was a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. For several days they were gathered together in prayer and counsel quietly planning for the coming year. Do you know what these women did last year? Listen, they gave nearly \$25,000. God bless the officers of the central committee and all the officers of the various societies, and may He specially guide Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, the gifted State Organizer, as she goes from place to place to call the women together, and watch over Mrs. D. M. Maloué as she edits from week to week the woman's page in the Alabama Baptist.

Our New President

We have no part in the heresy of ex-President Mallory touching the frequent change of our presiding officers. We believe in getting a good man and keeping him. The longer he presides the more efficient he will become. For this reason we were for re-electing the aforesaid heretic till judgement day. Our platform is still the same, but henceforth our candidate is President Comer. Indeed, the ease and grace with which he discharges his duty is delightful to see. Fair, firm, and tactful he seems just the right man in the right place. Especially is he to be commended in holding the Convention strictly to its rules and rapidly discharging its business. We never got through our work with greater ease and satisfaction.

Our Largest Convention.

With no axes to grind, no feuds to fight out and no fusses to settle, the saints went to the Anniston Convention about 500 strong. The drawing card was no extraordinary issue calling for full delegations, but just the straight forward every day work of the churches. There was nothing spectacular about the meeting—no dramatic situations—no sensational episodes—and, with the exception of Dr. Gray's, no great speeches.

Yet a steady advance was seen in every direction. The Judson holds on her great career. The Howard is in broad daylight and grows daily in the affections of the brotherhood. It begins to look as if we are going to be in earnest about Sunday schools. Missionary work is appealing to more churches than ever, and, with many, its appeal is more effective. Some of our best beloved are going to reinforce Alabama's representation on the foreign field. The spirit of the Convention was a joy to all. No bickerings, no envyings, no strife, none seeking to weaken or worry or wound a brother. Each desiring to help the other meet the problems of his special field and all co-operating to conquer the difficulties of the general work. This was the Anniston Convention as seen by this editor. It gives promise of a great year's work to follow.

Old Howard's Grip.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the Anniston Convention was the collection for Howard College. If often happens that under the influence of some powerful appeal large sums of money are given or promised. Feeling is intense and enthusiasm is high. Hearts are soft and purses are open. But on Thursday morning, after one of the poorest speeches ever heard on the floor of the Convention, the delegates began making pledges for the Howard fund (not endowment) and refused to stop until the amount reached to something like \$4800.00. This was one of the largest, if not the largest sum ever pledged in the Convention for any purpose. Nobody was "swept off his feet." The collection was not manipulated and proceeded without a plan. It was simply an expression of interest in the great old school and a striking proof of its powerful grip on the hearts of the people.

Some day the right word will be spoken, and the hosts of Alabama will move forward to endow. There may be painful delays and failures, not a few, but we do not believe God's hour will be long in striking, and when it does, victory will be at hand. Meantime, pray for that endowment committee.

A Regrettable Affair.

We refrained from making any comment upon the trouble between Brethren W. A. Hobson and J. B. Holley, editors of the Southern Baptist Witness at Jacksonville, Fla., until we had heard from both sides. We believe the attack made by Brother Holley on Brother Hobson was unjustifiable, and feel sure that he himself greatly regrets the assault. Dr. Hobson acted as one who had caught the spirit of the Master.

On Rising Ground.

For two years and a half we kept putting our money, our time and our prayers into the Alabama Baptist, believing that the hour would come when we could go to the Convention and tell the brethren that the paper was paying its way, and on Friday morning looking into their faces we made the announcement and felt deeply grateful for the sympathy, patience, help and encouragement so generously given us while making the uphill fight, knowing that the Baptists of Alabama would continue to rally about us until the Alabama Baptist under God fulfills its mission.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Frank Willis Barnett.

Hon. John B. Knox took us driving and pointed out the beautiful homes of Anniston.

We had the pleasure of dining with Judge Richard Kelley with a company of delightful brethren.

Let's get together and raise the \$200,000 endowment for Howard College. The pastors can do it.

There are 1,328 ordained Baptist preachers in the State, 1,807 Baptist churches and 143,575 members.

