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REV. W. M. ANDERSON, Dothan.

I write to tell you and the brotherhood that our church has voted unanimously and heartily for our State Convention in 1907. I am exceedingly anxious for it. Sincerely yours, W. M. ANDERSON

If the Convention sees fit to accept the kind invitation we know that the saints at Dothan will entertain the delegates most royally.

Dr. G. M. Savage has returned from his extensive travels and studies in classic and Bible lands, and he will teach next session in the Theological Department of the Southern Baptist University in Jackson, Tenn.

The waters of our baptism were troubled again last night—four candidates buried with Christ in baptism.

Our congregations are always good. I go to assist Pastor Anderson in a meeting at Ashford next Sunday. I will also assist Pastor Smith at Bellwood in meetings. T. O. REESE, Geneva.

The Tabernacle Bible Training School was opened January 4, 1906. Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., is the founder of this work. His wide experience led him to realize the need in the South of an interdenominational Bible training school which would furnish an opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the English Bible, better preparation for church and Sunday school work, and also develop lay workers for many important fields of service.

Monday, the eighteenth of June, 1906, was a memorable day at the home of Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Ratliff, of Mississippi, as they welcomed to the old home their sons, daughters and grandchildren, together with their numerous friends who came to pay their respects to the honored pair on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The captain and his good wife are known for their generous hospitality, but on this eventful day they surpassed themselves and threw wide their doors and bid all who would come and partake of their hospitality, which was indeed unbounded.—Baptist Record.

Paragraphs

We have just closed one of the best meetings that I was ever in. The Carbon Hill Baptist and Methodist churches united and rented a large tent and secured the services of Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., of Pennsylvania, to do the preaching. From start to finish the tent was filled to overflowing. Dr. Wharton came to us Friday, June 15th, and remained until Monday night, June 25th, preaching twice a day. It is useless for me to tell you that his sermons were fine, for you know Dr. Wharton, and know that he always preaches fine sermons. He held his congregation spell bound throughout each service. The interest of the meeting was great. The church was greatly revived, and about 80 people confessed. One of the most beautiful features of the meeting was to see so many children come out on the Lord's side. About twenty-five little girls and boys from ten to twelve years of age were converted and joined either the Baptist or Methodist church. We can not yet tell how many will unite with the church, as a great many gave their names who have not yet been received. But we feel safe in saying at least fifty will join now. Another interesting feature of the meeting was the singing. Bro. Goode led the singing and led it well. Monday night Dr. Wharton took us all to Palestine. This was a great treat to the large congregation present. Carbon Hill has never experienced a greater revival, and the effects of it will be felt for a long time. The First Baptist church here is awake to duty, having already done more for missions than any previous year, and will do more still. The outlook along all lines is bright, and you may expect to hear better things of us in the future. A. B. METCALF.

Rev. I. J. Van Ness, who has been made president of the Sunday School Editorial Association of the United States and Canada, is recognized as one of the country's greatest Sunday school editors.

Will you kindly allow me space to prefer a request on behalf of the Talladega Baptists that each messenger and minister who expects to attend the State Convention of the denomination in July will immediately send his name to the undersigned so that we may not fail to provide a home for each. We know that this is a very usual request, and it may not be properly appreciated, but we earnestly insist on having the information at as early date as possible.

Trains from south and southeast Alabama arrive at 12:50 p. m., and at 8:05 p. m., over L. and N. railway. From southwest Alabama the Southern railway trains arrive at 3:53 p. m. From the western part of the state trains arrive at 10:30 a. m. and 7:40 p. m., over B. and A. railway. From the northern part of the state trains arrive at 12:22 p. m. and 8:50 p. m., on Southern railway.

It will very materially assist us in the proper discharge of the duties of hospitality if we are advised when to expect each delegate to arrive at Talladega. We again urge all who are to come to advise us promptly. Fraternally, W. B. Castleberry, Chairman of Committee, Talladega, June 9, 1906.



REV. J. S. YARBROUGH, Ozark.

Baron Uxkull writes from steamship Pennsylvania: "My address will be Baden-Baden, poste restante, Germany, up to July 10, and later at Merchants' and Traders' Bank, 565 Broadway, New York City. I shall be glad to see you at the Continental Baptist Congress, Berlin, in 1908. I can only thank the Lord for all the sympathy and kindness I found for my people in America. The Baroness joins me in regards to yourself and Mrs. Prestridge."—Argus.

We are glad to welcome Pastor T. S. Hubert back to Kentucky after his good work in Florida and Alabama. He has taken hold well at Barbourville, and the outlook is bright. He accepted a much smaller salary than he was getting in Roanoke, Ala., in order to work in his beloved Kentucky mountains. He has the true missionary spirit.—Western Recorder.

Are you going to the State Convention? The Birmingham delegates will leave for Talladega Tuesday morning, July 17, at 6:40 in special car over the Southern railway via Pell City. The first session will be held that afternoon. Ministers' meeting at 3 p. m. Woman's Mission Union at 2 p. m. Don't fail to send in your name if you wish to secure a home to W. B. Castleberry, Talladega, Ala. If you want to be there on time join our party.—Joe W. Vesey, transportation leader.

Dr. Gross Alexander was elected as editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review and Book Editor of the Methodist Publishing House, South, at the recent meeting of the General Conference in place of Dr. J. J. Tigert, who was elected to the position of bishop. It is a rather interesting fact that both Bishop Tigert and Dr. Alexander were students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary under Dr. John A. Broadus. We presume that it was the training which they received from him that has given them their great success in life. Dr. Alexander was for many years professor of New Testament Greek in Vanderbilt University. He is a genial gentleman as well as an accomplished scholar. We have for years counted him as one of our good personal friends, and we are delighted to have him back in Nashville.—Baptist and Reflector.

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THE STATE CONVENTION.

We have pressed the matter of attendance and stressed the duty of preparation, and now we wish to urge the necessity of notification. When a city opens its homes to entertain delegates it is at least expected that those who accept the hospitality will conform to the ordinary rules of courtesy, and yet we have known many hosts and hostesses who were put to much inconvenience simply because their guests failed to notify them at what hour to expect them. Elsewhere we publish when the trains are due to arrive at Talladega. By all means send your name at once to W. B. Castleberry, chairman of committee, Talladega, and as soon as you receive a card notifying you who is to be your host or hostess drop them a line stating when you expect to reach the city.

EXPRESS COMPANIES AND THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

The stringent regulations against the liquor traffic which are being enacted locally throughout the country, are effecting the extinction of the C. O. D. liquor traffic. The express companies of the United States are raising the rates on C. O. D. liquor shipments to prohibitive size, and are trying to get rid of that line of business altogether. The dealers must now pay the charges on C. O. D. shipments whether they are delivered to consignees or not. Drinkers may continue to buy whisky from the mail order dealers, but the dealers will now have to send in cash orders and the express companies hauling the shipments will be relieved of making collections. It is estimated that there will be a remarkable decrease in the amount of C. O. D. whisky shipped from liquor centers to prohibition communities after July 1. Steps in this direction have already been taken by express companies in Mississippi, Texas, Florida and other states, but it is expected hereafter the C. O. D. whisky plan will be practically abandoned in all sections of the country.

The way in which the liquor men have been attempting to corrupt express agents in prohibition communities is becoming notorious. In a recent issue of the Texas Christian Advocate the following description of one of these maneuvers is given:

"We have before us a copy of a letter sent to express agents in Texas by a distillery company, proposing to pay them a good commission for handling their stuff. Quoting from this letter, in part, it reads as follows: 'Dear Sir: Why not make \$50 per month? You can do this easily if you will take hold of our great offer. All correspondence with our agents kept strictly confidential. Eighty-five cents commission paid on each gallon of our \$3.85 whisky, and over sixty cents on all goods under. This commission you can deduct from the C. O. D. wrappers when making returns, or remit by currency or money order if preferred. This is the greatest offer ever presented by which you can make money—no work, no interference with your present work—just extra money. Give us a few orders just to get started; the result will be marvelous.' Once in a while an express agent can be found

who has no scruples on this subject, and he soon fills his office with these packages and he knows to whom to sell it without running much risk. This often explains the stacks of C. O. D. packages in many of the express offices in this country."

Whether or not the express companies themselves are in direct partnership with the liquor firms in trying to corrupt and debauch their local agents is not manifest, but the vicious effects of such an attempt at nullification and defiance of the law of a prohibition community about the liquor business is inevitable and undeniable. That is now one of the strongest factors in the spread of local prohibition throughout the South.

ANGLING FOR SOULS.

Washington Irving in the "Sketch Book," calls our attention to the fact that many a boy has left his home and gone on the sea because he had read the wonderful story of Robinson Crusoe, and he intimates that many an older boy has left his business and gone a-fishing after reading the "Complete Angler."

Several years ago, cooped up in a Wall street law office, picking up a Constitution and reading Frank Stanton's column, "Just from Georgia," breathing the spirit of spring as he pictured the fish beginning to bite, it took grit to stay at our desk, for we longed "to go a-fishin'."

There is a good deal in the New Testament about fishing, and we know the public life of Jesus had its center and development around the lake of Galilee, and it was probably after a night of storm while walking along its shores that he called his first disciples. Jesus was walking by the lake when he saw Andrew and Peter casting their net; for they were fishers—and walking a little further he saw James and John in the boat with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets. For the toll of the fishermen had brought them no draft of fishes, and they stood by the shore or in the boats drawn up on the beach, casting in their nets to wash them of sand and pebbles, or to mend what had been torn by the waves. These men were real fishermen, but Christ gave them a new opportunity. He made them fishers of men. And when he called, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," James and John left their father in the boat with the hired servants and followed Jesus, who for nearly three years taught them the art of angling for souls—the holiest thing in this world of sin and sorrow.

The word artist is often abused, for every one sets up to be an "artiste" from the boy who blacks your shoes to the man who shaves you. Walton grew enthusiastic on the art of angling. Fishing is an art, as every one knows who has cast a fly into a limpid mountain stream and hooked a trout or with pole and line reeled in a tarpon.

A successful fisher needs to be wary, but he must be patient, and so good anglers are often put down as lazy men. Frequently we hear a man say: "Oh, I haven't got the patience to fish." It requires patience and persistence, for fish are slow to bite, and

having bitten are anxious to get away. There are many varieties of bait used to catch fish and more to catch souls. Church music and all kinds of clap-traps are used. And the reason so many fall in catching men is that they do not follow Christ and learn of Him the art of angling for souls.

CHANGES CHARACTER.

