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## Paragraphs

Dr. Poteat, president-elect of Wake Forest College, arrived at Queenstown on Friday, June 23. He will return from Europe early in September.—Biblical Recorder.

Knoxville:—Enclosed I hand you money order for one dollar (\$1.00) to renew my subscription to The Alabama Baptist, to June the 1st, 1906. I am sick in bed and have been for the last forty days. I have been sick with "the grippe" nearly five months. I will resign the care of my four churches the first of July on account of failing health. I wish you continued success in improving the paper.—J. W. Dickinson.

The above news will cause the sympathy of Alabama Baptists to go out to Brother Dickinson in his serious illness.

Married:—On the evening of June 28, 1905 at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Floyd Waldrop, of Henry town, the marriage of Mr. Newman H. Huey and Miss Ethel Waldrop was consummated. Mr. Huey is a progressive, popular and prosperous young business man of Bessemer, an earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard and his pastor's right arm. His bride is in every way worthy of him, a most amiable, womanly woman of cultured head and consecrated heart. That the blessings of a triune God may attend this noble pair through life, crowning them with the success and happiness they so richly deserve, is the devout wish of scores of admiring friends.—A. E. Burns.

The place of meeting of the Lookout Valley Association is changed from Union Grove Church to State Line Church, Union Grove Church having ceased to exist. State Line Baptist Church is near Sulphur Springs station on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad thirty-one miles south of Chattanooga and 112 miles from Birmingham. You will please take notice of the change of place. The association will convene Friday before the fifth Sunday in August at State Line Baptist Church.—G. A. R. Bible.

I read your warning in a recent issue and decided that I didn't want to die or be blind or go to the bad place, so the first man I asked about it subscribed for the paper. Now, brethren let us pay for the paper, get some one else to subscribe and make our paper better and our editor's heart glad.—R. C. Ledbetter.

I have just moved to Lindale, Ga., to commence my pastoral work. The Baptists have a \$7,000 house here. I was taken sick with fever the 8th of May. I am now just able to be up. Much success to you in your great work.—Fraternally yours, G. E. Jones.

We are having some excellent preaching done by L. A. Connell at Unity Church. Bro. M. M. Wood is doing a good work in this section, he is one of the missionaries appointed by the State Board, and seems to be the right man in the right place. May God bless his labors. I am looking for and praying for a great year's work for the Baptist and for Christ throughout the entire world. God bless all.—W. A. Kimbrell.

Huntsville:—Dear Bro: Revise last week's letter. Rev. C. T. Culpepper closed West Huntsville meeting yesterday. Result 20 conversions. Additions by

experience 19, by letter 7—26. As result of Dallas Avenue meeting 2 more were received and baptized yesterday by Pastor Rice.—Truly—R. E. Pettus.

Please find enclosed \$2.00 for a year's subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I have just accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church in Clayton and everything is indicative of a forward movement. As I desire to come into the closest and most loyal relation with the organized work of the Baptists in Alabama I therefore subscribe at once for your paper. I am a native of Florida as were my parents. I am a graduate of Stetson University in that State,



DR. A. P. MONTAGUE,  
The Scholarly President of Howard College.

and of Rochester Seminary.—P. M. Banknight, Clayton, Ala.

We welcome Bro. Banknight to Alabama.

Married:—At the home of the bride's parents at Graphite Mines, near Mountain Creek, Ala., on the afternoon of June 22, 1905, Rev. R. S. Wood, of Woodlawn, Ala., and Miss Ellie Hudgens, Rev. M. M. Wood, brother of the groom officiating. In a great shower of rice and old shoes, and with the heartiest congratulations of many warm friends, the happy couple left immediately after the ceremony and a bountiful repast, for their future home in Woodlawn, where they will be delighted to see their many friends.

Rev. John E. Barnard, of Cartersville, is assisting pastor Durden in a meeting in Barnesville.

Rev. F. B. Meyer, D. D., recently baptized Rev. Morris C. Trarks, who had been a rector of the Church of England for nine years.—Maryland Baptist.

## Paragraphs

We have just closed a twelve days' meeting at Oxanna church and are glad to report a glorious revival. At times the Spirit's presence and power was very manifest and quite a number professed conversion. Ten joined the church by experience and baptism and two by letter. The cause is much strengthened and the work very hopeful. These are a noble people—a growing people.—J. R. Wells.

Rev. J. J. Wicket, for four years pastor of the First Baptist church of Trenton, N. J., has resigned with the purpose of devoting himself to the work of an evangelist, for which he seems to have peculiar fitness.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of Louisville Seminary, is the author of a book now on the press, entitled "Why is Christianity True?" It will be published in connection with the B. Y. P. U. of A.

Among the Southern Baptist editors announced as expecting to attend the World's Baptist Convention we note: "R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald; B. J. W. Graham, of the Christian Index; J. N. Prestridge, of the Baptist Argus and N. R. Pittman, of the Word and Way."—Ex.

Mr. John R. Slater, who since leaving his editorial position upon The Standard, two or three years ago, has been connected with the management of the magazine, The World Today, has been elected assistant professor of English in the University of Rochester and will assume his new duties in September.

Prof. A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville writes The Examiner, of New York, from Oxford University that "There will be an early appeal in England to the country which is sure to express its disapprobation of this infamous piece of legislation in England by which Baptists and other non-conformists are forced to pay taxes for education in the Established Church."

Drs. J. B. Gambrell and Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, have published a statement in behalf of the Board brethren of Texas who have been sued by Dr. S. A. Hayden, which endorses Dr. J. B. Cranfill's withdrawal of the suits from the courts and says: "We feel that the purposes of the defense have been substantially realized, and as a committee, we close up the matters committed to our care."—Baptist and Reflector.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, recently celebrated the completion of sixty years in the gospel ministry. Forty-five years ago he went to Brooklyn as the first pastor of the LaFayette Avenue Presbyterian church, which position he retained until a few years ago, when he resigned on account of his age, and was elected pastor emeritus. He is now perhaps the greatest contributor to the religious press in the country. His articles are always interesting and helpful.—Baptist and Reflector.

Far beyond the smiling skies,  
Little favor kindly done,  
Little toils thou didst not shun,  
These are treasures that shall rise.

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## THE HOWARD COLLEGE.

The Trying History, Heroic Friends, Present Progress, Fine Prospects, Faculty Personnel, and Some Ideals of Alabama Baptists' Well Loved College for Men.

By Victor I. Masters.

Out at East Lake, Birmingham's lovely suburb of three thousand souls, six miles east from the heart of the city, nestles prettily on a wooded slope an institution which is the pride of East Lake and the prime educational exponent of the one hundred and fifty thousand Alabama Baptists. Its history is the record of a long career of useful service in training men as leaders in civic and church life.

The career, which has been so full of wholesome significance in the life of the State, has not been attained along a quiet pathway embowered with roses and sylvan green. Like most other denominational colleges in the South, the record of the years at Howard College has been one of repeated, almost continual, struggle against serious disadvantages. Not once or twice, but a dozen times, crises have come, and not once have the Alabama Baptists lacked for men of heroic mould who stood in the breach and saved the day. The valuable plant at East Lake is the tangible representative of educational ideals dear to all Baptists of the State and their friends. But it is more than that. It is the embodied heritage which has come to Alabama Baptists of the brave hearts and high ideals and unflinching devotion of men who labored for them against all sorts of odds, in the days gone by. Much as Southern denominational educational institutions still need greater endowment and equipment, of more power to quicken the enthusiasm and bind the devotion of people than any advantages which money can buy, is an inheritance of heroism and sacrifice, such as Alabama Baptists have in Howard College.

Before essaying a brief survey of the facts which stand to the fore in those sixty-two years of college life, let us glance at the present.

## The College Plant.

East Lake is a municipality distinct from Birmingham; but in reality is a part of the city, a lovely suburban town, and connected with the city by splendid electric car service. The town occupies the graceful wooded undulations which slope from the Red Mountain chain of hills on the east. These are southern foot hills of the Cumberland mountains.

The shade trees are a lovely vigorous growth of oak, and the soil lends itself willingly to the production of blue-grass. Nature has joined hands with home-builders who had fair ideas of the artistic, to make East Lake a beautiful place. And to both these, climatic salubrity has wedded itself, so that a pleasant place would be hard to find. Good health conditions, city advantages, and pretty surroundings, all loan themselves gratis to the Howard student, as does also an unlimited abundance of the pure, fresh air which is wafted from forest-clad hills which look down upon him, to guarantee that he will not become anemic, unless he is too indolent or careless to give the air a fair chance at his lungs.

In the heart of the town on a lot sloping up eastward from one of the principal streets, are grouped the Howard College buildings. The main building faces westward from the center of the lot. It is of brick, three stories high, and is provided with numbers of offices and class rooms, and also a very satisfactory auditorium, the seating capacity of which is about eight hundred. To the right front is a small dormitory building, soon to give way to a more imposing structure, and to the left front is the handsome new dormitory erected within the last few years.

The estimated value of the Howard College plant is \$120,000, \$70,000 of which is in buildings, while \$50,000 is in lands, the latter including the college premises and other lands in the Birmingham vicinity. The lot on which the college stands includes sixty acres and extends back eastward to the summit of the Red Mountain slope. It is for the most part beautifully wooded and carpeted with grass, and the prospect from the college grounds is beautiful and inviting.

Such is a brief picture of the plant of Howard College. With the reader's permission we will next take a look back through the years and see what things have led up to this.

## Beginnings.

Dr. John R. Sampey, professor of Hebrew in the Louisville Theological Seminary, a highly honored alumnus of Howard College, has prepared a very valuable historic sketch of his alma mater, and mainly from it I have the salient facts which follow under the above sub-head:

The institution commenced its work in 1842 at Marion, with Professor S. S. Sherman as president and sole teacher. The matter had been agitated in the Baptist State Convention for ten years, a school for preachers had actually been started in 1833. This went to the wall in 1837, and the beginning in 1842 became the entity around which the interest of Alabama Baptists for the education of boys has clustered ever since.

Mr. Sherman opened the school with nine students, which number climbed to thirty-one during the year. The Board of Trustees secured a charter in

1842 and they and the Baptist State Convention decided to raise \$20,000 to endow a professorship in theology, which was done. Within two years three other professors were added to the faculty.

## Distress and Misfortunes.

Under the above caption a vast deal of the history of the Southern Baptist Colleges might be written. The writer has made a study at close range of half a dozen such institutions in the South, and it does seem to him that of all people the Baptists surely have had more difficulties to overcome in establishing their college. Poverty, war, internal misunderstandings and sometimes lack of proper appreciation on the part of the constituency, have combined to make the way of progress hard for Southern Baptist colleges. Not one whose history I have investigated but has met crises in each particular I have named, sometimes more than once. And sometimes when the institution was limping along, forlorn and distressed and cramped, poor in all things save great-hearted men and women who were willing to put all the powers of their lives into the cause, fire would come and wipe out in a few hours all that had been so arduously gotten together.

Howard College has not been exempt from any of these distresses, and twice fire blotted out its property. The story would be gloomy, but for the fact that it was always a case in which human valor was equal to its distresses, and the spirit of Howard, enshrined in noble hearts, arose smiling from every stone over which it stumbled, and went on its way daring to do things for Baptist education, seemingly without even taking time to onomatopoeize the stone.

In 1844 the college building was destroyed by fire. New grounds were purchased and a better building erected by 1846.

