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## SOME VERY INTERESTING NEWS PARAGRAPHS

The following invitation will be of great interest to the many friends of Bro. Hash in Alabama: "Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar Paulin request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Leola, to Rev. Albert Grant Hash on the evening of Wednesday, the 17th of April, at 8 o'clock, First Baptist church, Fort Gaines, Ga."

Congressman J. Thomas Heflin, of Lafayette, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address before the senior class at Howard college on Wednesday, May 29. Mr. Heflin notified Prof. Edward Brand, chairman of the faculty, a day or two ago of his acceptance. The commencement sermon will be preached

Alabama Baptists more frequently with his writings.

The revival meeting which closed last Sunday, April 7th, after being in progress seven days, was perhaps the greatest meeting ever held in Brookside. The immediate visible results are fifteen additions, six of whom are for baptism. Rev. W. J. Ray, the state evangelist, did the preaching. He hues to the line, and God is wonderfully blessing his labor. During the seven days' meeting the collection for state missions was over \$40 and at the close of the meeting Bro. Ray made a strong appeal to raise my salary, and without any difficulty it was raised from \$120 to about \$700, and the church extended the call from half time to my whole time. I

his regular contribution. God bless you and your great work.—J. A. Smith, April 8.

We have just had some of the "big men" with us. Brethren Crumpton, Sandlin, Parker and others. Their coming has done us good, both the church and school. Our school at Healing is looking up. We have a great work to do down here along the line of education. Roosevelt will find his ideal families in these fine woods. The people like educational sentiment. We need improvements. The two can be had, and with the two Healing Springs academy will do such work as is being done in other parts of the State. Already, we have begun to plan for big times here next fall when the Antioch Association meets

I wish you great success in your editorial work, and happiness. I am content to let others do it henceforth, but am ready for a pastorate. Sincerely yours, V. I. Masters. (Here is a good chance for some church in Alabama. Brother Masters recently sold the Baptist Press of south Carolina.)

A very beautiful and impressive home wedding was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents on the morning of the 27th of March at Safford, Ala., the contracting parties being Miss Irene Holmes and Mr. C. A. Fisher, and the ceremony being performed by the pastor of the Safford Baptist church. The bride was one of the most attractive and winsome young women in the town and com-



DELEGATES TO THE STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION AT MONTGOMERY.

—Photo by Coleman, Montgomery

Sunday morning, May 26, by Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton, of Eufaula. Sunday night Rev. Dr. P. V. Bomar, of Marion, will preach the missionary sermon. The entire commencement program will be completed in the next few days and made public.

Collections little over \$300 yesterday. Four received by letter. A bad day and congregation small or we would have done better. Yours, J. R. Stodghill.

The Baptist Commonwealth of Philadelphia reproduced in its issue of April 4th the article, "How Foreign Missions Imperil Christianity," by Rev. Paul V. Bomar, of Marion, recently published in the Alabama Baptist. Dr. Bomar does not write often, but when he takes up his pen he usually writes something worth reading. We wish he would favor

will move to my field next week. I earnestly request the prayers of all who read these lines that I may work this field successfully for God. We thank God for Rev. Ray and heartily commend him to any people who want the true gospel preached and churches built up.—Oliver C. Dobbs, Pastor.

The Lord did great things for us yesterday. Twenty-one to unite with the church, eighteen for baptism. Three hundred present in Sunday school. Bro. Marbury gave \$500 to missions. This was in addition to

with our church. It is hoped that the editor will be with us. Yours fraternally, John F. Brock, March 27.

Evangelist Paul Price, of Urbana, Ohio, will assist Pastor Yates, of Central, New Decatur, in a meeting, beginning April 14. This will be Bro. Price's second meeting at Central. From there he goes to aid Bro. Metcalf at Carbon Hill, commencing April 28. This will be the third series of meetings in which Paul Price has assisted Pastor Metcalf. He has some open time in May.

munity, being a combination of those superior elements of Christian character that compose the ideal woman. The groom is a promising young business man of Selma. Immediately after the ceremony, attended by the wishes of a host of friends, the happy couple left for Selma, their future home.—A Witness.

Rev. W. W. Lee will return from Texas May 1st and become pastor of Montevallo. Bro. L. N. Brock goes to Girard. J. M. Gilmore, from Columbus, Ga., takes charge of Pineapple and Monroeville. A. J. Gross goes to Camden. E. M. Stewart resigns South side, Montgomery, to take Lafayette. J. V. Dickinson moves from Clayton to Tuscaloosa. J. H. Bush resigns West End, Montgomery, to accept Highland avenue, of the same city.

### CLUBS STILL COMING IN ON \$1.00 OFFER

Don't quit trying to get subscribers on the \$1.00 offer in January. Last week one brother sent in 15 new names and a number of others sent in clubs of five. If you haven't yet tried to get a club just go to work and see how easy it is to do. Do it now.

# MINISTERIAL EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM

BY A. J. DICKINSON

It is as clear as daylight that we will look in vain to our seminary at Louisville to supply our pulpits with trained ministers. It would take ten such institutions to supply the demand. Whence, then, shall we look for such a supply? The only other promise is in the denominational college. But as at present organized, our colleges are not to any perceptible extent doing this work. They are giving us educated men, admirably equipped for the making of ministers; but they are doing little, if any, work which may be said to bear directly upon the special preparation of men for the preaching of the gospel. Ought we not to make some changes in the curriculum of the college which will make them do a work, along with the work now so well done, for the special preparation of men for the work of the ministry? If you think that this should be done, what definite changes would you suggest? Let me put before you a tentative program for the changing of the curriculum of a college to better adapt it to meet the needs of a student for the ministry, who may not get any advantages beyond his college course.

Let there be established an elementary course in Hebrew, which will give the student enough knowledge of that language to use the commentaries of the leading scholars in making an exegesis of a passage of scripture. After all, this is about all the Hebrew the average pastor will ever use. It will put him in reach of the best Hebrew learning and prepare him to rightly estimate its homiletical value. Then let there be taught in connection with the chair of Greek the New Testament, that he may also have access to the leading exegetes of the New Testament. Then in connection with the chair of history let there be taught church history and the history of religion. Then in connection with the chair of English, let there be taught something of homiletics. Then in connection with the chair of psychology, let there be taught the psychology of religion. Such a course during the four years which are spent in college will prepare the student to continue his studies after graduation in the seminary with all the better success, or if he should not be able to pursue his term in school will give him an introductory and working knowledge for his continued prosecution of his studies privately in connection with his work. After all, the real study which counts is that which one does after his graduation, either from the college or the seminary.

But are our college faculties competent to do this work? For the most part, our professors are laymen and have not themselves studied along the proposed lines. I do not think that this objection will hold in fact. Any man who in these days is learned in Greek knows the New Testament; any one who is competent at all to teach history ought to know church history; any one who is capable of teaching English, ought to be able to teach the elements of homiletics, and a teacher of psychology, who has not studied the psychology of religion is not fit to teach the psychology of anything. Without adding a single man to the present faculty, but by paying those we already have a little better wage, we could operate quite a good department for the training of men for the gospel ministry. It would do the Baptists of Alabama an immense amount of good to spend several thousand dollars at the Howard every year on this work. It would also help the college in giving it a higher tone and atmosphere of religious intelligence. My own observation is that the religious culture of the average denominational college is not so far above that in other similar institutions not directly connected with any religious body, as we profess. The reason is that they make but little, if any, more provision for the prosecution of religious culture than the undenominational colleges. So it will be good for the college and good for the denomination. How would you regard this resolution if it should find its way into the next state convention?—