A great deal has been said about "A change of heart," as a result of one's having been saved from spiritual death and from the power of his sins. That phrase may have become so common in its use that many who are familiar with it do not consider just what it means nor what is involved in it. We may state the matter in this form and say that one's regeneration or rebirth produces a change in his character. If one's real character after his supposed conversion be no different from what it was previously, then he has not been regenerated; he has had no actual change of heart. If one's character has been dishonest and he has become genuinely converted, he now possesses an honest character. It is utter nonsense to say that a dishonest person continues to be dishonest after he has been born again. A reporter of the recent revival meetings in Philadelphia, under the leadership of Evangelist Torrey, said: "The genuineness of the revival is being shown by the way in which the converts are paying up old debts and making restitution of goods and money stolen years ago. A grocer recently received a touching letter from a convert, inclosing ten two-cent stamps. The letter stated that the person had stolen a small basket of grapes from that man's store several years ago, and that now, having been converted, he wanted to do the honest thing by paying for the fruit." The reporter also stated that another convert sent the principal of a high school five dollars for books which he had taken from the school twenty years ago. These evidences indicate a change of personal character. The dishonest ones had become honest.

PUT EVANGELISM TO THE FRONT

Brother J. L. Rosser, of Selma, two weeks ago, wrote a strong plea to the brotherhood urging that evangelism be given a period of consideration at our state convention and at our associations. The question is a vital one and needs to be brought prominently before our people. No place has been arranged for it on the convention program, which, as usual, is crowded, but we hope some time may be found during the session to hear the brethren on the subject; but should it be crowded out entirely, we are glad to note that it will be cared for in the ministers' meeting on Tuesday night under the following heads: Silent Evangelism, Pastor Evangelists and Waiting for the Evangelist.

LET'S TALK IT OVER.

We wish all of our readers could visit the plant where our paper is printed and see just what a job it is to turn out ten thousand copies of the Alabama Baptist each week. No publisher in Alabama who handles publications has a press large enough to

turn out sixteen pages of the size of the Alabama Baptist at one run, which means that we have a first and second form. Today while we write is Wednesday, June 27, but already the copy for the first form of the paper to come out next Wednesday, July 4th, is in the hands of the printer, and if everything runs according to schedule the first side will be on the press Saturday afternoon. The second or last form goes to press, if on time, at Monday noon, which means that the greater part of the copy has to be in my hands not later than Saturday and that only short and pressing matter can be handled at all that comes to the office on the first mail Monday morning. We have notified our correspondents time and time again along these lines, and yet each week after the paper is off the press we get items from men who ought to know better, requesting that we be sure and get their article in at once. We don't mind their requests, but we don't think they are reasonable when they kick because their article failed to get in a paper that was already in the post-office and on its way to the subscribers. The getting out and handling an issue like that of the Alabama Baptist is no easy matter and takes time. It takes nearly twelve hours after each of the forms have been made ready to run off the ten thousand. The two sides then have to pass through the folder and from the folder to the wrappers and the mailing clerk. It takes about five persons more than half a day to mail the paper. We have many complaints that the paper fails to reach our subscribers on time. If they only knew how each week from Wednesday to Wednesday, hour after hour, we were pushing our publishers and hurrying every one who handles the paper to rush it, they would wonder how we ever get it into the post office on time. It is a weekly struggle and we spend at least two days out of the seven in the printing plant directing and hurrying the work. The man who runs a printing plant has a job that is not to be envied. A press breaks, a machine goes wrong, the electric power gives out, the gas fails and the linotype goes dead, a form is dropped, a car of paper is side tracked, the folder gets cranky (they all do), the mailing list is pled, the foreman takes a vacation, a printer makes a night of it. If not one of these, then it is something worse; but you can always be sure that something will be out of whack. For nearly five years we have been up against the printing proposition. When we owned a plant we were ready to give it away, and when we have been the sport of other publishers we have almost, but not quite, been ready to buy a print shop. The only safe way to overcome the difficulty is to take the advice offered by that very wise man of Texas, Dr. Gambrell, and don't publish a paper at all; but being in the business we expect to continue, provided a few delinquents pay up and the advertising does not give out. Yours for service, FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

P. S.—We hope to be able to get the paper to our readers sooner than heretofore as we have just changed publishers.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The "Gosudarstvennaia Douma" is to be the name of Russia's proposed legislative assembly.

In the 86 "departments" of France there were at the time of the last census 650,000 Protestants.

Under a French law all bets must pay a tax of 1 per cent. The revenue realized from this source last year was almost \$500,000, and it goes to charity.

On pressure from Senator Dubois, of Idaho, the department of justice began proceedings against several Mormons in Arizona on charges of polygamy.

One of the crying needs of education, as Professor John M. Tyler, of Amherst, sees it, is to train men toward power and character rather than toward mere learning.

The Jews introduced the ladies' tailoring industry into England. Now twenty thousand persons are employed in this business in England, doing work that was formerly sent abroad.

John Wanamaker has agreed to present to the Carlton Club, in London, a portrait of President Roosevelt, painted by Sargent, in recognition of his own election to membership in the club.

"Who never ate his bread in sorrow,
Who never spent the midnight hours
Weeping and waiting for the morrow—
He knows you not, ye heavenly powers."

A comparative study of the children in the slums of Leeds, England, has resulted in the interesting conclusion that the Jewish children were greatly superior in all physical respects to the Gentile children.

Personality is everything. John knew this and wrote it down. He said: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The gospels are the effulgence of the Man of Galilee. Great events are such only by the reflected light of great personalities. History is the proper grouping of facts about the lives of these representative men. The epoch crystallizes into the epic when their deeds are significantly sung.

Last winter in New York religious services were held at one of the large hotels for everybody who wished to come, but especially for guests of the hotel who, being strangers in the city, might not otherwise attend a regular Sunday service. The minister who conducted these meetings is Dr. Henry M. Warren. He received notice from almost all the hotel keepers in the city that their houses were at his disposal. The hotel managers bear the expense and musicians have volunteered their assistance.

It has been well said: "God can raise up leaders. He made one of a publican and a greater of a Pharisee. He called Moody from the shop and Kirk and Finney from the law courts. But the power of these great leaders is not purely personal. It finds points of beginning and draws sustaining strength from the intercession of many whose names are little known, or never known at all, except to him who trusts us and rejoices when we call upon him for the help which he himself has promised and provides."

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." This was the Psalmist's eagerness to appear before God. God's house, God's service, God's word, God's people have a strong and glad attraction for the saintly soul. The godly soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. Absence from God's house is a sore privation to a child of God. Voluntary absence from God's house is a sin unknown to the true and devout Christian."

In the United States a nut contemporary tells us, are 350,000 acres of peanut land and 170,000 peanutters. Three hundred million pounds of peanuts, worth \$11,000,000, are produced here every year, and yet people talk of 'peanut' politicians contemptuously. There are whole epic poems in the peanut. It is accomplished, the Admirable Crichton of nuts. Every part of it is useful. It beats peas and corn as a fattener of stock and poultry. It enriches the soil as well as the farmer. Praise, honor and eat the peanut!

During the past few years the saloon has been kicked out of the army, out of the capitol building, out of the congressional library, out of the immigrant stations, out of the navy, out of the National Museum, out of the State Soldiers' homes, and if the amendment to the sundry civil bill goes through, it will have been kicked out of the National Soldiers' homes. That will practically complete the job of excluding the liquor traffic from the buildings and premises of the United States. The next problem along this line will be the more complete enforcement of the same governmental policy.

A careful study of the new statehood prohibition clause in the law admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory shows that more than one-half the new state will be under constitutional prohibition. The statehood prohibition clause prohibits the manufacture, sale, barter, giving away or otherwise furnishing intoxicating liquors except under certain conditions in Indian Territory, Osage Indian reservation and other portions of the state in which were located Indian reservations January 1, 1906. This last clause gives prohibition to the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache lands now open to sale and settlement in southwestern Oklahoma, and also to all allotted lands to which Indian citizens hold title. Oklahoma is everywhere dotted with these allotments. Prohibition will apply to these lands until they have been sold.

Dr. McLaren, of England, says wise words about the missionary spirit: "The missionary spirit is nothing more than the Christian spirit turned into a definite direction; and therefore to attempt to excite the missionary spirit without the deepening of the Christian disposition is all lost labor. I have the profoundest distrust of all attempts to work up Christian emotion or Christian conduct in any single direction apart from the deepening and increase of that which is the foundation of all—a deeper and closer communion with Jesus Christ. By the might of living sympathy with him, and the derivation of his own Spirit within us, we shall have no spasmodic, or galvanized, or partial missionary spirit; but we shall see the world with Christ's eyes, looking beyond all the surface accident down to the deep, central realities of the case."

GOOD SINGING AS A FACTOR IN SOUL WINNING.

By R. S. Gavin.

The Bible has much to say about music. In fact the history of music is nearly as old as the history of man. In Gen. the 4th Chapter, it is written: "And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe." National music, than which there is but little connected with one's earthly experience that is more inspiring, had its origin in the days of Moses, when the Israelites, after having passed through the Red Sea, celebrated their deliverance by singing. Music as a factor in the worship of the sanctuary was brought much into prominence with the introduction of schools for the training of the prophets. In fact, it seems that in those schools, music was a part of the curriculum. David was a musician. He was a matchless composer, as well as an expert performer. And we are told that he had an orchestra for leading the Temple worship, with about 4,000 pieces in it. Josephus, in describing the Temple worship, informs us that Solomon had 200,000 trumpets and 40,000 psalteries and harps, all of which were kept stored in the treasury of the Temple. They made music in the celebration of the return of the Prodigal; and on the night of the institution of the Supper, they went out into the Mount of Olives, after they had sung a hymn; while the imprisoned Paul and Silas were singing songs and praying in the Philippian jail, the prison door was opened, the stocks fell from off their feet, and the shackles from off their hands, and they were delivered. Paul says in his Eph. 5:19: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." And in his Col. 3:16, "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." And John tells us something of what his inspired ear heard on the isle of Patmos, when the veil between this earthly part of life and that part from the grave onward, was rent for a time, so that he beheld the inhabitants of the other world, and listened for a time to the music of the redeemed. When man was made, the Morning Stars sang together; and when his Deliverer came, the heavenly chorus came down to earth, and sang the "Glory Song." If the Bible has so much to say about music; and if music has played such an important part in the religious side of the life of the ages past, then are we not right in inferring that there must be something of special value in good music; and equally right in our claim that good singing is an important factor in soul-winning? Yet, I believe this factor has been neglected by all too many soul-winners in modern times. Song is often more convincing than argument. And the Gospel, when sung, is often a more efficient power in leading men to believe, than is that same Gospel when proclaimed in the form of a sermon. The great revival in Wales is an illustration in point. They sing the Gospel. And when they asked Evan Roberts if he thought they could have a great revival in England, he said: "That depends on whether or not England can sing." Did you ever hear Welchmen sing? They do sing. They sing with "the spirit and the understanding." And the Gospel sung that way always has power in it to bring results. Henry Drummond is authority for this story: On a certain

steamer one man heard another singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul, etc." The listening man at last came up to the singing man and said: "Your voice strikes a very familiar cord in my heart. Were you in the late war?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "To what company did you belong?" "I was a Confederate soldier in a certain company." "Were you at a certain place on a certain night?" "Yes, sir, I was there on sentry duty." The other gentleman replied: "I knew that hymn had a sacred place in my heart, and it was there that I heard it. I was a Union soldier, and I heard you sing that song that night." The Confederate replied: "Yes, I remember singing and I also remember the circumstances which prompted me to sing. I was on sentry duty and I was sick, and something said to me: 'this is your last night.' I tried to pray and thought of my loved ones far away. After a while I felt that I had to sing this song. Something whispered: 'They will hear you and shoot you.' I first started to sing in a whisper; then I had to sing it aloud." "Now," said the other, "listen to my story. There were three other men with me in the wood that night. We had found you before you began to sing. We had our guns leveled, and just as soon as you go up from behind the bushes we were going to fire on you. But then you began to sing; and when you came to that part,

"Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing,
I said: 'Boys, you can't fire on a man whose head is covered with the wing of the Almighty.' I tell you my friends there is that in good music which has the power to touch men's hearts. If I have judged correctly, nearly as much good is being accomplished by Mr. Alexander and his Gospel in song, as by Mr. Torrey and his Gospel in sermon. On one occasion this great Gospel-singer stopped in the midst of the singing of one of the old songs, and said: "Brother tell us what song they were singing when you were converted." One said: "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Another: "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Another: "Only Trust Him." Another: "I Will Arise and go to Jesus." Etc. I plead for singing—congregational, Gospel singing. That's good singing. We need that kind in revival work. And I have no objection to a new song now and then. Don't think we should be afraid of them just because they are new. A solo of the right sort, and rightly sung, is not amiss; but, mind you well, in a revival is not the place to "show off" in song. Brother Pastor, when you plan your meeting, do not forget the singing. Enlist all the talent you can. Have as strong choir as possible. Get someone to direct as your organist plays. Attach as much importance to good singing as a factor in soul-winning as it deserves. Preach a sermon on song. Become an enthusiast for good gospel singing. Sing yourself. Get your people to sing! Sing! Sing!!! "Let everybody sing!"

"LOOK OUT FOR HIM."

A brother writes me that a preacher has struck this state who claims to be from Texas, an Evangelist, fair complexion, clean shaved, and weighs about 200 pounds, thirty or thirty-five years old. It is the second time he has struck Alabama. He has been published in a number of newspapers and the brethren ought to beware of him. He is always in quest of a field and out of money. W. B. C.

Marriage and Celibacy--By W. J. E. Cox

Hebrews 13: 4—"Let marriage be had in honor among all." The Catholic version renders this clause as follows: "Marriage honorable in all."

Marriage was being brought into disrepute by Judaism and Gnosticism and the purpose of the apostle seems to be to counteract that influence. Paul in his first epistle to Timothy mentions "forbidding to marry" as one of the "doctrines of demons" that would be taught in later times "through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies." In our text the apostle is urging the importance of regarding marriage as an honorable state, not to be neglected or despised by the unmarried.

Marriage is the oldest institution in the history of our race. The family antedates the organization of the community, the State or the Church. It was instituted by God in the time of man's innocency, before he had transgressed the law of God and been banished from Paradise. It was given in wisdom and kindness for the benefit of the race. The relation of husband and wife is the closest of earthly relationships. They are no longer twain, but one flesh. Their relationship is compared by the apostle to that between Christ and the Church. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh."

The position of the Roman Catholic church on the subject of marriage is strangely inconsistent. The Council of Trent, at its twenty-fourth session, said: "If any one shall say that matrimony is not truly and properly one of the seven sacraments of the evangelical law, instituted by Christ the Lord; but that it has been invented by man in the Church, and that it does not confer grace, let him be anathema." Observe that it is here clearly taught that marriage is a sacrament and that it confers grace, and those of us who do not believe this are anathematized. And yet that same Council of Trent, at the same session, gave expression to the following language: "If any one shall say that the marriage state is to be preferred before a state of virginity or of celibacy, and that it is not better and more blessed to remain in virginity or in celibacy than to be joined in matrimony, let him be anathema."

Marriage, it is claimed, is a sacrament instituted by Christ the Lord and confers grace, and cursed be he who denies it, and yet he who denies that this state, which confers grace, is to be preferred before a state of virginity or of celibacy is also cursed. Thus it is intimated that there is a contrast between marriage and chastity. It is difficult for one to refrain from the use of very strong terms when referring to the reflection cast on the state of matrimony by the Council of Trent and numerous other Roman Catholic authorities.

Saints, popes, cardinals and councils have represented marriage, which they regard as a sacrament, as an appointment of pollution and degradation. Origen, as quoted by Pittrou, reckoned it as "inconsistent with the presence of the Holy Spirit." Jerome even surpassed Origen in his bitterness against the marriage state. He growled at the very name of matrimony and discharged against it torrents of vituperation and sarcasm. He said that marriage "effeminates the manly mind;" that a man "can not pray unless he refrains from conjugal enjoyments," and that the duty of a husband is "incompatible with the duty of a Christian." Edgar says: "Those who would relish a full banquet may read his precious production against Jovinian."

Pope Siricius, who has been canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, regarded marriage as filthy and characterized married persons "as carnal and incapable of pleasing God." Innocent I adopted his predecessor's

language and sentiment and denounced marriage as a contamination. Belarmine says it is attended with impurity "and carnalizes the whole man, soul and body." Estius says that it "immerses the whole soul in carnality."

If matrimony is as gross as the conception of some Romish authors, it is nevertheless purer than their language, which can not be repeated or even printed in English. Among the earlier writers Basil, perhaps, takes the palm for filthiness. Du Pin, a Roman Catholic writer, says that Basil's treatise on virginity contains "some passages which may offend nice ears." Basil's Benedictine editor confesses that it has a tendency to sully maiden modesty with images of indecency. The learned Edgar truly says: "These saints must have had a practical acquaintance with the subject, to which they have done so much justice in description. Speculation, without practice would never have made them such adepts."

The language of Euphranios, in his eulogy on "Lady Mary," cannot be repeated on account of its indecency and profanity. The same thing is true of a sermon by Bernard on the same topic. And yet these are among those who have discoursed on the impurity, unchastity of the marriage state.

In more modern times Denis has surpassed even those of earlier times in blackguardism. As Edgar says: "His theology, in which contamination lives and breathes, is a treasury of filthiness that can never be surpassed or exhausted." And yet his theology was written for the instruction of young priests who are to live in a state of celibacy.

Even Cardinal Gibbons reflects on the chastity of the married state. He says: "Is it not becoming that a chaste Lord should be served by chaste ministers?" It is here implied, that a married minister is not chaste. Such an implication is an insult to decency. No man need be told that the married minister is in far less danger of unchastity than the unmarried minister, especially if the unmarried minister is surrounded by the temptations of the confessional. Cardinal Gibbons himself says: "It cannot, indeed be denied that at certain epochs of the Church's history, especially in periods of disordered society, there were too many instances of the violation of clerical celibacy." I think I can show you that there are too many instances of the same thing in modern society. Cardinal Gibbons says: "St. Paul declares that a bishop must be sober, just, holy, continent." The word "continent" is not a proper translation of the word used by the apostle; but cannot a married minister be continent? "And writing to Timothy," says the cardinal, "whom he had consecrated Bishop, he says: 'Be thou an example to the faithful . . . in charity, in faith, in chastity.' In another place enumerates chastity among the virtues that should adorn the Christian minister: 'In all things, let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God in much patience . . . in chastity.'" Again, I ask, is it not possible for married ministers to be chaste? Such a perversion of the word of God deserves supreme contempt.

Cardinal Gibbons says: "Of all the gems that adorn the priestly diadem, none is so precious and indispensable in the eyes of the people as the peerless jewel of chastity. Without this pearl, the voice of Hyacinthe becomes as sounding brass and a tinkling symbol; with it the humblest missionary gains the hearts of multitudes." It is true that chastity is a peerless jewel, but to intimate as is here done, that the married minister is unchaste because he is married can be done only by a mind that is itself tainted with impurity. He also says: "The world has hitherto been converted by unmarried clergymen, and only by them

will it continue to be converted." How utterly hopeless then is the condition of the unconverted world.

Notwithstanding his reflection on the chastity of marriage, Cardinal Gibbons says: "The Catholic Church holds that matrimony is not only a lawful state, for those who are called to embrace it, but that it is also a Sacrament, and that the highest degree of holiness is attainable in conjugal life." How utterly contradictory is this of what I have quoted from the same source. How is it possible for an unmarried priest to be more chaste than one who is married when "the highest degree of holiness is attainable in conjugal life?" To say that this is true of those who are not ministers but not true of ministers is to talk nonsense.

Milton in his Paradise Lost, expresses sentiment on the subject of marriage that has the approbation of everyone who has any knowledge or true conception of the married state.

"Whatever hypocrites austere talk Of purity and place, and innocence, Defaming as impure what God declares Pure, and commands to some, leaves free to all.

Our maker bids increase—who bids abstain

But our destroyer, foe to God and man?

Hall, wedded love, mysterious law, true source

Of human offspring, sole propriety, in Paradise, of all things common else."

By these adult'rous Lust was driven from men

Among the bestial herds to range; by thee

Founded in reason, loyal, just and pure,

Relations dear, and all the charities Of father, son, and brother, first were known.

Far be it that I should write thee sin or blame,

Or think thee unbefitting holiest place, Perpetual fountain of domestic sweets,

Whose bed is undefiled and chaste pronounced,

Present or past, as saints and patriarchs used.

Here love his golden shafts employed, here light;

His constant lamp, and waves his purple wings,

Reigns here and reveals."

Several passages of Scripture are referred to by the Roman Catholics in their advocacy of the celibacy of ministers but in no case is the reference to ministers but to mankind in general; but there are passages, as we shall see, that plainly teach the importance of the marriage of ministers in general. Let us notice the passages referred to by the Roman Catholics in support of the celibacy of ministers.

One or two verses from the seventh chapter of I Corinthians, taken from their connection, are quoted. It is clear that the passages referred to have no reference whatever to the ministry, and it is also clear that the general teaching of the chapter is against celibacy. For reasons stated the apostle distinctly says: "Let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband." No one is commanded to marry and no one is forbidden to marry. Each must decide the matter for himself. Paul says: "But I say to the unmarried and to the widows, it is good for them to abide even as I." It was good for those who could do so to remain single because of the trials and persecutions of the times, but he is writing to Christians in general and not to ministers. There is no intimation that those who do not marry are guilty of chastity. On the contrary he advises marriage to prevent unchastity.

