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Central College Commencement.

A Brilliant Affair.

SERMON FOR CENTRAL COLLEGE.

The Baptist Church was packed full of people Sunday night, May 28th, to hear the commencement sermon of the Central College.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Hubbard, pastor of the Baptist Church at Troy, a forceful speaker and an able thinker. His theme was "Lofty Things, or the Sublime in Christian Experience," based on the first chapter of Ephesians. It is hard to give a synopsis of a sermon so full of excellent things. "In the first verses," said he, "the thought reaches back to the creation and then sweeps on into eternities unborn. We are to co-operate with God, who has redeemed us through His Son. Here is a high calling—an apostle, from a high source—Jesus Christ addressed to high characters—saints, in a beautiful benediction—"Grace and peace be unto you." Paul had the conception of a great soul. The sermon produced a deep impression.

The Junior Recital.

A goodly audience enjoyed the Junior recital, the first of the commencement exercises at the Central College, Tuscaloosa, on Wednesday, May 24th. The performers were not the senior pupils in music, but down to the little folks there was the nicest sort of precision and smoothness. The pianists, vocalists and readers all appeared to distinct advantage and their teachers have reason to regard their work with much pride.

String Instrument Recital.

That the department of stringed instruments was a valuable one to add to the different courses at the Central College was evidenced in the recital given by the students of this department Thursday night. All of the performers were beginners this year and the ability of Miss Couch as an instructor was clearly shown in the very creditable renditions given. The violinists played with fine tone and expression and the mandolin players and guitarists were all most excellent. The solos, duets and ensembles were all cleverly done and the applause was very enthusiastic.

Cinderella in Flowerland.

The primary pupils presented the operetta "Cinderella in Flowerland," which gave great pleasure to the large audience who greatly enjoyed the gifted little performers.

An Evening With Artists.

The art levee at the Central College followed by a reception in the evening given by Miss Wells and members of the Art Students' League gave unbounded pleasure to a large number of people.

The art room had been recently greatly improved, the wall freshened up, the floor stained. The college colors of white and gold were strung across the rotunda, and palms and ferns were used effectively. Miss Wells was assisted in receiving by the students of the league and members of the faculty. The display of work was quite large, considering the number of pupils, and evidenced a teacher in charge of rare judgment and skill. Miss Wells is not only an artist of superb ability in her own right but she knows how to get the best results from her pupils.

The Plays at the Central.

The annual entertainment of the Clonian and Polymnian Societies of the Central College scored a triumph that ranks brilliantly with a series of former successes.

Two plays were given, the first being a breezy society comedy by Matthews called "Six to One." The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Pomeroy Wodge.....Miss Julia Praytor.
Gladys Quincy.....Miss Maide Townsend.
Miss Crosby.....Miss Nell Johnson.
Maud Lawton.....Miss Blanche Naugher.
Ethel Davies.....Miss Kate Burgin.
Aline DeValence.....Miss Josephin Hagler.
Eliot Champney.....Miss Annie Thornton.

The other play was Jerome K. Jerome's "Barbara," a favorite on the professional stage that has much heart interest. The cast was as follows:

Barbara.....Miss Norfleet Daniel.
Lilie.....Miss Bessie Rush.
Cecil.....Miss Sue Sawyer.
Finnium.....Miss Zoe Jones.

These plays were beautifully given. It is seldom that one sees such finish and such nicety of expression in school girl exercises. Many of the young players showed marked talent and all did their parts with great cleverness.

Grand Concert.

A crowded house heard the grand concert at the Central College. The concert was fine. The piano selections of the highest grade. Some of the numbers would have done credit to a conservatory.

The vocal numbers were entirely charming. The voices were all remarkable for their fresh, pure quality and all showed evidences of careful training. The readings were the admirable work of trained and naturally gifted girls. Fine style was displayed by both performers and their voice work, presence and interpretation were all highly artistic.

Mr. Ludebuehl, Miss Giel and Miss Price, and above all Dr. Giles have reason to view the concert with pride.

Graduating Night.

The fifth year of Dr. Giles' successful presidency of the Central College and the forty-seventh year of the institution came to a brilliant close graduating night. There was an immense crowd present and the exercises were most interesting. The following was the program:

Invocation.....Rev. J. G. Lowery.
Pine Hill, Ala.
Address.....Rev. T. M. Calloway.
Talladega, Ala.
Presentation of Music Medal.....
Hon. W. W. Brandon.
Song.....Miss Lista A. Geil.
Presentation of Diplomas.....By the President.
Song.....By the College.
Prayer.....Dr. A. C. Davidson.
Birmingham, Ala.

The procession of graduates in cap and gown, trustees and faculty and the undergraduates all in white, made an imposing scene as it entered the hall. The college colors were draped about the balcony, while the rostrum was festooned with white and red, the colors of the class of 1905.

Alumnae Day.

Hon. Wm. H. Samford, of Troy, not only delivered one of the best addresses that has been heard in Central College but he filled the auditorium on Alumnae Day, something not before accomplished. Miss Sallie Lou Walker presided gracefully and made a neat and charming speech introducing Mr. Samford.

The speaker delivered a forceful, eloquent and striking address on the "Influence of Woman in the Home Life." He began with several taking stories and entertained his audience so well at the start, he had no trouble keeping their attention throughout the address. He likened the influence of woman to the dropping of the pebble in the lake, which sends the ever widening ripples on and on until they are lost on the shore. We are put in the world for a purpose, said Mr. Samford, and each has a capacity for something. It is our duty to develop all that we have.

The Banquet.

Shortly after the address the Alumnae Banquet took place in the reception hall. Covers were laid for 104 persons, the tables being beautifully decorated with vases of yellow nasturtiums, which against the white damask bore out the charming colors of the college—white and gold. The fine old Supreme Court room was further adorned with ferns and palms and festooned with white and gold bunting.

The menu and list of sentiments were presented in the colors and were very attractive. The feast was dainty. The following was the list of toasts: Toastmaster.....Miss Sallie Lou Walker.
Welcome to Class of 1905.....Mrs. J. A. Ogburn.
Response.....Miss Susan Sawyer, '05.
Music.....Mrs. W. F. Pitts.
Art.....Mrs. Robison Brown.
The Old Folks at Home.....Mrs. O. G. Hall.
Carrollton.

Our Boys and Girls.....Miss Nettie Townsend.
Our New President of Board of Trustees.....
.....Mrs. T. T. Huey, of Bessemer.

The Future of Our Alma Mater.....Miss Stella Browne.
Auld Lang Syne.....Sung by all the Company.

Miss Walker made a gracious Toastmaster and introduced each speaker most gracefully. The different responses were most admirable. All were polished bits of composition and much felling was shown.

A Brilliant Address.

The address of Rev. Mr. Calloway had all the elements of an ideal speech—brevity, lofty thought, choice language and effective delivery. His theme was The Simple Life, taking some of the thoughts in Wagner's book and elaborating them and adding thereto able ideas of his own. The first essential for the simple life, he said, was sincerity and he enlarged on the value of this great truth. He also noted that simplicity cannot always be told by externals for the man in rags is frequently not so simple in reality as he who rides in a carriage. Another simple quality he urged was the desire to fulfill the true mission in life and he warned against the confusion of secondary matters with essentials. He mentioned some of those that worked against the simple life, notably the greed for gain in which women frequently were close behind the men. Another obstacle is the love of display.

In his direct address to the class he urged them to look upon the bright side and above all to devote themselves to the real essential, the Christian life.

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Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

"Grasp thou the Present,
Be earnest and bold—
Fleeting its moments,
More precious than gold.

"O'er Past and o'er Future
Dim shadows recline;
Heart, be thou manful,
The Present is thine!"

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY ELEVENTH.

Mrs. J. A. Barker, President, presided.
9:30 Bible Lesson—Jochebed—Miss Mare, Missouri.

The beautiful lessons of faith and obedience drawn from the character of Jochebed, the mother of Moses, by the leader, were taken from "God's Picture Gallery," Hebrews 11:23.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. M. Phillips Kansas City.

The response was made by Mrs. S. M. Malone, Alabama.

President's Address.

The president's address was unique and full of interest in its review of "Woman's Work," beginning with Hannah Marshall, of England, and Ann Haseltine Judson, of America, and coming on down to the present time in the history of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The sweet old hymn, "He Knows," was beautifully rendered by Miss Laura Northrup, Kansas City.

A part of the program which is always of interest to mission workers was the introduction of missionaries present. We were pleased to meet six of our representatives at this time, viz: Miss Buhlmaier, Baltimore; Miss Kate Perry, Indian Territory; Dr. Coates, a returned missionary from India; Mrs. Dora Teakell, Galveston; Miss Sullinger, North Carolina; Mrs. S. Ginsburg, Brazil.

It is impossible in the necessarily limited space of a newspaper article, to give all of the good things contained in the report of Miss Armstrong, corresponding secretary of W. M. U. The following summary of the year's work will show something of the results of our efforts.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Cash contributions to Foreign Board...	\$ 53,678.45
Cash contributions to Home Board.....	30,698.32
Cash contributions to S. School Board...	417.55
Cash contributions for purchase of "Margaret Home".....	10,500.00
Boxes to Home Missionaries, valued at...	41,649.23
Boxes to S. School Missionaries valued at	1,456.10
Christmas offering to China.....	11,798.01
Results of week of special effort for home missions not tabulated, but largely increased receipts of the Home Board at the time indicated in some measure the successful results.	
Cash total.....	95,249.32
Box total.....	43,105.33
Grand total.....	\$138,399.65

Increase over last year.....\$26,356

EXPENSES.

Woman's Missionary Union expenses for the year have been \$3,662.67. For these a draft was made on the Foreign Board for \$1,600, and the Sunday School Board paid \$400. In addition, the Foreign Board paid for Christmas Offering literature and the Home Board for literature of Week of Special Offerings. The Secretary does not receive a salary.

The record of the past year should be an inspiration to greater achievement in the future.

When the report was finished the delegates rose in a body and gave the Chautauqua salute in recognition of the achievements of the past year.

At this point Miss M. L. Gibson, secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced. Miss Gibson spoke quite interestingly of the Scarlett Training School for women missionaries in Kansas City.

Rev. A. E. Brown, superintendent of Mountain Schools, made a strong appeal for better equipment of schools in the mountain district. In his remarks he related some very touching incidents of self-sacrifice on the part of the mountain people in their efforts to help one another.

The amount of collection for equipment of mountain schools was \$1,522.30.

Miss Alice Armstrong, who, for fifteen years has been editor of W. M. U. Department in Kind Words, tendered her resignation. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the following resolutions, offered by Mrs. W. D. Chipley, of Florida, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our esteemed sister, Miss Alice Armstrong, has tendered her resignation as editor of Woman's Missionary Department in Kind Words;

Resolved, That we express to our sister our sincere regret at her decision and our grateful appreciation of the efficient, faithful, intelligent service so graciously given for fifteen years.

Under the head of new business, the following resolution was offered by Mrs. Burnham, of Missouri:

Resolved, That the W. M. U. endorse the Home for the young women attending the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville, and heartily commend the Home to the sympathy and help of our State Central Committees.

As the hour for adjournment had passed, discussion on the resolution was deferred until 3:30 p.m.

"The Master hath need of the reapers,
And, worker, he calleth to thee;
Oh, what are the dreams of ambition
To the joys that hereafter shall be?"

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Bible Lesson—Hannah—Mrs. F. C. Wallis, Georgia.

The story of the birth and life of Samuel is always an interesting one. The noble character of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, as she covenanted with God in regard to him and her faithfulness and consecration in carrying out this covenant, was beautifully portrayed by the leader.