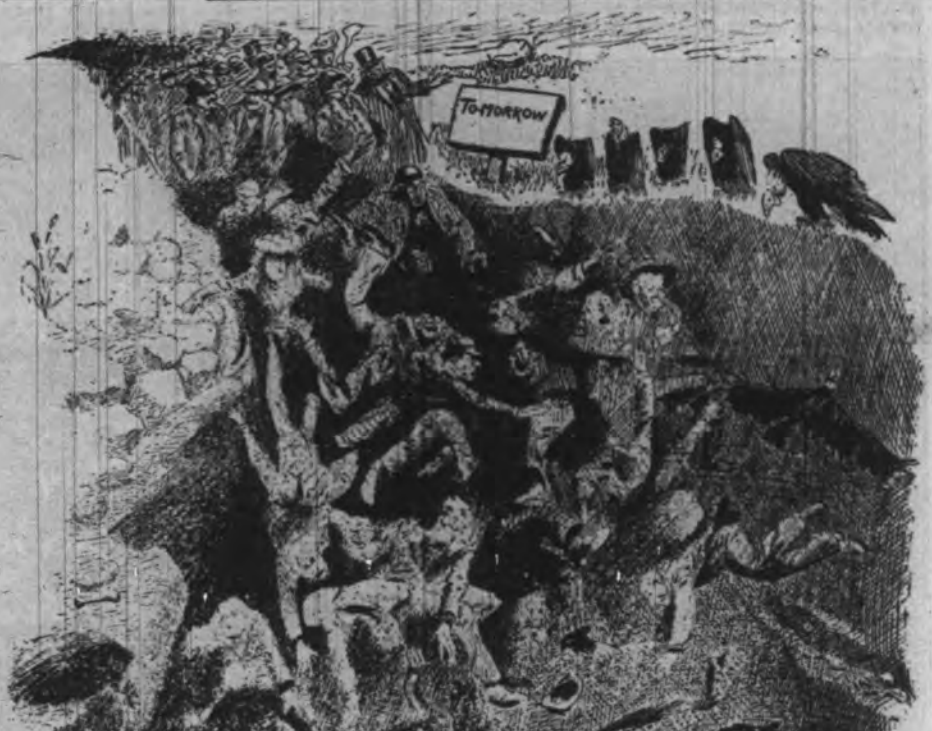
Resolved, That there be appointed a committee,

who, acting on the part of this convention, shall arrange with the board of trustees of Howard College for the teaching in connection with the regular courses provided by them a course of study in Hebrew and the Old Testament in English, in the New Testament in Greek and English, in the history of Christianity, in the psychology of religion and in such other branches of learning as may be important for the training of men for the ministry or for teachers in the Sunday schools.

2. That the said committee be empowered and instructed to enter into a contract with said board of trustees for the teaching of such a course; and for and in consideration of such service provided to be rendered to the Baptist churches of this state they be empowered to bind this convention in such sum as may in their judgment be equitable in an amount not exceeding in total five thousand dollars.

3. That all students matriculating as ministerial students be required to take this course of study, and that they be credited with their work done in course in these studies with full value of credit as if the same were done in any other branch of study."

It will be seen that the above provides for two things. First, it provides for the college giving a better service in the education of the ministry for the churches. Secondly, it provides for the churches to bear the expense incident to that service. It will take the place of the present so-called Christian education, which translated into pure English means that we will pass the hat among the masses of the denomination to help pay for the education of the sons of the classes, and which never has appealed to our people as equitable or fair denominational policy. But here is a service rendered directly to the churches which is of great value, and which deserves to be paid for by the people. The fact is that the Baptists of the state in the matter of ministerial education have ridden Howard college to death, so that the institution has not had the funds to render the best service, and has had so much of its energies absorbed by this work that it has not been able to give to its paying patrons the service it should. We can correct both of these evils by doing simple justice in the way of returning a quid pro quo to that institution for the service we receive at its hands. I move we do it.



THESE BE THOSE WHO PROCRASTINATED.

## RINGING WORDS.

In an article written for the Baptist Witness, Pastor C. C. Carroll, of Florida, gives utterance to the following ringing words:

"The possibility of a debt is serious enough, but the probability of one is unendurable. There is an abundant time to remedy this, or rather to prevent it. We can say, not, 'yet three months till the harvest.' If there be love for leaders the vision of our secretaries bowed over the thought of a debt ought to be a trumpet blast to us. If there be power in visions, the man in Macedonia ought to stir us to noble action. If there be ability to see and seize opportunity, the present condition of the foreign work ought to nerve us to potent deeds. If there be virtue in the commands of Christ the white fields ought to compel us to the harvest. If there be fear of failure, the memory of the \$20,000 debt last year ought to burn like Greek fire in our souls. If there be pride of work and devotion to cause the shame of a debt this year ought to drive us on. If there be denominational pride, the thought of banks asking a greater interest because of last year's falling be-

hind ought to quicken us. If there be faithfulness to those whom we have put at the front on the perilous edge of battle, we must sustain them. If there be seers of visions or dreamers of dreams among us, if there be those who meditate on greater things for the future, then the present need menaces the future work, if it be not met. After all is said and done foreign missions are the hardest missions for which to raise money. We are apt to speak of the romance of foreign missions and the enchantment lent by distance, and the rest of that kind of talk, but it takes a Christian to be a sympathizer with foreign missions, and not only a Christian, but a spirit-taught, Christ-commanded, Bible-believing, human-loving Christian to be a true believer in foreign missions. Many a man will sow wheat in his fields who laughs scornfully at casting bread upon waters that run to the sea. You can't build foreign missions on sentiment; it takes bed-rock faith. It takes a spirit of willingness to lay foundations that others in future years may build on to make a good foreign missionary. Foreign missions must be a part of us, a permanency, a fixture. It must not only be a rock, but a living stone, for it must cover the earth.

# "THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE"—By S. E. WASSON

The Birmingham News of March 20th carried an editorial on the above subject that deserves the careful and thoughtful reading of all its subscribers. The times demand of all good citizens a staunch and determined aggression against the enemies of the public welfare. Sanitation is a consuming topic for the municipality, and indeed civic authority of the present day involves the right to even invade the private and personal premise and enforce the abatement of any adjudged nuisance, or the removal or destruction, or even the incineration of infectious or contagious matter. The public health must be preserved. The inalienable right of every citizen to a free and uncontaminated breath has risen to universal recognition. Smallpox and "Yellow Jack," and even the "cattle fever tick," is quarantined by the city, the county, the state and the nation. Great is this day of our civilization! Palsied be the hand that would deign to turn back the dial finger on the clock of our progress toward that larger democracy, the brotherhood of man, the greatest good of the greatest number! The writer desires to congratulate the people of the state on the fact that a journal of the importance of the Daily News has essayed an editorial on the "Temperance Crusade" at a time like this, when the issue of the present legislature has resulted in a most marvelous victory for the people who are and have been contending against the iniquitous traffic in liquors. One thing that is especially to be mentioned as entirely complimentary to the writer of the editorial is that the liquor people are responsible for many of their own troubles. Commonly newspapers allege that the temperance cranks ought to stay out of politics. And certainly the ministers and Christian workers have been abundantly abused from time to time for entering politics. The News has said the right thing. It has made a revelation of fact that needs to be made widely known—that the liquor interests themselves went into politics upon their own motion. Over fifty years ago the first organized body of the liquor interests passed a convention resolution to go into politics for the purpose of better entrenching themselves and holding the rich franchises they had gained at the very beginning. The records of every annual meeting of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers, or the National Brewers' Association will show a persistence in this scheme of political activity. In fact the state Liquor Dealers' Association of every state in the union has made notorious this common policy of the liquor people. Alabama knows that the liquor people, those who have been exploiting the business in the state for long years, have played a strong hand in the legislation of the state. The organization known as the liquor dealers of the various cities of the state have never lost an opportunity to get into every municipal campaign. And it is notorious that they have always stood for a "wide open" town, and this to even the merest tyro in political activity means no less than non-enforcement of law, illicit privilege to the saloon and official toleration of the harlot and the gambling hell, the constant paramours of the saloon evil.

The saloon has boasted of its power to vote the negro in his day of franchise. It now boasts of its "sure following," a factor of the community that can be voted by the "boss," usually the un-American, who outlaws orthography to spell his name, and curses the institutions of our fathers, and has no other investment to make than the one he has made to wreck the character and ruin the producing power of the state's citizen.

Indeed, the News is eminently correct when it says, "The people do not propose to have their elections controlled by the saloon interests, especially when fraud and corruption are resorted to as a means of victory."

And the temperance people are indebted to the News for this splendid challenge to the liquor interests, "They may as well reconcile themselves to one of two things: to observe the laws and stay out of politics as an organization, or else be forced to close

their grog shops and go out of business." Which will they do? Who believes they will stay out of politics? Who doubts that the saloon is passing? It is purely a commercial pirate, a fungus leeching its existence out of the civil order, a social cancer, a political conspirator. The Anti-Saloon League's battle cry, "The saloon must go," is the only path open to peaceful and prosperous life.