On the night of October fifteenth, 1854, this building also was burned to the ground. One student lost his life, and ten other persons were injured. A new and better lot was given by Dr. J. T. Barron, an alumnus, and within a year Rev. J. H. DeVotie raised \$40,000 to rehabilitate the institution.

The civil war came. Rev. Henry Talbird was president at Howard. He resigned and became a Confederate colonel, in the Forty-first Alabama regiment. In 1863 the war-dazed school suspended operations. The Confederates were granted the use of the buildings for hospital purposes. But in 1865 the Federal troops were using the buildings for this purpose, and keeping freed negroes in the dormitories.

But in the fall of 1865 the institution re-opened with three professors, to whom Dr. J. L. M. Curry was added in November, as a president.

In 1866 there was a disastrous crop failure. The country, poverty-stricken by the terrible torture of war, was too utterly in the conflict of providing itself with bare physical necessities to take time to think of educational ideas, or to afford the luxury or leisure for study. Howard had a hard time. But within five years the attendance rose to one hundred and eighty-four students!

In 1875 the State Convention decided to raise an endowment for Howard. It was suggested that as much as one dollar could be secured from each Baptist in the State. A canvass was made, and the "one dollar" idea became so popular in certain undesired quarters, that the scheme practically failed. Number of men who were able to give on hundred or one thousand dollars promptly forwarded the one dollar! At the close of the campaign there was no endowment.

The moral effect of failure, in such circumstances, is always bad. But a faithful band of professors went about their work waiting for the clouds to roll by, willing to serve, though salaries were meagre and uncertain and equipment inadequate. Two liberal gentlemen—Captain J. B. Lovelace and Dr. W. W. Wilkerson—in 1884 bought the Howard College property, and made a present of it, unencumbered, to the denomination. Brighter days had dawned once more.

The removal of the institution from Marion to Birmingham in 1887 is certainly not to be classed by the writer as a misfortune. But it was inevitable that the discussion attendant upon such a change should tend temporarily to demoralize matters and reduce the student attendance. This actually happened.

And a worse thing happened. The attendance soon recouped, but the lands valued then at \$170,000, donated by the East Lake Company and others as an inducement for the bringing of the college to Birmingham, lost nearly three-fourths in value when the inflated conditions of the local boom-period then regnant, subsided!

**Some of Howard's Prominent Friends and Workers.**  
The following gentlemen have filled the office of president of Howard College:  
S. S. Sherman, 1842-52; Henry Talbird, D. D., 1852-61; J. L. M. Curry, 1865-68; E. Q. Thornton, 1868-69; Samuel R. Freeman, 1869-71; J. T. Murfee, 1871-87; B. F. Riley, D. D., 1888-93; A. W. McGaha, 1893-96; Andrew P. Montague, L. L. D., 1902 to the present.

There have been nine presidents. The average term of service, Dr. Montague excepted, has been seven years. For twelve of the sixty-three years there was no president. The administrative head of the school was at such time usually a chairman of

the faculty. The following gentlemen served in this capacity: During the war Professor A. B. Goodhue and D. G. Sherman kept the college going, sharing the administrative and professorial work. T. J. Dill was chairman of the faculty during the year 1887-8; A. D. Smith, 1896-7; F. M. Roof, 1897-1902.

Besides these college officials there is a lengthy roll of honor of men who have stood nobly by the institution in dark and trying days. It is a delicate matter to begin in naming them, for a score of heroic spirits have sacrificed for the institution. But here are a few of the prominent ones: Jere H. Brown, who for a number of years supported from six to a dozen ministerial students at the institution; Thomas J. Dill, gifted scholar, and professor for more than twenty-five years, in a period covering the darkest days; and J. B. Lovelace and W. W. Wilkerson, who bought the college property and dedicated it to the Baptist State Convention.

Also these two professors who clung to their work during the war, when things seemed to be going entirely to pieces, appeal to the imagination. They could have won twice the glory among men by going to the front to fight with sword and powder and ball, than they received fighting ignorance, and to my thinking would have had an easier time, as awful as the war was—certainly more of that stimulus of activity and adventure so genial to the heart of a man.

On the other hand, the imagination is fired by the ardent enthusiasm of President Talbird, who, minister and college president though he was, put aside these things to become a colonel in the Confederate service! That gentleman was evidently a Confederate with an enthusiasm and conviction which mounted high and dominated his whole life. We of post-bellum growth can get some glimpse of the overwhelming spirit which rent the nation and brought it together in terrible internecine strife, as we look upon the material behavior of this honored man, whose whole life had been turned to peaceful deeds and temperate thoughts by his callings.

One of the most useful men in the recent history of the college has been Mr. A. D. Smith, for many years a professor, for one year chairman of the Board of Trustees.

## The Faculty Personnel.

From this limited historical resume, let us turn to a brief glance at the faculty personnel. The gentlemen who compose the faculty are young men. President Montague has only well reached the full maturity of his admirable powers as a man. They are young men but not boys. Each of them is a specialist in his work, all of them have experience as well as broad training, and all of them are prepared to do the best work of their lives. All of them, besides President Montague, are unmarried men! A thing which may not rightly be held against the gentlemen, if the words of one of them to me may be received. They were to the effect that their lack of domestic relations were no fault of their, but of the ladies. Poor, unfortunate gentlemen! And is it true that the poise and self-mastery characteristic of the life of a professor of learning renders a man less able to win favor with the fair sex? It is a theme beyond the present paper and its writer; so I desist.

## President Andrew P. Montague, L. L. D.

Andrew P. Montague is a native of Essex County, Virginia, where on his father's plantation his early boyhood was spent. He is of a distinguished family and is a cousin of the lamented Dr. John A. Broadus. After the preparatory schools, his education was received in the historic University of Virginia, and in Columbian University, at Washington, D. C. At the latter institution he attained the degree of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred in 1896 by Richmond College.

At Columbian University, upon his graduation, the young professor became a tutor. The whole period of his connection with the institution was twenty-two years, and he rose to be Professor of Latin and Dean of the Faculty, an official position next in importance to that of the president.

Early in his career as an educator there came into the life of the genial and gifted professor an influence which has given grace and charm and added strength and fuller meaning to his whole life. He was married in 1881 to Miss Mary Christian, the daughter of a very distinguished Virginia jurist. Mrs. Montague is a lady whose refined nature and gentle spirit have been a blessing to the students who have come under her influence, and to a large circle of friends.

In 1897 Dr. Montague accepted the presidency of Furman University, the historic Baptist College for men in South Carolina. The institution's affairs were in a depressed condition among the Palmetto Baptists when President Montague became the administrative head of Furman, but he carried into his work that enthusiasm and magnetic personality and genial cordiality, now so well known among Alabama Baptists, and progress came in response to his masterly touch. He had much to do with completing and paying for the lovely \$22,000 Judson Hall, and by his own effort raised \$15,000 and had erected a needed dormitory building, besides a substantial brick structure for the Preparatory Department of the school.

Dr. Montague did not spare himself in his work, and he left a worthy monument to speak for his

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devotion and capacity, when he left South Carolina. The writer is a South Carolina Baptist, and has unusual opportunities to know the sentiment of the Palmetto fraternity. Over there are scores of warm friends who heartily regret the loss of the winsome personality and the devoted and most capable service of the distinguished president of Howard College.

In 1902 Dr. Montague accepted the presidency of Howard. Of his work in Alabama I may not speak to Alabama Baptists. But I will recount salient facts from the record, the voice of which is more potent than my pen. Within the three years of the present administration the attendance has grown from 120 to 176. A new department in modern languages has been added. An extra teacher in the Bible has been put in. An \$18,000 dormitory has been built and paid for. An average of \$3,000 a year has been obtained throughout the State for current expenses. The citizens of the Birmingham district have beautified the campus and a neat \$600 retaining wall of stone has been erected in front of the premises. This is certainly admirable progress.

### Other Professors.

Edgar Poe Hogan is an A. M. graduate of Howard College, and has done special post-graduate study at Harvard and elsewhere. He has taught at Howard for eight years. Prof. Hogan is the professor of chemistry and biology and the chairman of the faculty. He is a most excellent gentleman, of genial disposition, and enjoys a wide acquaintance in the Birmingham district.

Edward Brand is Professor of Mathematics and Physics. Prof. Brand is a Kentuckian, an A. M. graduate of the University of Kentucky, and did post-graduate work in the University of Chicago. Prof. Brand is a teacher of unusual talent and ability.

Allen J. Moon attained the A. M. degree at Howard College, and did post-graduate work in the University of Chicago and the University of Virginia. He is Professor of Greek and Latin. He is an excellent teacher, and a genial, wholesome and strong personality.

Gus W. Cunningham is a native of Florence, South Carolina. He is an A. M. of Furman University, and while a student there won the state intercollegiate medal for the best oratory. Mr. Cunningham did special study at Cornell University. He is Professor of English and Philosophy. He is a very fine speaker, and is making a fine reputation for himself and for Howard.

John C. Dawson is an A. B. of Georgetown College, Kentucky, and has also studied in Europe. Prof. Dawson is a teacher who feels and shows a profound interest in his classes and in what he teaches. He fills the chair of French and German. It is said that he has the best department of modern languages which can be found in the state.

Davis F. Stakely is a graduate of the Academic and Law Department of Mercer University, Georgia. He is the instructor in the commercial course at Howard College. He is a young man of unusual promise. Besides his college work he practices law.

M. B. Garrett attained A. M. at Howard, and has taught in the college for three years. He will accept a position as principal of the Thomasville High School. Universal regret is felt at his present departure. He is regarded as one of Howard's best professors.

J. A. Hendricks is an A. M. of Howard, and did special study at Columbia University, New York City. He is a minister and is regarded as one of the soundest thinkers among the Alabama preachers. Study, and it is intimated that he may before long be a regular member of the faculty.

### Ideals.

Every Christian college stands for high and beneficial ideals. Long as the best and greatest men of our denomination in the South have labored and sacrificed for the cause of Christian education, the mass of the people have not yet awakened to understand its blessed and momentous significance. But the light is breaking. It surely means better and higher things in the future, that just now, when the Southern Baptist denomination colleges are just coming up out of the fire of trials by which they have almost without exception been sorely vexed and hindered, there should be evidence that the people are beginning to understand that the Christian college has a distinct and exalted mission; that this mission is not, save incidentally, to make preachers, but mainly and always to make men and women; men who are broad and strong and capable, but also pure and good and devout; men whose ideal of life centers in the word "service," never in the word "selfishness."

There are two general ideals of education, and they cannot well be too often stated. The one is to develop the powers of a man so that he may be a more potent and effective agent in securing the good things of this world for his own personal gratification. He is exalted that he may look down upon others and make them serve him.

The other ideal is to develop the powers of the individual so that he may more capably and effectively serve the interests of humanity and truth. He is elevated and strengthened as a personality, not that he may greedily secure more of this world's goods to consume selfishly upon himself, not that he may look down upon others, congratulate himself upon his superiority and command their service, but

that he may reach down and help upward every needy man or woman, and be a champion of every cause of truth and humanity which cries out for a voice. The world does, always has, always will need such men. Of them it can never have too many. Today, as perhaps never before, society faces knotty problems that need to be solved in the interest of humanity and truth. It is the ideal of Christian education to develop clear minds and strong personalities which shall be able to do a manly and effective part in serving humanity's deeper interests. And the Christian college has discovered that the men who with trained minds can do this, are those who have learned the truths men have taught, but still more the Truth which is in Him who has given the world its only effective solvent for a self-centered life, and taught each man that he is his brother's keeper.