It is claimed that Peter after becoming an apostle, discontinued living with his wife. This claim is based

on Peter's statement: "Lo, we have left all and followed thee." It is said that, of course, "all" included his wife, and that our Savior immediately after enumerates the wife among those cherished objects, the renunciation of which, for his sake, will have its rewards." But among the "cherished objects" mentioned the Savior also enumerates brethren, sisters, father, mother and children. By the same sort of reasoning and exegesis, I can prove that a man, in order to be a disciple of Jesus, must hate his parents and his children, indeed, must commit suicide. "If any man cometh unto me, and has not his own father, and mother, and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he can not be my disciple." It is very plain that what the Savior meant was that his disciples should allow nothing to come between him and them, and if their Christian duty demanded it they should renounce their most cherished possessions for his sake. Peter's utterance was simply an expression of his sentiment.

Paul claimed the privilege of taking a wife about with him. In I Corinthians, 9:5 he says: "Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas." The Catholic version has "woman" for "wife" in the passage. Cardinal Gibbons quotes the passage, leaving out the last two clauses—"the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas"—and says that Protestants mistranslate the passage by substituting "wife" for "woman." He says that Paul cannot here refer to his wife since he had none. Certainly this is, to say the least, puerile, for Paul very clearly only claims the right or privilege to have a wife if he so desired, as to the other apostles and brethren of the Lord, and Cephas, who did have wives. The Cardinal thinks the apostle alluding to the pious women who waited on the apostles and ministered to them in their missionary journeys. The New Testament tells us nothing of such women, but the apostle here very clearly tells us that the other apostles did have wives who went about with them and he claimed the same privilege.

Roman Catholics have mistranslated the passage by substituting "woman" for "wife." The context clearly shows that "wife" is meant. The word here translated "wife" certainly means "wife" and is so translated 90 times in the New Testament. The same word is translated in both the Catholic and Protestant versions by the word "wife," in I Timothy, 3:2, where it is said that the bishop must be the "husband of one wife;" also in the twelfth verse where it is said that deacons must be the "husband of one wife;" also in Titus 1:6, where it is again stated that the bishop must be the "husband of one wife."

Cardinal Gibbons quotes Matt. 19:12, "There are eunuchs who have made themselves such for the kingdom of heaven's sake," and adds: "Our Lord evidently recommends here the state of celibacy to such as feel themselves called to embrace it, in order to attain greater perfection." Granting that our Lord here recommends celibacy to those who are able to embrace it, the reference is to men in general and not to ministers. Neither Christ nor the apostles anywhere commands any man or woman to marry or to remain in a state of virginity or celibacy. The nearest thing to a command on the subject is that bishops should marry.

In I Timothy, 3:2ff Paul in enumerating the qualifications of a bishop says: "The bishop, therefore must be . . . the husband of one wife . . . one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." In the twelfth verse he says: "Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and

their own houses well." Among Roman Catholics deacons are an order of the priesthood. The same apostle when enumerating the qualifications of elders or bishops in his letter to Titus says that he left Titus in Crete to "set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly, etc." Whatever may be said about the apostles meaning in these verses it is clear that he contradicts the law of the Roman Catholic Church that ministers must live in a state of celibacy. He clearly teaches that one may be a bishop and still live with his wife and children. In speaking of the necessity of the bishop having his own children in subjection and ruling well his own house, he says: "But if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" Roman Catholicism will not permit one to perform the functions of a priest who has a household of legitimate children, though they have permitted one to perform these functions who had a household of illegitimate children.

In the next chapter of Timothy the apostle speaks of "forbidding to marry" as a doctrine of demons. He seems to be anticipating the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on the subject of celibacy, for he declares it to be a doctrine that would be taught in later times.

It is easy to trace the history of celibacy among the clergy. It is true that at a very early period unscriptural notions about marriage and celibacy prevailed among many Christians, due, no doubt, to the influence of the Jewish Essenes, the Gnostics, Montanists and others. No one claims that celibacy of the clergy is commanded in the Scriptures. It is admitted to be of post-apostolic origin. Jerome, who did more perhaps than any other doctor of the church to impose the law of celibacy, admits that at the beginning there was no absolute injunction to that effect. He apologizes for the admission by arguing that infants must be nourished with milk and not with solid food. During the controversy between Rome and Constantinople, in the middle of the eleventh century, Rome did not hesitate to admit that I Corinthians 9:5, meant that the apostles were married. In the twelfth century Gratian, the most learned canonist of his time, in his "Decretum," which was undertaken at the request of the papal court and which is today the standard of the canon law, frankly admitted that before the adoption of the canon law, marriage was everywhere undisturbed among those in orders, as it continues to be in the Greek Church. St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor, and a distinguished canonist, said that compulsory celibacy was an innovation of the rules of the primitive church. He even admitted, which others have so vigorously denied, that Christ required no separation between Peter and his wife. Other distinguished doctors might be mentioned who unhesitatingly entertained the same views.

In the early centuries the Church was influenced, as I have shown, by the heathenism that surrounded it. Asceticism of the strictest sort was practiced by the heathen and the Church entered into a sort of rivalry with them in this respect. Those who ministered at the heathen altars were required to live in a state of celibacy or virginity. The Church soon began to imitate them in order to gain favor.

The local Spanish council or synod of Elvira, which met in 305, was the first to attempt to imitate the restrictions imposed by the heathen. It declared in a very positive manner that all who were concerned in the ministry of the altar should remain away from their wives under penalty of forfeiting their positions. Having knowl-

edge of the scandals of the Agapetae, or female companions of the clergy, it endeavored to put an end to it. It decreed that no ecclesiastic should permit a woman to live with him; that is, to have a housekeeper, unless she were a sister or a daughter, and even then only those who were bound by a vow of virginity. The Agapetae continued, however, and became more and more shamelessly displayed. The council of Ancyra, in 314, denounced it in terms implying its public recognition. At the close of the century Jerome denounces it, showing that it was still a corroding cancer in the purity of the church.

The council of Nicaea met in 325, and the only utterance of that first general council on the subject is as follows: "The Great Synod has strictly forbidden a bishop, priest or deacon, and to every ecclesiastic, to have a 'subintroductam mulierem,' unless perhaps a mother, a sister, an aunt, or such person only as may be above suspicion." It is claimed that this enforced celibacy on all admitted to orders. But as wives are not among those exempted from the prohibition of residence, it is thought by some, and not without good reason, that it was not intended to put an end to the disorders and scandals arising from the improper female companions of the unmarried clergy. The Latin phrase used is almost invariably used in an unfavorable sense.

As an evidence of the correctness of this interpretation of the canon of the Council of Nicaea, St. Athanasius, whose orthodoxy would not be questioned by Roman Catholics, and who first attracted attention by his commanding abilities at the Council of Nicaea, said, in a letter to an Egyptian monk who hesitated to accept an episcopate lest his duties should prove incompatible with his vows: "Many bishops have not contracted matrimony, while on the other hand, monks have become fathers. Again, we see bishops who have children and monks who take no thought of having posterity." It is clear from this that no law had as yet been made to control individual actions in such matters.

The first bishop of Rome, who made a vigorous effort to enforce celibacy among the clergy was Siricius, in 385. He seems to have been appealed to by Himerius, Archbishop of Tarragona, Spain, who informed him that bishops were obstinate in their determination to live with their wives. Siricius demanded that bishops, priests and deacons should live in celibacy, forsaking their wives, if they were married. He threatened them with expulsion if they offered resistance and promised pardon to those who had offended through ignorance. The prohibition, however, was disregarded and bishops continued to live with their wives and others married.

But more and more ecclesiastics came under the increasing power of the oppressive hierarchy that was gradually developing. In the fifth century subdeacons were forbidden to marry. The question of celibacy was one of constant struggle for centuries. Repeated attempts at resistance were unsuccessful. Lea says: "Sacerdotalism triumphed, and the rule which forbade those in orders and separated husband and wife, when the former were promoted to the ministry of the altar, became irrevocably incorporated in the canon law." (History of Sacerdotal Celibacy.)

Celibacy did not increase the purity of the church, as perhaps those who first advocated it expected it would. It increased the corruption already existing. Subterfuges were adopted to evade the rule and to escape detection. Lea says that the effort against impurity among the clergy was an endless one. "In fact," says he, "of the numerous councils whose canons have reached us, held in Gaul and Spain, during the centuries which intervened until the invasion of the Saracens and the decrepitude of the Merovingian dynasty caused their discontinuance, there is scarcely one that did not feel

the necessity of legislating on this delicate matter."

And the celibacy of the clergy has been the cause of corruption all through the centuries as might be expected. The same thing is true today, however much the Roman Catholic Church may deny or denounce the statement. It is not necessary to furnish proof, though it is at hand—it is a self-evident fact.

The most fearful arraignment of Roman Catholicism which I have seen in some time, and I have read much on the subject, is found in the little volume, "The Double Doctrine of the Church of Rome," by Baroness Von Zedtwitz. The language is not bitter, but it is most convincing. The Baroness was formerly Miss Caldwell, of Louisville, Ky. A few years ago she gave a large sum of money for founding the Catholic university at Washington, D. C. She was reared a Roman Catholic. She says: "In childhood and early girlhood, without palliating the unchristian conduct of nearly all the prelates with whom I came in contact, I never ceased to hope and believe that when womanhood had ripened my judgment, the apparent inconsistencies would be fully explained and the truth become evident to me. To this period of enlightenment I confidently looked forward." But she was doomed to disappointment.

Her position and wealth brought her "into near touch with not only the secret and inner workings of the Roman Church, but also with the doctrines by which it is governed." She found herself at last an admitted member in church politics, and at the source and heart of Esoteric Catholicism. She says: "God's glory and Christ's teachings were then but the armor and shield to hide the real pretensions of the Vatican; and the papacy, with all its promises, impulses and tolerances, is the rallying word with which the fainthearted Romanist is won back to service." She found two distinct systems taught at the fountain head of Romanism, one for the people and the lower clergy demanding purity and morality, the other a system of duplicity and practical infidelity by which the higher clergy are governed.

On the subject of the celibacy of the clergy the baroness makes the following sensible remarks: "It will scarcely be maintained by the most partisan Roman Catholic that the obligations placed on the priesthood are never violated. It would be preposterous to assume, even lacking positive proof to the contrary—which, however, is abundant—that all members of the Roman clergy and hierarchy lead that life of continency and purity which should be the underlying spirit of their celibate law. In its very nature of denial it can be applied only to a restricted class of men who have, through a highly developed spirituality, reached that level where they can begin to realize the possibilities of super-man."