The history of the liquor business is one of unbroken breach of law; in fact, its course has been that of defiance and conspiracy against good order. The trans-Allegheny distillers opened the first battle that our government had with the liquor interests when they raised an actual "rebellion," and began a campaign of murder in resistance of law. And from Washington's administration to the present day the civil, judicial, police and executive departments of the nation and the several states have had unceasing trouble to enforce the laws regulating the liquor interests.

The liquor business is incompatible with law and order. There are exceptions, but the average man in the business is the enemy of law, and is an intriguer with every form of illicit disorder that adds to the distress of the city and the state. The prostitute and the gambler are frequently fostered and encouraged, many times housed and secreted by the saloonist. The business best flourishes in league with these vices. It has no affinity for peace and honorable conduct. The records of the police court in any city will show that nearly every dive is and has been in some way in close relation with some saloon. The liquor business is a stench in the nostrils of decent civic and social life. To foster it is to give place to an enemy within the pale of the law. And here is a case in point: In the News of March 20th there was a news item from Bessemer saying: "A resolution signed by every dealer in the city" had been presented to the city council asking that the laws be enforced against illegal conduct in the business. And not content there, they had sent a copy of it to the sheriff of the county. Now, those Bessemer saloonists advertised in this way that they proposed to be obedient citizens, law-abiding saloonists. But the News of March 21st, the very next day, contains another news item from Bessemer saying, "The chief of police took the saloon men at their word, and made an investigation which resulted in the arrest of one man for the violation of the law." Only one day had passed, and the man was one of

the very recent petitioners before the aldermanic council promising to be good. The saloon never has and never will be a law-abiding business institution. And now let every reader prepare to laugh: The News of March 21st also contained notice that the "representatives of the liquor dealers of Birmingham presented a petition to the excise committee asking for an amendment to the laws regulating their business, and in addition expressed a desire to obey all laws to the letter." Shades of our fathers! Has this come to pass in Birmingham? How long will it be now before some of these selfsame Birmingham saloonists will be abusing the mayor, the police and the temperance people for trying to enforce the laws? Since when did this good spell come over them? Have they always been appealing to the police to compel them to obey the law? Why don't the dry goods merchants and the shoe dealers and other mercantile interests storm the council chamber and beg for police compulsion in order that they may be good and obey the law? The saloonists have fooled nobody. And the police will find the electric button and the "spotter" and the secret egress and all the paraphernalia of criminal complicity with every known vice still in the service of these same men who put on a genteel and law-loving smile and parade before the high council of the Magic City and beg for new and needed laws that they may have some to obey, and then ask for a uniformed minion of the law to accompany them to see that they do obey the law which they swear they love so well. The intent of the saloonists is by no means new. They will continue to violate the law, and to defy the officers and to dally with the court and to conspire against the majesty of the state and the city. The fact is the saloon is effete as a commercial business. It is done. The sentiment of the people will not tolerate its pernicious conspiracies, its patent complicity with every modern shame and vice and its flagrant evil. If liquor must be sold at all the dispensary as provided for in the recent act of the legislature is the only way in which the civic order should at all endure it. Mark my prediction, the state of Alabama will be free from the evil within a decade unless it be Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile. And if liquor is sold in those places, it will be by the dispensary method. God speed the day.

Respectfully,  
S. E. WASSON,  
Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, South,  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., March 22, 1907.

## THAT BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

BY A. G. MOSELEY

The other day a bright young fellow in the country asked, "What is this encampment that you speak of in the Baptist?" It is this. For ten days in June, from the 5th to the 15th, the Baptists of Alabama are invited to come to East Lake and camp on the grounds of Howard college for a season of religious, intellectual and social refreshment. For the accommodation of those who come, the dormitories of the college will be free, and after they are filled up cots will be put in class rooms and tents. Tents and cots will be rented cheaply or you may bring your own. The dining hall of the college will serve meals at \$1 per day. Any who so prefer may board elsewhere, or may tent and have their own meals. So the expense of the encampment will be one dollar a day and your railroad fare. We will surely get a two-thirds rate on the railroads and we hope to get a half fare. For several hours each morning there will be a program something like this: For five mornings Spillman will give us an hour on Sunday school work. We have no more capable man among

the Baptists than is Spillman on Sunday schools. Then Landrum Leavell will take the same hour for five days on B. Y. P. U. work. Just how much B. Y. P. U. information Leavell can fling into one hour's talk has not yet been computed. Another morning hour of the ten days will be occupied by Prof. Robertson and Prof. McClothlin, of the seminary. Our seminary faculty has come to be experts on popular lectures on the Old and New Testament scriptures. Then an hour each morning will be given to the subject of "Baptist Enlargement in Alabama." Different phases of this enlargement will be discussed by ten such Alabama pastors as Bomar, Jeter, Dickinson, Gavin, Hall, Rosser, and others. Then for special addresses there will be such men as Governor Northen, of Georgia; Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Kentucky; Prof. Shaller Matthews, of Chicago; Gov. Montague, of Virginia; Dr. Willingham, Dr. Gray and others. Then there will be some lighter lyceum events for entertainment.

The exercises will be in a great tent and will be held in the forenoon and evening hours. The afternoons will be given to recreation and rest. During certain hours each afternoon we shall have the use of the boats at East Lake. Good music will be made a prominent feature of the entire ten days.

Take it through and through, and this will be the best and cheapest ten days' outing that will come your way this summer.

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January First

FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON'S MAIL BAG WITH COMMENTS

A. E. Burns:

"You will hear from Brighton and New Prospect again. We are going to make a house to house canvass in the interest of missions right away."

Burns is a regular. Wonder how many pastors ever tried the "house to house canvass!" The results would surprise you, brother, if you should try it.

M. H. Sellers:

"Brother Mosely preached yesterday at Fairfield and said you were wanting some mission money. No one seemed to be surprised at that. However, he took a collection and here it is, \$7.00. Please receipt Friendship church for same."

Yes, Brother Crumpton is always "wanting some mission money," but don't forget, brethren, he wants precisely what his Master wants, and he wants it for the Master. His bleeding hand holds the basket in every church collection.

W. H. Watt:

"Brother Schramm is doing some good work. You will hear from him regularly."

Never a pastor more faithful than Bro. Schramm.

L. C. DeWitt:

"There is a great demand here for good books. I am trying to meet that want as far as I can and do my other work. I believe if I could devote more time to that part of my work that I could sell a thousand books here in this country this year. I can carry only a few with me at a time as I go to my appointments. I think my field will make an increase to the various objects of fully 30 per cent this year."

What a difference between men! Some find "a great demand for books." Others write, "My people don't care for books." The difference is not in the people, but in the preacher. The one who reads books and talks about books and proposes to supply his people will always find "a great demand."

C. J. Burden:

"I made a dead pull for home missions at my little church at Center and raised \$22.45. Our regular hat collections average about \$2.50. After the collection I felt like making an acknowledgment to the church. I only asked for \$15 and they gave me \$22.45. The churches will give what we ask them for if the pastors will work at it. Center gave me over \$7.00 in February for state missions. I am carrying out the schedule."

"The ruin of a hat collection" is a subject to write about. What a difference in results! Brother Burden is right, "the churches will give what we ask

them for." The trouble is, we do not put the figures high enough. "Let everybody give a little something. We are all poor, but we can help a little." That brother always gets what he asks for, "a little."

W. B. Campbell:

"I received a letter from you some time ago asking for \$25 to help you out on state missions. I have failed up to date to respond, but have not lost sight of it or the impression it made on me, and the impression has come to the point of action, so I enclose check for \$25. I first thought that was too much for me, if the rest would do their part. May God help me to do mine. May the Lord bless you in your work for His glory and the building up of his kingdom in the world."

Brother Campbell is a layman who always responds. May his tribe multiply greatly in Alabama.

A. P. Oslin:

"Your letter in regard to state missions received. I send you my check for \$4.00 for myself. I have read your letters to our folks, but they don't believe in this 'money business,' as they call it. I promise you I will help you what little I can every time you call on me. I am sure that the tenth belongs to the Lord."