Such is the ideal of Howard College. The denominational college has no fight to make upon State colleges, as such. They stand for well-trained, competent leadership in civic life. They look to competent leadership in those things which pertain to the official, commercial, agricultural educational and mechanical life of the commonwealth. The denominational college is in the educational field under certain disadvantages as contrasted with these institutions which are its co-laborers in the conflict against ignorance and incompetency. But the denominational college differs distinctly in its ideals, and the more clearly those ideals are apprehended by those who reverence the Christ, and brought into realization by the men who are set in the denominational colleges as their exponents, the more this institution will find itself the possessor of an advantage which will very fully balance the disadvantages under which it labors. In fact, the writer is aware of facts in his own State (South Carolina) which are definitely giving a prestige to the denominational colleges the development of which the large plants and handsome State support of other institutions of learning has not been able to stay.

### Improvement of the Grounds.

I do not know how I can better turn this write-up toward a conclusion which may possibly be definitely helpful, than by a suggestion in connection with the improvements which have been made upon the college grounds within the last year. Southerners are sensitive about people from the North coming to them and pointing out special lack which there may be in the Southern post-bellum development. They have a right to be. But we should be willing to talk freely with one another about our own shortcomings. It is only truth to say that, while there is so much which is beautiful and admirable in Southern people, particularly their chivalry and refinement, we are definitely lacking in the aesthetic development of our beautiful country, while the North has forged ahead.

It is natural that we should be "Post-bellum poverty" is not simply a convenient phrase to excuse indolence. It was a real, bare and tragic fact. In its face our people forgot to cultivate the beautiful in their physical surroundings. They are too urgently an essentially pre-empted in securing food and raiment and shelter.

But those days have passed. With them, however, has not passed as fully that disregard for the aesthetic which necessity then justified. The land has blossomed like a rose, the earth has given forth its rich treasures, gaunt want and barren poverty have gone and again there is ease and plenty. But the happy-go-lucky disregard of the beautiful in architecture, in landscape, and natural surroundings, has been slower departing. My contention is that schools, and particularly every college, should become centres which will teach by the beautiful and tasteful physical environment in which they themselves are, the value of the aesthetic. All praise to Mr. R. B. Rogers, the business man in East Lake, who has led in improving the Howard College grounds, and to the Campus Club which stands by him in the good work. They have done well, may others be inspired by their example to do much more. I do not hesitate to say that \$5,000 spent in beautifying the grounds at Howard, or a dozen other Baptist colleges I could name, would do more to give the place an air of completeness, of refinement and culture, and would make a more striking and pleasing impression on the friends of the institution everywhere, than would \$25,000 spent on a building, however desirable the latter may be.

I do not expect these words to make a noticeable transformation in such utilitarian ideas as my readers may have. Complete utilitarianism has been so much justified by necessity, that my words may even seem fanciful. I am sure, if human nature in Alabama is not different from human nature in South Carolina, there will even be some dear, shrewd souls who will think I am penning the stuff of a meaningless dream. But not many, I am sure. There are too many cultured women in this fair State for such seed not to find a hopeful lodging place.

Let our colleges be centres where the beautiful in nature, as well as in character, is taught. The day when a college could consist of Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other has passed,—if indeed it ever existed.

### In Conclusion.

Howard College has fallen on better days than of yore. Its present is progressive and characterized by first-rate work. In a very significant sense the future prestige and influence of the Baptists of Alabama lie wrapped up in the future of Howard. The fathers and grand-fathers of the men to whom the institution now looks for support and effective friendship were brave enough to rally to its support when great waves of discouragement and difficulty followed rapidly upon one another, and no brightness seemed in the situation. Now that the storms of trial seem to have settled into fair weather, it is certain that the children of such men and the inheritors of such traditions will not fail to use the advantage to place the beloved institution where it belongs in the front rank of educational institutions in the South. There are men who are even now manifesting the spirit and devotion which guarantee much progress. There are others who will join them. Stranger, though I am in Alabama, as compared with most of my readers, I venture for a moment to figure as an oracle, while I declare that the next ten years will see marked and pronounced development in the plant, prestige and usefulness of this one institution which has already been so useful and thorough in its work. And may the richest blessings of God be upon the institution its trustees, its faculty and its friends.



### BLOSSOM LAND.

Have you ever heard of a beautiful land  
In a wonderful clime far away?  
A mythical region down under our earth,  
Where the dear little bloom babies stay

There are lilies and roses and crocuses fair  
Asleep in that wonderful clime,  
And wee, timid daisies with violets blue,  
All waiting our bright summer-time.

There are long, winding stairways that lead to our earth,  
Up which the wee bloom-babies creep,  
To wait for the message the breezes will bring,  
Or out on our world steal a peep.

But the breezes are wicked and treacherous oft  
To the venturesome children who wait,—  
They whisper that springtide is close in their wake,  
Then, laughing, throw wide each small gate.

Then out come the daisies and violets fair—  
Those bright, blue-eyed children we love,  
Glad, nodding daffodils, bluebells and all  
To flirt with the sunbeams above.

They frolic and laugh in their innocent glee,  
Forgetting their home down below,  
When down from the north sweeps a shivering blast  
And soon they are lost in the snow.

Poor, venturesome, run-aways, lying so low!  
Back gladly would each hasten home,  
And drooping and shivering, dying at last,  
They lie in our great world alone!

And this is the reason the wise blossoms stand  
So faithfully guarding each gate,  
To tell the wee, restless ones winter still rules,  
And patiently teach them to wait.

For daisies and violets wake from their sleep  
And eagerly climb the long stair;  
So rude and persistent in this, they are called  
The naughtiest children down there.

Oh, yes, 'tis a wonderful region down there,  
With hundreds of odd little beds,  
Where rosy bloom-babies, each dreaming of spring,  
In slumber lay down their bright heads.

—Leila Mae Wilson.

Opelika, Ala.



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

"There is no price set on the lavish Summer, And June may be had by the poorest comer."

The danger of war between Norway and Sweden is by no means over.

The total number of passengers carried by electric lines each year in the United States is 5,836,000,000.

War over Morocco between Germany and France is hanging over our heads like the sword of Damocles.

We are glad to welcome Brother P. M. Bauknight to Alabama. He comes from DeLand, Fla., to become pastor at Clayton.

A school of engineering, to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 was John D. Rockefeller's Christmas gift to the University of Chicago.

New Zealand's scenery is so beautiful and so varied that it has been termed a combination of Switzerland, Southern France, Norway, the Tyrol and North Italy.

Victor Emmanuel III, King of Italy, on the suggestion of Mr. Lubin, an American, has taken the initiative in the formation of an International Chamber of Agriculture.

Twenty managers, representing the biggest dry goods and department stores in New York, were recently surprised at a conference to find that the total of their yearly losses for shoplifting, was over half a million dollars.

King Victor Emmanuel has honored Prof. Charles Eliot Norton by making him a Grand Officer of the Crown of Italy in recognition of his distinguished services in translating Dante's works into English and his studies in Italian art and history.

Rev. B. J. Graham, the junior editor of the Christian Index, has been doing some high class editorial work during the absence of the senior editor, Dr. T. P. Bell, who gracefully gives credit to his associate for the strong editorial in a recent issue concerning religious teaching in State schools.

A marriage of unusual interest to the Baptists of Alabama occurred Wednesday, the 28th of June, at Tallassee, when the Hon. H. R. Dill, of Birmingham and Miss Carolyne McKenzie of Tallassee were married. Dr. A. C. Davidson performed the ceremony. Henry Dill is a lawyer of ability, and as trustee of Howard College has greatly helped the cause of education among the Baptists of Alabama.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference enjoyed a rare treat on Monday, June 26th. At the invitation of President L. M. Bradley the genial Bishop of Avondale, the session was held in Avondale Park. The usual order was first carried out but something unusual happened before the meeting adjourned as the good ladies of the Avondale Baptist church set an elegant dinner near the spring under the beautiful trees. There was a large crowd present and the occasion was truly a delightful one. Dr. Bradley is greatly beloved by the ministers, his people and the public.

### TEMPERANCE PARAGRAPHS.

"I wonder how much Lushman enjoyed his ocean trip?"

"Oh! he's dead sore. He paid the topnotch price for a saloon passage, thinking that was the only way he could get anything to drink."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It used to be in this country that alcohol was the only thing of the kind which good people had to fight. But now opium in its various forms, cocaine, chloral, bromidia, etc., etc., have their victims. And now the news comes from England of a fight the physicians are making against "tea cigarettes."

These are composed of green and black tea mixed and are smoked by women. But they are very injurious, and what is worse, taking them soon becomes a habit hard to break.—Western Recorder.

Tea, coffee and cocoa, according to an annual compilation of the American Grocer, cost the people of the United States, on an average, two dollars and seventy cents last year. Alcoholic drinks cost more than five times as much. All such figures, on a per capita basis, are misleadingly small, because they are spread over so many persons who are not participants at all. This lowers the average. How much does tea cost the average tea-drinker by comparison with the whisky of its average consumer? It would be still more interesting to know that.

Without doubt the Japanese gained their victories largely through their superior power of endurance. Mentally and physically they were capable of holding on to a fixed plan even when its execution required them to bear protracted hardships. Ability to endure was fortified by habits of temperance. Their drink is much lower in its percentage of alcohol than our spirituous liquors. The Japanese are a poor, hard working people. They have neither time nor money for feasting and drinking. In comparison with the Russians, particularly with Russian officials, they are a sober, abstemious people. While military experts are hunting among the guns and battleships for causes of the phenomenal victories, it is well to recognize that sober soldiers are always superior to those that are besotted.—Central Baptist.

### SMOKING PARAGRAPHS.

"The chimney is smoking," he said.  
"Yes," she retored; "that's the effect of bad example. Usually the chimney has consideration to do its smoking out doors."

Thus it came about that he finished his cigar on the back porch.—Chicago Post.

"Tobacco is a filthy weed," says the jingle. So it is in the way most people use it. We wish it would not grow in the South. The tobacco-stained pavements and public buildings in our cities are a disgrace to us. In this Nashville has a bad pre-eminence. The people who use tobacco in a moderate and cleanly manner are in so small a minority among its votaries that we despair of their ever correcting the rest.—Christian Advocate.

The Minneapolis Journal declares that "personal liberty is not infringed by the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes. The cigarette is a slow poison. A good many people of depraved taste like slow poisoning, but that constitutes no reason why the State should allow it to be sold to them. If the State determines that it is contrary to public policy that a portion of the community should devote itself to death by the slow poison route, there is no moral or legal invasion of individual rights involved in stopping the process."

"I had a surprise today," said a bell boy in a Kansas City hotel yesterday afternoon, says the Kansas City Star. "This morning I was called to a woman's room to get her some writin' paper. When I gave it to her she handed me a dime.

"It's fer cigarettes," she says.  
"Much obliged," I said, droppin' the coin in my pocket. I'll spend it fer cigars. I don't smoke cigarettes."

"Well, I don't care what you smoke," she says. "Those cigarettes are fer me."  
"An' I got 'em fer her, too."