Mrs. Wallis closed her remarks with the following lines composed by one of our Georgia preachers:

"Your arms may pillow a nation's head,
Your lap may be its throne—
The child you hold today
May tomorrow claim its own.
Then out from care, mother,
No longer fret, but pray;
Thy way of hope is plain, mother,
The Master's will obey.
And in obeying what He hath said,
His own sweet voice you'll hear—
He that overcometh
A crown of life shall wear."

Dr. W. W. Landrum, chairman of the committee of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, was presented to the Union and submitted the following recommendations from the Board of Trustees:

"The Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary desire to record their gratitude and appreciation in view of the earnest and self-denying efforts of the Baptist women of Louisville in providing and maintaining a home for the young women in attendance upon the Training School Department of the Seminary during the past year. The experience of former years and the increasing success of the Woman's Training Department have demonstrated clearly the necessity and value of such a home. The Board, therefore, most earnestly commends this work and expresses the earnest hope that it may be continued.

"In view of the efforts of these Louisville women to enlist the co-operation of their Baptist sisters throughout the South in this most worthy enterprise, and in view of the fact that it has come to the knowledge of the board that some misunderstanding exists as to the work of the Woman's Training Department of the Seminary, we desire to set forth briefly the facts of the case:

"The facts are as follows:

1. The Seminary Trustees formally voted to open the doors of its classrooms to women students preparing for mission work because the demand for such opportunities was so urgent and because no school of the kind adequate to meet the needs was in existence in the South.

"2. Their action did not contemplate anything more than placing at the disposal of women students all the privileges and advantages for training afforded by the Seminary, with such additional features as might be provided without expense, or such features as might be provided from time to time by our Baptist women who might raise funds for the purpose. From the beginning it was hoped that the work would commend itself to the Baptist women of the South and enlist their sympathy and co-operation; indeed it has been our conviction from the outset that this work was of such nature as to cause it to appeal with peculiar power to our Baptist women who are laboring for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

"3. There is nothing in our original action, nor in our fundamental laws or charter, which could prevent such an alliance with the Baptist women of the South as would enable them either individually, or through the Woman's Missionary Union, to cooperate with us in this work of training women workers for the service of our Lord and Master; and we hold ourselves ready at any time to take up the matter with our Baptist sisters with this object in view.

"4. It is not our desire or intention in anything which has been done to prevent the wisest and best arrangements possible regarding the matter of the Training School, either in point of organization, management, curriculum, or in any other respect whatsoever. We are ready to modify at any and all points when it shall appear to be best for the interests of the kingdom of God. We accept the wisdom of the Southern Baptist Convention in its decision one year ago, according to the report of the joint committee, in leaving the training school at Louisville. We hold ourselves ready at all times to adopt the course demanded by the real interests of the cause of Him whose we are and whom we serve.

"5. It is our firm conviction that the time has come when the work of training our Baptist women for mission and Christian work should have the support of our Baptist women generally. Our Louisville sisters have made an excellent beginning, and we send out this statement on their behalf, and ask for them the sympathy and co-operation and financial assistance of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, and our Baptist women all over the South."

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Seminary, spoke briefly in regard to the Home. He said that it was no new thing for ladies to go to the Seminary and attend the lectures with the regular students. The majority of women attending the Seminary are those who expect to do special mission work, either at home or in foreign lands. The growing number going to the Seminary has brought about the necessity for providing a home where these young women can, at small cost, be at home, and be surrounded by home influences.

After discussion of some length, participated in by Miss A. W. Armstrong, Mrs. J. H. Eager, Mrs. W. D. Chipley and others, the vote was taken, and the resolution was lost, twenty-two voting for its adoption, and twenty-five against it.

Collection for Bible Fund of Sunday School Board, \$134.74.

"He liveth long who liveth well!
All else is being flung away;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of true things truly done each day."

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY TWELFTH.

Bible Lesson—Elizabeth—Luke, 1:56—Mrs. W. C. Golden, Tennessee.

Upon the above scripture verses the leader based her appeal for "more religion in the home." Her remarks were full of interest throughout, showing the responsibility of parents in the training of children in the home.

Collection—Hospital and outfit in Yang Chow, China: Object presented by Mrs. S. E. Moody, of Kentucky.

In her presentation of the subject, Mrs. Moody spoke as follows:

"Christ came into the world and healed the sick, but not to heal the sick. Preaching and teaching were always the end and object of His medical work, the climax of it all.

When John the Baptist, languishing in prison, began to doubt and sent to ask Jesus: "Art thou He that should come?" Jesus replied: "Tell John the blind receive their sight and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

In speaking on the subject of the hospital, Miss Armstrong told of a lady missionary who, though she had given her time, her talents, her life to the work, felt that she had not given enough yet. Having received money from her grandmother's estate, she has given \$500 for the Chapel at Yang Chow, China.

One of the most enjoyable features of the W. M. U. meeting was the solo, "Resignation," by Caro Roma, sung by Miss Christine McConnell, daughter of Dr. F. C. McConnell.

Christine is one of our sweet Georgia girls whom we have loaned to Missouri for a little while.

The statement of the Board of Managers of the Margaret Home was made by Miss A. W. Armstrong. The statement, among other things, includes the following:

"It will be remembered that the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union at Nashville, Tenn., May, 1904, the Corresponding Secretary announced as gift to the Union by one who desired to be known only as a 'Christian Mother,' of \$10,000, for purchasing of property and furnishing of a home for the children of our missionaries (home and foreign), and a temporary 'rest' for missionaries. The announcement was received with enthusiasm, and the gift accepted as a 'sacred trust.' An Advisory Board was elected, consisting of one member of each state and territory represented in W. M. U., and the District of Columbia. This advisory board was empowered to take steps towards receiving the gift, to select name and location, purchase property, appoint local board, form board of management, furnish home, plan means of support, etc.

On May 16th, during the session of the annual meeting, W. M. U., the advisory board held its first meeting. It was decided to refer the location of the home to a committee of three, Miss A. W. Armstrong, Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Barker, and the donor of the gift; that notice should be given in the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field, that applications for location of home would be received until August 1st; that the chairman of advisory board be given authority to take all legal steps, after consultation with the secretaries of the boards, towards receiving the gift, having title deeds of property held in trust by the proper authorities, presumably the Home and Foreign Boards, S. B. C.

"As a result of this action, instructions were most carefully carried out. It is with great pleasure that the chairman now makes formal announcement that the Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children will be located at Greenville, S. C., which is noted for beauty and healthfulness. The application offering advantages far superior to those of any other, was received from a committee representing the Baptist women of Greenville and Greenville Minister's Conference. Among the many advantages are a strong Baptist influence, good public schools, ten scholarships each in the Greenville Female College, and Furman University, offered to the children of missionaries.

The place selected for the home contains six acres of land, with a pretty, substantial, modern house of ten rooms (additional third story rooms, which can be made quite attractive), bathrooms and other conveniences of well-equipped homes, wide halls, the finishing of interior being in heart pine. Besides there are several substantial outbuildings in good repair, and the grounds meet every requirement for restful enjoyment, summer pastimes, as croquet, lawn tennis, also for floral and vegetable gardening. "The original purpose was to include furnishing

in expenditure of the \$10,000, but the property at the figures named (\$10,000), was so far beyond anything we had hoped to obtain, it was deemed wise to invest the whole amount in purchase money.

"Since the purchase of the Home, 'Christian Mother' has added \$5,000 more to her gift, to be used for putting electric lights in the building.

"By action of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Margaret Home will be opened for the reception of children on the first of November, next. It was stated that \$1,300 will be needed for the support of the home for one year. It is desired that this amount be in the hands of the Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Watson, Greenville, S. C., by the first of July. The cost of furnishing the home throughout is estimated at \$2,075. The greater part of this amount was provided for at the W. M. U. meeting, different state organizations pledging to raise sums ranging from \$25 to \$200, for furnishing halls, bathrooms, parlor, library, bedrooms, etc. Mrs. Shimp, of Baltimore, donated two sewing machines. Other furnishings mentioned as desired, are: piano, organ, horse and light wagon, cow, chickens. Children in the home will be allowed the same appropriation for their support, by the Mission Boards, that they would receive if on the field with their parents.

Dr. D. W. Key, of Greenville, S. C., gave a fine description of the home, grounds and surroundings. The following resolutions, offered by Mrs. Elliott, of Missouri, were unanimously adopted without discussion:

Resolved, 1st That we commend to the prayerful investigation of our sisters, all over the Southland, the work now being done at the Theological Seminary at Louisville, and the desirability of sustaining a home for the young women who may avail themselves of the training offered, in order that we may be prepared to decide at our next meeting whether the Woman's Missionary Union shall undertake the work of sustaining the home.

Resolved, 2d, That we hereby express our appreciation of the generosity of our sisters of Kentucky in the work they have done in providing a home for those young women who have already been in training at the Seminary, and recommend that all sisters, who feel that the object is worthy, render such assistance as they may be able.

W. M. U. apportionments for the next year are: Home Missions, \$50,000; Foreign Missions, \$63,500. Apportionments for Georgia: Home Missions, \$6,000; Foreign Missions, \$8,400.

The committee on nominations recommended the re-election of those now in office. This was done, with the exception that one of the recording secretaries, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Baltimore, takes the place of Miss Martien.

No changes were recommended in the plan of work for the year.

"For we must share, if we would keep,
That good thing from above;
Ceasing to give, we cease to have:
Such is the law of love."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY TWELFTH.

Bible Lesson—Mary, the mother of Christ—Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Florida.

The devotional service included Bible-reading by Miss Spalding, of Florida, prayers, and a beautiful tribute to the character and life of Mary, the mother of our Lord, by the leader.

Miss Sullinger, North Carolina, spoke of her work in Fruitland. She made a strong appeal for mountain schools, telling of their need of more room and better equipment.

Mrs. F. C. McConnell spoke briefly of the school at Hiawassee, Georgia.

Mrs. J. H. Snow, Tennessee, was elected editor of W. M. U. Department in Kind Words. Miss A. W. Armstrong was authorized to take steps to have the Woman's Missionary Union incorporated so that the body may receive legacies and other gifts made to it.

"Full of vows and full of labor,
All our days fresh duties bring;
First to God, and then our neighbor,
Christian life is an earnest thing."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY FOURTEENTH.
MISSIONARY DAY.

"Souls perishing in sin,
Few hands to fetch them in."

Bible Lesson—Mary Magdalene—Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Texas.

It was a happy thought on the part of the program committee to suggest women of the Bible as the subjects for the devotional services during the W. M. U. meeting. No subject was fuller of splendid lessons in Christian living and of charity towards others than that of Mary Magdalene, as handled by Mrs. Gambrell.

This being missionary day the main feature of the program was meeting our missionaries and hearing them tell of their work.

Mrs. J. W. McCollum spoke of her work in Japan. The island of Kiushiu, where all of our missionaries in Japan are located, has a population of ten millions. There is no home life among the people. The marriage relation is not binding. Should a man grow tired of his wife, he at once returns her to her parents. The women, like to visit—will call at all hours of the day, and will go to the kitchen door for admittance as often as to the front door. One of the greatest helps in her work are the children. The Japanese will go a long distance to see foreign children. By carrying a child with her, the missionary is admitted into home where she could not otherwise go. The children of Mrs. McCollum greatly assist in the services, by visiting, getting children together and bringing them to Sunday school, and by singing.

Much work is being done in the hospitals among the sick and wounded soldiers.

Resolutions of sympathy were offered in behalf of Rev. J. H. Lacy and wife in Mexico, who have recently lost their five children, all of them dying from the effects of scarlet fever.

Address—The needs of a hospital and outfit at Yang Chow, China—Mr. Joshua Levering, Maryland.

Arvilla, Brazilia and Claire, three little daughters of Mrs. S. Ginsburg, of Brazil, sang in Portuguese the dear old hymn, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me."