Brother Oslin is a poor man, but a thorough missionary. The good people where he lives will see things differently some day. He believes "the tenth belongs to the Lord."

N. A. Hood:

"Perhaps you think I have ignored your appeal for state missions, but I assure you that the cause has been on my heart and I have been trying to get a more liberal contribution. The fact is the church has no organized method of raising money and I have been urging this upon the members during the short time I have been the pastor. However, I hope to succeed yet. Enclosed you will find check for \$14 for state missions, which has been collected by personal efforts. Please send receipt, as it is now the custom in our association to demand of the churches receipts."

The pastor's "personal efforts" will bring results. Note that last remark about receipts. Every association should demand receipts of the churches. It is business. Otherwise we fall into slovenly methods and go to guessing about what has been paid.

D. S. Martin:

"This is a very insignificant sum, but I am holding all my churches up to the regular plan and will expect to increase the contributions in future. The

opposition to regular collections is giving way. Hope to hear cheering news from the February collections."

The "opposition" is certain to give way if regular collections are persisted in. Anti-missions receives its death blow where frequent collections are taken without a breath of apology. Brother Martin has been a regular from my first acquaintance with him.

R. W. Carlisle:

"We were rained out on the 4th and the continued rains have hindered the progress of my collections. I expected to have sent you \$25. I find it very easy to raise missions by the plan of house to house canvass and heart to heart talks about the great needs."

Here is another "house to house" collector. The rains may come on Sunday and keep the people away, but he finds them in their homes and saves the day that would have been lost otherwise.

J. W. Park, Bethel Church, Union Association:

"I received your circular letter asking for a contribution for missions for the month of February. In response I mail check to you for \$24.20."

Handsomely done. Those "circular letters" talk, but some do not talk back as Brother Park did.

Miss Mary C. Ivey:

"Enclosed find \$4.00 for state missions from Arkadelphia Baptist church. I have been appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the mission work of our church for this year, and I trust we may be able to send larger contributions later."

Why not appoint the girls and young ladies on the mission committees? Hundreds of churches would be heard from regularly that never respond now if the girls and young ladies were put forward to raise mission collections.

Lilla Barrett:

"After a short talk in Sabbath school yesterday, an offering of \$2.90 was made for foreign missions. Although it is very small, I pray that it may do some good in the advancement of God's cause."

Another girl heard from.

C. M. Brewer:

"I am now doing missionary work every Sunday and riding horseback eighty-nine miles a month, this aside from my regular work."

Brother Brewer is moving out on the old lines. His father did that sort of work before we had a mission board in Alabama. The pastors who are working in that way God will bless in their own hearts and lives, and their sermons will glow with new fervor.

OUR DEAD.

The death of Mrs. R. A. Miles, the sweet spirited wife of Deacon B. Miles, of Sardis Baptist church, Warwick, Ala. Sister Miles was born July 18, 1858, and was married to Brother B. Miles Dec. 12, 1875, and joined the Baptist church and was baptized by Rev. J. L. Bryars September, 1873, and departed this life March 18, 1907. Truly it may be said of Sister Miles that a great and good one has fallen in Israel. Her home was a sweet resting place for all of the Lord's tried servants and all others who would be happy. This good woman with her family was a great friend to her pastor and church and all the poor, sorrowing ones of the land far and wide.

In the death of Sister Miles the church will sustain a great loss, for she was a faithful teacher in the Sunday school. Her class of little boys and girls will miss her. Sister Miles was secretary of woman's work of her church and will be sadly missed there.

Truly it may be written of her: Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep.

From which none e'er wake to weep, A calm and undisturbed repose Unbroken by the last of foes.

Her pastor,  
J. E. HOLLEY.

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Notice.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned on the 2d day of February, 1887, by Cornelia Cowin and husband, Thomas E. Cowin, and recorded in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in book seventy (70), on page four hundred and eighty-four (484), the undersigned, Jefferson County Savings Bank, will sell under the power in said mortgage, on Wednesday, the 22d day of May, 1907, at the court house door, in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, state of Alabama, during the legal hours of sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

The following described real property lying and being situate in Jefferson county, state of Alabama, in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 29, township 17, range 2, west (sw 1-4 of ne 1-4, section 29, t 17, r 2 w), and more particularly described as beginning at a point where the prolongation of a line 10 feet south of the north boundary line of Avenue B (if continued) would intersect the west boundary of Spans 5-acre tract, runs southwardly and parallel with the track of the Alabama Great Southern railroad two hundred (200) feet, thence at right angles to said railroad track two

hundred (200) feet, thence northeastwardly and parallel of the Alabama Great Southern railroad track to the west boundary of Spans land, thence south along said west boundary to the point of beginning, containing 1 and 1-4 acres, more or less, with all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, said sale will be for the purpose of paying the debt secured thereby, together with costs, including attorney's fee for foreclosing same.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.  
W. T. HILL, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Notice.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned on the 7th day of January, 1901, by Henry Goetz and wife, Agnes Goetz, and recorded in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in volume two hundred and seventy (270), on page four hundred and thirteen (413), the undersigned, James F. Sulzby, will sell under the power in said mortgage, on Wednesday, the 22d day of May, 1907, at the court house door, in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, state of Alabama, during the legal hours of

sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot number fifteen (15), in block number forty-four (44), being a rectangular parallelogram fronting fifty (50) feet on the south side of Underwood avenue and extending back of uniform width one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to an alley, according to the map and survey of the East Lake Land Company. Together with the improvements thereon, consisting, among other things, of one five room residence and pantry.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage said sale will be for the purpose of paying the debt secured thereby, together with costs, including attorney's fee for foreclosing same.

JAMES F. SULZBY, Mortgagee.  
W. T. HILL, Attorney for Mortgagee.

SITUATION WANTED.

By a young lady, a member of the Baptist church, graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., of four years' experience in teaching, position as teacher on piano in some good school or private class, work commencing about September next. Satisfactory references will be furnished by addressing (Maj.) John G. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.

## MORE PARAGRAPHS ABOUT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

George Miles, R. E. Pettus and Sam Carroll, that great trio of Baptist Sunday school workers, were absent, much to the regret of their host of friends.

T. H. Johnston, of the South Side Baptist church, Birmingham, the "old reliable," not in the sense of age, but experience in Sunday school work, got in as usual some good licks on the importance of the superintendents being on time.

I had the pleasure of greeting friends from all parts of the state, and if I had accepted all the invitations I got to preach or attend fifth Sunday meetings, Baptist rallies, associations and Sunday school conventions, I would have been compelled to suspend my editorial duties. I greatly appreciate the many kind expressions of friendliness both for myself and the paper.

"How to Use the Record," was the subject of a short talk made by W. R. Sawyer, of Montgomery. He stated that all the bookkeeping used by large corporations was but a method of keeping records. This same exactness, he said, should be applied to keeping the records of Sunday school work. He did not believe so much in adopting new methods as he did in using the methods already in vogue. He quoted the words of Christ: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business," and showed how the text could be given application by Sunday school teachers and superintendents. When he referred to the course of his remarks to the results of temperance agitation the audience applauded.

The Birmingham News pays the following well deserved tribute to a beloved Sunday school worker: Miss Minnie Kennedy was the first speaker. Her theme was the "Primary Department." No Sunday school worker in the south is more thoroughly familiar with this subject than Miss Kennedy. She has made it a life study. For several years she has been engaged actively in the primary department work of the Sunday school. Since her term of service as field worker of the state association, she has visited nearly every city, town and hamlet in the state, organizing primary classes and instructing the Sunday school workers. Although naturally frail and delicate in health, Miss Kennedy has a remarkable energy and puts her whole heart and soul in her work.

The address of President Armistead Brown, of Montgomery, on Wednesday morning was strong and hopeful. Among other things, he said: "It is a great inspiration to me to look out over this acre of earnest faces, you seem an acre—full of folks to me—and to consider the untold possibilities for good which so numerous a conclave of intelligent and high-minded people present. This is an hour potential, an occasion keenly interesting. Like a great ocean liner, which has cleared the docks, gained the channel and bid goodbye to the tug, our convention, which began with excellent addresses yesterday, is now under full breeze of divine approval. God grant that her voyage may be propitious! Well might we sing with Longfellow:

"We know that Master laid thy keel,  
What workman wrought thy ribs of steel,  
Sail on! nor fear to breast the sea;  
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee;  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith, triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee, are all with thee!"