Senator J. D. Norman, of Lanett, was present. He is a consecrated layman in whom the Baptists of Alabama put implicit faith.

Rev. P. M. Jones, the missionary of the Tuscaloosa Association, made a stirring report of his work. Brother Jones is a big man in many ways. The Lord bless him and his work.

Hon. B. F. Ellis, of Orrville, one of Judson's trustees, was shaking hands with his many friends. The Ellis family have been large givers and faithful workers in our State work.

Hon. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, who was elected First Vice-president, is greatly interested in Sunday school and educational work. He is a power for good in his community.

Pro. A. D. Smith, of East Lake, the busy business man found time to attend the Convention in the interest of Howard College. The amount of work this brother gets through in a week is simply marvelous.

George G. Miles, President of the State Mission Board is one of the strong Baptist laymen whose presence at the State Convention shows the great interest he takes in the work. He is a strong man and a true friend.

The report on Ministerial Education showed that forty-two ministerial students were enrolled at Howard College during the past year. We hope there will be at least fifty next year. The ministerial students of Howard have done fine work in the Birmingham District and we are proud of them.

The thanks of the Convention were tendered the Anniston Hot Blast and the Evening Star for their reports of the meeting. Both of these papers are up-to-date dailies and deserve the support of their respective constituencies.

The Convention did right in honoring the memory of Dr. Joshua H. Foster, whose recent death brought sorrow into hundreds of homes throughout the State. Dr. Foster's life should be an inspiration to the young preachers of Alabama.

The First Baptist Church of Anniston will remember the 83rd session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention with pleasure. Brother Spinks is doing a great work and deserves all the help that was given him.

That the brethren of the Convention are generous was shown by the hearty way in which they responded to the needs of the Athens Baptist church. Brother Fancher went home a happy man, believing that a brighter day was dawning for the Baptists at Athens.

W. B. Nichols, one of the men whom the Convention authorized he Trustees of the Orphanage to put on the Board as soon as the courts would legalize it, takes great interest in Baptist gatherings and makes the habit of being present at the State Convention as well as the Southern Baptist Convention.

The reception given the ladies at the Pastorium of the Parker Memorial church was greatly enjoyed. A large crowd was present and the refreshments were dainty and beautifully served.

Brother J. W. Stewart was our room mate at the home of Mrs. Mooring on Wilmer street.

Joe Willett, one of Anniston's leading lawyers, and an old friend, had us to dinner to meet his delegates, Drs. Gross and Stakely.

The address of welcome delivered by Pro. C. J. Owens of Anniston, was admirable and the response by Rev. Paul Bomar, D. D., of Marion, was just the thing.

C. S. Rabb, of Evergreen, a friend of the organized work, and a great temperance worker was present and was busy on committee work.

Hon. H. S. D. Mallory, of Selma, a courtly gentleman, a distinguished jurist, and an able presiding officer was present to aid the brethren by his wise counsel.

P. C. Ratliff, of Birmingham, a deacon of the First Baptist Church, was on hand to give the brethren the benefit of his ripe experience. Brother Ratliff is a most dependable man.

The report of the State Board of Missions by Brother Crumpton, besides being encouraging, was most interesting from a historical standpoint. We wish space allowed us to print it in full.

W. P. Welch, of Selma, one of Brother Gross's strong helpers, was present and gave us a cordial invitation to be present at the dedication services of the Selma Baptist Church to be held in September.

We are glad that the Convention ordered the constitution to be printed in the minutes every year. A thorough knowledge of it will save many a brother from introducing some foolish resolution.

Bro. S. O. Y. Ray's statement that the ministerial students of Howard College had baptized during the past year ten times more people than all the Baptist pastors of Birmingham furnishes food for thought.

Anniston is an ideal convention city and Rev. J. H. Foster, pastor of the Parker Memorial Church, is an ideal host. He and his people and the residents of Anniston did everything in their power to add to the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

We had the pleasure of being entertained by an old friend, S. L. Crook, or as all Annistonians know him "Sam Crook," for he is everybody's friend and the friend of everybody. Little Miss Margaret Cook kept us supplied with flowers during the Convention.