Mrs. Ginsburg, in speaking of their work in Brazil, laid special emphasis on the power of prayer by the home people upon the work and workers on the field.

It touched every mother's heart in the house to see Mrs. Nelson, our representative in Pará, Brazil, stand upon the platform, her own face pale and thin from sickness, holding by the hand a delicate-looking little tot, her youngest child. Mrs. Nelson expects to return soon to her work in Brazil, but will leave with us her three oldest children. These children will be the wards of the Margaret Home in Greenville, S. C.

There was not a dry eye in the house as Mrs. Nelson committed her little ones to our care, and appealed to us in their behalf. With tears streaming down her face, she said: "Care for my little ones, and, my sisters, train them every one to be foreign missionaries."

We were pleased to have with us four representatives of the work in our homeland, each of whom spoke with interest and enthusiasm of her work. Miss Buhlmaier, Baltimore; Miss Kate Perry, Indian Territory; Mrs. Dorá Teakell, Galveston; Miss Emily Cartrell, Oklahoma.

A review of the achievements of the past year but stimulated us to greater endeavor for the future.

"Today is ours only,
Work, work while you may;
There is no tomorrow,
But only today."

By Mrs. L. M. Landrum, in Christian Index.

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"THE UNITY OF THE BAPTIST SPIRIT." Dr. George W. Truett.

I am sure we will all agree that this is an unusually happy and significant hour. Gathered here this evening are the representatives from North America. It is good for every reason for us to meet in St. Louis. The question has been asked from one end of this country to the other, what is the object in this gathering? The answer is found in the fact that a few months ago brethren from all sections of this common country met in the city of New York, and after candid and long conference, reached the conclusion that the desire was widespread that American Baptists should have another general meeting. In accordance with that discovered desire they issued a call for this meeting, frankly stating in that call that this gathering was in no way to interfere with existing denominational objects and institutions, but that its object is to discuss such subjects as bear upon the larger interests of our denomination, promoting the spirituality of our churches, and the evangelizing spirit in the churches, and discussing such other subjects as make for the welfare of society in general.

Surely such an organization with such objects deserves to fare well at the hands of the Baptists of North America. This event, as has been indicated, ought to mark an era for the Baptists of this country. Not since 1844 have the Baptists met in such a meeting. It will be recalled that in 1870 the first organization of Baptists was had, viz., the convention for foreign missions. The year before this those two great missionaries, Judson and Rice, were led, after careful reading of the New Testament, to become Baptists, and the outcome of that fact was the Triennial Convention. It will be recalled that in 1832 another such society was formed and for thirteen years combined the home mission work of the Baptist denomination. This is neither the time nor the occasion for one word to be said that would revive the struggles of the past, with their passion, out of which came the organic divisions in our Baptist people. It is fitting to say that in this latter day, as well as in that former time, God in His providence, seemed so to have overruled this organic division as to make it fall out to the furtherance of the gospel. During these sixty years the Baptists of the North have gone on, until their power has been felt to the utmost portions of the earth. During these same sixty years the Baptists of the South have gone on with their work, rising from the ashes of poverty and a handful of people until their numbers now are almost as the sands of the sea.

This occasion, this evening, gives emphasis to the subject upon which the committee has asked me to say a word, viz., the unity of the Baptist spirit. And what is Baptist spirit? Is there such a thing at all? There is. And the Baptist spirit may be expressed in just one phrase, loyalty to the person and the authority of Jesus Christ. Wherever Baptists are found, in whatever time or place, their creed is one simple word is this, loyalty to the person and authority of Jesus Christ. A Baptist in Missouri, Virginia, Texas, wherever you find a Baptist, his creed may be written down in one sentence, loyalty to the person and authority of Jesus Christ.

Baptists hold to certain great truths. Clear as the light do these truths stand forth: Salvation by Jesus Christ; the membership in Christ's church a regenerated body; Christ's church without any intervention of ceremonial, or priest. Whenever there is a conflict we can obey God rather than man. Baptist unity is not outward but inward. It is not of the form, but of the spirit. It is not mechanical, but spiritual. Ours is a unity of sentiment, of faith, of life. Ours is a unity without artifice and our unity is all the firmer and better, because it is voluntary and free. Here, then, is a marvelous thing. There are millions of men and women in this world tonight without a written formulary, without any creed on which they may make their appeal. What is the explanation? There can be but one. It is written down in one word, loyalty to the person and authority of Jesus Christ, which authority is expressed in the word of God. This gathering itself is an illustration of the unity of our Baptist people.

There comes to us, as we sit in this meeting, the memory of that contest between the two great sections of this country. But that strife was not sufficient to dig a chasm so deep and wide and full of blood as to keep the Baptists of the North and South from grasping hands across the chasm in cordial Christian fellowship. Nor can the memories of 1776 and of 1812 keep us from stretching across to our beloved brethren of Canada that same hand of cordial Christian fellowship. Nor can the 3,000 miles of the Atlantic Ocean keep these Baptists from every section of North America from extending to Baptists in that old world the hand of fellowship in working for that kingdom of God. Ah, brethren, ours is a unity that is worth while. If there is on this earth a Baptist with sorrow, brother, here is a tear to mingle with your grief. If there be a Baptist in this world to whom God has given power to evangelize the land, here is a hallelujah for his success. Nor is that all. Baptist unity is such that it is our heart's deepest truth when we say that we love all in the world who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. To the degree that our fellow Christians love our Saviour do we love them, and to the degree that they obey his word and do his will do we commend them.

The unit of the Baptist spirit finds expression in two or three great principles. Here is the first: Salvation is by Jesus Christ and by him alone. Baptists need no proxyship or intermediaries. Baptists need no priesthood to stand between them and God, nor will they recognize any. The soul of man must come and stand alone and deal fairly with the Son of God. (Applause.) "To as many as receive him, to them gave he the power to become sons of God, even to as many as believe on his name." Not another religious body on the face of the earth can place its feet on the platform of the Baptists. At one blow this doctrine strikes down sacerdotalism. The broader the line between the church and the world, the better will it be for both. Then, again, Baptists not only receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, but at the same time they receive him as their King. If we be asked the question, why do you stand for a regenerate church membership? we will answer that is the command of our King. If we be asked why we stand for democracy in church government, we will ask them to look back at the statements of our King. If we be asked why we stand for evangelization to the ends of the earth, passing by motives many and powerful, we will reach the supreme motive, and say it is our King's command.

There have been only two great centers of authority and unity offered the religious world. One is expressed by the Roman Catholics and the other by the Baptists and all others are modifications of these two. The contention of the Baptist is that Jesus Christ is supreme in all affairs that touch human life and men must come to him. These two great ideas are to grapple in the death struggle as certain as we are in this place this evening, and there is no doubt as to the outcome of the struggle. (Applause.) That was a marvelously stirring scene when, in 1870, in the Vatican was passed the dogma of the infallibility of the pope. We are not surprised that that great gathering of men was thrown into confusion, when Cardinal Manning, holding up the paper, cried, "Let all the world go to pieces and we will reconstruct it on this paper." And what is the answer of the Baptist to that? With all courage the Baptist holds up another paper and says, "Let all the world go to pieces and we will reconstruct it on the word of God."

Baptist unity of spirit is also expressed in the great idea of toleration versus persecution. It is sometimes charged against the Baptists that they are intolerant and illiberal in spirit. The men who make this charge need to think of that charity which "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." A genuine Baptist intolerant and illiberal? That is impossible. Baptists believe that the word of God is all answering, and that every human being has the right to read that word and interpret it for himself, and that no man, nor set of men, may dare to interfere between that soul and its God. The crown jewel of humanity to the Baptist is the right of every man to have God's book for himself and to interpret it for himself. Let Caesar's dues be ever paid to Caesar and his throne, but conscience says that souls were made for God and God alone. That is the cry of Baptists for ages past.

It is sometimes said that all sects, when they had the power, have used it to persecute others. This, of course, is not wholly true. One religious sect of all that have had the power to persecute did not use that power when it was in its hands, and that sect is represented tonight by this company of American Baptists. The only sword that Baptists have ever used is the sword of the Spirit. All through the ages of the old world, and in the new, they have stood for religious liberty. Will you glance for a moment at this record. We need to do it again and again that it may be borne into our hearts. Look at that Baptist, Roger Williams, and that magnificent Baptist State, Rhode Island. It is sometimes affirmed that the settlers in Maryland preceded Williams in standing for religious liberty. The answer is that it is not so. No, the world will not despoil our Baptist people of the honor that is theirs and the world will never know the debt of gratitude she owes our Baptist people.

This great idea of the unity of the Baptist spirit is again expressed in the great idea of the brotherhood of all believers, out of which comes our great doctrine of democracy of church government. The Baptist spirit, therefore, makes impossible classes in our churches. With Baptists there can be no such thing as a great confederation of churches. With Baptists there can be no such thing as a great all-absorbing, allcentering hierarchy. But does somebody say that our church government is such that our unity is nothing more than a rope of sand? Our church government is such, the opportunity for cooperation is so slight, that you cannot do what needs to be done? What is our answer? Our answer is, "Come and see." On that we rest our case. There are thousands upon thousands of Baptist churches in this country without one thought of hierarchy, the bond between which churches is love. We will point our inquirers to our great colleges and seminaries, to our great publishing houses and denominational papers; we will point them to our hundreds of missionaries in the foreign fields. And when we have done that we will go on and in our hearts be convicted of the truths of the two or three great principles that Baptists stand for.

As I look upon this great gathering of American Baptists a scene of other years comes before me. Yonder, in a little chamber in Jerusalem, there comes to the ear this cry, "I pray for them, * * * that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." One body and one spirit; one Lord and one faith; one God and Father who is over all, in you all. Can that prayer and that appeal from the Son of God be of no avail?

And how shall we cultivate this unity of the Baptist spirit? Brethren, let us make no tests that are outside of the word of God. (Applause.) The only unity that is worthy, is unity upon the word of God. Any other unity falsifies itself and should be repudiated by every Baptist. Its voice may be the voice of Jacob, but its hands are the hands of Esau.

I have two other words: Baptists, if they are to fulfill that great mission that is theirs, need to see to it that the churches are centered about the person and the authority of Jesus Christ. Denominational self-examination needs to be held all along by our people, to the end that every man may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him. We owe that to the world. There are millions of Baptists in other religious communions and it has never occurred to them. It is our business to discover them and land them. The New Testament in the churches, for the churches and by the churches, that would cure 10,000 ills of our churches. That would dispel the cold, even as the sun drives back the fogs, and that would sweep our churches off the sandbars into the harbors. Our churches are to be brought back to that. Churches without the soul-saving blood are grinning skeletons of orthodoxy; dry churches, and dry preachers and dry colleges and dry missionary forces.

This is the day of Baptist opportunity. I see a vision tonight. It is a vision of these 5,000,000 American Baptists going forth to conquest for the King. I hear the sound of the conflict yonder. It is the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees. It is 5,000,000 American Baptists keeping one step, with one aim a dnone spirit and one consecration and one purpose, as they go forth to carry this world for him whose right it is to have it all. And if through it all there be loyalty to the person and authority of Jesus Christ, God will go with us. (Long applause.)

The New Constitution.

ARTICLE I—NAME AND TERRITORY.

The name of this organization shall be the General Convention of Baptists of North America. It shall include the continent of North America and its islands.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of this convention shall be to promote closer fellowship among American Baptists, their increased efficiency and spirituality and the evangelistic spirit in our churches; to consider subjects having a bearing upon the missionary, educational and philanthropic enterprises of the denomination and upon the moral and spiritual welfare of society.

ARTICLE III—LIMITATIONS.