"Without any regard to these psychological types, the church imposes on all its clergy alike a law beyond the power of universal observance unless accepted in its broadest interpretation. The unlettered peasant priest of the French provinces, the Italian contadino who, before his ordination in his boyhood and youth, has tilled the land and been deprived of any but an instruction of the most elementary kind; the Aztec barbarian of the Mexican church, with primitive instincts and uncurbed animal passions, can no more understand the lofty meaning of a strict celibate vow than he can perceive the mysticism and transcendentalism which the Roman Catholic dogma contains.

"It seems quite evident that the Church has no intention of interpreting this law so strictly in its general application, since the vows of cloisters and the special code governing Regulars include, besides the vow of celibacy, the supplementary vow of chastity, which would naturally be wholly unnecessary, did the already

existing vow of celibacy sufficiently express the denial they volunteer to observe.

"The disciplinary punishment applied to trespassers has regard, therefore, solely to the violation of the letter and is broad and lax. On all points of conduct the clergy are reprimanded in proportion to the scandal which they have caused, and not at all for the act per se."

I believe that the statements made by the baroness are incontrovertible. Missionaries in Mexico have told me that it is a common thing for a priest to have a family and his children are known as his nieces and nephews. All of us have heard from reliable sources of the dreadful condition of morals in Cuba under Roman Catholic rule, and of the dreadful immorality among the clergy of the Philippine islands. During the past week a Cuban missionary told me that it was common in Cuba for priests to have families, and that the mayor of his town was the recognized son of a Roman Catholic priest.

Only a year or two ago Father Jeremiah J. Crowley, of Chicago, created quite a sensation by the charges he brought against the parochial schools and numerous priests of the Roman Catholic Church. He was asked to retract his charges, and he replied that he would do so if he was given a chance to prove them and failed. I have read the second edition of his book, "The Parochial School, A Curse to the Church, A Menace to the Nation." When it was published he was still a Roman Catholic priest, authorized to celebrate mass. He was excommunicated by Cardinal Martinelli, apostolical delegate, but he was reinstated within two months by Bishop Scannell, of Omaha, representing Cardinal Martinelli. The ban was removed without any apology being made by Father Crowley. He had appealed to the pope when the second edition of his book was published, and he publishes his letter to the pope. He says he is a Catholic and expects to die a Catholic, and that his purpose is to save the Church in America from destruction. Any charge which I may have brought against the Roman Catholic Church in these discourses is mild as compared with Father Crowley's arraignment of that Church.

Pius IX was the immediate predecessor of Leo XIII. Father Crowley says: "Cardinal Antonelli was secretary of state for Pius IX. When he was dying he refused the sacraments, saying that he never believed in their efficacy. He said he had served the pope faithfully in his official capacity, but that he did not believe in the spiritual powers claimed by the Church.

"After his death his wife and children came forward and claimed his estate and got it."

Father Crowley's charges of gross immorality against 28 priests, who, he says, are selected at random from hundreds he has listed, can not be read in a discourse before a mixed audience. I will give you the first case he mentions, which is one of the milder cases. It is as follows: "In the autumn of 1903 a priest of international repute disappeared. He had robbed his parish and archdiocese of about \$750,000, and this largely through forging the name of his archbishop.

"Why is he not prosecuted? Why is he not punished in conformity with the canons of the Church? Is it possible that he knows some startling things which his archbishop fears he might reveal to the world? Can it be that even now he is drawing hush money from his archbishop?"

"October 16, 1901, he offered me \$50,000 to induce me not to expose his dual life in any forthcoming book. I said to him then: 'If you dare to make me that offer again I will take you by the nape of the neck to the police station.' At that time he was living in adultery with a married woman whom he had estranged from her husband and established in a palatial home.

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(All contributions to this page should be sent to Mrs. D. M. Malone.)

FIRST ON THE ROLL OF HONOR.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Union Springs is ahead of all in contributions to state missions, having sent the treasurer \$82. Isn't that glorious? Who will be second, or who can surpass this gift?

MONTHLY MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

Do not send to the Central Committee for this. The mission rooms, 233 North Howard street, Baltimore, Md., are ready to supply societies for the same price as formerly, 8 cents a quarter.

MISS WILLIE KELLY'S HELPERS.

Miss Sallie Priest, of Henderson, Ky., who is going with Dr. Ayers this fall to China to be Miss Kelly's helper, has promised to be with us at the State convention in Talladega. All those who are anxious to send by her little tokens of love to Miss Willie either bring them to the convention or send them to me before the convention.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake, must have all reports from all the societies by July 8th.

April Quarterly Report.

This report has not appeared yet, but will be on this page next week.

AT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Alabamians looked with pride on the large map of the Foreign Mission Board receipts that hung on the wall of the great auditorium showing Alabama as third in the list of states, and Alabama's increase of gifts over the past year led all the other states.

In 1889, when the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, was organized, cash and box contributions amounted to over \$30,000. In 1906 to something over \$150,000. The grand total for the eighteen years' work is over one million dollars.

The foreign board asks them to raise not less than \$75,000 for the coming year, and the Home Board requests them to make a substantial advance in their gifts, asking for \$60,000. The Sunday School board also asks their co-operation in its lines of work.

These three boards appreciate the noble, consecrated efforts of the Woman's Missionary Union and extend sin-

cere thanks for their valuable work during the past year.

Twenty-eight young men and women offered themselves as missionaries, but with a debt of \$20,000 the board is unable to meet additional expense.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Never be satisfied until you have attended a Southern Baptist convention.

Why should our women not attend? when "there is a woman at the beginning of all great things."

Following are only a few of the good things enjoyed in Chattanooga:

A hand-clasp and a word with our missionaries, Miss Buhlmaier, of Baltimore, and Miss Hanson, of Oklahoma are the brightest spirits I have ever seen.

A sweet solo, "Saved by Grace," rendered by Miss McConnell, the charming daughter of Dr. F. C. McConnell.

A lovely reception, said to be the most elaborate ever tendered the Woman's Missionary Union.

Dr. Truett's sermon, "Willing Service," on Sunday morning. This service of only an hour's duration, was the greatest church service I ever attended.

Dr. McConnell's sermon Sunday evening on the "Divinity of Christ," carried you into another atmosphere.

Discussion of "Evangelism" at an afternoon session was conceded by many to be the greatest service in the history of the convention.

Stirring addresses throughout this great convention were made by Drs. Gambrell, Pickard, Broughton and many others.

Baron Waldemar Uxkull and the baroness, his wife, members of Russian royalty, and also sound in the Baptist faith, received cordial welcome from the convention.

A number of short talks were made by the missionaries. At the close of Mrs. Willingham's speech the vast audience rose as one man and joined Dr. Willingham in singing the coronation anthem.

The consecrated women missionaries were presented to the convention and received a most beautiful greeting as those numberless thousands stood amid Old Glory's colors with a simultaneous wave of many thousands of white handkerchiefs.

Dr. Hawthorne preached at the auditorium on Sunday morning. The service was reported as very touching, for owing to his feeble health, many thought it would perhaps be his last sermon before the convention.

The meeting with former pastors was especially pleasant. Drs. Foster and Hubbard, Rev. Bradley, Tallaferrero; also E. M. Stewart, whom our Church feels special interest in.

Added to all this was a stroll through Chickamauga's battlefield, sacred with the blood of heroes, covering almost seven thousand acres of ground; then a delightful drive around the field to gaze upon the thick clustering of magnificent monuments. If I was an idolator, methinks I should bow down to such imposing structures as these. Then through the stone gateway, which leads into the National cemetery, where nature and art combine in the beauty of a resting place for over thirteen thousand soldiers. Then a trip to Missionary Ridge and a climb on Observation Tower. Then nearly five thousand feet up Lookout Mountain Incline, where the "Battle above the Clouds" was fought, where points in seven states are within range of vision when the day is absolutely clear, and where you can get the best view of the land-

scape below—the famous Moccasin Bend and other windings of the beautiful Tennessee.

MISS KATE McMULLAN.
Greenville, Ala.

Ensley, Ala., June 15, 1906.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Ensley Baptist church held its regular meeting June 4. We had the pleasure of having with us at this meeting Mrs. J. W. Vesey, vice president of central committee.

After all regular business had been attended to Mrs. Vesey gave us a very glowing description of the convention. Her report was greatly enjoyed by all present, but especially by those who were not at the convention. We hope to have the pleasure of having Mrs. Vesey with us again.

Motion was made and carried by the society to send all money from henceforth to our state treasurer, Mrs. N. A. Barrett. The society had been advised of the inconvenience to several of the officers by not sending the money this way, therefore decided to make this change.

MRS. NAT G. CLARK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the State Convention to Be Held in Talladega, July 17, 1906.

Hour, 2 p. m.
Devotional exercises.
Appointment of Enrollment Committee.

Address of welcome.
Response.

Recognition of visitors.
Report of Enrollment Committee.
Year's Work:

Report of Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of State Organizer.

Report of Sunbeam Leader.
The Orphanage.
Appointment of committees on Memorial, Appointment, Resolutions, Nominations.

Collection.
Prayer.

Morning Session, 9:30, July 18th.
Praise service, Miss Sallie Priest.
Missionary Circle:

1st Segment—The Importance of Studying the Field—"The World is the Field."

2nd Segment. The three weeks of prayer.

3d Segment. Collect systematically.
4th Segment. Meeting the apportionment of State and association.

5th Segment. Duties of associational vice presidents.

6th Segment. Expense fund of associational vice presidents.

7th Segment. Young Woman's Work.

8th Segment. Sunbeam Work.
9th Segment. Margaret Home.

10th Segment. Louisville Home.
11th Segment. Our Literature.
12th Segment. Pray without ceasing.

Debate: "Resolved, That the need for the Italian compound is greater than the need for the chapel at Colton."

Pledges for the compound and chapel.
Dismissal.

Afternoon Session—2:30.
Devotional exercises.
Conference of vice presidents.
Library fund of Howard College Co-operative Association.

Pledges for Library Fund.
Report of Committees.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

"He was an ardent champion of the parochial school and a fierce denouncer of the American policy in the Philippines. He was the principal of a parochial school which had 21 nuns and 750 pupils.

"His influence was eagerly sought by politicians, and he was once urged to run for congress. Since he has become a fugitive he has been teaching in a Catholic college, and has been giving missions, under an assumed name, to convert Protestants."

Included in the charges which Father Crowley brings against numerous American priests are found profanity, blasphemy of the worst sort, gambling, drunkenness, adultery, seduction, sodomy, even rape. It is a heartrending story which he tells us. And yet the Roman Catholic Church, as I have shown you from a decree of the Council of Trent, declares that these men, vile as they are, are specially authorized by God to convert bread and wine into the "flesh and blood," "nerves and sinews," "soul and divinity" of the Son of God, and forgive the sins of those who humbly bow before them and confess their sins. I sincerely hope that good Catholics will have their eyes opened by the revelations of Father Crowley, and that he may prove to be another Martin Luther. I also earnestly hope that Protestants may be moved to see, what Father Crowley states, that our public school system and even our American Republic, is in danger from the machinations of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

BRO. GAVIN'S ADDRESS.