It was quite an appropriate and touching thing which the Convention did in unanimously electing William A. Davis, of Anniston, as clerk by a rising vote.

W. H. McKleroy, President of the Anniston National Bank, the son of the late William H. McKleroy, one of Alabama's most distinguished educators and public men, an old schoolmate, carried us out to his beautiful farm in his automobile, where we gathered a basket of luscious Elbertas and feasted on a view as charming as any of the valleys in Virginia.

J. F. Avery, of Shelby, was present. He is a staunch Baptist who can always be depended upon to promote the Master's work wherever he goes.

It was a graceful thing the Convention did in making Rev. George E. Brewer President of the Ministers' Meeting, and it was like him to preside with ease and fairness.

Park Nicolls, of Roanoke, one of the most beloved men in his section, a friend of preachers and good fellow generally was on hand shaking hands with hosts of his friends.

One of the encouraging signs of the times was the number of strong laymen who were present at the Convention. If the pastors would urge their people to attend many more would do so.

Bro. J. W. Stewart needs the sympathy, prayers, and co-operation of the good men and women throughout the State. We roomed with him during the Convention and we know how his heart is in the work of the orphanage.

There were some things in Bro. M. M. Wood's statistical report that caused us grief. The number of baptisms reported being only 8,519, or 1,584 less than the year before, and the net increase in membership being only 3,853.

Dr. E. C. Dargan represented the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. J. M. Frost the Sunday School Board, Dr. E. E. Bomar Foreign Missions, and Dr. B. D. Gray Home Missions. All of these are strong men who present their causes with force and vigor.

We greatly enjoyed the Convention sermon by Rev. S. H. Campbell, of Dothan—in fact to us it was one of the greatest spiritual treats of the entire session. Brother Campbell is doing a great work at Dothan and in South Alabama.

We were compelled to leave Friday night and failed to hear Dr. Gregory's sermon, but at the Birmingham Ministers' Conference we heard it highly complimented. We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Gregory preach a great missionary sermon at the Montgomery Association last year.

It was a keen disappointment to us that the time was so limited as to preclude the Convention's hearing the sermons of two of our most gifted young preachers, Rev. A. J. Moncrief of Union Springs, and Rev. C. C. Pugh of Lafayette.

It was gratifying to know that both Judson and Howard had enjoyed fine patronage. Drs. Patrick and Montague have placed the denomination in their debt by their able leadership. Let's rally around them this summer and make it possible for them to report the largest opening in the fall in the history of the institutions.

Dothan had many friends, and the appeal made by it for the Convention was strong, but Sheffield won the day, and we hope that the brethren of South Alabama will make arrangements to meet with the brethren of North Alabama and that the following year there will be a pilgrimage from the northern

to the southern portion of the State. The Baptists of Alabama need to know one another better.

One of the best speeches made in the interest of the Alabama Baptist was that of Dr. Prestridge, the handsome editor of the Argus.

The statement in the temperance report made by C. S. Rabb that thirty million of people were living in prohibition territory ought to increase the spirits of the workers.

Dr. G. W. Young, of Kentucky, the representative of the Anti-Saloon League who addressed the Convention is a veritable temperance cyclone. If he could pass through Alabama many a saloon would be wrecked.

Landrum P. Leavell speaks so enthusiastically of Sunday school work that he nearly sweeps his hearers off their feet. We hope those who heard him will try and catch some of his enthusiasm and that during the summer many schools will be started and dead ones revived.

The Convention honored itself in electing the Hon. G. L. Comer, of Eufaula, to preside over its sessions. A gifted lawyer, an enthusiastic Sunday school worker, an untiring helper of his pastor, and a consecrated Christian gentleman of whom his city is proud.

The attendance at the Convention was greater than last year. We Baptists are beginning to see the necessity of making more of our annual gatherings. We hope that the attendance next year at Sheffield will be a record breaking one.

Judge N. D. Denson, of Lafayette, who was elected second vice-president, though still a young man, by a large vote was placed by the people of Alabama on the supreme bench. He has for years stood for the Baptist cause in East Alabama.