"I worked for John D. Rockefeller once," says a Boston landscape gardener. "One morning I was out in the grounds doing some work among the plants and flowers, and, as I worked, I smoked. After a time Mr. Rockefeller strolled out that way, and when he came up to where I was, said in a quiet way, 'I never had any money to burn.' I didn't understand for a second, and he stood there looking at me. 'I have managed to put away a few dollars,' he con-

tinued, 'but I never had any money to burn.'

"It came to me all at once what he meant, and I threw the cigar away. Next morning, when he came up with a smile on his face he said, 'Well, the stove isn't going today.'"—Ex.

A fine reward was that given 21-year-old Chas. W. Hardy, of Port Huron, by his father, two checks each for \$100, and a handsome gold watch. It was worth considerable effort. Young Hardy got it for abstaining from liquor and tobacco until his 21st birthday.

But when you compare these trinkets with the real reward earned by the boy, they become trivial. What is a paltry \$200 and a watch to a boy whose body and mind are uncontaminated with appetites that prey? It is all right, that about the checks and the watch, but to set a boy up at 21 with good firm muscles, a stout heart, a clean stomach, and a mouth undefiled is the reward upon which no man may put a price.—Detroit Tribune.

The Supreme Court upholds Iowa's anti-cigarette law against the plea of the American Tobacco Company that it was an attempt to interfere with interstate commerce. The law seems to prohibit cigarettes from being brought into the State to be sold. The Iowa legislators must be very hospitable to fairy stories if they believe all they hear about cigarettes. We have not been retained in defense of cigarettes, but we believe they do little serious mischief except to young boys. For grown-ups they are usually not more unwholesome than other forms of tobacco. They make pretty mild smoking. To some young lads they are very deleterious, and boys ought not to touch them at all, but men hereabouts smoke them more or less, alternately with cigars and pipes, without obvious hurt. Tobacco in any form is poison, but luckily for mankind it is a mighty slow one. So a consulting physician said the other day, and added that not more than three or four times a year did he see a case where tobacco had done injury. If the Iowa legislators make laws against cigarettes for the protection of children, there is something to be said in support of that. But if they suppose that cigarettes are peculiarly destructive to grown-ups, they are wrong. Any kind of tobacco is bad for boys.—Harper's Weekly.

The Old-time Remedies Best



He:—"Professor Probe says that whiskey and onion is a sure cure for melancholy."

She:—"I've been in dis worl' 'bout es long es dat fessor, an' I ain't never seed nuthin' dat beats plain Jamaci ginger for mellow colic or any yuther kind o' colic."

Woman's Work

Atlanta, Ga., July 1, 1905.  
To the Southern Baptist Women:  
Dear Sisters:—

On behalf of the Home Mission Board I greet you in Christ's name. Your work has been abundantly blessed of God during the past year. Your contributions to Home Missions have been larger than ever before, and, if I may judge from numerous letters from you, God has given you spiritual blessings in a marvelous way. Praise be to His name for all His mercy and grace.

Your mission studies for July will be: "Fields and Forces of the Home Board." What a subject! The field includes two Territories, fourteen States, Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama. Some of the forces are 718 missionaries. Some results are 10,551 Baptisms, 10,019 additions by letter, 219 churches constructed, 539 Sunday schools organized! A great work indeed!

My appeal now is in behalf of the recommendations of the Home Board to the Woman's Missionary Union, which were unanimously adopted by the Union at Kansas City and are printed elsewhere in these columns.

Never before was the cause of Home Missions more thoroughly on the hearts of our Baptist people. Our opportunity is at hand. If we are to hold this Southland in the future, we must at once take hold of it in new and serious fashion. Home Missions is foundation work. By this agency we are to take the world for Christ. Here we must get the men and money for carrying the gospel to foreign lands. Neglect this homeland and you cut off the hope of salvation for the heathen.

Your work for Home Missions during the year will be along the line of the recommendations adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union. Please read them carefully and prayerfully. They are all important. Will not the sisters this year help us reach 40,000 subscribers for the Home Field, besides distributing other literature, complete the Tichenor Memorial, give us \$12,000 during the Week of Prayer and Thank Offering in March, pray and work for additional women missionaries, give us \$3,000 for equipment of our Mountain schools, pray and work for the salvation and religious development of the Negroes, and give us \$50,000 for Home Missions? By the help of God all this can be done and I have faith to believe it will be done.

May the Lord smile upon you as you go forth on this holy endeavor and through your labors may countless blessings come upon this land you love so well.

Yours in Christian bonds,  
B. D. Gray, Cor. Sec.

Isney, Ala.—As no report has been made from our society here in quite a while, fear you may think of us as dead, but such is not the case. We have a very flourishing society of thirty members and six honorary members. Under the leadership of our efficient President, Mrs. F. R. Atchison we are doing what we can to interest others and build up God's kingdom. While the average attendance is not as large as it should be, our monthly meetings are always helpful and spiritual in word and thought. The collections are good and are given with a free will, knowing it is seed sown in the right place. We are thankful to him who has not only called us to this work for and with him in saving souls, but richly adds his blessings upon those who rely upon his promises and with willing hearts and hands do all they can for our loving Saviour.

The amount of work done and money sent is not large but when we work for God, even the least thing, we never know where it will end nor what amount of good it will do. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for Him and not to mind because they are very little. So we will go on doing the little things and try all the while to reach out and wid-

en our field of usefulness. The membership of our society is not as large as it should be, considering the large number of women who are members of our church. However, we have an average attendance at each meeting of from fifteen faithful, interested women, whose hearts are praying and hoping that many more of the sisters may become interested in the missionary cause and be impressed with the importance and great need of more earnest, prayerful and intelligent workers in our foreign work. I think that if more of our women were better informed on missionary work, and would read missionary literature, we would realize more clearly what our duty is and thereby could do more efficient work.

Pray for us, that we may grow stronger numerically as well as spiritually, and that each member may be an earnest, faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard.—Mrs. H. M. M., Cor. Sec., June 19, 1905.

Does This Apply to You?

Are you tired all over? All run down? How many thousands of people are in this condition! Not sick enough to go to bed, and so they just drag around as long as they are able to be on their feet. There's nothing particular the matter with them. Nevertheless they have no appetite. They grow paler and thinner every day. The whole system is in very bad condition. It is while in such a state that people catch the most dreadful diseases, because they are not strong enough to resist the germs. If you have the "checkered" feeling described above, the different medicine, "Checkers," will make you new all over. Sold by all dealers at \$1.00 per bottle, or write us for free sample to-day, sure. Checkers Medicine Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

B. Y. P. U., Attention!

The Executive Committee of the State Convention of B. Y. P. U. is making a systematic effort to reach every county in the State for the purpose of helping the unions now working, of reviving those which have lapsed, and of organizing new ones. A division has been made into seven districts over each of which a member of the committee has agreed to assume supervision. Each district comprises a certain number of counties and the committee desires to secure the co-operation of every local union in building up the work in its own county.

In order to secure this co-operation the committee requests each local union to elect a corresponding secretary whose duty it shall be to attend to outside correspondence on behalf of the union. As soon as this is done such secretary is urged to promptly send some account of his local union to the chairman of the executive committee, Rev. Jno. F. Gable, North Birmingham.

In case no one has been elected or formally designated to attend to correspondence for the union, the committee will very much appreciate the interest of any member who will take trouble to send in the name of the president, secretary, or any other officer or leading member of his local union. Some such action as this will be necessary in order to put the committee in touch with the unions over the State. A great deal of trouble and correspondence on the part of the executive committee can be avoided by a little care on the part of the local unions, and much help may be brought to the local unions themselves.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, } Probate Court,  
Jefferson County, } June 21, 1905.  
Estate of Mary L. Griffin, deceased.  
This day came D. N. Talley, administrator of the insolvent estate of Mary L. Griffin, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences, and statement for a final settlement of the same.  
It is ordered that the 25th day of July, 1905, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

S. E. GREENE,  
Judge of Probate.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



BEDTIME.

By Carolyn J. Bailey.

If you close your two eyes and lie ever so quiet,  
Counting them soft and slow,  
One little, two little, three little sheep—  
Down through the pasture they go.  
Four little, five little, six, and then seven,  
Trotting so gray and small,  
One little, two little, six, and then seven—  
Jumping across the wall;  
Some of them faster, but most of them slower,  
Eight little, nine little, ten—  
Ten little sheep, and you have to stop counting—  
I think that you go to sleep then.

Birthstones and Their Meaning.

The following table of "lucky stones," with their various characteristics, will be found useful by sweethearts and friends who intend giving birthday or wedding presents. There is a little sentiment about the "lucky stone," but lots of innocent nonsense, too.

- January—Garnet; sincerity.
- February—Amethyst, sincerity.
- March—Bloodstone, courage.
- April—Diamond, innocence.
- May—Emerald, success in love.
- June—Agate, health and long life.
- July—Carnelian, contented mind.
- August—Sardonyx, conjugal fidelity.
- September—Chrysolite, antidote against madness.
- October—Opal, hope; lucky to keep but unlucky to wear.
- November—Topaz, fidelity.
- December—Turquoise, prosperity.

THE REAL HERO.

"I wish I could be a hero,"  
A little boy said to me;  
"And when I grow up, a hero  
I really mean to be.  
I mean to be brave," he told me,  
While his face was all aglow;  
"I'll do something grand and noble  
That all the world shall know."

My little unfledged hero,  
I've something to say to you:  
In the time when you're sorely tempted,  
To your own self be true.  
Do right and let no one lead you  
Into the ways of wrong,  
And you'll be as true a hero  
As ever roused poet's song.  
—Eben E. Rexford.

The Most Beautiful of All Cats.

The Persian Cat is born to the happiest fate of any of his family, for according to the tales of travelers, he is, in his native land, not only loved and cherished, not only well-treated and admired, but thoroughly respected, and he has an acknowledged position and rights. In form the bewitching Persian does not greatly differ from the Angora, but the tail is much more

effective, for the longest and thickest set hairs being at the tip, they form a magnificent plume, which the dignified owner carries proudly erect, waving it in the air as he moves. In his splendid silky coat is not a trace of wooliness, and it clothes the graceful creature from the top of his ears to the well "feathered" toes.

Unless some undreamed of feline marvel shall yet be unearthed, this animal must forever be regarded as the perfect flower of the domestic cat family. Not only does he easily surpass all his competitors in beauty and grace, but he possesses charms of disposition and manner and dignity of bearing, and while most affectionate and loving, is still self-respecting and independent.—Olive Thorne Miller.

Wonders of America.

- The greatest cataract in the world is the Falls of Niagara.
- The greatest cave in the world is the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.
- The greatest river in the world is the Mississippi.
- The largest valley in the world is the Valley of the Mississippi.
- The largest lake in the world is Lake Superior.
- The greatest natural bridge in the world is the Natural Bridge in Virginia.
- The largest mass of solid iron in the world is the Iron Mountain of Missouri.
- The greatest grain port in the world is Chicago.
- The largest deposits of anthracite coal in the world are in Pennsylvania.

THE CHANGE.

By Alix Thorn.

Last year, when Sammy Snow was four,—  
Oh, it was long ago!—  
He heard the giant crackers bang;  
The Fourth had come, you know.  
He set a few torpedoes off,  
And sister did the same.  
He walked most half-way down the block,  
Then back again he came.  
The cannon boomed, the pistols crack-  
ed,  
Great was the din and roar.  
He stayed up in the nursery,  
For Sammy Snow was four.