Brothers will address me at Sylacauga, Ala., until the meeting of the state convention. I am with Bro. Bentley in his meetings. Am holding up under the work as well as ever in my former work. In fact, I have every reason to believe that I have entirely recovered. I will hold some more meetings at intervals through the Summer, until I locate as pastor. I am sure I will be understood in the matter by the brethren where I cancelled engagements for meetings some time ago. At that time I was afraid that when I laid my brace aside I would not be able to do much work for some time. But my trouble has proven to be not so serious as I then feared it was. Am glad to announce that I am in splendid trim for service.

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"THE USE OF ERROR."

By S. E. Jones.

I have just finished reading Dr. Dickinson's article on the "Use of Error." It seems he comes dangerously near apologizing for error, and especially for Dr. Foster's errors. Because tares are found in wheat, error will always be found mixed with truth. It seems to be inevitable. One would almost conclude from his contribution that Dr. Dickinson is rejoiced at the opportunity to read critically such a book as Dr. Foster has produced. That Dr. Foster deserves the thanks of Christendom for his book just at this time. If his critics understood Foster's book as well as he (Dickinson), there would not be such ado any way. What a pity Dr. Carroll, of Waco, Tex., has not the critical acumen of Dr. Dickinson! He read the book very thoroughly and found nothing to commend in it, either in whole or part, for the book must be looked at from the standpoint of its author's purpose in writing it, and how far he succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. There seems to be a liberal tendency to breadth on the part of some of our Baptist brethren, in doctrinal views, or rather to ignore doctrine as it used to be taught by the fathers, and as it is plainly set out in the New Testament. There is the least sort of piety in men who insist on believing in Jesus and yet making Him out a mere man and his miracles fraudulent.

Brother Barnett, the editor of this paper, made a happy hit when he printed the following:

"We admired Mr. Spurgeon because of his convictions, his courage and his loyalty to the Bible. He fought well and said things strongly and sharply. It is better to be criticised for strength than for weakness, for sharpness rather than for dullness. He said: 'When a man gets to cutting down sin, paring down depravity and making little of future punishment, let him no longer preach to you. Some modern divines whittle away the gospel to the small end of nothing. They make our divine Lord to be a sort of blessed nobody; they bring down salvation to mere savability, make certainties into probabilities, and treat verities as mere opinions. When you see a preacher making the gospel small by degrees and miserably less, till there is not enough of it left to make soup for a sick grasshopper, get you gone.'"

Mr. Spurgeon is talking in the above about a modern heretic like Mr. Foster and his sympathizers.

One writer once said he did not care what Bob Ingersol said about Moses, but he would give a good deal to hear what Moses had to say about Bob. The Bible has a great deal to say about modern heretics who are lineally descended from as far back as the "father of lies." "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ." But to try to establish that Jesus is only a man, the highest evolution of the human race, denies that Jesus is the Christ. Dr. Crapsey was recently tried for the following utterance (and may I ask if it is not in keeping with Mr. Foster's book?): "When we come to know Jesus in his historical relations, we see that a miracle is not a help—it is a hindrance to an intelligent comprehension of his person, his character and his mission. We are not alarmed, we are relieved, when scientific history proves to us that the fact of his miraculous birth was unknown to himself, unknown to his mother and unknown to the whole Christian community of the first generation." Here is

not only a positive denial of the divinity of Jesus, but that the New Testament is fraudulent history when looked at through scientific (?) spectacles.

Now, speaking for myself, I have a great deal more respect for an out-and-out spoken infidel than for one who masquerades as one in Christ's name.

And yet we are asked virtually to enrich our preaching out of such utterances as the above, or if not, out of such blasphemy, some rich things which are put in alongside such rot. Ministers of Christ going to Drs. Crapsey and Foster for riches to hand out to the people! I am utterly astonished at such talk coming from the source it does.

Hear Dr. Dickinson: "I shall be disappointed if the view of Christianity presented in that book (Dr. Foster's) does not greatly enrich our preaching and increase its power in the near future, and that in spite of serious errors in this discussion."

I infer Dr. Dickinson has been enriching the spiritual life of his people out of Dr. Foster's book. Now, Dr. Dickinson wields a facile pen. Would it not be a good thing for the readers of the Alabama Baptist to be enriched too, on this richness? This richness, I presume, has not heretofore been available, or at least was not discovered until Dr. Foster found it by some scientific method—the historico-scientific method. We beg the good doctor to give us an article on the good things of Dr. Foster's book, putting dagger marks where he leaves out "the serious errors" by way of warning to us.

In second Epistle of John we have some wholesome advice: I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth (not truth and tares), even as we received commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love that we should walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, even as you have heard from the beginning that ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, even they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the anti-Christ. Look to yourselves that ye lose not the things which we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. Whoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ hath not God; he that abideth in the teaching hath both the Father and the Son. If any one cometh unto you and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting, for he that giveth him greeting partaketh of his evil works.—Rev. 4-11.

If John's advice amounts to anything, it is this: propagators of error are not to be encouraged, but to be discountenanced. Dr. Foster's book, judged by the most competent critics, is bad and its influence is for evil. Shall a book be drawn from and spoken favorably of because it contains a few paragraphs that are unobjectionable? For the same reason the theater might be patronized by preachers and commended to their people because there are a few plays that are good. Dr. A. C. Dixon, in an able sermon, proves that theaters as a whole are bad in their influence and should not be patronized. The teaching of Dr. Foster's book in its fundamental propositions is wholly corrupt, and

any good thing he may say does not balance the false theories he enunciates and tries to establish.

I have no doubt Dr. Dickinson is perfectly honest in his views and he says some good things in his article, but his discussion, it seems to me, tends to stimulate and encourage such writers as Dr. Foster. He greets him and finds honey in his words, bids him God-speed.

DR. DICKINSON'S REPLY.

The Editor is kind enough to submit to me the above article on Dr. Foster and myself that any defense I may wish to make may appear at the same time. But I suppose the brethren who read the Alabama Baptist know me well enough not to be imposed upon by such a trade. I have only to add that the author of this article manifestly has not read Dr. Foster's book as there is not a single representation in it which is even remotely analogous to the positions taken in the book. His effort to prove us as enemies of the faith will of course prove futile, if my life in the service of my brethren these years has been to any purpose. Any further answer for which this paper would call is given in an article already communicated, and I presume will appear elsewhere in this issue. It is not my desire to be diverted from more serious purposes had in view in this discussion by this brother rushing in for a hand to hand encounter with me. I have no doubt of his superior pugilistic powers, nor do I regret my own lack of them. I therefore respectfully refer the reader to my article printed elsewhere in this issue; and humbly apologize for speaking in public where such august personages as Dr. Jones are listening and ready to pronounce final judgment. I trust I may be forgiven the presumption of daring to think of myself when they are around.—A. J. Dickinson.

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Note: Since the above was prepared for publication it has been definitely arranged for Pastor Evangelist Joshua Grasett, of Colorado, to be with us. Let the brethren remember that this is to be an evangelistic conference; the keynote will be soul winning; hence, every pastor, pastor-evangelist, evangelist, Sunday school teacher and B. Y. P. U. worker who can possibly do so should arrange to be at this great gathering.

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Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Walter J. Patrick; therefore, be it

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Second, That his was a noble Christian life and that his example as an earnest, cheerful, faithful worker is one worthy of our most sincere emulation.

Third, That personally and as a Sunday school we will fondly treasure the memory of our departed brother and that his beautiful, consecrated life will remain with us and be an incentive to worthier deeds and to nobler Christian lives.

Fourth, That we tender his sorrowing relatives assurance of our heartfelt sympathy.

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Alabama Baptist State Convention,
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Wednesday Morning.

- 9:00. Prayer service: "Workers together with God," by A. G. Spinks.
9:30. Enrollment of delegates.
Election of officers.
9:45. Report of Program Committee by Wm. A. Davis.
9:50. Reception of visitors.
9:55. Introduction of new pastors.
10:00. Welcome address by W. B. Castleberry.
10:10. Reply by president's appointee.
10:15. Reading of reports:
1. State Board of Missions.
2. Board of Ministerial Education.
3. Howard College Trustees.
4. Treasurer of Howard College Endowment Fund.
5. Treasurer of Convention.
11:00. Convention sermon by W. M. Blackwelder; alternate, J. M. Shelburn.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 2:30. Prayer service by F. J. Ingram.
2:45. Reading of reports:
1. Judson College Trustees.
2. Scottsboro Institute Trustees.
3. Healing Springs Institute Trustees.
4. Orphans' Home Trustees.
5. Board of Directors.
6. Statistical Secretary.
3:25. Appointment of committees to report at this session.
3:30. Discussion of State Missions:
1. Generally—W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary.
2. Missions in My Section, by C. T. Culpepper, N. Baker, C. W. O'Hara, G. W. Gibson and others.

Wednesday Night.

- 8:00. Foreign Missions—Report by J. J. Hagood.
Discussed by Board's Representative and others.
Thursday Morning.
8:30. Prayer service: "Prayer for our Schools," by A. N. Reeves.
9:00. Miscellaneous Business.
9:30. The Religious Press—Discussed by Frank Willis Barnett and other representatives of publishing interests.
9:45. Howard College, by A. P. Montague and others.
11:00. Ministerial Education.
Howard College, by J. A. Hendricks and others.
Theological Seminary, by its representative and others.

Thursday Afternoon.

- 2:30. Prayer service by J. P. Hunter.
2:45. Reports of Committees.
1. Time, Place and Preacher.
2. Nominations.
3. Co-operative, by W. A. Tallafiero.
4. Memorials, by Frank W. Barnett.
5. Summer School, by J. M. Shelburn.
3:30. Judson College, by R. G. Patrick and others.
4:30. Scottsboro Institute, by W. T. Davis and others.
Healing Springs Institute, by T. E. Tucker and others.

Thursday Night.

- 8:00. Home Missions—Report by B. S. Ralley.
Discussed by Board's representative and others.

Friday Morning.

- 8:30. Prayer service: "Prayer for Increase of Laborers," by J. Allen Smith.

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9:00. Miscellaneous Business. Reports of Special Committees. 9:30. Orphans' Home, by John W. Stewart and others.

10:30. Temperance—Report by W. J. D. Upshaw. Discussed by J. D. Norman and others.

11:15. Sunday Schools—Report by Walter S. Brown. Discussed by representatives of Sunday School Board and others.

Friday Afternoon. 2:30. Prayer service by W. A. Parker, Jr.

2:45. Announcement of standing committees to report next session.

2:50. Young People's Work—Report by P. M. McNeill. Discussed by J. R. Magill and others.

3:30. Woman's Work—Report by J. M. Shelburn. Discussed by W. D. Hubbard and others.