We were glad to see some new faces at the Convention. A number of bright young men were seen and heard. There is a promising lot of young preachers coming on in Alabama, and they are not the kind to edge out the veterans who have grown old in the service, for they are a manly lot of educated Christian gentlemen.

Hon. John G. Harris was one of the distinguished laymen present. Brother Harris was busy greeting his numerous friends. The Major takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the denominational work. We are glad to announce he will contribute a number of articles during the coming year for the Alabama Baptist.

The Ministers' Meeting was a great success. The attendance was fine, the subjects well chosen and the majority of the speeches were of a high order. There are a number of questions that the brethren need to inform themselves upon and we know of no better way than to appoint set speakers and then have the questions threshed out on the floor. It is a sign that we are making progress when brethren can differ and yet do so publicly without be-

coming acrimonious. The Ministers' Meeting was no cut and dried affair.

"Missions on my Field" proved to be most interesting. Our heart was greatly stirred by the reports. All over the State strong men are battling for the right.

After hearing reports from the brethren working under the State Mission Board, its President, George G. Miles of Montgomery, truly said: "That the Baptists of Alabama ought to be proud of the men on the outposts."

Look on page seven and read Brother Crumpton's one minute speech for the Alabama Baptist. Commit it to memory and follow his prescription and watch the paper grow in power and usefulness.

Alabama is justly proud of her sons and daughters who are already on the Foreign field, and those under appointment have all the qualifications necessary to make them useful in spreading the gospel.

Rev. W. A. Taliaferro, of Greenville, made a statement showing how the city and village preachers could assist the brethren in the country throughout their associations in holding rallies and meetings. Brother Taliaferro has done a fine work along this line in his Association.

J. A. Maples, the temperance lecturer was on hand, and his talks from a wagon just in front of the church were greatly enjoyed. A resolution offered by Brother Crumpton endorsing his work was adopted. Pastors desiring the services of Brother Maples should address him care of the Alabama Baptist or write to Dr. Crumpton at Montgomery.

We know that the Convention appreciated the fact that the newspaper men present did not weary them with announcements about their respective papers. The Alabama Baptist quietly set the pace by refusing to make any mention of the fact that it was in existence save at the hour set apart on the programme, when a brief statement was made by the editor and several short talks by friends of the paper. We mean there was no continual jumping up at the close of each session by men who wanted to let the people know that now was the time to subscribe for and pay what was due to their respective papers.

There were a number of visiting editors. The first on the field was Rev. B. J. W. Graham, one of the editors of the Christian Index, and about as level headed a scribe as one could find in a day's journey: there was Dr. Harvey of the Western Recorder, keen, jovial, and believing in himself and his paper: there was Dr. Prestridge, handsome, courteous, and Argused: and there was V. I. Masters, of the Charleston Courier, young, energetic, capable, and one of the best paragraphers in the fraternity; altogether fine specimens of the men who are making our Southern Baptist papers go. We were glad to have them present and hope they come each year.

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What Next?

Now that Home and Foreign and State Missions have closed their years, **WHAT IS NEXT?** Why Brother, the whole thing over again, of course! We are now starting the new year. I suggest

A BAPTIST COLLEGE IN SHANGHAI

We have all been reading of Brother Bryan and some have had the pleasure of seeing him and hearing him talk, as he has traveled. He has been home for some months on a rest. How these worn missionaries need rest when they come home after seven years! And how they don't get it! Their poor hearts are so burdened with their work they do not lay it down when they come home.

Read what Bryan says about the need of a Baptist College in Shanghai. Our Baptist boys are compelled to attend the Episcopal College. Brother Bryan wants \$2,000 from Alabama. Shall he not have it? Everybody wants to have a hand in this great enterprise.

Here is the first \$100. It is a memorial of a noble man, contributed by his noble daughters. I know they would object to my writing their names. I do it only to stimulate others. On a marble slab in the main hall of the college will be this inscription,

Josiah Hatten Marbury,
Born Jan. 27th, 1841;
Died April 26th, 1895.

Contributions for this purpose will go to our credit on Foreign Missions; but we want it to be extra of the amount Alabama is asked to raise.

I ask pastors to let us get this matter behind us at once. Who will be the next?