But this year Sammy Snow is five,  
A great, big boy, dear me!  
His closet's filled with fireworks,  
And plunk, well, you should see!  
I s'pose he'll get up early,  
And go 'out with the boys,  
While Sister Jane is in her crib  
He'll make such lots of noise;  
He'll fasten pinwheels to the fence,  
The gladdest boy alive,  
While friends appear from far and near,  
For Sammy Snow is five.

—Youth's Companion.



# Some Fish Stories

Frank Willis Barnett



## A-WISHIN'.

Night and day I keep a-wishin'  
I could leave and go a-fishin',  
Think about it till I'm wild  
And as fretty as a child;  
Think of calm pools, cool and shaded,  
Where in youthful days I waded,  
Think about the sandy shingle  
Till my pulses thrill and tingle,  
Think of scented summer days,  
And the witching woodland ways,  
Where the brook its own will follows,  
Fishes hiding in its hollows;  
But alack, alack, the pity!  
Office-prisoned in the city;  
When I long to go a-fishin'—  
I must take it out in wishin'.

I read the above lines and almost wept because I had to take it out in "wishin'" when I wanted "to go a-fishin'". I have in my day been a-fishin'. I have fished with worms for perch in old mud ponds, I have tempted the sluggish carp with bread, I have set out trot lines for river cat, I have seined creeks and caught eels and terrapins, I have whipped mountain streams for trout, and I have sailed the seas after big fish. My fishing grounds have been from Florida to Canada, from North Carolina to California not to include excursions in Norway and other European fishing grounds, but sad to relate I have caught few fish, but being a man of faith I long to sit with my pole and dip into the mysterious waters beneath.—Fish stories must be taken salted.

"A feller sez to me,

Sez he:

"When I was a boy in old Mizzo  
I onc't went fishing along the Blue;  
Baited my hook with a chunk o' liver  
And flung it way over into the river—  
Then I yanked out a mud-cat so all-fired big,  
Made a hefty load for a two-hoss rig.  
And the neighbors in that whole region sed,  
When I landed that fish so slick and neat—  
The water of the river went down two feet."

Now co'se, I don't know

If this be so,

But that's what the feller sed."

If you can't swallow this fish story in poetry may be you can when it is bated with prose.

One day a stranger from Maryland, in search of sport, asked one of the natives whether there was good fishing in the vicinity.

"None better anywhere," was the reply.

"What kind of fish have you hereabouts?" asked the stranger.

"Oh, most all kinds."

"I hope there are some game-fish to be had," continued the man from Maryland. "Tell me, what was the weight of the largest fish ever caught in this region."

"Well, sir," responded the West-Virginian, "we don't never take no weighin'-machines with us when we fish, so I wouldn't like to say, being an honest man, just how that last trout of mine did weigh. But, stranger, I don't mind tellin' you that when I pulled that fish out of the water the river went down a foot."

If you haven't any confidence in fish stories you had better quit reading right here because I am going to tell you some true ones and furnish pictures instead of affidavits.

## A Tribute to the Yellow Tail.

I am ashamed to own it, but until last summer I never knew there was any such fish as the yellow tail but perhaps you are a member of the Fraternal Order of Anglers? If you are, it may be that you have fought the lordly salmon in many a crystal lake

or ocean arm, from Bangor Pool to Puget Sound. Your mind turns to other days, to various victories or defeats, and you see in your day dreams the huge trout of the deep pool, the muscalouge of the northern lakes, or the kingfish of Florida waters, fighters all, but when you are making up your list of fish that are dead game, remember that they do not make them any gamier than the yellowtail.

Some fellow says: A yellowtail always seems to be going the other way when he strikes. Pound for pound he will give the man behind the rod more fun and trouble than any fish you ever stacked up against.

## The Rocky Mountain Trout.

Another fellow chimes in, for one fish story causes others to bite and we suckers are caught listening—but hear No. 2, who says:

There are many kinds of fish; there are many ways of fishing; the pleasures of the pastime are as varied as the places where it may be followed, but there is only one Rocky mountain trout, and he has but one habitat. You may take larger fish, lustier and gamier fighters, but you will never snare a fish that is more beautiful, more lovable in the water or the pan, or that makes the basis of a more delightful outdoor meal. A more satisfying morsel than a nine-inch trout, if the cook has done proper work, you will never meet in this life.

I can almost taste some I got last summer and yet to tell the truth they were not one whit prettier or better than some I got at Linnville Falls, N. C., a few years back when I camped there.

There's something in a rod and line,

A sinker and a hook,

That fills one's soul with yearning

For a far-off mountain brook,

Where, though there is in every cast

An element of doubt,

There's always hope, perchance a bite,

And now and then a trout.

## The Leaping Tuna.

But No. 3 avers that the Tuna is the largest of bony fishes, and has been known to weigh 1,500 pounds. It is not exactly a beauty, this tiger of the sea, though its coloring, a rich blue and silver, with trimmings of brilliant orange, give it a striking appearance. Its great speed and bold, untiring vigor, its power, strength and fighting qualities have given it a high place among the great game in the world of sport, and among the many "fish stories" which come to us from the southern seas, none are perhaps more thrilling than those which relate to the capture of the leaping tuna.

One of the singular facts about this tiger of the sea is that nowhere else is it caught with the rod save at anta Catalina, or "Isle of Summer," as the Californians like to call it. Even there the sport seems to be confined within a space of some eight miles along the north shore of that lovely island.

It was there I saw my first Tuna. One who has fought with this tiger of the semi-tropic seas says: He is a bold, fearless creature—game to the last. He is a born fighter, and never until exhausted will the huge monster give in. A shark is child's play to him. He plunges, surges back and forth, up and down; until the calm, steel-like sea is churned into a raging flood of angry waters. He likes to play the acrobat, and leap full ten feet into the air. He likes to show his evil strength—to charge his enemy like a mad bull, to tow his boat far out into the channel where it nearly fills in the heavy set. He struggles like a giant, and even after twelve hours of steady fighting refuses to surrender—and yet he is landed at last with rod and reel.

## Conquering the Tarpon.

No. 4 says: The boat stops still; yonder is a swirl on a wave and a great, dark body, with a

greenish back and large protecting fins appear above it; it is a breathless moment; there is a splash about thirty yards away, your line becomes taut and is gliding out like lightning before you can apply the brake. When you do it is almost jerked from your grasp and simultaneously the tarpon leaps and writhes above the water again. There is no sight more beautiful to the angler than the graceful, silvery form of the tarpon, like a gleam of light from darkness leaping forth from the green sea. That moment when the tarpon has the bait and you strike is the one of all others most fraught with intense excitement. It is the first crisis in the battle. He is down again and your hook holds. He darts back and forth, ever going deeper in his wild rushes. It is an earnest fight. The first ten minutes seem like an hour. "Rush 'im reel up, don't let rest;" following the advice, your arms tire, your hands become numb, it may be, bleeding and blistered, but you save your fish. Thus you are towed out toward the sea, always fighting. In his first mad rushes the huge fish gained on you, taking out nearly one hundred yards of your line. During the first half hour he has decidedly the better of the fight and keeps most of the line. During the second half hour you gain the lost line foot by foot, and the honors are about equally divided. Now the long rushes and leaps begin to tell and he loses wind. If he did not help to kill himself by these wild rushes and leaps, you could never land him. By some kind of intuition, an angler can fell when he has gained the mastery over a fish. You feel instinctively that the second crisis has been passed and the boat turns back toward the beach; and as the beach is neared you reel in and fight at close range.

Once he dashes almost up to the boat and suddenly turns about; you nearly lost him that time. You soon lead him back, however. Now he lies near the boat; you see his gleaming side glisten in the light. "Stiddy now," says your man, as the boat touches the beach; you climb out and, resisting his last waning strength, as he lashes spray upon you, pull him out upon the sand, and the fight is won. If you don't believe it is sport ask B. B. Comer, he has landed a big beauty.

## Catching Sharks.

But hear No. 5, who thinks it tame sport to take tunas and tarpons, for says he: Fishing for sharks with rod and reel is one of the exciting sports to be enjoyed by the strenuous fishermen. Nearly any day, in the summer season, on the jew fish grounds at Catalina, the fin of the shark may be seen cutting the water, and they very often take the bait intended for their huge fellow of the deep, the black sea bass. If he takes the bait there is a lazy roll on the water and a loggy dash away. When he feels the hook he seems so astonished that he does not know what to do and he dashes back and forth with no set purpose. Though he will take out line it is not the spirited dash of the sea bass, that ripping, rush that carries everything with it, but rather the run of a scared, bewildered rabbit. Half an hour suffices to bring him alongside, but he must be killed before being pulled aboard, and unless there is a gun at hand this is no easy matter, for the shark has as many lives as the proverbial cat. Ancient mariners tell somewhat the same story about sharks that Mark Twain tells about the Constantinople dog, that when their tails are cut off they turn round and eat them and then go off as though nothing had happened. This story, like the other one about the report of Mark Twain's death, is probably very much exaggerated.

I think here is a good place to stop. If you can't go to the great fishing grounds go behind the house and dig some worms and get down your pole and go and sit on the bank of the creek and you will be entitled to be known far and wide as a true disciple of Isaak Walton.

Our Faithful God.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows.

God is mindful of us, to overrule, preserve and protect us. No human wisdom nor understanding nor counsel can stand against the Lord, God who knoweth our thoughts before we think them, and who justly estimates us, will preserve every pure Joseph and every sweet Ruth; but He will utterly cast down every Ananias and reject every covetous Simon. God will keep back from the pit the soul of the faithful, but the wicked He will utterly destroy. Our shield is with God, which saveth the upright in heart. Wisdom says: Except the Lord build our life, our character, our home, our business, and conduct our social way, we labor in vain.

God is mindful for our true spiritual relationship. He has made unto each soul His free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the same breath God informs and warns that, the wages of sin is death!

Men have by cunning workmanship manufactured roses of such perfect device as to deceive the eye and invite the sense of smelling. But none have ever manufactured a seed that could produce a rose. No artificer has produced a germ with power to attract the elements of earth, and build them into shoot and stalk and leaf, and finally into the beautiful flower. The higher order, the divine power, is required for that. When we reflect that mankind is the flower of Creation, we know that the highest order, the divine power, must be involved in the re-creation of the human flower which ought to bloom in the everlasting garden of God.

God produces this true spiritual relationship. He begets us again unto Himself by His holy word. He constrains us unto Himself by His loving Spirit. He holds us to truth and righteousness by His gracious power of saving our soul daily. God makes a persecutor an apostle. He makes a denier an evangelist. He makes a doubter a martyr. He makes a violent disciple to be gentle as a dove. He makes a distracted heart to be untroubled and trustful. He makes a tempted life to be glorious with spiritual victories. He transforms a frail mind into the mind of Christ. He uplifts a sinful soul into the white life. He is pledged by oath on His infinite name to save them that obey Him. He cannot violate His promise. God is love and will not forget His own. God is truth, and cannot leave us to the error of the wicked.

The unity of our race was destroyed at Babel. God also went forth with the dispersed family of man. In Christ Jesus the Son of God and Redeemer of the perishing world, the human family has been divinely sought, one by one, patiently, and triumphantly. God so loved the world. The grace of God appeared, bringing salvation unto all. We shall be saved if we will hearken and turn from evil. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered from the evil one. Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. If we purge ourselves from sinfulness, we shall be vessels unto honor, set apart meet, for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work. O, let every soul hear God. He is mindful of you. Let everyone that thirsteth come to the living waters; and them that have no money, come ye, buy wine and milk without money and without price. God is no respecter of persons. He is rich unto all that call upon Him.