This convention shall exercise no authority other than that which the weight of its opinions may carry, nor shall it interfere with the churches or with the missionary or educational agencies of the denomination.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP.

This convention shall be composed of representatives duly appointed as follows: Section 1. Each church may appoint one representative, and one additional representative for every 100 members or fraction thereof above the first 100. Section 2. Each local or district association may appoint two representatives and one additional representative for every ten churches or fraction thereof above the first ten. Section 3. Each territorial, provincial and state convention (or general association) may appoint ten representatives and one representative for every 10,000 members above the first 50,000.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, who, together with these officers and fifteen other officers, shall constitute an executive committee, any member of a Baptist church in the territory of the convention being eligible to office. Section 2. The officers shall serve from the close of the convention at which they are elected to the close of the next convention, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular session of this convention, notice thereof having been given in writing by any five members at a previous session, or proposed by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee of the general convention.

BY-LAWS.

1. The convention shall meet in 1906 and thereafter every three years, the exact time and place to be determined by the executive committee. Special meetings of the convention may be called upon petition of 200 members of Baptist churches whose resi-

dences shall be in at least ten states or provinces and upon approval of the petition by the majority of the executive committee.

II. No appeals for money shall be made nor collections taken which have not been approved by the executive committee.

III. On the first day of each triennial session of the convention the executive committee shall report the enrollment of representatives present, and the president shall appoint a nominating committee of as many members as there are states, territories and provinces represented, and this nominating committee shall subsequently report the names of the officers of the convention.

IV. At the time to be determined by the executive committee a collection for the expenses of the convention shall be taken.

V. The executive committee shall make arrangements for each meeting of the convention and submit a report to the convention, which report shall include the report of the treasurer.

VI. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the convention, provided notice of the proposed alteration or amendment has been made in writing and signed by at least ten delegates.

Dr. Edward Judson Moves the Adoption of the Constitution.

Mr. President, brothers and sisters of this great convention: I am very grateful to the president for his gracious words of introduction and I count it to be a great honor to share in this action on this historic occasion. I take very great pleasure in moving the adoption of this report. It seems to me to be in harmony with St. Paul's pronouncement, "I beseech you, therefore, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called with all lowliness and meekness of spirit, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." I see no harm in this constitution. It seems to me innocent. I find in it no deep laid plot to undermine the faith. It seems to me a noble formulation of Baptist brotherhood.

I feel an interest in being present today because in a certain sense I represent three great towns, New York, Chicago and St. Louis. My residence is in New York. I have been of late making a kind of temporary incursion into the pedagogic realm and am doing some teaching at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and yet at the same time I am bearing some of the burden of my work in New York. I feel that I am a kind of remote fulfillment of the prophecy that "Issachar is a strong ass crouching down between two burdens, (Laughter) and he saw the rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant, and bowed his shoulder to bear and became a servant unto tribute." I am glad to have tribute levied on me for this occasion.

I came down from Chicago last night and combine these two cities, Chicago and St. Louis, a city to which I am particularly attracted because of its Southern warmth and splendor. And not only am I pleased to think that I have been asked to speak to you this morning as representing these three great towns but because there comes to my mind the memory of my father's love for the South and his wide sympathy with all sections of our great nation. I remember in 1846 when he spoke and when he was welcomed at Richmond by Dr. Jeter, in his response, he uttered this sentence, "I am only a humble missionary to the heathen and do not aspire to be a teacher of Christians in this enlightened country, but if I may be indulged a remark I would say that if, hereafter, the more violent spirits of the North persist in the use of irritating language, I hope that on the part of the South they will be met with dignified silence." (Applause.) That was a long time ago during the bitterness and before the war. We are glad that both bitterness and war have passed away. (Applause.)

I slept sweetly and soundly beneath one of your hospitable roofs in the bed occupied fifty years before by my father. I have shared your hospitality. I have met a warm welcome in this glad Southland and I shall count it a bright memory of my life that I am permitted on this occasion to share in the spirit of unity and joy which these resolutions express. The longer I live the more delight I take in that larger Christian unity which binds us together as brothers. We are brothers in Jesus Christ, whether belonging to one communion or not, we are of one flock and have one shepherd.

I delight in that great thought of the church embracing all good Christians everywhere. The church is not a meeting-house, a meeting-house is not a church. The spiritual church is not the local church, although it visualizes itself in the local church. The spiritual church is not even one of the great churches of Christendom—Greek, Roman or Protestant—the spiritual church is identical with Christendom itself. It is sometimes called the bride, Christ being the groom, that he may present it to himself a spiritual church not having stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it shall be spotless and without blemish. It is sometimes called the body, Christ being the head. It is sometimes called a family, Christ being the head of the family. Sometimes it is called a building "in whom ye also are builded together in Christ." Our strength is not human. Now, that spiritual church is bound to embody itself. It is just as John

Wesley says, there is no such thing as a solitary religion. He had in mind the desire and the purpose at the very core of his being to unite Christianity, and along this line of the craving for fellowship. We have a definite body, something that the world can take hold of and persecute. If you are content simply to be a member of Christ's spiritual church you will never stop bullets. People will never find fault with that kind of a religion.

I think these resolutions are in harmony with the unity of spirit throughout the land. I believe we and our children and our children's children will remember this time as the historical time when Baptists of this country not only loved each other, but allowed that affection to formulate itself in this shape. It is a hard thing to create affection, but when there is affection, when we see eye to eye, then it is an easy matter to formulate it as we do today. We simply give to it a design, a noble form. And so I move the adoption of this constitution, because I believe it to be in harmony not only with St. Paul's idea, but in harmony with a more ancient utterance still, "It is good for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down over the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments."

Dr. W. E. Hatcher Seconds the Constitution's Adoption.

I am very glad, indeed, to think the president could think of something to say about me.

I feel profoundly the significance, the sublimity of this hour. This is a scene upon which many have desired to look and have died without sight. I cannot but look up this morning and think that those men of God who sixty years ago parted, are standing together at the windows of the heavenly city, looking upon this sight. May the Spirit of God come down and guide in what we say and do.

In venturing to come before you to approve the motion made by Dr. Judson, I thank you for the privilege of justifying my act by a few words. I think there is fitness and potency in the step that we are, I hope, taking in the adoption of these resolutions. I like them for several reasons. We have sent a message to the outside. They tell our friends, and our critics as well, that so far as the American Baptists are concerned, there is a great difference between a separation and a division. We are separated in our work, but this meeting and this action will declare that we are not divided. (Applause.) We may have the same organization and yet be sorely divided. But we could not have this meeting and really be divided. We may be separated in our methods of work, but we are going to issue a proclamation today that we are not divided in spirit or purpose. We have had a division. It was a division of good men and their memories are sacred and we can reverence and honor them all, no matter which side we took when the division came. There were causes that necessitated, even if they did not justify, it, but I believe it would be safe to say that there are no causes now, no one of those causes that divided them that stand in the way of our unity of heart, and the world ought to know it. They have looked on and asked why the Baptists of the North were to themselves and the Baptists of the South apart also. We will send the tidings that we are really together. (Applause.) And for that reason I warmly favor these resolutions, because they speak to the world of the unity of American Baptists.

Now, in the next place, I like the report, because it gives us a new attitude toward God. We have come from every direction and we have come together and we stand before the Lord today, that we may know his will. I do not understand that either side, if I may so speak, is dissatisfied with its organizations and with its movements, or that either is the least disposed in any way to infringe upon the organization of the other. Not at all. But we do at least that which seems to me exceedingly becoming, we meet in the presence of our Father to ask him if he has any new orders, if he can tell us how to help each other better and how more effectively we can serve humanity and God.

If anybody were to ask me, and some did ask me as I came, are you going to break up old things? Is this revolutionary? Well, I said, all I know about it is that it is a meeting of a whole lot of Baptists and I am going to see what's the matter. I feel that we have come together with no revolutionary idea but with something that might produce revolution, to ask God to give us a clearer vision of our work and our relations to each other and to help us to find out what is best for his cause in this country and the world over. And I like the report, because our attitude is one of inquiry and a desire to know the will of God. As far as I can see we do not need any change, but I see so little ahead that it almost amounts to not seeing at all, and I think we ought to try to see what God means by these things. I want to say, also, brethren, that it strikes me that our coming together is rich in promise, and that is in the promise of an awakening to the sense of our power in this country.

You will pardon me if I say something in regard to the people with whom I am more personally associated. I say that because I feel more liberty to do that. We have felt on our side of the matter that our people have not understood. They have

not come up to the greatness of our opportunity and it seems to me that in the last few years we have come into a world of new revelation. I do not believe that our own country came to itself until five or six years ago. Our pride was the much talked of Monroe Doctrine, a fine doctrine and interesting for those who loved home missions. We believe in the doctrine, but our nation has waked up in the last five or six years to find that our task is largely away from home, and that she has got to take care of the other nations (applause) and keep them straight, and I am sure that then we can be guided in the great advance of our empire, and not be bothered about things at home.

I know this remark is awful and you may not like it at all but I am a Democrat. (Laughter.) I have thought, possibly, lately, that I might get over it or get somebody else over to my side. I am amazed at the power of a single man to unify not only this country, but to unify the world. It has been the supreme event in recent American history. (Applause.) Now, what I would like is for the Baptists of this country to catch that world spirit. We have got to come together to get in full measure that sense of power and strength. I am not pleading for any organization, but pleading that we may be so united together in every good purpose, that we might lead in the great movements. And that is the reason I like this constitution.

Now, let me say again I think we ought to get together and try and keep in line. It is very hard for two people to carry on business just across the road, where they can see each other all the time and especially when they are carrying on the same kind of business and have trouble with their children. (Applause.) Abraham and Lot had a fuss. I do not undertake to say which was wrong though there was a bad lot of misunderstandings. But I tell you what struck me in connection with the squabble was that Abraham laid down the platform for comity with a view to staying apart! It is a great deal harder to stay apart than to stay together, and if we are to be separated we ought to have some tribunal, if that word does not scare some strict constructionists, where these questions may be settled. You know the trouble that took place between Abraham and Lot was started with their servants. (Laughter.) I think we will have to meet now and then, Mr. President, and look after our servants and let them not quarrel about the grazing places and the watering places and things of that kind. I do not know much about comity myself, but any glimpses I have had of it have given me a high opinion of it and I think that this movement is going to take care of it. And now, Mr. President, for this reason I have felt that we should, with cordiality, adopt these resolutions, and we will act together in the organization indicated in this paper.

My brethren, I want to say that when, twenty-five years ago, in the city of Atlanta, my venerable old father in the ministry, Dr. Jeter, proposed that the Baptists of America should be brought together in one organization, I, afraid to speak, but full of fire, felt just that way; but when John A. Broadus, that matchless leader, issued his moral edict it went the other way, and I have been a Southern Baptist Convention man ever since. Besides, at that time I do not think it would have done for the Baptists of the South to have come to a meeting of this kind. They were not dressed well enough, they were almost as poor as Lazarus and had about as many sores. (Laughter.) They were not in good traveling order. We are getting on very well down South and we can come into a fraternity like this without any suggestion of mendicancy. God is bringing back the power and glory and riches of the South. (Applause.) We are coming to the point where we do not feel that you can mistake us. With earnest spirit of fraternity and cordiality I second the motion for this union.

The convention, at the conclusion of Dr. Hatcher's most appropriate and eloquent address, burst into song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The tide of munificent legacies and donations seems to be running just now in the direction of theological seminaries. At the commencement of the MacCormack Seminary in Chicago week before last, a gift of \$1,000,000 from Mrs. MacCormack and her sons, was announced. The gift by an unknown donor, of \$1,500,000 to Union Theological Seminary is still fresh in mind. That gift followed hard upon the footsteps of the donation of \$1,000,000 to Princeton. Our own seminaries at Rochester and Hamilton were remembered in the will of the late John J. Jones to the extent of something like \$700,000 each, and other late donations to Rochester bring the amount received by that institution during the year up to nearly \$900,000. These gifts have put new courage and enthusiasm into the several institutions named, and ought to bring in a larger number of ministerial students.—The Examiner.