W. B. Crumpton.

Chapel Hill, N. C., June 16, 1904.

Dear Brother Crumpton: It is now settled that we will leave for China about the 20th of August.

The letters sent to the pastors in Alabama with your approval and endorsement asked them to raise \$4,600 for Yates College by the end of this year, and some one must follow up this important matter after I leave, or the best results will not be accomplished.

Will you not try to see that at least \$2,000 of the above amount is raised in Alabama. I spoke to a number of the secretaries at the Convention at Nashville, and they all promised to take up the matter in their States. I will ask Dr. Willingham to inform you if any money is sent direct to him from your State.

I send you a short article on the Place of Education in Mission Work in China, which you may use in any way you think best to assist in raising the money for the college.

THE MONEY WILL BE RAISED AND THE COLLEGE WILL BE BUILT.

I return to begin building the college at once knowing that my brethren will see that the money is raised in good time.

Pray for us and our work!

Fraternally,

R. T. Bryan.

YATES COLLEGE.

The Foreign Mission Board has authorized R. T. Bryan to raise fifteen thousand dollars in the South to erect a College Building in Shanghai, China, in Memory of Dr. M. T. Yates.

NEEDS FOR THE COLLEGE.

1. The greatest need of our mission work in China is trained leaders. The Baptists of both Southern and Northern Boards in all China with a membership of about eight thousand native Christians have no college in which to train leaders for their churches.

The work cannot be made self-supporting without leaders. Those denominations that have colleges have many more intelligent and trustworthy leaders than the Baptists have.

2. The other denominations have colleges, and are educating our boys. The result of this is that our brightest and best boys have been taken away from us. Some of the sons and grandsons of our old pastors even are now in those churches.

The College is needed to hold and to train our boys for leadership in our own churches.

3. The College is also needed to attract to us bright boys from heathen families. It will thus prove a good evangelizing agency, especially among the better class of Chinese.

4. China must be evangelized by the Chinese themselves. The sooner we train them for this great work, the more quickly it will be done.

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Pastor L. M. Bradley had Rev. G. W. Bell at Avondale in the morning, who gave a good sermon on "What think ye of Christ?" The pastor preached at night from Josh. 11:15 to a full house.

The services at Fountain Heights at both hours were up to the mark. Pastor Brown made a missionary talk in the morning, and at night had as a theme "In the world, not of it." Jno. 17:11-16.

Dr. J. S. Dill, of Bowling Green, Ky., is supply at the South Side church for two Sundays, while Dr. Davidson is off on his vacation. Dr. Dill preached last Sunday morning on "Daniel's Open Windows Toward Jerusalem." There was no night service.

Dr. J. M. Shelburne at East Lake in the morning made a report of the convention at Anniston. In the evening he preached from "If we died with Christ we believe that we shall also live with Him." Pastor Shelburne goes this week to Kentucky for a month's vacation.

The Ministers' Conference met this week by invitation at the home of Bro. G. B. F. Stovall near Green Springs. It was a delightful treat to be entertained in the old-fashioned Southern home in such hospitable style with the fruit of the farm, and yet right here in the edge of the city. According to Brother Stovall's own arrangement there was first reports of individual impressions of the Anniston Conference, followed by talks on Evangelization such as each would like to see brought to pass, especially in this district. A resolution passed recommending the State Board to put evangelists of established reputation in the Birmingham District.

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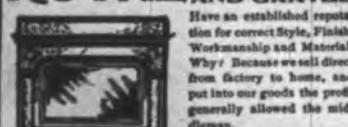
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From numerous letters of inquiry, I think it is desirable to make a statement as to the present status of the Woman's Training Department in the Seminary. As a matter of fact, the Training School Department for Women occupies exactly the same position as before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. No change whatever was made by the Convention, save that it cordially recommended the Training School Department of the Seminary to women who are preparing for mission work and desire such training.

The work of the Training School is quite prosperous. Forty-eight young women took courses in the Training School last session. Through the gift of a Christian woman of Louisville we were able to add a special training class for women exclusively, which was conducted by Dr. Carver during the last session, in practical mission methods. This class will be continued next session. It seems probable also that we will be able to effect an arrangement whereby certain medical training can be given in a special class for women by professors from medical schools of Louisville. This has not yet been perfected, but prospects are good for it.