Treasurer Sweatt submitted the following report of the finances of the association: Total amount collected, \$4,034.53; total expenditures, \$3,999.08. In the absence of G. G. Miles, chairman of the executive committee, J. B. Wadsworth read the report of the committee.

I was glad to have my brother, John Barnett, former business manager of the Alabama Baptist, around during the Sunday school convention. His many friends will be glad to know that his health is improved to such an extent that he is once more in active business in Eufaula, Ala.

President C. C. Thach, of Auburn, spoke of the Sunday school as an educational force. He took a bird's eye view of the Sunday school as an organization—15,000,000 children, or 60 per cent of the school population; a host of trained teachers working for the uplift of the children of the land—high and low, rich and poor. He said next to the church the Sunday school is the greatest agency in the world for winning souls to Christ. Eighty-five per cent of the membership comes through the Sunday school. As an educational force the work of the Sunday school is as real, concrete and scientific as that of secular education.

A good preacher from South Alabama came up and said: "Brother Barnett, I haven't felt quite right towards you since you cut my paper off, but I am going to get over it by paying back dues and running my figures up to January, 1908, and I am going home and work harder for the paper than I have ever done before." I knew all along he was a good fellow, but some how after he "fessed" up and paid up I thought more of him. It was a sore trial to cut off a number of preachers because they were delinquent, but I just couldn't carry them when there were several thousand laymen weighing me down beneath a financial load that I was unable to carry any longer.

The convention went squarely on record as favoring the prohibition of running freight trains on Sunday by adopting the following resolution unanimously:

"Your committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Shelby county delegation to the Sunday School Association in reference to the running of freight trains on Sunday, beg leave to submit the following: The Alabama State Sunday School Association stands for the sanctity of the Sabbath and is firmly opposed to the violation and desecration of this day in any form whatsoever, and favors such laws as may be necessary for the preservation of this day set apart. Signed, J. G. Frost, D. H. Johnson and J. B. Greene."

Rev. H. P. McCormick, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, who spoke on Tuesday night on "Missions in the Sunday School," a subject assigned to Dr. Phillips, of Richmond, who was unable to come, struck the keynote in saying: "There is nothing in the world more important than missions. Jesus Christ came to bring to the world joy and peace, and you can not repeat the Lord's prayer and say 'Thy kingdom come,' nor can you sing 'Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below,' conscientiously, if you do not believe in missions." We heard many kind things of Bro. McCormick's helpful talk, one brother saying he was the only speaker on the evening's program who stuck to his subject.

At the Wednesday morning session President Brown introduced to the convention three former presidents of the state association: M. T. Atkins, of Selma; B. Davis, of Clayton, and E. J. Russell, of Athens. The convention rose in a body and greeted the three former presidents of the association. Each responded with a short and appropriate address.

Miss May Smith, of Opelika, made a report to the convention of the progression of the home department of the State Sunday school association. Miss Smith quoted from opinions offered by many experienced teachers and superintendents. The report showed the number of the home departments in the several counties, and their membership. Over 100 home departments were reported in the state with a total membership of over 5,000.

The convention opened Tuesday afternoon with an interesting discussion of the superintendent's work, in which J. B. Wadsworth, of Colesburg, and D. H. Marbury, of Marbury, led, and a discussion of "The Records of the School," by H. E. Jones, of Dadeville, and W. R. Sawyer, of Montgomery, through admirable talks by the Rev. Dr. H. H. McCormick, of Birmingham; W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, and Dr. C. C. Thach, of Auburn, the day came to a triumphal close with the address delivered by Gov. B. B. Comer.

"The mayor of this city has received the commendation of thousands for his campaign against breaking the Sunday laws. A judge of Jefferson county in his charge to the grand jury has said that if it is a violation to sell goods on Sunday it is a violation to play games. Now we say that we must stop store selling, but that if we stop the railroads from running on Sunday we would demoralize the land. The educational force of the Sunday school or any school is to maintain it. If you do not maintain it it is gone. If we will combine the wool of the Sunday school with every day life, and make them both count for good government and citizenship this talk will not have been in vain.—Governor Comer.

The Age-Herald says: "The climax of the Alabama State convention was reached Wednesday night when W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, standing as it were on the Alps, cast his eye about and carried the convention with him in a view of the world-wide Sunday school movement. It was the pivotal point about which all the thought and inspiration of the session has moved.

"And perhaps the most beautiful picture in the course of his transit was that of the world's convention at St. Louis; how, when the thousands packed the enormous hall, they came to sing the last hymn, and Mr. Lindsay, who was leading a choir of 5,000 voices, led off the whole convention in 'God Save the Queen,' while he waved a British Jack over the heads of the multitude.

"Then, without changing the tune, the inspiring words of 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee' swelled from the many hearts, and the director waved the Stars and Stripes. Then, as the last words died out, Mr. Lindsay took both banners, waved them together across the open page of the Bible, and there was nothing else for the great assemblage to do but sing, 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.'"

The trained chorus of fifty voices under the leading of Director Allsop was a feature of the evening services. The voices were perfectly trained, and the music swelled through the building with perfect emphasis. The large audience seemed unable to hear enough, and time and again they were called upon to repeat some favorite hymn. Professor Allsop was presented with a beautiful gold watch fob, engraved, "Chorus, 1907," in behalf of the young men and women of the chorus, a demonstration of love and respect for their director.

The First Presbyterian church was crowded Wednesday afternoon when the elementary conference was held under the leadership of Miss Minnie Kennedy. The Rev. Wallace Wear led the devotional services, after which Miss Kennedy talked upon "Child Study," followed by the report of the county secretaries, Miss Alice Camp, Miss Alice Hale, Mrs. Frances Tappey, Mrs. John Borders, Miss Amanda McDiarmid, Mrs. B. M. Ohme, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. Minnie Allen, Miss Johnnie McGowan, Miss Edith Rice, Miss Mary C. Gibson, Mrs. J. S. Burnett, Mrs. Ida Sansbury, Miss Mamie Andrews, Mrs. Strother, Mrs. L. H. Bowles. These reports showed the work all over the state to be growing and improving under the guiding hand of Miss Kennedy and her corps of efficient helpers.

From the time that President Armistead Brown, of Montgomery, called the first session of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Alabama Sunday school convention to order at 1:30 p. m. on Tuesday until it closed on Thursday night, the hours were well spent in listening to some of the most notable addresses on Sunday school work ever delivered in Alabama.

The Ledger says: "When Dr. Pearce had completed his address Thursday he announced that the call for pledges for this year, begun on Wednesday night, was resumed. The subscription on Wednesday night amounted to nearly \$6,000, and the subscriptions were re-opened in order that the \$6,500 recommended by the executive committee might be raised. The following other counties subscribed to the fund Wednesday morning: Greene, \$25; Jackson, \$25; Talladega, \$150; Lowndes, \$25; Fayette, \$35; Pickens, \$25; West End Baptist Sunday school, \$5; Sunday school at Center, Cherokee county, \$10; Tuscaloosa, \$50; Winston, \$30; primary department Court Street Methodist Sunday school at Montgomery, by Miss Minnie Allen, \$10; Dr. F. I. Tarrant, \$25; Dallas county, \$25 more; Lawrence county, \$25. During the raising of the collection a distinct revival swept over the convention. A good woman rose at the rear of the church and announced: "In memory of my father, a Baptist minister, whose dust sleeps in Lawrence county, I pledge \$25." "Thank God for the man who reared such a daughter," exclaimed Dr. Pearce. Spontaneously the large audience sprang to their feet and sang, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' At the conclusion of the song several people were on their feet making pledges so rapidly that it was impossible for the secretaries to keep account of the contributions. Pledges were made by Sunday schools, county associations, Sunday school classes and by individuals. In a few minutes over \$7,500 was raised. One of the most touching incidents transpired when Treasurer Sweatt broke open an envelope which was written by a woman, but unsigned: "Here is \$5 for the Sunday school work—the price of my new spring hat." Such manifestations of self-denial were greeted by prolonged hand-clapping.

### YOU HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE

If you are in earnest about wanting to help us put the Alabama Baptist into the homes of your people on our special \$1.00 offer to January 1st. Cash or presents for all who send in clubs.