PARAGRAPHS.

The B. Y. P. U. at Independence have lighted the church elegantly. The lamps are beautiful and would do for a large town church and now the young people are going to put a bell on the church and lengthen the rostrum. These young people, with their noble president, are doing fine work. They wanted me to stay Sunday night. They had me on the program but Mrs. Schramm and Howard Murfee having gone to Vineyard Bend on a visit I had to return Sunday night to the other two children.—H. R. Schramm.

The prevailing impression that health conditions on the Panama isthmus are not favorable is contradicted in an interesting article in the current Harper's Weekly, by Colonel W. C. Gorgas, U. S. A., Chief Sanitary Officer of the Canal Zone. Colonel Gorgas tells of the work that has been accomplished by the Sanitary Department in improving the health conditions on the isthmus; and he shows, by actual figures, that Panama is healthier than many American cities. For whereas New York City, in one year, had a death rate of 20 per thousand, Philadelphia 21 per thousand, and Washington 22 per thousand, Panama had, during a similar period, a death-rate of only 14 per thousand. Colonel Gorgas believes that on account of the sanitary work done, yellow fever will soon be exterminated from the canal zone.

Our beloved and honored brother, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, feeling the need of relief from some of the heavy burdens of his large pastorate, suggested, some weeks ago, to his Grove Avenue people that they secure an assistant to share these burdens and responsibilities with him proposing an arrangement which would not increase the financial burdens of the church. His people, while deeply regretting the necessity for such an arrangement, responded to his suggestion at once, and acting with him, invited Rev. J. L. Rosser, the brilliant young pastor of the Memorial church in Hampton to take the position. He has accepted, and will enter upon his work July 1st. This is a very happy arrangement for Dr. Hawthorne and Grove Avenue, but we know the Hampton folks are bereaved, for they were very proud of their brilliant and attractive pastor.—Religious World.

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He warned them against worry and discouragement and pleaded for simplicity of thought and simplicity of speech. On this phase of the question he mentioned the value of rest and pauses in talking as Symphony and concluded with a quotation from Browning, "Trust God, see all and not be afraid."

Presentation of Medal.

Major Brandon in presenting the medal offered by the Maxwell-Raiford Jewelry Co., and won by Miss Bessie McGahey, for having made the greatest progress in music, made a very graceful and eloquent speech, complimenting Tuscaloosa, the college and the talented girl before him.

The Graduates.

Dr. Giles in an appropriate and feeling baccalaureate urged on the class his desire that they lead bright and happy lives and show an interest in education. He concluded by tenderly saying he would always love them and pray God's blessings upon them.

He delivered diplomas to the following:

Rinie Elizabeth Chambers, A. B.; Bessie Janice Crosby, A. B.; Annie Belle Cross, A. B.; Evelyn Jackson Daniel, A. B.; Evelyn Elizabeth Dixon, B. S.; Sarah Valentine Hardin, A. B.; Sallye Kate Harris, A. B.; Agnes Mortimer Jones, B. L.; Nell Jean Johnson A. B.; Marguerite DuPree Law, B. Sr.; Ella Lea Lindsey, B. L.; Mattie Jean Park, A. B.; Julia Olive Praytor, B. L.; Mattie Unita Quarles, A. B.; Susan Agnes Sawyer, A. B.; Dicy John Sneed, A. B.; Annie Janice Thornton, A. B.; Alice Marion Townsend, A. B.; Willia Roberta Wallace, B. L.

Graduates in Music.

Flossie Belle Clark, piano, harmony and history of music; Kathleen Cotter, piano, harmony and history of music; Kathleen Cotter, vocal; Evelyn Jackson Daniel piano, harmony and history of music.

Certificates in Music.

Alva Jenkins, piano; Bessie McGahey, piano.

Expression.

Bessie Donoho, Mrs. O. G. Hall (Miss Clara Cox) in behalf of the Alumnae Association presented the alumnae badges to the graduating class.

The whole school sang with spirit, "God Bless You," and the exercises closed with the benediction by Pastor L. O. Dawson.

PARAGRAPHS.

We were delighted beyond measure to meet Dr. W. J. E. Cox at the convention and to talk with him about glorious Mobile and the dear old St. Francis Street Church. When, however, we said: "Cox, of course you are going to the Baptist Congress in London," he turned blue and red and cream color at the same time. His countenance clouded, his chin looked dejected and he sobbed out nothing. What's the matter with Mobile? Isn't it worth while for Cox to go to London? We wish Mrs. Cox would take a collection at the breakfast table some morning and order her worthy leige lord to fall in with the procession.—Dr. W. E. Hatcher in Argus.

The Texas B. Y. P. U. Assembly will hold its fourth annual encampment at Assembly, near Laporte, June 13-22, 1905. The program, a neat booklet of ninety odd pages, is just out, and is a model of beauty, being artistically gotten up and printed on excellent paper, with numerous illustrations and a wealth of information. These young people have just purchased a 32-acre tract of land, paying therefor \$1,620, and are preparing to erect an auditorium and other buildings for the revenue derived from the sale of lots. They are very hopeful of success, and the hustling secretary, R. H. Coleman, of Dallas, is the moving spirit in the progressive plans which are being put forward.

On the Sunday of the Southern Baptist Convention the writer preached at the "Independence Boulevard Christian Church." On introducing him to the congregation the pastor told an incident. He said he went to the Baptist Convention and asked a man "evidently a delegate," to kindly name the "great preachers of the convention. He readily consented and proceeded to say: There are Carroll of Texas and Truett of Texas, and Gambrell of Texas, and Dement of Texas, and Riley of Texas, and Buckner of Texas, and Riley of Texas, and— Just there the pastor interrupted him with, "Tell me from what State you come." Straightening himself to his full height the delegate replied promptly, "From Texas."—Western Recorder.

It is probably not generally known that Switzerland has an army trained by modern methods and thoroughly up to date. Its most interesting feature is the system of military manoeuvres practiced by the Swiss Alpine troops in the mountain ranges of the little republic. The manoeuvres are described as an illustrated article by Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gerald in the current Harper's Weekly entitled "Military Manoeuvres Above the Clouds." Although the practice work is carried on sometimes in almost inaccessible parts of the Alps, the troops are such expert mountaineers that they are able to execute the most complicated infantry and artillery manoeuvres with safety and success. These Alpine manoeuvres last for six weeks in the year, and the soldiers receive about ten cents per day as pay.

New York is getting more than its share of disapproval from the literary people who have recently paid short visits to the busy city. According to Gertrude Atherton, one cannot write in New York, and Amelie Rives also finds the atmosphere not conducive to literary effort. "Oh! what a distracting fearful, grinding place!" she said the other day. "I feel when I'm here, which is very rarely, as if I were in a network of cross currents, intangible, unattainable, nothing that the mind can seize or settle upon. There is nothing here but a great hollow metallic roar." Amelie Rives's stay in New York was but a brief one before sailing for Europe, as she divides her time between the home of her childhood, in Virginia, and the estate of her husband, Prince Troubetzkoy, on the shore of Lake Maggiore, Italy. It was in the midst of quiet and beautiful scenes that her great poem, Selene, recently published by the Harpers, was written.



Howard College Will Receive \$500.

William J. Bryan Writes to President Montague.

Wm. J. Bryan Writes to President Montague.

President A. P. Montague of Howard College has received a letter from William Jennings Bryan, informing him that Howard College had been selected as one of the colleges to participate in the fund left by the late Philo Sherman Bennett of New Haven, Conn., to Mr. Bryan as trustee, to aid poor and deserving boys to obtain an education. As only about twenty colleges in the United States can receive this assistance, which amounts to \$500 for each college, the compliment paid Howard is very gratifying to its friends throughout the State.

Last year Mr. Bryan, in company with John W. Tomlinson, of Birmingham, visited Howard and delivered an address to the student body. He captivated the faculty and the students, and in turn seems to have been favorably struck with the Alabama Baptist institution at East Lake, as is evidenced by his selection of Howard to share the Bennett fund.

The conditions required by the will of the late Mr. Bennett are that all students who are to participate in the fund must be indigent and worthy, and must excel in an essay contest to be written on an economical subject.

Mr. Bryan's letter to President Montague follows:

Lincoln, Neb., June 2, 1905.

President Montague, East Lake, Ala.

Dear Sir:—I beg to inform you that I have selected Howard College as one of the colleges to participate in the fund left to me, as trustee, by the late Philo Sherman Bennett, of New Haven, Conn., for the aid of poor and deserving boys in obtaining an education. I enclose a receipt for \$500. Upon its return, signed by the proper officer and accompanied by a paper showing that he was authorized to agree to the conditions named in the receipt, a draft for the amount will be forwarded to you.

Hoping that the fund thus established may be of increasing advantage to your community, I am very sincerely yours.

W. J. BRYAN.



The Third Annual Conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement.

From June 23d to July 3d will be held at Asheville, N. C., what is called the Southern Conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement. The place of the conference is the beautiful Kenilworth Inn.

The aim of the movement is to deepen spiritual life and missionary purposes in the church of the future, as at present enrolled, organized and in training in the Sunday schools and Young People's Societies. The conference is intended to be an annual council for the organization of the year's campaign, and a training school for the better equipment of leaders. In this conference are gathered delegates from churches of all denominations, and an effort is made to so train and enthuse these delegates that they may become intelligent leaders in the missionary activities of their local churches. While the representatives of these different denominations unite in the study of general mission methods, special direction is given to these studies by denominational leaders who hold daily conferences, in which they make special application of the general studies to the peculiar needs of their own denomination. We are expecting Dr. R. J. Willingham to conduct the denominational conferences for the Baptists.

The programme consists of devotional study of the Bible, missionary institutes for the study of practical methods of missionary work in Sunday schools and Young People's Societies, missionary study classes in Home and Foreign Missions, symposiums of various kinds, platform addresses by prominent speakers, denominational group meetings in which the denominational representatives formulate plans for the work of the coming year. The very best teachers and speakers have been secured for this work, and the programme will be one of intense interest and practical value.

The expenses of the conference will be \$5 for the enrollment fee, which each delegate must pay in order to cover the expenses incurred in conducting the conference; \$12.50 to \$17.50 for board, according as one or more persons occupy one room; and the railroad fare, which is one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, on the certificate plan, for those who are within the bounds of the Southeastern Passenger Association. This fee of \$5 must be paid before the room is reserved, and the rooms should be reserved as soon as possible, because only a limited number can be accommodated. Plans for securing strong delegations may be had upon application to T. B. Ray, Nashville, Tenn., or to the Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Delegates are invited to be present from young people's societies, strong leaders in local churches, young pastors, Sunday school superintendents, young business men and laymen, and, in fact, all young persons with capacity for leadership who are interested in missions. I am anxious to get into communication with any one who may be interested in this enterprise, and will be glad to answer any questions in reference to it.



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tunity for the development of leadership ever presented to the youth of our land." I know of no place where a church can invest a small sum to a better advantage than in enabling its most promising young leader to attend this conference.

T. B. RAY,

Nashville, Tenn.

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Frank Willis Barnett

COWARDLY PREACHERS.

A week seldom passes when one cannot find in current periodicals some sort of reference to pastors who are afraid to boldly speak the truth, and the ministry as a whole is thereupon denounced as time-serving cowards.