4:15. Miscellaneous Business. Friday Night. 8:00. Sermon by P. V. Bomar.

9:30. Final adjournment. W. A. DAVIS, Sec. of Com.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

Ministers' Meeting July 17, 1906. Tuesday, 3 p. m.—Devotional exercises, J. R. Wells.

3:15 p. m. Ministerial Courtesy.—I. N. Langston, J. V. Dickinson.

4:30. What Constitutes Proper Regard on the part of the churches for the Direction of the Holy Spirit in Calling Pastors and in Continuing or Discontinuing Pastoral Relations.—W. R. Whitley, L. O. Dawson.

8 p. m. Devotional exercises.—W. S. Griffin.

8:15 p. m. Evangelism. Silent Evangelism.—A. C. Davidson. Pastor Evangelists.—A. S. Smith.

Waiting for the Evangelist.—E. M. Stewart.

It is suggested that the speakers appointed be allowed 20 minutes each. Others five minutes. If any one appointed can not be present, please notify one member of the committee at once.

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SACRED SWEARING.

A new style of polemics has arisen in our day among Christian disputants and it is very prolific in the disputations now going on about Dr. Foster's book. This type of controversy substitutes for the discussion of the question at issue the "cussing" of the opposing disputants. Its devotees are gifted in the art of sacred swearing at their brethren, beyond even the talent of his holiness who has hitherto largely monopolized the privilege of the Anathema. The introduction of this new art of religious refutation among Baptists will call for a revision of our logic, or it may fall in being conclusive in our disputations. It is a species of physical prize fighting in which there seems to be no rules as to how or where one shall strike his antagonist. It is rough, roll and tumble, and he who can curse longest and loudest carries off the honors amid the applause of his witnessing brethren. The wholesome effect of this new ecclesiastical game is to be seen in the large number of pugilists we are producing in our sacred Ring. It has many decided advantages over the old method of ecclesiastical polemics, as it does not require the contestants to acquaint themselves with the facts and propositions at issue, nor to be restrained thereby. Indeed the less one knows about the matters at issue, the less he is hampered in his liberty of movement.

It is not against the rules to misrepresent the antagonist, as he is the embodiment of all evil anyway. The only rules are that you shall be angry with your brother, call him Raca and Fool, and seize him in his vitals and destroy his offensive and profane personality; for God in Jesus Christ cares nothing for his children, but only for the doctrines as the ecclesiastical pugilist has conceived, or misconceived them, as the case may be.

Among Baptists it is not surprising that this ecclesiastical pugilism arms itself with expletives and epithets coined out of the words of Holy Scriptures deceitfully perverted out of the meaning and content given those words by the inspired writers. Baptists have ever made the Scripture their rule of faith and practice even in the prize-ring, and if the words of Scripture do not have in the sacred context the meaning sought, they are skilled enough to twist them into the desired form. And those words have equal authority whether used with the force and meaning given them by the inspired writers, or with some other. You know, of course, that it is the words that are inspired, not the divine mind and purpose that gave them place in the Book of God. If one may only curse in Scripture verbiage, it is biblical swearing against which there is no law. The more Scripture words one may quote, and the more he may pervert them into anathematical ends, the greater is his controversial powers and the more valuable he is in the Denominational prize-ring. If Shimei, who came and cursed as he went and threw stones, lived today he would be a model in the art, and we would all join the King in seeing in him the divinely appointed curser and stone-thrower; and say "Let him curse; perhaps God hath bidden him curse, and will requite good for this day's evil." (I beg pardon, for this is almost as unwarranted use of the Scripture as that against which I am protesting. But let it stand without defense, as it will show the ecclesiastical sports that two

might play at the game, if neither were above it.)

There are serious objections to this introduction of the ring among our denominational institutions. 1. It will prove a serious disturbance of the denominational fellowship, which is so necessary to a healthy life among us as individual Christians and as a body of Christ. How sayest thou of thy brother, "Begone, I have neither respect nor need of thee." Is he not thy brother for whom Christ died? How then treatest thou him as of no worth and settest him at naught? He is with thee a member of thy Lord's body, and can one member suffer and not the whole body suffer with it? Let the polemical sports have regard to the obligations of fellowship in the body of Christ. If thy brother be overtaken in a fault, go seize him by the vitals and brand him as a heretic and curse him and throw stones at him; for consider not thyself, for thou art possessed of all truth, and all that thou in thy mind possesseth is truth or thou wouldst not possess it. This seems to be the revised version of the discipline as practiced by these Denominationalist champions of the faith on which they hold the exclusive right of pronouncement. They hold as given to them exclusively the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; and cursed be he who dares to propose any other as the truth of God without first putting their brand on it.

2. To them which are without this kind of polemics proves nothing except that these brethren have more faith in their own uninformed infallibility than their attainments or investigations seems to warrant. It proves absolutely nothing to any one else than themselves, and they do not need any proof. My brethren, do we not injure the progress of Christianity by this swearing back and forth at each other our little differences of how we get hold of Jesus? Would we not do better if we devoted our energies to the discussion of the problems involved and not to the destruction of personal rights and fellowship of our brethren who do not see things as we do? These problems must be solved for the good of our Lord's kingdom, and can not be solved by the vindictive use of the anathema. If you have anything to contribute to their solution, do so and let others have the same privilege; there is no danger of either gaining credence unless it be established as true. But the only way to establish it is by reason, not by wrath.

3. This assigning of the good motives of brethren to evil agencies is of a kind with that "eternal" sin against which our Lord warned the Pharisees of old, who charged him with casting out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. To wantonly impute to Dr. Foster the motives of Bob Ingersoll is to do a thing which is the same as that done by these Pharisees, only in a less degree. Jesus taught that anger, the opprobrious epithet and contemptuous expletive was a violation of the law of murder. When you single out a brother and make contemptuous speech of him, it is time to stop and consider your Lord's words. I am persuaded that this is a besetting sin among us we ought to eradicate.

4. It deprecates the standard of Christian life, so that many ask "Can one be a good Christian and a good Denominationalist, and at the same time be a gentleman?" Behold, how these Christians love each other when they treat each other in a way that the world condemns. The outside

world does not know that you do not mean all you say of your brother. Dr. Foster has rights as a fellow Christian whom Christ has received, and we are none the better for depriving him of them wantonly to serve a polemical purpose by a species of questionable tactics. Let his person be sacred as redeemed by the Lord and received by him; and let us get down to the merits of his book and see if he has not cleared up several things for us.

Now, the purpose of Dr. Foster in writing that book was to show that this very thing was not of the Christianity our Lord instituted. He shows that the Christian religion is one of persons and not of things, of liberty, and not of external authority; and what is more, he shows it. As I have said before I say again, if our brethren will read this book and learn this lesson which our Lord taught, it will greatly enrich their preaching of the Gospel of God and improve the healthfulness of religious life both in the individual and in the Denominational organism. It is a religion of fellowship with the Father, and with the Son, and with those who have been received by Him. So much is it a religion of fellowship that if thou hast thy gift at the altar and rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift and first go and be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift. In the New Testament faith is always spoken of as a personal relation with God and with his people. This view of Christianity is fraught with good, and only good, to him who heeds it.

A. J. DICKINSON.

LIQUOR MEN MEET.

I herewith inclose a clipping which I wish you would publish with this comment:

Louisville, Ky., June 5.—The National Liquor Dealers' Association, which opened its annual convention today, issued an address to the people of the United States in which the belief of its members in temperance is expressed, obedience to the law is endorsed; the work of the various temperance societies is commended and the statement is made that intoxication should be considered a crime. The address says in part:

"From time to time during the past seventy-five years waves of public sentiment antagonistic to the sale of alcoholic beverages have passed over this country, leaving in their train state, county and municipal legislation of a more or less drastic character—legislation entirely out of sympathy with the spirit of American institutions—legislation that would be bound to fail of its purpose practically in every instance—and this because the sentiment that compelled it was a sentiment engendered by agitation and totally unripe for its endorsement. Experience has shown that when a man votes for prohibition it is invariably for the benefit of others and not for himself, for no man seems to really believe that society can or wishes to live more wisely than he can order it, and all prohibitory laws, be they passed by the people of Maine, Kansas or Iowa, have in each and every case become dead letters on the statute books, demoralizing to order, destructive of revenue and at war with common sense and good citizenship.

"The white ribbon movement, the blue ribbon movement, the prohibition movement and the anti-saloon league movement were, or are, protests on the part of the good men and women against two of the greatest evils con-

nected with our civilization—drunkenness and to those saloons which are conducted in a disreputable manner or else in such a way as to demoralize rather than to elevate those who patronize them—and we, the delegates to this convention of the wine and spirit trade, desire to express our entire sympathy with the efforts that have been put forth to exterminate the evils and our willingness to lend co-operation and assistance.

"We believe that wines and spirits are blessings per se intended by an all-wise Providence to bring health and happiness to mankind.

"We believe that the legitimate manufacture and sale of wines and spirits is an honorable trade and one that should be respected by society and by the laws.

"We believe that the saloon and cafe can and should be so conducted that men would not hesitate to visit them accompanied by their wives and children and that the atmosphere of such places should be beneficial to both mind and body."

It is plain that the liquor men would like to join hands with the temperance forces, for the purpose of having laws enacted that are less "drastic" and more "in sympathy with the spirit of American institutions," and such as will not "in each and every case become dead letters on the statute books, demoralizing to order, destructive to revenue, and at war with common sense and good citizenship."

Since it is a fact well known (?) that whisky men are the possessors of a greater degree of "common sense" than other people, and are the very best citizens of our land, the temperance workers certainly will hail their overtures with delight, opening their arms wide to receive them into their fellowship. And since the laws which have been passed through the influence of temperance workers in the interest of prohibition are failures no doubt, but "prohibition will prohibit" if we will; but let the liquor men have laws made according to their ideas.

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Lida B. Robertson.