## "JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME"—BY M. E.

I have recently found much interest in a study of the past year's work of the Methodists of Alabama as set forth in the reports of the Alabama and North Alabama conferences. These two conferences cover the same territory as our Baptist State convention, except that about half of two of the nine Alabama conference districts project into West Florida. This means that about one district or one-ninth of the Alabama conference is in Florida. So I deduct about that proportion in comparing with Baptist affairs in Alabama.

In our State Southern Methodists have 1,427 churches with 130,000 members, while Baptists have 1,891 churches with 151,000 members. In Sunday schools Methodists report 88,000 against Baptists' 62,000. Methodists report 4,350 voluntary and 1,309 infant baptisms; while Baptists report 7,690 baptisms—all voluntary.

As to finances Methodists lead in total contributions, but Baptists lead in offerings for missions. The combined offerings of Methodists to foreign and domestic missions was in round numbers \$45,000, while the combined mission offerings of the Baptists was \$64,000.

As illustrating the larger mission spirit of the Baptists, some comparison of leading churches, in the same cities, of the two denominations is interesting. In Birmingham the First Baptist church gave for missions twice as much per capita as did the First Methodist, while the South Side Baptist gave four times as much. In Tuscaloosa the Baptists gave two and one-half times as much as the Methodists. At Anniston the Parker Memorial gave five times as much as the First Methodist. In Mobile the St. Francis Street Baptist gave for missions last year seven times as much per capita as did the St. Francis Street Methodist. Missions was 37 per cent of St. Francis Street Baptist's total contributions, while it was 8 per cent of St. Francis Street Methodists.

The big sum of \$64,000 for bishops, presiding elders and conference claimants from Alabama Methodists is something with which Baptists have scarcely nothing to correspond. Of this large sum about \$20,000 is for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers. In this they greatly outstrip the Baptists, who gave practically nothing to this cause last year. Then another \$4,000 was for bishops, and this just about corresponds to the secretarial expense of Alabama Baptists. The remaining \$40,000 was for the eighteen presiding elders who have charge of the work in Alabama. This amount, which comes within \$5,000 of their total contribution for missions, is for "middle men," who add not one preaching place to those occupied by pastors. To this sum Alabama Baptists have nothing to correspond.

As to pastoral support, adequate figures from Baptists are wanting. The average support that the Methodist churches of the State give their preachers is about \$640. It is interesting to note that the Alabama conference gives their preachers a support nearly 25 per cent better than does the North Alabama Conference.

As suggested by these figures there are several things to which I would have you give heed:

1. Baptists stand a better chance than do Methodists with the mass of common people, other things being equal. Our number of voluntary baptisms was nearly twice as great as theirs last year, and our rate of growth was larger. This was not by reason of our greater efforts, but because of the more ready acceptance of our faith and polity.

2. In Sunday school and young people's work Methodists are doing much more than Baptists, and we need to take more account of the worth of this work. Unless we get hold of the young of today we shall not have the grown ups of tomorrow.

3. The \$20,000 that Alabama Methodists gave last year for their aged preachers and preachers' widows and children puts to open shame our pitiful \$260 for the same purpose. It may be that numbers of our secularized ministers would give themselves more fully to the work if they could expect any provision

for their old age from the churches whom they serve.

4. In the matter of missions the comparative relation of the two denominations is peculiar. Among the better churches Baptists go away ahead of the Methodists, while among the weaker churches Methodists take the lead. This is due to the fact that each church among Methodists is asked for the same proportionate amount for missions. So that, in proportion to what it pays for pastoral support, the remote rural church gives just as much as does the more highly developed city churches. Their need is a more intensive cultivation of their stronger few. Our need is a more extensive enlistment of our weaker many.

5. That \$40,000 a year for presiding elders in Alabama brings the question of "middle men" strongly to the fore. I believe there is no sufficient basis in the New Testament for an Episcopal form of church government, and I am willing to hold on to

our democracy until some brighter light shines across the way. But is there not room in our polity, without sacrificing the independence of our churches, for a larger employment of general workers. I, for one, would love to see Alabama Baptists invest about twenty thousand dollars a year, for three years, in the services of eight such men as Cox and Dawson. I would not have them be simply protracted meetingists, nor would I have them follow the dry business routine of presiding elders. I would have them lay themselves out in leading us into a stronger grasp of our Baptist tenets and history, a keener sympathy with our Baptist ideals, a clearer vision of our Baptist possibilities, and a larger part in our Baptist activities.

I shall leave to you, with your better taste, the selection of a title for these workers. I would call them arousing and enlisting elders, rather than presiding elders.

## JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

The Baptist building at the Jamestown exposition will be so situated and so constructed that it can be converted into a church when the exposition is over. It is to be called the Roger Williams Memorial. Quite a number of the exposition buildings will be permanent in character, and the grounds are laid out with reference to permanent occupancy. It is estimated that a suburban town of several thousand will be there when the exposition closes. The Baptists of the whole country are asked to help in the erection of this building and certainly the request ought to be responded to. Rev. E. E. Dudley, pastor of Central Baptist church in Norfolk, has been appointed general manager of the campaign for this fund.

It has been generally agreed that Northern Baptists are to have one side of the building and Southern Baptists the opposite side. Virginia is only one of the fifteen States which ought to be well represented on this side. Our seminary, our foreign, home and Sunday school boards, our colleges and schools, our orphanages and sanitariums ought all to be creditably presented. Will not our alert Southern Baptist papers wake up to the fact that this is not a Virginia but a Southern Baptist exhibit, that hundreds of thousands—nay, millions of people—will visit this rarely beautiful exposition, and that we must not be put at a disadvantage by our neglect. Let brethren in every Southern State see to it that

their institutions, educational, missionary and benevolent, are well presented. Rev. George J. Hobday, Berkley, Va., will be the caretaker of the building and exhibits and the consignee to whom all articles intended for exhibition must be sent.—Religious Herald.

### WHO IS GOING TO RICHMOND?

Last year Alabama was entitled to a large delegation. Wonder if we will be entitled to as many this year?

Are you going? We want you; but, will you feel real comfortable to fill a place that represents \$250 of mission money, if you did not earnestly help to raise the money? Remember you don't have to pay that much to get a seat; but somebody or rather many somebodies did raise that amount. Were you among them?

### The Encampment

In June at East Lake ought to attract a great crowd of Baptists from all parts of Alabama. The railroads will give reduced rates, and the cost for board, including lodging, will be only one dollar a day.

Surely that is very cheap for the good fellowship, the instruction, the sight-seeing and pleasures of the encampment. We can't afford to miss it. Encourage his one and thereby insure the permanent encampment year by year that is certain to follow.

W. B. C.

### STRENGTH

#### Without Overloading the Stomach.

The business man, especially, needs food in the morning that will not overload the stomach, but give mental vigor for the day.

Much depends on the start a man gets each day as to how he may expect to accomplish the work on hand.

He can't be alert with a heavy, fried-meat-and-potatoes breakfast requiring a lot of vital energy in digesting it.

A California business man tried to find some food combination that would not overload the stomach in the morning, but that would produce energy.

He writes:

"For years I was unable to find a breakfast food that had nutrition enough to sustain a business man without overloading his stomach, causing indigestion and kindred ailments.

"Being a very busy and also a very nervous man, I decided to give up breakfast altogether. But luckily I was induced to try Grape-Nuts.

"Since that morning I have been a new man; can work without tiring, my head is clear and my nerves strong and quiet.

"I find four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with one of sugar and a small quantity of cold milk make a delicious morning meal, which invigorates me for the day's business." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellbeing," in pkgs. "There's a reason."



REV. C. W. O'HARA,  
A Faithful Worker For His Master.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT  
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS  
Field Editor.

**BUT TWO WEEKS FOR HOME MISSIONS.**

Alabama has in its history done noble work for the cause of home missions. For thirty-seven years the board was located at Marion. For the year which will close May 1st the Alabama brethren were asked by the Southern Baptist Convention to give to this great work \$20,000. Up until now the board has received from Alabama but \$9,290.69. From the time this comes to the reader's eye but two weeks remain in which to raise the balance. Will not the brethren of Alabama—the churches, the pastors, the laymen—come to the assistance of the board with a special effort at this time?