A special course of study has been planned for the women who come to us, including Old and New Testament English courses, and the courses in Systematic Theology, Biblical Introduction, Missions, and Ecclesiology. All classes are open to women. These are simply recommended. A two year course would enable the student to cover these branches.

All the young women coming to us for courses should bring letters from their churches recommending them to us as students. Board can be secured in the neighborhood of the Seminary at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per week. There are no Seminary fees of any kind. Books usually cost \$12.00 to \$15.00 for the session. It will be easy to calculate the expenses for a session of eight months on this basis.

We hope at a later date to have a home for the ladies who come as students in charge of a matron. The Baptist women of Kentucky and many women from other States are much interested in this enterprise, and will doubtless provide this home sometime in the near future. I find there are many Baptist women of the South who are very anxious to see the Training Department of the Seminary made thoroughly effective in every way.

If there are those who desire to extend financial help to the young women who come to us, we will be glad to administer such funds carefully and economically. The Seminary has no fund for the aid of women students at present.

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Sept. 7, St. Clair County, Moody.
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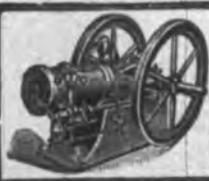
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True Evangelism.

By W. J. E. Cox.

"Doctrinal Preaching the basis of True Evangelism," has been given by the committee on program as the meaning of the subject assigned me, and I regard this as the only proper interpretation that could have been given of the subject.

Let me say in the beginning of my remarks, that there is a marked difference between evangelism and evangelicalism. Evangelicalism conveys the idea of soundness on what the majority of Protestants regard as the fundamentals of Christianity, evangelism conveys the idea of earnest, prayerful, persevering effort in spreading the fundamentals of Christianity and inducing men to accept them and live according to them. Evangelicalism means soundness, evangelism means soul winning. Dr. A. C. Dixon says, "The evangelical church is a reservoir of pure water without a pipe running anywhere. If you will take the trouble to go to it and climb the embankment, you will get a good drink. The evangelistic church is a reservoir of pure water with a pipe to every heart in the community, and every nation in the world. Evangelical may mean truth on ice, evangelistic is truth on fire. Evangelical may be a boom-proof for defense; evangelistic means an army on the march with every face towards the enemy. Evangelical sings, 'Hold the fort for I am coming,' evangelistic sings, 'Storm the fort for God is leading.'"

There can be no true evangelism without doctrinal preaching. Unfortunately the average individual understands doctrinal preaching to mean polemical preaching, or the presentation of some distinctive denominational doctrine.

The gospel is a doctrine or rather a system of doctrines. Regeneration and adoption, reconciliation and pardon, repentance and faith, sin and salvation are all doctrines, emphatically doctrines. To preach the gospel then is to preach doctrines, and there can be no gospel preaching without doctrinal preaching. It is a sad fact, my brethren, that much of our modern evangelistic preaching is of the namby-pamby character. It is emotional and humorous rather than heart searching and doctrinal. The enormity of sin, the necessity of repentance and faith and the certainty of salvation to the penitent believer are ignored.

We hear too much about joining the church and too little about regeneration or repentance and faith. Some modern evangelistic services are a travesty on the gospel. They are ecclesiastical side shows. I have heard sermons preached in evangelistic services that did not come within a thousand miles of the gospel. There was perhaps an incidental allusion to Christ but sometimes not even that. There was no reference whatever to repentance and faith and there was not a sentence that could not be endorsed by a Jew without compromising his Judaism. There was no effort made to turn men from sin or to direct them to Christ, the sinner's Saviour. You may think, my brethren, that I am presenting an exaggerated case which is a fic-

tion of my brain, but I am not, I am stating facts which I am prepared to prove. And such preaching is not confined to any one denomination. They are all more or less guilty. In their efforts to count converts they ignore the cardinal truths of the gospel. Men are coddled into the church.