God is mindful of us to restore us to our proper place in His eternal kingdom. The director of an academy of fine arts in one of our cities was dismayed at finding that one of their most valuable pictures had been stolen from a gallery. It had been taken from the frame at night, and a copy instituted. Reward offered, and search instituted, were each in vain. Some years later an artist found the picture in a tavern in Canada, where the thief had sold it. He telegraphed the news, and two directors came on to recover their property. They could hardly believe that the grimy canvas in a broken wooden frame, hanging in the dark corner of a bar room, was the great masterpiece. But it was the original work, and it was restored to the academy. Cleaned, and placed in its proper frame, and surrounded by background of maroon, while skillfully tempered light brought out its beauty—the directors were transported with joy and welcome.

By lies and subtlety Satan stole away God's masterpiece of the human soul. But there came one who recognized the frail being, far distant from God and hope. The worldly heart has refused to believe that the grimy soul, the sin-stained, in broken frame, and hidden amid the darkened corners of evil choice and environment, could be the soul which originally came from God. But the Redeemer has clothed the yielding soul with a new heart, and set a right mind within and a constant spirit. The Saviour has rescued the feet from the miry clay, and has set the life upon the rock. The Lord of Life has exchanged the spirit of heaviness with a garment of praise. He has given to the dumb a new song, even praise unto God. He has given the blind the eye of faith, to behold visions of things in heaven as well as on earth. He has cured the deaf ear, so that the understanding heart possesses the water of the wells of salvation. He has given the lame to walk without weariness and to run without fainting in the way that shines brighter as the City of God grows nearer.

God is mindful of his lost soul. He says: All souls are mine. He sends forth His Son to seek and to save the lost. The Good Shepherd finds his lost sheep. The Divine Merchant finds his goodly pearl. The Prince of Peace revives the hopeless. The Heavenly Father receives back unto Himself the wayward prodigal. Christ Jesus brings back into the divine gallery redeemed souls there to be beautified with love and made glorious with strength. Through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit of God souls which once were lost are being saved amid this world. Souls over which God is mindful are mindful of God, and co-operate with Him in the work of salvation. They wash them with the word of truth; they put away their evil ways; they learn to do well; they eschew deceits and lying; they hate every false way; they seek wisdom from God; they are known as His children with power.

Man the animal has conquered the earth; man the redeemed is yet to possess it. At the great day of the Lord everyone shall give account of life to God. Confession of the Redeemer will be confessed by the Redeemer. Abiding work will receive reward. In the earth the saved lived unto the Lord. Heaven is a prepared place for God's prepared people. It is the home of the glorified. It is the center of felicity. The eye undimmed with tears will behold the great white throne of God and of the Lamb. It is the city of God, surrounded by the everlasting hills. The righteous will have abundant entrance through the gates. They will enter with songs of never-ending joy. No census will ever tell their number. No care will ever distract. No grief will ever pain. The walls of the city are salvation, and His gates are praise. It is the city of our mindful God.

With mercy and with judgment

Our web of Time He wove,

And all the dews of sorrow

Were lusted with His love.

We'll bless the hand that guided,

We'll bless the heart that planned;

When throned where glory dwelleth

In Immanuel's land.

South Baptist Study, Worcester, Mass.

Keep Up.

Time does not stop to make trades nor to consider any man's proposition to remain young. If you would converse with him, you must move on with him. He has wisdom to give you, knowledge to impart, wealth to bestow, but not unless you catch him by the forelock and keep up. Wisdom's children move on in company with Father Time. Keep up.

The frog is an ugly creature and dwells in an ugly home. The Creator has not endowed him with many faculties, nor given him capacity for great improvement. He croaks, but not because he is displeased with his conditions, but because he was made to croak. He does not aspire to what God has denied him, but patiently fulfills his humble mission. Not so with many folks. Endowed with soul, reason, capacity for unlimited improvement, with all necessary opportunities, still they are not satisfied, and croak unnaturally. Ah, silly man! Rather be a frog.—L. T. Reeves.

HUNTSVILLE:—We have just closed our annual protracted meeting in which our former beloved pastor, Rev. A. G. Mosely, of Evergreen, did most of the preaching. Our honored and popular pastor, Rev. H. E. Rice, after Brother Mosely left, carried the meeting on nearly a week with much success. They worked together in perfect harmony, and love and have been the two most successful pastors the Dallas Avenue church ever had. By the way, our church ordained Bro. Mosely and are right proud of the record he has made. The visible results of our meeting were twenty-five additions to the church, twenty-two by experience and three by letter, and more than thirty conversions. At the last service there were three conversions and four accessions. We now have the largest membership of any church in this part of the State except old Mt. Zion near here, and we lead easily in number in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work.

Our work at Merrimac and West Huntsville were never in such prosperous condition. We seem to have discovered the man for these places. Instead of resorting to the proverbial ginger to warm up they now Cul(l)pepper with better results. No doubt about it, he is warming things up out there. During the past three months Brother C. has nearly doubled the membership of the church at Merrimac and nearly trebled the attendance at Sunday school. He has just closed a meeting there when twelve professed conversion and twenty were added to the church. He is now in the midst of his meeting at West Huntsville. So far there have been fifteen conversions and sixteen additions to the church, ten by experience, four by letter and two by statement. At West Huntsville he works at a great disadvantage. The church building, which was erected several years ago by the Dallas Avenue church, in the then new town, is now entirely too small and too far away from the people, as since that time the electric car line was run on the opposite side of the town and the residences and places of business were built toward the car line. They must change location and must have a new church to hold the advantage already gained. Then my heart sickens as I think of Dallas town, a place of 3,000 people with no Baptist church. The question that God only can answer is what will become of these people if left to themselves. They make little or no effort to build church houses or support pastors unless helped and led. Dear brethren, the opportunity is before us, the responsibility is upon us. These people are our kindred and friends who are sending the Macedonian cry.

Elder J. A. Eaves is here today from South Decatur bearing the sad tidings of the destruction of their cozy little house of worship last Sunday night by fire. He is seeking aid to rebuild at the earliest moment. And thus it is, appeal after appeal comes to us for help.

We hope our brethren from "over there" and elsewhere will all attend our convention in Sheffield. We can show more progress during the past ten years in these parts than was ever visible in any other twenty-five years, and still we need to be awakened to a fuller sense of our duty and a large spirit-led convention can be very helpful in bringing this about.—R. E. Pettus. June 23, 1905.

In 1747 John Wesley wrote to the Bishop of London: "Thanks be to God! Since I gave up meat and wine I have been delivered from all physical ills."

The Morristown Gazette recently said: "Morristown abolished the saloons, and as a result, the merchants all say that their business has improved 25 per cent. and public morals are so much better that the Hamblen county jail is actually advertised for rent." Does prohibition pay? Read the answer in the above statement.—Baptist and Reflector.

Good! The officer in charge of a co-lie supply train in the Japanese army was called before the General to be commended for his conduct in the battle of Yalu. The General invited him to drink a glass of wine with him. This was a very great honour in military eyes, but the soldier declined, saying he was a Christian and did not drink, and asked to be allowed to take tea instead.—Western Recorder.

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### NOT A PREACHERS' CONVENTION.

It will be a sad day if our general meetings ever become solely preachers' meetings. To be sure every preacher in Alabama who can get to Sheffield ought to be there, but if the laymen should be absent it will not only rob the meeting of their wise help in viewing all questions from the standpoint of the pew, but it will tend to make these meetings "conventions of the clergy," one of many ways by which the early churches gradually lost their New Testament government and doctrine. When the laymen turn over all local and general church matters to the preachers, we will have a set of priests instead of pastors, not because the pastors wish to lord it over God's heritage, but because the very nature of the case will drive them into it and because they are human.

Besides all this, no pastor can lead his people to the greatest efficiency without having a number of wide-awake supporters. Now, if a church would send a half dozen laymen to the convention each year it would wake it up as nothing else could, and give a solid support to every forward movement undertaken by it for the Master. Laymen, be at Sheffield!

### DON'T COMPLIMENT, BUT ORDER HIM.

As a pastor we confess to a feeling of impatience with the Alabama Baptist churches for urging the churches each year to send their pastors to the conventions. It looks as if we were expecting a gift from somebody, and, desiring none, we silently protest against what the paper was doing.

That was because of defective thinking on our part. One might justly have such a feeling about a gift, a mere compliment, a benevolent desire to give the pastor a pleasant outing. But we have come to see that such a thing is one of the best investments a church can make for its own good. If the pastor fails to attend the convention he ought to offer his apology to the church and tell them why he did not perform that important duty. If he should fail to do this, the church should formally inquire into the reasons for his absence and beforehand remove all financial impediments by providing the cost of his trip. That would take from us the breastworks upon which we most depend and compel us to speak, to fight in the open! See that the pastor is at Sheffield. And if you are in South Alabama, see to it the more sharply. Distance is itself a good excuse.

### LETTER OF TOLSTOI.

It is a habit of Tolstoi, as his readers know, to call a spade a spade, and that whether he is discussing religion, social reform or the policy of nations. His letter to the London Times on the Russo-Japanese war has this characteristic trait in a pronounced form. Its bold, fearless and scathing arraignment of the Russian war policy, and of the militarist doctrine as it exists among all so-called Christian nations, has aroused the world as no other utterance of the kind has done in many years. Those who fail to agree with the great Russian reformer will find it difficult to break the force of his logic that war is essentially barbaric, beastly and absurdly and grossly inconsistent between nations professing to be animated by a Christian and enlightened spirit and desirous of promoting humanity and justice. Tolstoi may be an extremist in his peace doctrines; but saner, more tolerable and better for the world is such extremism than the wild, extravagant and pernicious war talk of which we are hearing so much in these days from men in places of power and influence in our own and other lands. Far more rational is it than the reasoning which apparently rests upon the assumption that war is a part of the moral order of the world now and forevermore, and that in the future, just as in the past, the chief duty of nations is to prepare for war with each other no matter what the cost of public morals and humane progress nor what burdens of indebtedness it heaps upon the people.

### The Biography of a Baby.

Said a bereaved mother to her pastor the other day: "I have no photograph of the baby. Write something that through the years to come will help to keep its memory fresh."

What can be written about the life of a flower? It bloomed, lived awhile and withered. That is about all appearing to a mere chronicler.

And yet back behind the flower was the One who thought of it, planned its wonderful mechanism, ordained the miraculous forces that brought it into existence, painted its gorgeous hues, perfected its perfume and selected its place wherein for a brief space it should stand rejoicing the passer by till God should say, "it is enough."

Thus bloomed that little bud of innocence in yonder home. It spoke no word, it made no plan, it wrought no deed. It came, smiled a few short weeks into the mother's face and returned to dust. But who is he that can tell what mighty thing God wrought through its brief, helpless life? Who is wise enough to write its biography and tell the whole beautiful story? Did any one ever measure the power of a baby? What great depths of emotion lay in that woman's heart untouched and even unknown till moved by the breath of one who was yet too weak to utter the name of mother! Was ever a tie so strong to bind her to him and him to her who now bore the name of "Father?"

The very weakness of the tiny hands gave strength to grip their hearts like hooks of steel and the soft cooing of its gentle voice had power and eloquence to reach their souls no orator could ever equal. The velvety arms so frail that thumb and finger might snap them yet like golden chains held two people to high resolve and noble endeavor binding their souls to God.