The prime work for which our Southern Convention was formed was to foster home and foreign missions. The home mission board has had a career of great usefulness ever since. In 1845 the elder Basil Manly and J. L. Reynolds with true yoke-fellows organized in the lovely church at Marion for the work. They and their successors were true to the religious needs of their day. Shall we be less so to ours?

Greater and more inviting opportunities were never at hand before. In the great west, where we have already won Texas for Christ and for the Baptists, there remain a vast and rich territory yet to be conquered for the Master. The negroes, the mountaineers, the cotton mills, the immigrants, Cuba and Panama are ours to lift up if we will.

What will the Baptist host, so largely blessed by the agency of this board in the past—what will it do with these great opportunities?

What, dear brethren of Alabama, will you do in this emergency for home missions?

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.**

For three days last week Birmingham kept open house for the Sunday school workers of Alabama, and in entertaining them so hospitably honored them and the cause for which they stood and sent them back to their homes feeling that the Magic City was maligned when referred to as "Bad Birmingham." We have a large and growing city made up of diverse people, and while every crime committed in the district is heralded abroad with a Birmingham date line, taking into consideration the class of business and the heterogeneous citizenship, we know of no city where the preachers and the Christian men and women have a stronger voice in the direction of affairs than right here. And so a notable band of Christian workers was entertained by a God-fearing set of men and women who have foregathered here to create a community in which no one need to fear to bring up their sons and daughters.

**THE SAYING OF A CAD.**

We once lived in a little city in which much time was given by the leading young men to the society game. There drifted into the set a young man who had rather a precarious footing, for all realized that his mother was dependent upon his salary and that it was too meager to admit of his mode of life. It became known that his mother was in actual want and when an indignant citizen brought the matter to the attention of her society son he said: "My position in society demands that I shall dress well and put up my part when I am called upon, otherwise I would not be tolerated in the club to which I belong." It was a miserable confession and showed that he would willingly let his mother suffer for the necessities of life rather than endanger his social status. He was immediately ostracized and for shame had to leave the city. God pity the young man who is willing to live well and permit his parents to live hard.

**THE FEARED DUTIES.**

There are duties which, before the hour for performing them, are feared by us. We are afraid that they will be too difficult for us to perform. We fear that they will put a greater strain on our powers than we desire to risk. We shrink from doing them. We try to be excused from undertaking them. And yet many of the very duties which we had feared to perform, we found to be very agreeable to us when we were doing them. They were not nearly as difficult as we had imagined. We had much more strength to execute them than we had supposed that we possessed. We then wondered that we had indulged in so much fear concerning the tasks. And some golden lessons were learned by us as we engaged in the duty. We learned the folly of dreading a duty simply because it at first appeared hard and unpleasant. We also learned that some of our greatest benefits, intellectually and morally, are derived from the right discharge of a feared duty. We further learned that God gives one all of the wisdom and strength which are necessary for the execution of any duty which He imposes upon that person. We are persuaded that many a Christian, by shirking a duty which he feared to do, has deprived himself of a blessing which would have been worth far more to him than the performance of some duty which he naturally desired to do. The tasks of our own choosing are not likely to be fraught with such blessings as come from doing the duties which God commands us to do. Those Christians who shirk from giving to God's cause as much money as duty requires of them are never as largely prospered by God as are those who, though it may cost them a struggle, give all that it is their duty to contribute. There is no divine promise of blessing to the person who is stingy toward God's cause. The widow, in Bible story, who gave two mites, even all that she possessed, was not afraid that she would starve to death as a result. Do not fear to do your whole duty, even though friends oppose you. Are you afraid to openly confess Christ by being baptized in His name? Do that duty, and God will bless you.

**WHAT WILL IT COST ME TO ATTEND THE ENCAMPMENT IN JUNE?**

That depends:

1. If the church of which you are a member—as all churches should and as many will—should send you and pay your expenses, it would cost you nothing but the time.
2. If you should have some friends or acquaintances somewhere within the Birmingham district—and nearly everybody has—have them to invite you to spend June 5th to 15th with them and 'twill cost you only the railroad fare.
3. Should neither of the aforesaid items fit your case, then at the very worst, 'twill cost you railroad fare and one dollar per day for board, with perhaps a nominal registration fee.

**ONLY TWO MORE SUNDAYS**

Before the books of the home and foreign boards close. I am receiving hundreds of letters containing small contributions. One mail brought more than \$600. If this could keep up and the large city churches would come across liberally, Alabama would have nothing to be ashamed of. Hand to hand and house to house work ought to continue to the very last.—  
W. B. C.

**WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWS-SCIMITAR.**

The News-Scimitar is a notable instance where a great paper is proving a financial success without a line of liquor advertising and with no muzzle for its editorial convictions on the great reform.

The story of its fight with the liquor interests during the past twenty months is full of inspiration to all who are following the remarkable transformation of attitude toward the liquor question now going on in the American press.

The saloon business of Memphis has been for years solidly entrenched in politics. This city has always been a hotbed for anti-prohibition agitation and the one great influence in Tennessee against state prohibition.

In the summer of 1905 the News-Scimitar began to insist upon enforcement of the law in Memphis, the closing of saloons at midnight and on Sundays. At that time the liquor interests were very much more sure of their strength than they have been since. They resented the fearless exposures of the News-Scimitar as uncalled for impertinence, and proceeded to boycott the paper and influenced some News-Scimitar readers as well as some advertising merchants.

Then one of the local liquor advertisers ordered out his advertisement. The News-Scimitar promptly canceled the remaining liquor advertisements then being carried in the columns, and publicly announced that at no time in the future would the News-Scimitar or any paper controlled by its editor and publisher ever insert another liquor advertisement.

This position, suggested in part as a war measure, has since deepened into a conviction with the editor, and while many friends argued that the sacrifice was too great for the paper to make, the News-Scimitar has adhered to it and has frankly intimated that it intends to make no change on that score.

The News-Scimitar revenue from liquor advertising alone was formerly about \$30,000 a year, but the editor has come to believe that advertising liquor suggested, encouraged and contributed to the extension of its use, and consequently has taken his present position.

The editor, Mr. Raine, does not claim to be a prohibitionist except as he recognizes, both in public and in private, that that will be the ultimate condition and not very far in the future.

Since the exclusion of liquor advertising the News-Scimitar has deprived itself of at least \$50,000 worth of booze-publicity business, but the paper is prospering in other ways more than ever.

Naturally, the News-Scimitar having now absolutely no business connection with the liquor trade, speaks out frankly and fearlessly in its editorial columns. In a recent issue under the title of "The Saloon" the News-Scimitar says:

"Is the saloon passing, along with other severe forms of selection and discipline? Intoxicants have been an instrument to try and select men and leave the stronger and fitter to propagate and control the world. Wars have been an instrument of selection and refinement and discipline. They are passing."

**GOOD NEWS FROM NEW ORLEANS.**

There comes a report of a great meeting in progress among the Baptists of New Orleans. All the churches are in a revival effort and the people are moved as never before. It is fitting that the brotherhood of the entire south should, in great earnestness and prayerfulness, remember to pray for the success of this meeting. The Baptists of New Orleans are a plucky band and are moving forward at a safe, strong gait.

## PARAGRAPHS ABOUT THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL



**R. F. LEWIS,**  
Elected President of State Sunday  
School Association.

Our friend and brother, S. D. Monroe, is to be congratulated for his untiring work and patience in discharging his onerous duties.

Despite the fact that the First Baptist church will seat more than any other church in Birmingham, frequently the crowds in the day more than filled it, and at night overflow meetings were held elsewhere.

Brother E. P. George, of Felix, father of Rev. E. E. George, of Prattville, was an interested and to me an interesting delegate, as he brought with him a lot of "Alabama Baptist money." He is always helping the paper.

I was glad to see so many of our Baptists wearing white caps. Our people did their full duty in the way of working and entertaining. I saw no busier couple than Joe Vesey and his wife, both active members of active committees.

It was a pleasure to greet Senator Dunn, from Grove Hill, for I have never forgotten the great time he made me have at the association of which he is the moderator, and which was held several years ago in his home town. He is one of the most useful laymen.