It is a common thing to berate our pastors, but that they commonly deserve it is not true. The advice they get about how to preach from every direction is as amusing and sometimes as pathetic as it is contradictory. One class of men set a man down as a fanatic because he denounces special sins too much. Others regard him as a coward because he does not go as far in that direction as they would like. They are sometimes called "political preachers" because they discuss moral issues that more or less affect the political situation, while at the very same time others are deploring their "lack of backbone" in refusing to become a partisan. The pastor gets much advice, but he sometimes smiles to observe that men regard him as fanatical when he rebukes their sin, and call him a coward when he fails to denounce the sin of the other fellow.

When a pastor stands before his people many things must be considered about those who look up to him. In that great hour he must think of God and not his critics.

We are not acquainted with the cowards referred to. Who are they?

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

What is your boy reading? Books and papers are companions whose influence is of the most powerful kind. We want the children to keep good company so far as their associates are concerned, but too often forget the powerful effect of the silent page. We do not like dull reading any more than we like dull company of any sort, and nothing can be more important than the cultivation of such a taste as will make good reading full of interest. Pure literature uplifts. Vicious literature degrades.

AN OFT REPEATED SLANDER.

It is, and has been since the days of the prophets, and apostles, a common thing to slander God's preachers but perhaps the commonest old lie of all is that they preach for money. If they do preach for money they are not only hypocrites and scoundrels, but they are brainless fools as well, for how many really get any money worth mentioning? When one gets a little more than the necessities of life there are dozens who get less. When one gets enough to lay by a little for old age there are a hundred who would starve if they had nothing more than what the churches give them.

Really, brethren, how many rich men, or ordinarily "well to do" men do you know who made their money by preaching? and how much did you contribute to their wealth?

Isn't it time for this poor old worn out slander to be laid aside until our pastors get enough to keep it from blushing when it is paraded before the world?

July '5th

Is a very important date. The State Mission year closes that day. I am wondering if the pastors are going to help the Board go to the convention out of debt. The stream of money which was at the flood the last few days of April was suddenly checked May 1st. Some has come in since then but in distressingly small amounts. Men of Israel help.

W. B. C.

Let the pastors and churches heed the earnest appeal of our Secretary for State Missions. The time is short, only five weeks.

All Aboard for Sheffield.

"When the roll is called up yonder" at Sheffield who will be there?

We need a great convention. I hope we will have it. Talking with Dr. Gambrel about the great Texas convention, he said: "Our convention is the greatest thing in our State. Everybody wants to go. Brethren plan to go a year in advance. Our women are making their convention clothes now all over the state." The great need in Alabama is a great convention. All the rest will follow if we can once have that. Brother, sister, are you going?

It is a little inconvenient this year for some parts of the State, but it is to be held in one of the loveliest sections of the State. The Baptists of North Alabama will welcome us.

Great interests are to be considered at the meeting. Brethren, I beg you to make sacrifices to be there.

Look in Your Minutes.

On page 33, Brethren Moncrief, Gross and Dawson are on a committee.

On page 38 two important committees are named. Brethren Gross and Stewart chairmen.

On page 39 two more are found, Brethren Calloway and Wood chairmen.

The committee on hospitality deserves notice. That is a very important committee. Every one who goes should try to make their task easy. When they call for the names let every one send his name promptly so that homes may be provided.

W. B. C.

Apropos of the discussion about the propriety of accepting money believed to be "tainted," a correspondent contributes to the current Harper's Weekly an anecdote which presents an amusing and commonsense view of the question. During the war of 1812, he says, the captain of a coasting vessel sought to evade the payment of a debt to the Quaker acquaintance by taking advantage of the fact that the Quakers, who of course disapproved of the war, were opposed to the taking of prize money. He offered the amount of his indebtedness with the remark that it was prize-money, assuming that it would be refused. The Quaker, however, was equal to the occasion, and responded: "Friend, I feel no concern whatever about keeping this money, for I come by it honestly; if thee did not, thee will have to settle with thy Maker."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Mr. Andrew Carnegie will give \$500,000 to the University of Virginia if the University will raise an equal amount.

Illinois is to have a B. Y. P. U. Assembly at Springfield in July. Dr. McArthur will be one of the chief speakers.

Dr. R. S. McArthur has just celebrated his thirty-fifth anniversary as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York.

The biennial statement shows that the University of Chicago now has between \$18,000,000 and \$19,000,000 worth of property.

It is announced that Yi Huiing, emperor of Korea, has been converted to the Catholic faith and will soon join that church.

Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the pasorate of the First Church, Galveston.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is said to be suffering from nervous dyspepsia, inherited from his father and developed by over-work.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Georgia meets with the First Baptist Church, Moultrie, June 20-22.

Rev. Bryan W. Collier, of Mariana, Fla., has been complimented by his churches in Mariana and Chipley with a trip to London.

Rev. Carl W. Minor has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bainbridge Church. He will enter upon his duties on the first of September.

The Russian agents have started a story that Japan had seized the emperor of Korea and forcibly removed him to Japan. It turns out that the story was without foundation.

The trains of Great Britain, according to the statistics prepared by Mr. James D. Whelpley, travel 400,000,000 miles a year. The trains of America travel 900,000,000 a year.

Rev. Kerry Boyce Tupper, D. D. L.L.D., resigns the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, in order to accept the call of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church of New York City.—Journal and Messenger.

Office Boy—There are two men out there, sir, who want to see you; one of them is a poet, and the other a deaf man.

Editor—Well, go out and tell the poet that the deaf man is the editor.—Grit.

If you wish to see happiness incarnated go to see Dr. H. W. Provence. He has given two brilliant and gifted sons to our mission in China, and he himself is living and working and rejoicing, too, every day and every hour in them.

Rev. T. V. Neal writes from Louisville: Have passed all examinations (at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary). Received twenty, thirteen by baptism, into my church since I came, and am fixing to build, and am as happy as a bachelor can be. God bless you and the paper.

The greatest of irrigation dams is that now building on Salt River, in Arizona; and some of the government employes have named it the "Roosevelt Dam." The cost will be between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, which is paid by the government, but a government charge for water will more than repay the cost in ten years.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

We are glad to note that Dr. E. E. Bomar, assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has quite recovered his health and is again at his post of duty. He attended the convention in Kansas City and was warmly greeted by his brethren.—Baptist Courier.

Rev. M. Ashley Jones supplied last summer for the Regent's Park Church, London. This the church of which Dr. F. B. Meyer was pastor. The church was so well pleased with him that they tried to secure him as pastor. He declined, however, to consider the call, but the pastor and church unite in inviting him to supply for them during his vacation in August.—Baptist and Reflector.

The question of prisoners is a serious one in modern warfare, especially with a nation like Japan. She had between 40,000 and 50,000 prisoners to feed and care for before this battle. With 50,000 more, their keep becomes a serious tax on a nation's resources. Russia, with plenty of men, may not be averse to having her thousands of wounded nursed and fed by the Japanese, while she sends a fresh army.

"A brother who does not wish his name mentioned of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, has given \$300,000 to establish a Baptist Sanitarium in that city. The conditions that it shall be perpetually controlled by Baptists, that \$25,000 additional be raised as a proof of good faith, that only regular (allopathic) doctors be allowed to have patients there, and that no negroes shall be admitted."—Western Recorder.

Dr. M. B. Wharton, of Eufaula, Ala., delivered the literary address before the Brenan College, Gainesville, Ga., on Tuesday of this week. At the last commencement of this institution Dr. Wharton delivered both the commencement sermon and the baccalaureate address.—Christian Index.

Dr. Wharton is apt to be wanted again wherever he appears on such occasions as he has unusual gifts both as a preacher and a lecturer.

The Westinghouse Company, at Pittsburg, recently conducted a test of collisions of freight cars. A train of new steel cars was broken into sections some fifty feet apart, and an engine and a portion of the train sent against them at a speed of forty miles an hour. The cars crashed together at this speed without injury, and coupled automatically. The secret is a new Westinghouse friction draw-bar, which bids fair to minimize the danger of collisions.

Rev. Len G. Broughton is looking ahead to a very busy summer. He is to deliver Bible lectures at the Y. W. C. A. Convention at Ashville, Lake, Orion Conference, Michigan, the ministers' meeting in North Carolina, the Christian Workers' Conference, Northfield, Mass., and preach in Boston for Dr. A. C. Dixon and the Dudley Street Baptist Church every Sunday in August. The Tabernacle is to be supplied by Rev. A. C. Cree, of Louisville, Ky.—The Forum.

Mr. Carnegie has given ten millions of dollars to provide annuities for disabled college professors. He wishes "to remove a source of deep and constant anxiety to the poorest paid and yet one of the highest of all professions," so poorly paid that "able men hesitate to adopt teaching as a career." He also establishes the fund in order to enable colleges to retire old professors in favor of more useful younger men without causing material suffering to the displaced.

One of the most unique and wonderful speeches made during the sessions of the body was made by Dr. John R. Sampey, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Sampey read the wonderful message of Isaiah in the original Hebrew and the audience trembled in the presence of the great tragedy of the world as they saw the Lord of Glory humiliated and saw the glory of the bursting tomb and the ascension of the Lord of Lords.—Word and Way.

A telegram has been received in the city from Dr. Hale, former pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, stating that the Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson, Tenn., a leading Southern Baptist educational institution, has conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon Dr. John D. S. Davis, of this city. It is the highest honor the university could confer upon a layman and comes to one of Birmingham's most prominent and popular citizens as a pleasant surprise.—The Birmingham Ledger.

Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, of Nashville, has accepted the call to East Church, Louisville, Ky. President Smith of the Mormons has scandalized some of the "Latter Day Saints" by taking eight of his sons to see a prize fight. The Interior says: "A prominent mormon has written an open letter to the press sneering at Smith as an 'old sport.'" Smith admitted practicing polygamy, and now he akes his boys to prize fights. Is he not a fit man to be at the head of a religion!!!—Western Recorder.

The Religious Herald gives the following hint to its subscribers: "We are passing now into the full spring season with thousands of dollars due us in subscriptions. Our friends must remember that whether the North winds blow or the genial sun shines with summer strength, the expenses of a religious weekly go right on, unceasing and unrelenting. We need money as imperiously in April as we do in January." We need it more in June than we do in May. Please send us a check for back dues and renewal.

Chancellor O. S. C. Wallace, of McMaster University, resigns after a decade of service. He has guided the college through a trying and critical period, and feels now that another should assume the burden. As a teacher, preacher, organizer and author, Dr. Wallace has made a large place for himself in the life of the denomination. He will settle in the pastorate of the First Church, Lowell, Mass., and will be followed by the best wishes of those who have known him throughout Canada.—Examiner.

Dr. W. W. Landrum is being talked of as the next president of Mercer University. A communication in a recent issue of the Atlanta Journal said that the Georgia delegates to the Kansas City convention were agreed that Dr. Landrum is the man for the place. He would make a great college president.—Baptist Courier.

Dr. Landrum is eminently fitted to be the president of any college in the country and fortunate indeed will be Mercer University should he decide to accept.

Rev. Kerr Byce Tupper, D.D., L.L.D., has been unanimously called from the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, to the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, to succeed the late Dr. Lorimer. His acceptance has not been announced, but it is hardly possible that the call was given without his knowledge. It is proposed by the Madison Avenue people to undertake a large work for the Master, carrying out many of the plans formulated by the great Lorimer.—Journal and Messenger.

The church at Commerce has called Rev. H. W. Williams, of Opelika, Ala. It will be remembered that Bro. Williams was pastor at Elberton, Ga., for nearly ten years, resigning there some three years ago to accept a call to the Opelika church. It is hoped that he will accept the call at Commerce, and return to Georgia.—Christian Index.

We hope he will remain in Alabama unless he feels the Lord wants him to change his field. Bro. Williams has a warm place in the hearts of Alabamians.