Born yesterday—dead today. A little mound is all that is left—a mound and a memory. A memory—it breaks the heart but not for all the wealth of a world like this would we blot it out. A memory that makes Heaven nearer, dearer, that chastens the soul that humbles the heart and makes the once self sufficient walk softly by the side of his Lord is more than gold.

Oh, Little One, none save he who knows to the uttermost the wondrous plans of God can ever write your biography, nor can those even who loved you best ever know the real story of your life till they read the record of the Angel in the light of that Great Day.

Volumes upon volumes have been needed to tell the deeds of heroes, but those deeds have oft been inspired by tiny babes, and what was written in the great life of the man really belonged to the books that the angels wrote about the infant who lived but this day and another.

That thread on the mountain side will broaden and deepen till it bears on its bosom to the sea the freighted hopes of a nation, and there are broad streams of blessings flowing by us today whose origin is back yonder in a nameless cradle emptied by death five hundred or a thousand years ago.

Write then this biography: "Rosebud—born yesterday—died today." Brief, but better so. Let God write the rest. He who planned the whole can tell the truth better than those who can only see a part.

And the Babe? Let Him have it. The world holds in horrid execration the Beast who murdered a few score innocents in Bethlehem years ago, but that monster would be an angel of light compared to a God who would fail to take all the innocents of all times and climes to His own arms when He removes them from the mother's.

When He was on earth the Little Ones climbed upon His knees and lay in sweet content on the Bosom wherein beat that mighty heart. And they smiled into the sad, blessed Face when they felt about them the more than mother love, and lay in the gentle clasp of those Arms that were yet strong enough to hold the stars in their courses. Nor has Time, or Life, or Death power to change the love and care of the children's Friend.

### Cost of Protracted Meetings.

An item seldom included in the budget of a church's expenses is the cost of the series of meetings held at intervals with the help of some visiting brother who does the preaching. The incidental matters of light, heat, etc., are, of course, fixed quantities and vary only as the season varies during which the meeting is held.

But the compensation of the preacher is nearly always a mere matter of capricious feeling. If there has been a great gathering and emotion is at high tide, the people respond with a liberality that is a delight to themselves and a very material help to the visitor.

On the other hand, if the meeting has been devoid of striking enthusiasm, if few or none have been converted, the preacher may do the very same work (usually his work under such conditions is much harder) but his compensation will be very much less and small as it is, the officers of the church are often troubled no little to secure it—a sum of money sufficient to maintain their self-respect.

Now a man who would go into a protracted meeting with his eye on the finance ought to be cast out with Judas Iscariot, whose unspirited descendant he is. If he be the right sort of man he will do his work for the glory of God and will be satisfied with whatever the church can do. Even when he knows the people could have done better, it is unbecoming in him to have anything to say about it. To shed tears over lost sinners and then grasp for all the money in sight is enough to make angels shed tears over a lost preacher. "I seek not yours, but you" is the way Paul worked, and in it he set an example for us all.

But if it be shameful in a preacher to work for money it is little short of disgraceful for a church to be willing to accept such services for nothing. A mercenary minister is bad, but a stingy church is far from good. No church can ever pay for such work. The mental and physical strain of two weeks more or less, is enough of itself to justly deserve no small sum, and this when added to the spiritual care and responsibility simply make pay impossible. The full compensation comes in Heaven. Whatever money the church gives is merely its contribution toward the support of the preacher while in the flesh. The community ought to so regard it. They pay a lecturer or concert company for an evening's entertainment. When they give a man of God less for two weeks' most drastic toil than they give the clown for two hours' fun they do not mean it for pay. If such services had to be settled for according to value protracted meetings would cease and evangelism would lose one of its most potent methods, for lack of means.

If then, the preacher will forget himself and think only of God's glory when he enters upon a work of this kind his reward will be safe in the Master's hand, and if he is serving a Christian church his physical needs will not be neglected by the people. If it be forgetful of his necessities, he still ought not to complain, for Paul served heathen people often for nothing, laboring with his own hands to provide that which they should have given and did withhold.

We began by saying that what the churches contribute to the support of the preacher is usually according to the success of the meeting, counting success after the manner of men. This ought not to be and among our best churches it is not so. To begin with, no man knows just what a successful meeting is, and in what appears to be a failing meeting the preacher's work is always more trying and difficult than at any other time. Then, instead of less he deserves more, if, indeed, he deserves anything at all, for declaring the gospel.

It would be better far for the church in estimating its expenses, if it should set aside a certain amount for its protracted meetings. No hard and fast rules could be made about it, for no law can keep love from giving or force stinginess to liberality, but some such business like methods would save a deal of trouble.



This is written by a man who never held a meeting for a church that did not give him more than he deserved.

### THE SHEFFIELD CONVENTION.

Sheffield is in a distant part of the State from many of our churches but it is in one of the most beautiful sections of the commonwealth and in one of the most important.

Baptists are not as plentiful in Northwest Alabama as they ought to be and would not be as strong as they are but for the splendid work of the State Board in that section. The brotherhood of the entire state ought to be well represented in the Sheffield meeting to give an encouraging hand to the veterans in and around the tri-cities. They are doing noble work and for their people should earn the name of tri-cities. On to Sheffield!

#### Basis of Representation.

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

#### Convention Railroad Rates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. The ticket for the return will be limited to con-

tinuous passage by the first train leaving the place of meeting after purchase.

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

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

Wm. A. Davis, Secretary,

Anniston, Ala.

#### Important Notice.

All delegates who expect to attend the Baptist State Convention of Alabama to be held in Sheffield, July 21-24, are earnestly requested to send their names promptly to the undersigned pastor and chairman of Committee on Entertainment.

Sheffield, Florence and Tusculumbia have heartily united in the effort to provide satisfactory entertainment for all the Lord's messengers who may honor the occasion with their presence, but remember that in order to do this successfully it becomes absolutely necessary for the committee to have the names of all who are coming. Don't expect us to deal with an unknown quantity in this matter of entertainment. Only a postal card will bring us the desired information.

A. J. Miller.

Sheffield, Ala., June 26, 1905.

#### The Route to the Convention.

I wish to ask you to publish the following notice:

Route from Montgomery to Sheffield:—Over L. & N. to Birmingham, 96 miles, taking morning train; leave Birmingham 12:25 p.m. over the Southern for Parrish, 42 miles; leave Parrish over Northern of Alabama (Southern) 3:05 p.m., reaching Sheffield, 138 miles, at 7:05 p.m.

Or, over L. & N. to Decatur, 182 miles; over Southern to Tusculumbia, 43 miles; leave Montgomery either morning or night. Spend night at Decatur, reaching Tusculumbia 9:30 a.m.

Let everybody first write to Rev. A. J. Miller at Sheffield, sending name so a home can be secured, otherwise you may have to look out for yourself.—W. B. C.

#### Brother Crumpton's Last Appeal.

Hear Him!

"I have sent out in the last few days to pastors, churches, clerks and other friends, one thousand postal cards, which read as follows:

"Dear Brother:—I am straining every nerve to come to the convention July 21st out of debt. Will you help me? Alabama did well for home and foreign missions. Will we fail on state missions? We have three Sundays more. The books close July 15th. Please do what you can. Pray for us and take a collection. The Sunday school, the children's and the women's societies, the church, all ought to help, help liberally and help now. I want to pay every cent due the Missionaries before the convention. Some of them will suffer if I fail."

"I ask you to print it that other thousands may know the situation. A large debt at the convention would be most embarrassing. This is the last line I will write on the subject this year.

"I must give myself wholly to my report and rousing up the work. I am extremely anxious."

One Sunday yet remains before the fifteenth, giving opportunity for pastors to appeal to their people. But public appeals are not so much needed as earnest button-holing. With your hand on his shoulder, look the brother square in the face and ask him for five or ten dollars. He will surrender, nine times in ten. A dozen can be seen in an hour and a hundred dollars procured for State missions.

#### The Right Sort of a Letter to Bro. Crumpton.

Such a contrast between this and some I get. Brethren of the Capp variety, lift me to the mountain tops and make me work harder for my Lord and his people.

"The letter that you wrote some time ago was read with care and much interest. It makes my heart go out to do more for our Master's cause to know that we have such untiring workers as you are. It makes me want to do all in my power. Your letter was read before our church. It was listened to with deep interest. We are always glad to hear from you through letters and through the columns of the Baptist. We read with much pleasure the tracts you send. We send you \$9.00."—J. W. Ca. pp

#### Looking Up the Vouchers.

Some brethren will soon be writing about this way to Bro. Crumpton:

"I have misplaced the receipts you sent me. The association meets next week and I must have my vouchers. Will you please examine your books and send me duplicates for all I have sent you since the last association from Pisgah church."

I want to beg the brethren not to be so unreasonable. In the first place, this brother waited too late. Giving a day or two each way for the letters to pass, he gives me only about one day to look through the books for a whole year. If my clerk and I had nothing to do, the time would be short. I expect there are four dozen Pisgah churches in the State. He gives no idea about the time the money was sent, the amount, the object, or the manner, whether by postal order, check or registered letter. I want to serve my brethren but they ought to be reasonable. The "needle in the hay stack" business is too much for me in hot weather, when everything here is busy as can be.

I want to ask everybody to begin looking up the vouchers now. Don't wait until the association is right on you.

Here is the way for a brother to write: "About the last of May I sent you a check from Concord for \$7.70 for State Missions. I have misplaced your receipt. Please send me a duplicate." In five minutes the request was complied with and the voucher was ready for the mail. "Go thou and do likewise," my brother, after missing vouchers.

Some brethren are writing that the meeting of the Convention interferes with their protracted meetings. I want to beg the pastors not to stay away from the Convention on that account. The protracted meetings can be postponed. The time now settled upon for the Convention, in my opinion, is the very best. It suits all classes except the folks who are afraid of hot weather.

The farmers, school teachers, lawyers and city pastors are exactly suited. Only the country preacher is inconvenienced, and he, only because of the "protracted meeting season." To slip out of the harness for one week and spend it at the Convention will do him great good.

Let us stick to the time, embracing the fourth Sunday in July, for ten years, and let everybody get in the habit of going. If we were meeting any other time of the year, I would oppose having a Sunday included, but the churches can well spare their pastor one Sunday in the midst of summer.

CHESTER, S. C.—I want to congratulate you for your neat appearance and much interesting news you bring to my study weekly from dear old Alabama.

One more week and we will have our third anniversary of this pastorate. It has been three blessed years of toil and prayers. The Lord has blessed us and the devil has fought us, but from it all we had many rich and rare experiences of grace all of which have enabled us to magnify Him more and more.

The last touch of paint is being put on our handsome new parsonage and next week we move in. It is one of the prettiest in the state, if not the prettiest, cost nearly \$3,000.

In the last six weeks we have baptized fifteen who have been converted and united with the church at the regular services. We are to have a series of meetings in July and have been fortunate in securing the able assistance of Dr. Hale, of the First Church in Wilmington, N. C.

While we are happy in the work here and believe He sent us to Chester, we often think of the brethren in Alabama, especially those at Centreville and Blocton. They are noble people and any man is fortunate to be permitted to minister unto them.

We are going to spend two weeks in September in Montgomery (D. V.) at which time we hope to also be in Birmingham and see you face to face. God bless you.—Yours in Him, John Bass Shelton.

The czar of Russia is said to have \$25,000,000 invested in English securities and a side line of \$6,000,000 in American rails, coal and iron.