In his article on the preacher, our honored president of Howard College gives suggestive advice concerning literature, but I beg to show that literature does not contribute one iota toward increasing a preacher's spiritual power, nor that of the pews. Everything which he names have I read save Homer and Virgil in the original, and none of them helped me to know God and keep His commandments. They appealed fascinatingly to the plane of my human side and interested me far more to pour over their pages than to dig for the diamonds of terse, deep, unfathomable mine of God's truth, my Bible, and it lay on my table unopened with the dust upon it while I reveled in the poetry, song and literary fancies of mere men. I joined a Shakespeare club of thirty, accomplished, lovely women, and we met weekly to study Shakespeare's wonderful knowledge of human nature; we celebrated his birthday with a feast, crowning his statue-head with a laurel chaplet, exhibiting scenes from his home and his dramas and answered the roll call to quotations from him of Man's end. The mournful, hopeless, despair with which he looked upon the "future state" was depressing and unwholesome, and awoke me to two startling facts as I listened: Shakespeare's knowledge of human nature in the sixteenth century when the conversation of the court of the nation was such that the commonest street walker would be arrested and sentenced to hard labor now for using such indecent words upon the public street, was not what I wanted nor needed. I needed a knowledge of my own of human nature in this twentieth century to meet and to cope with children, men and women. Why should I be going to Shakespeare for a knowledge of "human nature" when the truest, deepest knowledge of human nature in all the world was in our Bible and put there by the hand of God "for our learning." I realized that instead of dabbling my time away studying the character of puerile King John, shrewish Kate, etc., I needed to know school John, merchant John or baby John, and instead of shrewish Kate, my shrewish self, and other feminines of my daily life. I had read all of Shakespeare's plays and seen Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Othello and Richard III, played by masters, but they had not helped me to know the men and women of my own time and generation, and my moments were too precious and the harvest too white for me to be spending one day every week besides the home study upon men and women of two centuries ago. And the pain revealed itself in the second fact that most of these lovely women, connoisseurs in literature, looking upon ignorance of classics as parvenu and deplorable, giggled in greatest amusement at their own ignorance of the Book of the most wonderful style, song, poesy and truth in all the whole world combined. So I withdrew from seeking Shakespeare's knowledge of human nature to apply my heart unto wisdom and to seek God to open my own understanding to know and to help myself, and those about me, encompassed with stern realities, bread-winning, sickness, vicissitudes and sins. I was strengthened in my purpose by an incident told of Edwin Booth, the great actor. At a summer resort he took part in the Sunday night service saying the Lord's prayer. Men and women wept, and after

the service they crowded around him to learn the secret of his wonderful rendition of it. He soberly answered that he had spent thirty years trying to master that prayer, to make it say just what Christ meant it to say. A mere actor studied that prayer thirty years to acquire its meaning to present it unto an audience. Aye, if a mere actor spent his determination to present the Lord's prayer in thirty years' study, is there not oceans of silent truth in it to the called of God concerning the Scriptures for them to reflect upon and follow?

An infidel woman admitted to me that: "God said let there be light and there was light," was conceded to be the grandest sentence in all literature. So our Bible language is the finest style in the whole world, and Jesus' keen observation of the simple objects and things about him with which his hearers were familiar and setting his truths in them like diamond solitaires is the finest composition and brevity, terseness and simplicity found in writing. Therefore the preacher who becomes versed, saturated, overflowing with his Bible will receive power from God and maintain power over men, and if he "lack understanding ask God who giveth to all liberally."

Literature feeds the human fancies and imaginations, but it does not feed the human heart with truth, for the secrets of God are found only in love for God and our fellow man and fasting and prayer.

I have been to services where preachers did not read one word of God's Book, but fed the congregation on the husks of literature, on quotations about heathen gods and goddesses so the unlearned would never know which was Bible truth and which was fiction. On the other hand I have heard plain, unlearned preachers whose hearts were close to God, if their tongues did butcher grammar, who touched human hearts with tears with the power which they had from God. In this time of public schools there is no excuse for ignorance of grammar now, but the least excuse is for a preacher not to be wonderfully versed in the Book which he represents.

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The listeners might be classed thus: Those who criticize, those who anticipate a "show" sermon, and those who are prepared for a gospel message. The former group should be severely denounced, and instead of doing their critical abilities justice they ought to remember that "a cold criticism never gets at the heart of man, much less at the heart of God," and they should also contrast the following: "A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." "The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters and the well spring of wisdom as a flowing brook."

There is no midway ground for truth to be placed between so we pass over the "show" class as an utterly objectionable feature.

"Truth as old as creation has a message to the men of today," and to all who belong to the latter class and who attend the convention in Talladega it is not sounding premature praise to say that the sermon by Dr. W. M. Blackwelder will be befitting the occasion and will speak for itself. It would not take a long list of facts to predict that it will be and ought to be one of the strongest features of this assembly; and that it will stand as one of his representative efforts in his unflinching dignity to maintain and elevate the standard.

To minimize their disappointment it is right to state that the most beneficial thing for the critics and the "show" sermon crowd to do is to join the last mentioned class and with speaker and hearers share the honors with the truly great.

KATE McMULLEN.

RESIGNATION.

After a very pleasant and profitable year with the second church here I have resigned to take effect the last of July. This I did not because of any dissatisfaction on the part of the church or pastor, but because I felt that there were places where the need was greater and where I could make my life count for more.

In leaving here I leave some of the best friends I have and some of the best church people I ever met—a loyal, faithful band that love our Lord and His cause, and who work in perfect sympathy and harmony with the pastor for the advancement of the cause. Happy is a pastor who has such people in his church.

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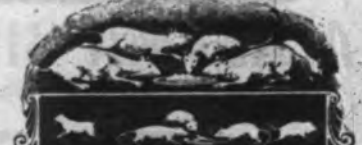
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Closed June 29th a week's meeting at Cowarts. The writer, though wrestling with malaria, did the preaching. Both attendance and interest increased from start to finish. A gracious revival and fifteen accessions to the church—thirteen by profession of faith and baptism. To God be all the praise. J. H. RIFFE.

The Boaz Baptist church has lost a good member and the community a good citizen. After long and painful suffering, Brother S. J. Denson died May 9th, 1906. He was born August 30, 1850, joined the Baptist church in 1870; married Miss E. J. Falter January 7, 1877, and she, with seven children, survives him.

Our church feels the loss of this dear brother and we sympathize with the bereaved ones. May the Lord bless them.

J. S. ROBERTSON,
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Committee.

At North Birmingham Baptist church a most glorious revival has just closed. Pastor Evangelist Geo. W. Riley, of Jackson, Miss., did the preaching in a very plain and convincing way. Had twenty-one accessions to the church by baptism, one by letter, five of whom are prominent men of our town, and fourteen ladies and three children, who will make bright lights for the Baptist cause in this community.

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On account of the severe winters of Missouri he could not remain there with his family. So after a pastorate of sixteen months he accepted the call to the First Baptist church, Dothan, Ala.

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RYAN, W. VA.—For six or seven years I have been a sufferer with Liver trouble. I could not sleep; I was, in short, a physical wreck. During these years I tried almost every medicine I could find, only at best to obtain temporary relief. Last August, however, I began to use Vita-Ore. I have been using it right along since and am today in better health than I have been for seven years. I ascribe to Vita-Ore all the praise. **THOS. F. RYAN, ATTY at Law.**

CURES BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

MARIETTA, CAL.—My mother was afflicted with what the doctors called Bright's Disease for about six or seven years; was attended all of that time by physicians. She was finally given up to die and at this time was induced to try Vita-Ore. To our surprise, and great joy, she was cured sound and well by the use of three packages. **JOHN WILLIAMS.**

CURES GRAVEL.

DIDO, VA.—I was taken ill with Gravel last January and would have died but for Vita-Ore. A Vita-Ore agent persuaded me that it would help me, so I took it and after nine doses the stone was passed. I cannot praise Vita-Ore highly enough. I feel like a new man since I have been so much relieved. **JOSEPH F. MENZIE.**

CURES SALT RHEUM OR ECZEMA.

LUYKENS, MISS.—I feel it my duty to let others know how much good Vita-Ore has done for me. I had been a sufferer from Salt Rheum for over fifteen years and Vita-Ore is the first thing that did me any good. My hands have been perfectly well for over a year and you are welcome to use my name to everybody. **Mrs. M. M. BULLER.**

CURES CONSTIPATION.

BRICKVILLE, PA.—I have tried Vita-Ore and know that it has done more for me than any other medicine. I had been a sufferer from Constipation for many years and for which I tried many remedies. No. 1 gave me any permanent relief except Vita-Ore. **J. C. SMITH.**

WHAT IRON DOES

AMONG the properties which go to make mineral springs famous for their medicinal qualities is Iron, hardly a spring of any consequence or renown being without some proportion of this mineral substance. There are certain springs which contain sufficient iron to impart the iron taste to the waters, which are then known as ferruginous or chalybeate waters, and Vita-Ore in solution, ready for drinking by the patient, is representative of the best class of these waters, having the added advantage of being stronger than any water known.

Iron is of especial value in blood disorders and because of this fact the large proportion of iron in Vita-Ore does much toward making possible the wonderful curative power possessed by this remedy. As the blood is the vehicle which ordinarily carries medicaments to the different portions of the body, the only means in repairing the ravages of disease in these parts is in supplying that fluid with the elements necessary for the proper restoration of the abnormal or diseased tissues.

The countless millions of little red corpuscles which are contained in this fluid have a powerful affinity for iron. Without iron they cannot live and their death means the death of the entire body. The iron in Vita-Ore causes it to be immediately absorbed by the blood, owing to the property of the fluid above mentioned, and it is on account of this that results from the use of this remedy are so easily and quickly established. Iron is also an ideal astringent, possessing the power of allaying irregular or catarrhal action upon any mucous membrane with which it is brought into contact. The wide range of usefulness of iron, and, through iron, Vita-Ore, may easily be considered when it is known that membrane which is liable to excessive action exists in the mouth, tongue, throat, lungs, stomach, bowels, kidneys, bladder, head and nose, causing much trouble and a long train of ills which may be primarily traced to such excessive action or catarrh. The astringent properties of Vita-Ore gained by the iron which is part of its composition, make it the most powerful remedy known for checking such catarrh, as thousands of cures in these cases have thoroughly established.

Last, but by no means least, in the many merits possessed by iron and Vita-Ore in relation to the curing of human ills, is the ALTERATIVE action, a prominent quality of iron, and which, owing to the formation of Vita-Ore, is exerted by that remedy in a more marked degree than has ever been accomplished by artificial compounds of iron used for a like purpose. The term "alterative" is difficult to explain, but a remedy is said to possess "alterative action" when it can check or alter certain morbid processes that work in the system. Embraced in the group of diseases in which alteratives are of benefit are Rheumatism, Gout, Cancer, Nervous Disorders, etc., numbering up into several scores.

The patient afflicted with any of the diseases named herein and those kindred to them, in following the Vita-Ore treatment, is securing a more direct medication of the parts affected than could be obtained from drinking the waters of any of the world's noted mineral springs, since one quart of the solution prepared from Vita-Ore is from four hundred to eight hundred times stronger than the same quantity of the valuable waters of the globe, and it is not necessary to drink gallons of water to obtain the much desired medicinal power. And to obtain the medicinal value found in Vita-Ore and all are in a state capable of easily being digested and assimilated with the blood.

Thousands

Have pronounced Vita-Ore the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Blood Poisoning, Heart Trouble, Dropsy, Catarrh and Throat Affections, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Ailments, Stomach and Female Disorders, La Grippe, Malarial Fever, Nervous Prostration and General Debility.

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