J. Howard Eager, Jr., of Baltimore, transportation manager of the Baptist World Congress Tour, has issued an informing booklet which should be of interest to all prospective visitors to London. The book, which is handsomely illustrated, contains the

revised program of the congress, with a list of the speakers, and also gives full particulars regarding the number of attractive British and continental tours which are being offered for American delegates. This booklet, and any desired information as to ocean passage, may be had on application to Mr. Eager.

W. E. Hatcher of Virginia is no longer a young man. He does not use class illustrations. He could burden his unequalled oratory with the fabled lore of Greece and Rome. He prefers to stick to the Bible and the history of his brethren for wadding and metaphors. But, for hitting the mark, for poise, wisdom, tact, accuracy; for point, power, precision, he is without a peer. In the General Convention in St. Louis he delivered an address that captured the Baptists of the North and distinguished forever the Baptists of the South. That speech belongs among the master orations of all ages.—Word and Way.

Pobiedonostzeff, the Procurator General of the Synod of the Russian Church, is believed to be dying. He is eighty years of age and a reactionary who more than any other man in Russia, is responsible for the curse of its present methods of government. He has for some time been too old to understand the tendency of modern thought, but has held with powerful tenacity to the ideas of the past. The two vital principles of his life were the maintenance of autocracy, the absolute power of the Czar, and the belief that Russia was to dominate the world under the government of an absolute monarch.

A tender and melancholy interest was added to the conclusion of the St. Louis meeting by the sudden death of Dr. J. N. Cushing, missionary, from Rangoon, Burmah, just after the benediction. He took a deep interest in the proceedings, and just as the end of the session came he fell over on a pew, and despite prompt medical attention, he was dead in a few minutes. He was a good and a useful man, as well as a faithful missionary. He and his wife had come to attend the anniversaries, expecting soon to return to their field of labor. She was at a ladies' meeting at the time of her husband's death and she was crushed by the blow.

"Dr. McCall tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Church, Tampa, and it was accepted last Sunday. The resignation was to take effect August 1, but by special arrangements it will take effect June 1. Dr. McCall has been pastor there about eighteen months. During this time 150 members have been added to the church, a debt of \$5,000 has been paid in full, and the contributions of the church to missions have been largely increased. Dr. McCall has accepted an appointment from the State Board as State evangelist, and will begin that work about June 1. We have not learned the plans of the church."—Florida Baptist Witness.

The Houston Post, among other nice things, says: The congregation of the First Baptist church was surprised yesterday after the morning service by the resignation of their pastor, Dr. Riley. An immense audience had gathered to hear the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the High school, and Dr. Riley requested the members of the church to remain after the audience was dismissed. It was then that he offered his resignation. It seems that the chief reason of his withdrawal is due to the fact that he feels he has reached the limit of his work here, coming to Houston just about the time of the Galveston storm, when the church was considerably run down, he undertook the work of re-establishing it. Just a week after he reached Houston the Baptist church building was wrecked by the Galveston storm. With little prospect of success Dr. Riley went to work to rebuild and at the same time reorganize the church. He has done both, having erected one of the handsomest stone buildings in the city. The congregations are large and the constructive work undertaken has been done.

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This day came J. P. Burns, and filed his application in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of N. R. Black, deceased, and paying for such orders, decrees and proceedings as may be proper and requisite for the due probate of said instrument as such will and alleging further that a half sister of said deceased resides in West Tennessee, but whose name and age are to petitioner unknown. It is therefore ordered that the 23rd day of July, 1905 be set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of the said instrument as such will. It is further ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing the same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this County.
S. E. GREENE,
3-31-31. Judge of Probate.

STATE OF ALABAMA, Jefferson County,
Robert W. McKemie, Deceased.
Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned, on the 20th day of May, 1905, by the Honorable SAMUEL E. GREENE, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County. Notice is hereby given that all persons, having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.
5-31-31. HUGH McCULLOCH, Administrator.

WHAT IS THE REASON.
I told Hezekiah to tell Widow Gray,
To tell Mother Brown, next door,
To tell Dicky Dwight, who goes that way,
To tell Deacon Barnes at the store,
To tell the old stage-driver, Timothy Bean,
To come for me, sure, and in season;
But I've waited all day, and no stage have I seen.
Now what do you think is the reason?
—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Loving Tribute to Motherhood.
(This loving tribute to motherhood is an extract from the sermon preached by Pastor R. S. Gavin, Bessemer, last Sabbath evening.)

"But I bring this word of encouragement also to the Christian motherhood of this land. God bless the Christian mother! She is laden with a hundred cares, and burdened with the anxieties so common to real motherhood, for three hundred and sixty-five days in every year.

"She toils on year in and year out in the midst of her humble home-duties; and often so completely shut in from the great busy world that she is entirely forgotten. So far as life's "popular" side is concerned, if she were to die, she'd not be missed. Who wonders that she sometimes becomes discouraged, and feeling that her life is a failure, she sits down and cries? She sits alone in many a home tonight! Most of them in our own city are not here to hear this word. Perchance a few are here. But, no matter where she is, she is worth her weight in gold. God bless her, and multiply her kind. I wish I had them all tonight where I could look into their care-worn faces and tell them that they are the grandest, noblest, and most useful class of mortals beneath the stars. In her unguarded moments she may sometimes dream of what she'd like to be, and what she'd like to do. In the bitterness of her soul, she may sometimes forget that the hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world; but out of her day-dreams God is making the opportunities that enable her to rear a son, or a daughter, to go forth in the coming years, and do a hundred-fold more that she could ever accomplish. God bless the faithful mother!"

WALDROP—Mrs. Tura A. Waldrop was born April 7, 1873, and departed this life April 21, 1905. Her body was laid to rest at Antioch Baptist church April 23, 1905. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Cox. Sister Waldrop joined the Baptist church at Quinton, Ala., in 1890 and was baptized by Rev. T. P. Vandiver. She was married to the Rev. S. L. Waldrop March 12, 1893. She leaves a husband and four children and many friends to mourn her loss. Our loss we trust is her eternal gain. May the Lord bless Bro. Waldrop and his little children in their lonely hours.—J. A. Moncrief.

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	Members.	Associational.	Undesignated.	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Total.
Ackerlyville	114			34 07	29 07	46 00	109 14
Alexander City	215			37 89	94 11	47 29	179 29
Aniston, Parker Memorial	485	300 00		264 59	545 46	38 06	1302 11
Auburn	202	31 00	7 13	105 05	59 59	173 12	437 76
Avodale	377	3 00		89 94	50 99	290 07	431 00
Bethel, Ft Deposit	300			89 74	149 74	89 75	329 23
Birmingham First	585	93 32		422 95	422 95	516 75	1362 65
Birmingham South Side	823	297 90		904 25	425 21	681 35	2010 81
Blocton 1st	171			42 12	42 12	42 12	126 36
Brewton	258			17 00	57 70	88 95	163 65
Carrollton	58			51 95	39 25	33 05	124 25
Cuba	127		55 05	27 65	85 35	156 45	329 45
Cusseta	73			29 05	60 00	65 70	154 75
Dadeville	141			41 00	41 75	51 30	134 05
Deep Creek, Bethel A.	141			83 30	56 52	65 00	205 32
Demopolis	68		151 00	37 47	10 00	12 50	210 97
Dothan	401			163 91	266 42	430 33	1060 66
Ensley	200			130 00	120 00	215 00	465 00
Eufaula 1st	442		147 58	100 00	100 00	65 00	512 58
Evergreen	328			127 70	117 00	201 00	445 70
Florence 1st	162			107 22	80 00	29 30	216 52
Florence, East	215			110 17	9 98	10 33	130 48
Forest Home	138		10 00	66 80	22 50	22 40	111 70
Friendship, Geneva	134			30 00	15 00	80 00	125 00
Furman, Bethelsda ch.	120			48 91	46 06	45 66	140 63
Gadsden	324			83 31	126 35	166 47	376 13
Geneva	165			100 00	100 00	100 00	300 00
Georgia	180			105 50	1 25	112 75	219 50
Girard	167	18 75		30 75		8 79	106 29
Greenville	354	27 00		148 72	63 00	89 65	301 37
Grove Hill	213			90 00	101 25	167 50	358 75
Hartselle	70	10 00	55 00	19 11	22 22	20 29	126 53
Huntsville, Dallas Ave	191		35 00	39 67	40 00	3 63	119 30
Huntsville, First	174		100 00	42 15	106 49	74 75	323 39
Jacksonville	182	30 00		61 01	115 13	59 00	235 14
LaFayette	208			118 78	94 79	100 00	313 57
Lineville	229	14 50		4 31	58 50	63 05	140 42
Livingston	92		174 94	50 90	122 00	59 50	442 34
Marion, Siloam	287			129 40	69 16	485 90	684 46
Marbury	151			161 14	89 41	284 39	534 94
Midway	176			80 75	113 42	30 53	224 70
Mobile, Palmetto St.	476			102 80	144 25	106 43	353 48
Mobile, St. Francis St.	721			1069 26	799 88	1423 53	3292 67
Montevallo	142			54 26	10 50	50 58	165 34
Montgomery Adams St.	309			39 79	81 80	35 55	157 14
Montgomery, Clayton St.	214			44 75	37 29	135 61	217 65
Montgomery, First	981			402 47	482 82	229 37	1114 66
New Decatur, Central	201	46 05		98 11	86 61	96 02	316 79
Northport	182	73 45		32 86	13 15	17 65	137 11
Pratt City	288			75 00	214 76	180 45	470 21
Prattville	245			51 64	39 53	47 00	138 17
Opelika	326	90 00	91 00	35 00	21 45	112 13	357 57
Orrville	72			221 25	179 50	536 50	937 25
Oswichee	77			46 00	46 48	29 04	121 52
Oxanna	122	10 00		28 50	31 75	49 79	110 04
Oxford	204	100 00		73 00	116 54	194 41	483 95
Roanoke	287			100 00	50 00	245 00	395 00
Rubama, East Lake	447			495 90	305 90	595 92	1497 72
Russellville	176			92 80	41 90	41 56	176 26
Scottsboro	81		83 61	15 26	15 30	15 27	45 83
Selma First	332			250 00	225 00	528 00	1003 00
Selma, Second	241			73 29	51 17	58 09	182 55
Safford	69			54 35	48 80	52 85	156 00
Sycamore	217			23 33	39 09	623 34	704 77
Talladega	455			302 85	128 35	124 85	556 05
Thomasville	206			59 50	80 00	95 50	235 00
Troy	402		424 18	84 46	84 46		508 44
Tuskegee	84	30 11	9 55	58 60	88 75	90 00	277 01
Tuscaloosa	693			490 00	152 83	152 84	795 67
Tuscumbia	151		25 00	25 00	74 10	2 77	126 87
Union Springs	301			135 00	78 00	170 50	383 50
Wilsonville	160			121 36	90 62	128 45	340 43
Woodlawn	394			274 00	306 90	181 50	662 40
Wylam	198	10 13	17 20	14 49	72 89	67 71	182 37

Figures as published in Minutes of Associations. 74 churches against 64 in 1903.
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And you and I will wish him luck
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How Humming Birds Hatch Out.
William Lovell Filey, the new naturalist-photographer, writes as follows in The Country Calendar for June, the new outdoor magazine published by the Review of Reviews Book Company:

"At first, the little capsules of eggs had a wonderfully delicate flesh tint of pink. Then, one morning, I stood over the nest like Thomas of old. Some one replaced the eggs with two tiny black bugs! It might have been a miracle. There was a tiny knob on the end of each little bug that looked as if it might be the beginning of a bill. Each little creature resembled a black bean more than a bird, for each possessed a light streak of brown down the middle of the back. They couldn't be beans, for they were pulsing with life in a lumpy sort of way. I went frequently to look at them. In a few days the little nestlings began to fork out all over with tiny black horns, until they would have looked like prickly pears had they been the right color. At the next stage, each tiny horn began to blossom out into a spray of brown down, the yellow at one end grew into a bill, the black skin cracked a trifle and showed two eyes. It was hard to see just how these black bugs could turn to birds, but day after day the miracle worked till I really saw two young humming-birds."