It is said that a minister once preached a sermon on the necessity of being born again. After the sermon he was approached by a man who was greatly troubled because he had not been born again. "Oh," said the preacher, "I am sorry if I made you feel uncomfortable, I did not so intend it." "But," said the burdened sinner, "I have not been born again, and you said that one must be." "Do not be troubled about that," replied the preacher, "do your duty, be honest and upright as you have been, and you will be all right." Instead of pointing the sinner to Christ, instead of saying to him, "as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name," he pointed the poor soul to his own morality. He was guilty of murder, the worst sort of murder, the murder of the soul.

I once attended quite regularly a series of evangelistic services during which the minister in charge never once intimated in his public utterances that there was a plan of salvation provided through Christ. He would make a fifteen minutes sentimental talk and then urge the so-called "workers" to go out into the congregation and bring the sinners to the altar or mourners' bench. One young man said he was approached one evening by seven different persons and urged not to repent of his sin and accept Christ as his Saviour, but to go forward to the mourners' bench. When persons were brought forward the "workers" were appointed as instructors. The boys were told to quit throwing rocks at windows and playing marbles on Sunday, the girls were told to keep on being good and attend church and Sunday school regularly, and the older people were told to keep on praying and repenting. I am not drawing on my imagination. I am stating what I know to be true. I have known of just such instruction to be given at the mourners' bench. I know the sort I received when I was a boy. When I was a boy seeking religion, I thought that it was necessary to go forward to the mourners' bench at least three times, before I was prepared for the church, and I went forward just three times. I do not believe in the mourners' bench, the word of God grew and multiplied without it in apostolic times and for nearly nineteen centuries after apostolic times. It is, in my opinion, unscriptural, misleading and a positive hindrance to a proper conception of the plan of salvation. It is a hocus-pocus, presto! change! sort of method of getting men into the church.

A brother minister told me that he once saw the pastor of a prominent city church stand before one who was at the mourners' bench and say to him in a loud tone of voice, "Keep on repenting, my brother, keep on repenting." After awhile he said, "Now, you

have repented enough. Get up and confess Christ."

A Sunday school teacher is reported to have said to her class, "Now girls, if you are good, you will be saved, and that will be nice; but if you are not good you will be lost and that will be ridiculous."

Such methods ought to impress us with the great need of a revival of old fashioned doctrinal preaching.

There are many different denominations in the world, but after all they may be divided into two classes, Calvinists and Arminians, or those who believe in salvation by grace and those who believe in salvation wholly or in part by works. Some one has said that a man is born an Arminian but that he is born again a Calvinist. Certain it is that the average person believes that his salvation depends more or less on his own works even after he has become a true penitent believer, and he hears nothing in much modern evangelistic preaching to influence him to change his views. He hears doctrinal preaching but it is the doctrine of salvation by works, let us preach to him the doctrine of salvation by grace "apart from works." Let us also preach the doctrines of heaven and hell, of reward and punishment at such times. If we fail to declare the whole counsel of God we have failed in the discharge of our duty.

But is it wise and proper for Baptists to present at a time of special evangelistic effort the doctrines that separate them from other denominations? I not only think it is wise and proper to do so, but I believe it is our duty to do so. Circumstances, of course, should govern us in the extent to which this should be done. The orders under which we are working not only command us to make disciples but to baptize them and to teach them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded. If we only make disciples without instructing them in the duty of baptism, of the Lord's Supper, of missions and other matters concerning which our Lord has given commandment we are obeying our orders only in part. If the doctrines that distinguish us from other denominations are of sufficient importance to justify us in having churches separate and distinct from them, then it is our duty to preach these doctrines with all earnestness but in a spirit of love.

Some of our brethren in days gone by, and even now in some communities, have been unwise, even pugilistic, in preaching our distinctive doctrines. They have preached the truth in bitterness rather than in love, and instead of winning others they have antagonized them and driven them further from us. This has led many of our own people to oppose the presentation of our distinctive doctrines especially during evangelistic meetings. But we should not be deterred from doing our duty because others have done their duty in an unwise manner. Our own people should be instructed, especially the young, and there is no more favorable time than during or at the close of revival services.

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