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To successfully freeze ice cream or sherbet have the ice shaved or pounded fine and fill the space between the pail and can with four parts of ice and one of rock salt. Pour the mixture into the can allowing it to chill for five or ten minutes before beginning to turn. When the cream is firm, remove the paddle, smooth the cream, cover with paraffin paper and fit the cover on tightly, plugging the paddle hole with paper. Drain the water from the pail, refill the space between the can and pail with ice and salt, set in a cool place and cover with thick cloth. More salt than the proportion given can be used and the cream will be frozen more quickly but will not be so smooth. Ices should be turned more slowly than creams.

In molding cream, dip the mold in cold water as soon as the beater is removed, fill quickly and press carefully with spoon or ladel to remove air bubbles. Fill completely, smooth over with a long-bladed knife and cover with a generous piece of paraffin paper which should extend well over the edges after the lid is on. Wrap the mold in paper, tie securely and place in a pail where it can be covered completely with the ice and salt mixture until ready to serve. When ready to serve wipe the mold carefully and invert into a cold dish holding a warm moist cloth over it for a few seconds.

Where cream is not available, condensed milk can be used to enrich the custard, using one-half a canful to one quart of fresh milk, with one tablespoonful of cornstarch and flavoring, cooking the fresh milk and cornstarch and adding the condensed milk when cool. For marshmallow ice cream, stir lightly into a quart of vanilla ice cream, (after the paddle has been removed) half a pound of marshmallows cut into quarters. The toy ice cream-freezers are very convenient for small families since they hold sufficient for once serving of six persons and freeze so quickly. In the sick room they are invaluable.

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In Memory of Mrs. J. D. Patterson  
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ruary 19, 1905.

Hush! tread lightly, the mother is  
sleeping,  
Angels now their vigil are keeping.  
Death came to them at night,  
And robbed them of their dearest  
light.

They were all so happy and gay,  
Till God took little Cecil away.  
It was so hard for mother to drink  
the cup,  
And to give her little darling up.  
Mother's form now quietly lies,  
And with her babe her spirit dwells  
beyond the skies.

In her beauty she sweetly sleeps,  
While her dear loved ones weep;  
No one can share the grief and pain  
That to them has come again.  
She was so good, so sweet and nice;  
For them her life was a willing sacri-  
fice.

Although she suffered much and long,  
Her life was one of holy song;  
She believed her suffering was in ac-  
cord

With the divine wishes of her Lord.  
For her companion and three little  
boys  
She is waiting in heaven with untold  
joys.

She is another link added to heaven's  
chain;  
In this world she trusted in Jesus'  
name.

In Paradise she will wait  
To meet her loved ones at the Golden  
Gate.

By her friend, —Mrs. C. C. M.

RICHARDSON — Miss Ermine  
Richardson, the subject of this sketch,  
was born Nov., 1886, died Sept. 21,  
1904. She was converted and joined  
the Baptist church of Pilgrim Rest at  
the age of ten. She was a devoted  
Christian and had a happy way of  
looking on the bright side of things  
and carrying sunshine wherever she  
went. Every good cause found in her  
a warm friend and helper. She con-  
stantly illustrated the spirit and life  
of her Redeemer by her own. She  
was greatly beloved for her rare  
qualities of mind and heart and her death  
deeply mourned by all who knew her.  
She was greatly devoted to her noble  
mother who almost gave up her own  
life faithfully watching day and night  
during the long illness of the dying  
girl. During her illness she talked to  
the people of her Saviour pleading  
earnestly with the unconverted to ac-  
cept Him. In the death of Miss Er-  
mine the church has lost a devoted  
member the home its brightest light  
and society its rarest jewel. But her  
sweet gentle spirit rests in the sunlight  
of God's eternal love. May the Holy  
Spirit comfort the hearts of sorrowing  
relatives and friends.—J. S. Townsend.

GOLSAN.—Sister Mary Edwards  
was born in Autauga County, Ala., in  
1833, and at the age of 16 was married  
to Mr. Jno. L. Golsan. For forty-six  
years she was a faithful and truly  
loved member of Harmony Baptist  
church this county. In her death Jan-  
uary 26th, 1905, her church sustained  
an irretrievable loss, her friends and  
relatives a grief most hard to bear.  
Though we shall miss her sweet and  
gentle presence, her kindly prayers  
and counsels we believe to the divine  
will which has seen fit to afflict our  
church in removing in one short week  
two of its most earnest workers. Be  
it resolved, 1st, That we extend her  
husband and relatives our sincere sym-  
pathy in their great loss and, 2d, That  
a copy of these resolutions be placed  
in the church record and a copy be  
sent the Alabama Baptist for publica-  
tion.

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Wallace, Committee.

STOUDERMIRE.—Sister Mary E.  
Stoudermire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
John L. Golsan, died Jan. 19th, 1905.

aged 52 years. In her early girlhood  
she united with Harmony Baptist  
church, shortly after which she was  
married to Mr. S. E. Stoudermire. For  
thirty-five years she lived among us a  
devoted wife and Christian woman.  
We loved her for her sweet Christian  
virtues, we will miss her from our  
midst but we humbly submit that, tired  
with the duties of life she has only  
fallen asleep by the wayside to awaken  
again in that blessed dawn when God  
shall call His children to arise. There-  
fore, be it resolved, 1st, That we as a  
church extend to her children and  
relatives our sincere sympathy in their  
great bereavement and a continuation  
to them of the love we had for Sister  
Golsan.

2d, That a copy of these resolutions  
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IN MEMORIAM.

WALL.—The subjects of this  
sketch were born near Good Hope,  
Ala.

Cornella and McCafee Wall were  
the children of Dr. and Mrs. L. W.  
Wall, of Lindall, Texas. These chil-  
dren were respectively five and three  
and one-half years of age. "Nellie,"  
as she was called, was two years old,  
while McCafee was quite an infant  
when their parents left Alabama for  
their present home in Texas.

They departed this life March 27th,  
1905, at their home in Lindale, Texas.  
The loss of these sweet children was  
indeed an unexpected blow to their  
devoted parents, who carried them  
away to the "Lone Star State" more  
than three years ago from their rela-  
tives and friends in Alabama. They  
now peacefully sleep in their Saviour's  
arms awaiting the coming and gather-  
ing of their loved ones.

The people of Lindale displayed and  
expressed all their sympathy by clos-  
ing the doors of their respective places  
of business, and by turning out to at-  
tend the funeral services. May God  
comfort and cheer the bereaved par-  
ents in the loss of these two children.  
—A friend.

(The Wetumpka Herald and Texas  
Baptist Standard please copy.)

SMITH.—Mrs. Margaret L. Smith  
died February 12, 1905. Born Febru-  
ary 15, 1856. Married to Mr. J. J.  
Smith, June 12, 1873. Joined the Bap-  
tist church, Clay Co., Ala., and bap-  
tized by Rev. C. J. Bentley in 1897.  
She leaves nine affectionate children,  
a true husband, aged parents and many  
others to mourn her loss. Those moral  
virtues and Christian graces that go  
to make up true Christian womanhood  
adorned her life with such splendor  
that one is convinced that she pos-  
sesses that inheritance that is incor-  
ruptable, undefiled and that fadeth not  
away. \* \* \* The funeral service was  
conducted by Rev. J. R. Stodghill,  
Lineville.

God's blessings on the bereaved.—  
W. M. Garrett.

MORRISON.—Sacred to the mem-  
ory of Deacon Geo. S. Morrison, who  
"fell on sleep" January 28th, 1905.

As the dawning day was about to  
bathe the world in morning light a  
beautiful spirit from the celestial  
world came silently, stood by our  
brother, and with invisible hands beck-  
oned him home to bask in the uncreat-  
ed rays of our "Father's House above."  
He was weary here, weary with the  
weight of years, weary away from the  
Lord. For seventy-five years he had  
tabernacled in the flesh with the vary-  
ing pleasures and pains, with the al-  
ternate joys and sorrows that fall to  
our common lot. He was a hero in  
the strife of life. Surely he must  
have been a good and dutiful son, as  
tested by his long life here. Surely  
he was a true and affectionate brother,  
a faithful and devoted husband, a kind  
and loving father, rearing his children  
in the "nurture and admonition of the  
Lord." A bold, brave soldier of his  
country, giving years of his strong  
manhood to its service; a citizen, law  
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Leaning on the arm of her handsome father, came the fair daughter of Dallas, in whose honor were assembled distinguished guests of Alabama and neighboring States. The fortunate and happy groom, attended by his best man, Hon. John T. Ashcroft, met her at the altar, where, accompanied by the subdued melody of Tannhauser's "Evening Star," the Rev. Richard Hall, the bride's pastor, conducted the impressive ceremony that united the destiny, life and hope of two happy souls.

To the inspiring and joyous notes of Tannhauser's wedding march the wedding party made its exit and all returned to the spacious mansion of Hon. and Mrs. B. F. Ellis, where, after many wishes of happiness to the newly wedded couple, and congratulations to the groom had been extended, delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

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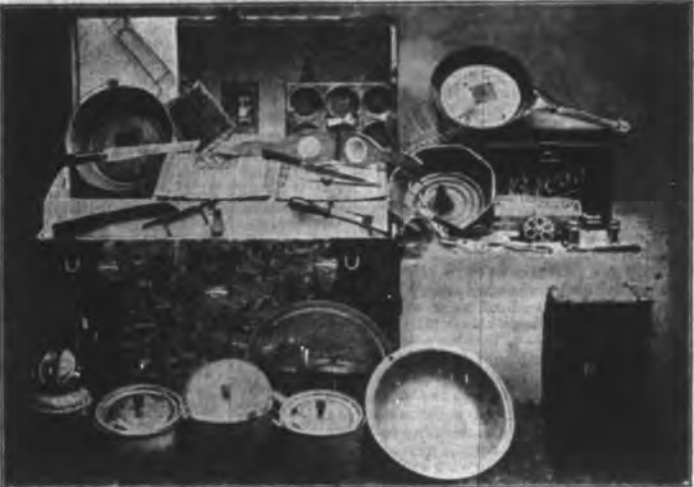
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The State of Alabama, Probate Court, Jefferson County, June 21, 1905.

Estate of Edmund G. Taylor, deceased.  
This day came J. C. Kyle, administrator of the estate of Edmund G. Taylor, deceased, and filed his application in writing and under oath, praying for a sale of certain real estate therein described for the purpose of paying the debts due thereby, on the ground that the personal property of said estate is insufficient to pay said indebtedness. And alleging further that the following heirs of said deceased are non-resident of the state of Alabama, viz.: Fannie Taylor, a sister, and George M. Brady, a nephew, both of whom reside in Baltimore, Md., of sound mind and over the age of twenty-one years; Belle Byers, a niece, who resides in Baltimore, Md., of sound mind, but her age is unknown to petitioner. Petitioner further alleges that he has reason to believe that James H. Brady, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., is also an heir at law of said estate, but does not know his age or whether he is of sound or unsound mind. And further, that he is also informed and believes that there are other heirs at law of said decedent, but their names are unknown to petitioner, although he has made diligent inquiry to ascertain the same. So far as petitioner has been able to ascertain these other heirs at law of said estate are nieces and nephews of said deceased and reside in Baltimore, Md.

It is therefore ordered that the 10th day of August, 1905, be set as a day for hearing said application and the testimony to be submitted in support of the same. 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.

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