The Humming Bird Babies' Feeding Time.

"When I first crawled in among the bushes close to the nest, the little mother darted at me and poised a foot from my nose, as if to stare me out of countenance. She looked me all over from head to foot twice, then she seemed convinced that I was harmless. She whirled and sat on the nest-edge. The bantlings opened wide their hungry mouths. She spread her tail like a flicker, and braced herself against the nest-side. She craned her neck, and drew her dagger-like bill straight up above the nest. She plunged it down the baby's throat to the hilt, and started a series of gestures that seemed fashioned to puncture him to the toes. Then she stabbed the other baby until it made me shudder. It looked like the murder of the infants. But hey were not mangled and bloody; they were getting a square meal after the usual humming-bird method of regurgitation. They ran out their slender tongues to lick the honey from their lips. How they liked it! Then she settled down and ruffled up her breast feathers to let her babies cuddle close to her naked bosom. Occasionally, she reached under to caress them with whisperings of mother-love."

Watching a Humming Bird Mother Fan Her Young.

"The way the mother would alight on her nest was a marvel to me. She always stopped on the dead twig of a maple before dropping to her home. I saw her do it several times. She came at the nest like a meteoric streak. I held my breath lest the whole thing be splintered to atoms, for she hit the little cup without the slightest pause that I could see. But, when she alighted, it put to shame the touch of floating thistle-down.

"While the nestlings were very young, the mother never left them alone long at a time. If the day was warm, if the sun shone on the nest, the mother hovered with wings and tail spread wide. When it was hottest, I have seen the mother sit forward on the nest-edge, spread her tail till she showed the white tips of her feathers, and keep up a constant quivering, fanning motion with her wings and tail to give protection to the frail midgets in the nest."



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Dr. Montague also recently visited us and we tried to make him feel good with a gift of nearly \$300.00.

Our church will reach the \$350.00 mark this year for Foreign Missions. We will also excel our gifts for State and Home Missions. It gives my heart great joy to make the above statement.—Lamar Jones, Pastor.

LINEVILLE, CLAY COUNTY—Being invited to deliver the graduating address for the Lineville College May 23d, I visited their beautiful village. Lineville is situated in Clay County, thirty miles east of Talladega and thirty miles south of Oxford. It is within the territory of the Cary Association, and is the healthy home of the Lineville College, which is one of the best schools in the State. Six graduates this year. Clay County is decidedly Baptist territory. Many good churches in the county. Perhaps the Lineville church is the best known church abroad. It is composed of a fine body of men and women and their enterprising pastor, J. R. Slodghill, thinks that it is one of the best churches in all Alabama, and I don't blame him. He is also editor and proprietor of their paper, The Headlight.

Clay County has been without railroad facilities, and therefore has been kept out of view. Now a road has reached Ashland, the county site, and one will reach Lineville by September 1st, and the Atlantic and Birmingham road will pass through the center of the county soon.

The county, I conclude, has a bright future, for it has much mineral wealth and some of the finest fruit lands in the State.

At Lineville they are alive to the possibilities of their wonderful future and have a land company—Capt. Jno. Jemison, president—and they are ready to do things. Money? Yes, got two national banks. People who want homes had better look into the possibilities of Clay County. Everybody over there is more and more pleased with the Alabama Baptist.—Jno. P. Shaffer.

AT HOME—The commencement of Blue Mountain College closed June 2d and we boarded the first train for Alabama. Our joy is indescribable for it has been over three years since we walked the streets of the dear old state. We reached Greensboro in time to welcome the new pastor of the Hardy Memorial Baptist Church. This thought fills me with great pleasure, but my joy will be complete after the Baptismal ceremony in which my two little daughters will put on Christ and join the band of workers in the dear little church.

You have made wonderful improvements in your paper and now it is one of the best. Through the loving kind-

ness of my uncle, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, I have had the pleasure of reading it, and nothing has given me more real pleasure than its weekly visits, freighted with good news of the dearest people in the world. That same good uncle writes me to be ready for your great convention that he is going to send me. He surely knows how to gladden the tired worker, for to once again be at the Alabama convention fills my heart so full that I can but exclaim, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." I have watched with interest the great work your state has been and is doing religiously, and pray for the good work to continue. With a joyous "Howdy do you do?" and best wish for all friends.—Jennie M. Hardy.

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A little child shall learn them;
To love the blessed Lord;
By acts of kindness turn them,
To trust His holy word.

A little child shall guide them,
To kneel before the cross;
His love will there abide them,
And sin their only loss.

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There is one perplexing question,
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Is he freer from temptation,
Is he holier in thought,
Than his oft repenting brother,
That lives life not as he ought?

Can a preacher, called from heaven,
Jump into a pure "scrub race"
With a brother preacher
To secure a better paying place?

Can a called, God-serving preacher,
With a calling so divine,
Leave the flock without a shepherd,
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Tho' his deacons all implore him
To fill out his own set time,
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FROM WEST HUNTSVILLE:—I came to this place to take charge of the work at West Huntsville and Merrimack, the first of May. We were cordially received by the people, and they have shown us many kindnesses. The church had been without a pastor since Bro. Cornell left last fall, though they had preaching by Bro. Murry and Bro. Rice.

I have just closed a meeting of twelve days at Merrimack. We had a real good meeting. The church was revived and sinners converted. We received twenty into the church by letter and baptism, and there are more to follow. Last Friday while we were at dinner two men appeared at our pantry door with a well filled box of good things, a plenty to supply us for a month. We don't know how to express our gratitude to God, and our friends. We put a good new bell in our church steeple last Saturday. How it did sound Sunday morning! We are proud of it. Our Sunday school at that place has grown from thirty to seventy-six, and is still growing. We are expecting great things from this field.

At West Huntsville we are moving up along all lines. I haven't held a protracted meeting yet but I hope to soon. We have received ten into the church this month. We organized two new classes in our Sunday school last Sunday. Our Sunday school nearly fills our house. At West Huntsville we have near fifteen hundred people and there are not but two churches. The Presbyterians and Baptists. The door is opened to us now. What shall we do? The people want to hear the gospel but can't get into the house. Last Sunday night the Baptist church was nearly full of women. Many don't come because they know that the house will be more than filled. Our people are poor and dependent upon their wages for a living. Many of them are widow women with families to raise. Again I ask, what shall we do? Shall we turn them away? Is there no help for the poor? This is our field now. Shall we hold it? May God help us to solve this problem in His own way.—C. T. Culpepper.

MOBILE:—I have just had the pleasure of being with Bro. J. M. Kalin in a meeting at Wheelerville, ten miles from the city. The Holy Spirit was in the meeting in great power, and the church was greatly revived and strengthened both spiritually and numerically.

A little more than a year ago Judge Maupin, with a few members from St. Francis Street church, organized a Sunday school at Wheelerville. A little later a church was organized and the services of Rev. J. M. Kalin, one of our most efficient preachers, was secured, who, with Bro. Maupin and his little band of workers have continued to push the work. God has greatly honored their efforts by adding unto them from time to time such as are being saved.

Why don't more of our city brethren follow the example of Judge Maupin, and undertake a little personal work for the Master? I must admit that very few of our brethren have the tact or ability of Bro. Maupin, but God has promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world, and to honor those who serve Jesus Christ.

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A few words about my work at Palmetto Street Church. Since January 1st we have received between twenty-five and thirty members. We have contributed about \$200.00 for missions and spent about \$100.00 on repairs of pastorium. A few weeks ago Sister Geo. H. Clancy, one of our most faithful workers, decided that the pastor needed more light, so she put her mind and hands to work, and with the help of the good sisters, very soon raised money enough to wire the home and supply with all necessary fixtures for electric lights. Last evening the committee on repair held a meeting and agreed upon plans and specifications for repairs which will call for about \$2,500.00. The committee subscribed \$500.00 of the amount and the L. A. S. will no doubt give us \$250.00. We will probably not be able to pay the full amount in one year, but we hope to do the work and pay for it inside of two years. This will give us a good, substantial two-story brick building with six rooms. The building is now lighted with electricity. We also have gas fixtures. Pray for us. I go to Bay Minette to assist Bro. Kalin in a meeting next week. Fraternally, A. J. Preston.

DEATSVILLE:—The Commencement exercises of the Deatsville Normal Institute closed last Wednesday night with a packed house. The concert was grand and the work showed that they had been proficiently trained in their music and recitations by Mrs. W. L. Walker. The music scholarship medals were awarded to Miss Edna Huddleston, also the Rogermore medal for impromptu essay writing. The essay writing took place Wednesday morning. There were ten in the contest. Tuesday night was the contest for the Schramm medal for elocution. The house was again filled. The judges were Mr. Judson Strock, of Clanton; Mr. Eugene Ballard, of Prattville, and Rev. H. M. Andrews, of Prattville. There were twelve in the contest. They all did well. After the judges were out for some time they gave the medal to Elizabeth Reese. Monday night the children did extraordinarily well in their recitations and drills.

On Sunday, May 21, the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. E. E. George, of Prattville. I was not present but I was told that it was an able sermon. All enjoyed it. The trustees are well pleased with the year's work. Prof. W. L. Walker, his wife and her mother are great workers and advance the pupils rapidly, and we are well pleased. The medal for the primary room was awarded to Milton Berry on Wednesday night, given by Mrs. Benj. Walker.—H. R. Schramm.

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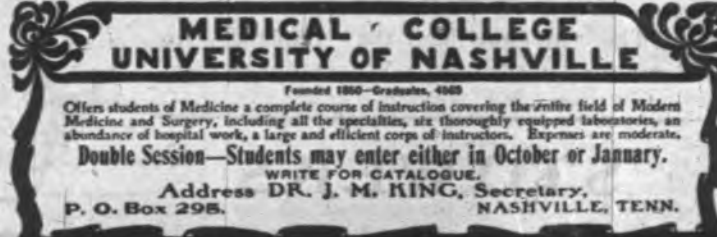
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The missionary address by Rev. J. W. McCollum, D. D., of Japan, on "A Study in the Strategy of Missions," the alumni address by Rev. F. W. Eheerhardt, D. D., Liberty, Mo., on "The Prophetic Side of the Preacher Mission;" the baccalaureate address by Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., editor of the Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., on "Manliness in the Ministry," were each a source of enjoyment, profit and inspiration to all who heard them. Monday evening the alumni banquet was given for the first time in connection with the commencement exercises. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the Gault House where it was served. This is to become a permanent feature of commencement.

Tuesday evening degrees were conferred on fifty-four men. Sixteen Th.G., eleven Th.B., twenty Th.M., and seven Th.D. Five men were chosen to deliver addresses for the Th.M. class, among them Rev. J. L. Jackson, of Alabama. All these addresses were fine, but the climax came with the closing address of comment by Rev. E. Y. Muller to the graduates on "Individuality." He was eloquently practical, and wisely eloquent. He was at his best and that tells the story of a great farewell address to a large graduating class.

The opportunities here for growth both in knowledge and spirit are very exceptional. The very best is always coming here in the way of addresses by eminent men, besides the blessings of the class room. We are hoping every ministerial student who has completed his Howard course will arrange to come next fall, and those who have not had and cannot have the advantage of a college course can very profitably pursue the English course here. To all appearance the Seminary continues to "grow in stature, and in wisdom, and in favor with God and man." May it ever be so till He cometh!—T. V. Neal, Louisville.

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