J. B. Greene, chairman of the committee on the basis of representation, asked for further time, but reported that his committee would probably refer to the executive committee a report providing a limit of 500 delegates to the convention to be prorated to the various counties according to their Sunday school membership.



**JUDGE JOSEPH CARTHTEL,**  
Re-elected Secretary of State Sunday  
School Convention.

Judge Carthel said this had been the greatest convention ever held in the south, that Alabama stands first in the list of southern states, and he hoped to see the day when she would stand first in the union.

Brother Leavell said: "Not long ago I asked a little boy in a Mississippi town, 'Sonny, what does your superintendent do?' He had replied, 'He opens and closes Sunday school.' My friends, if you are going to do your duty you must begin next Sunday to train your pupils and teachers how to teach three years hence."

Recording Secretary Cater, who has filled the position for several years, delivered a feeling talk to the convention in which he thanked them for the honor that had been conferred upon him from time to time. He declared that he would always look upon his service as the convention secretary as one of the happiest periods of his life.

Among the hearty resolutions of thanks was the following paragraph: "We especially ask leave to call the convention's attention to the great help and assistance rendered us by the First Baptist church in opening their magnificent church plant for our meetings, both day and night, and thank the members and pastor for their liberal co-operation."

Executive Committee—George G. Miles, chairman; Michael Cody, Jr., John B. Fuller, John M. Durr, M. E. Holloway, A. Roemer, M. B. Davidson, S. B. Lightler, M. F. Thetford, W. D. Dillard, T. H. Johnston, B. B. Comer, F. M. Dixon, J. B. Wadsworth, J. B. Greene, E. C. Anderson, J. T. Gardner, L. H. Carroll, B. C. Bynum, W. T. Atkins, Armstead Brown.

W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, the great worker in the international Sunday school work, paid a high tribute to Judge Carthel, the secretary of the convention, and said that although he had attended every convention except two of all the states in the south, there was none so enthusiastic, so well organized, or doing such great work as that of dear old Alabama, all of which, he said, was not by might, not by power, but by the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the most beautiful parts of the closing service was when President Lewis informed the convention that Miss Minnie Kennedy, the faithful field worker, is to make a voyage to Italy shortly, where she will attend the world's convention. Every one stood to his feet while Mr. Sweatt prayed the God of the waves, the winds and of souls to protect her while away from Alabama, send her sunshine without and within, and bring her back safely.

When the roster of counties had been called subscriptions were asked for from the individual Sunday schools. For every two hundred dollars thus subscribed Mr. Pearce pledged an additional hundred. Not until the subscriptions had all come in was it known that he had pledged this amount for D. H. Marbury, of Marbury, Ala., who as an incentive to the schools to give had offered to add one hundred dollars to every two hundred dollars contributed by them. More than four thousand dollars was subscribed by the county organizations in a comparatively short while, and nearly a thousand by the individual Sunday schools. Our worthy Baptist laymen, not satisfied with doing so much, made a donation of \$500 in addition to the above.

Division presidents: J. M. Pearson, first division; R. E. Pettus, second division; C. L. Peck, third division; M. R. Dortch, fourth; R. L. Carter, fifth; L. M. Stevenson, sixth; Henry L. Mellin, seventh; Prof. L. P. Giddens, eighth; M. M. Pearson, ninth; Dr. B. M. Olive, tenth; J. F. Duggar, eleventh; J. C. Lawrence, twelfth; B. Lavie, thirteenth; M. D. Dunn, fourteenth; C. S. Rabb, fifteenth; J. T. Fuller, sixteenth; A. S. Preston, seventeenth.

I happened to find that a number of delegates had come to the convention, having failed through the fault of some of the local agents at the smaller stations to have been provided with the proper kind of tickets to get the benefit of the one rate fare home, and I did what I could to get the matters properly arranged through the courtesy of the passenger agents here. Delegates should be careful in demanding of their agents tickets which will be honored for the return passage.

The Bible is a great store house of history, of biography, of most beautiful narrative and descriptive, lyric, epic and dramatic poetry. It is rich, too, in oratory and eloquence. The Bible is expressed in English undefiled and pure, and has been the great moulding influence of our English speech. All of these elements are studied in the school, and hence the Sunday school work is based upon the fundamental principles that underlie all education. They are sound and valid, and the work done Sabbath after Sabbath is as enduring as the Rock of Ages.—President Thach.

The reporters had some trouble with the name of our beloved brother, Davie, of Clayton. The Ledger published his picture and beneath was inscribed "Bunyan Davis, president of the 13th division of the Sunday school association, and a leading worker." The Age-Herald said: "After a prayer by B. Davie Clanton, Mr. Pierce, always ready to speak when called upon, agreed to discuss the subject, 'Securing New Members,' which had been assigned to W. B. Davidson, who had not arrived. It was small matter that they failed to get his name correctly, for he is all right.

Here is the way the Age-Herald summed up the convention: "With 2,000 voices swelling triumphantly to the tune of 'Blest be the Tie That Binds,' the greatest Sunday school convention ever held in the state of Alabama came to a close Thursday night. During the short time of three days greater work could not have been done," and W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, said on Thursday night: "I ought to know a great deal about conventions, as I have lived in them seventeen years, all kinds the world over, but I can conscientiously say that I never attended a finer convention than that now before me."

The county of Jefferson, in the person of her able president, R. F. Lewis, will lead the Alabama State Sunday School Association during the coming year. Mr. Lewis was awarded the honor Thursday morning by the unanimous vote of the committee on nominations and by the vote of the whole convention. Other than the election of Sidney Herbert Blan, of Troy, to succeed R. A. Cater, of Anniston, as recording secretary, the old officers were returned to their positions. Judge Joseph Carthel, general secretary, and Miss Minnie Kennedy, field worker, G. G. Miles, of Montgomery, was retained as chairman of the executive committee.

## The Sunday School Workers.

The Sunday school has become a potent factor in the advancement of our modern civilization. The child who is not given at least a fair knowledge of the Bible is poorly equipped for the practical as well as the spiritual and moral duties of life. The greatest statesmen this country has produced have as a rule been among its best Bible scholars. It was there that they found so often wisdom and inspiration. The truths set forth in the Book of Books never grow too old not to be of value. In fact, the more we study the Bible the more we find in it to instruct and uplift us. The visiting Sunday school workers have come to a city of churches and



**W. C. PEARCE**  
The Great Sunday School Worker from  
Prominent Part of the

Sunday schools to hold their convention. Doubtless many of them have heard Birmingham dubbed as "Bad Birmingham" because of crime committed in the surrounding district, but this same Birmingham is one of the religious strongholds of the South. No city in the Southern States is better equipped with handsome churches nor can any city show a larger church-going population in proportion. And this is not all. Birmingham is a liberal giver to all religious and charitable causes.

Birmingham is pleased to be the host of the Sunday school workers of Alabama. May their influence spread and their good deeds multiply.—News.

It is probable that the committee to select the next meeting place will decide upon Mobile.



# SCHOOL CONVENTION--BY FRANK WILLIS BARNETT

## Sunday School Workers.

The state convention of Sunday school workers now in session in Birmingham is a notable gathering. The attendance is unusually large, numbering more than two thousand, and it is not often that so intelligent and earnest a body of Christian men and women is assembled in any section of the country.

Sunday school instruction has come to be almost a science, and as a department of pedagogy it has the advantage over secular education in the fact that religion is the motive and that divine law is reverently studied and applied to human conduct. The addresses and discussions in this convention have been animating, instruc-

Everything moved along smoothly. I never saw a convention where there was less friction. It looked like one happy family in which every member was trying to give pleasure to the others. I never heard the least bit of grumbling from any of the delegates about their assignments or lack of attention. Dr. Dickinson, the pastor of the First Baptist church, was in evidence watching out to see that nothing was lacking in the way of hospitality while Mrs. Dickinson wore a white cap and was here and there lending assistance.

Rev. W. L. Deal, of East Birmingham, led the devotional service at the elementary conference held at the First Presbyterian church on Thursday afternoon and "Child Study, Second Period," the first topic, was ably discussed by Rev. J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery, who showed what an important time in the life of the young people this is, giving an illustrative description of the thought and knowledge of the child. Brother O'Hara is no theoretical speaker, but as pastor of the Clayton Street Baptist church keeps in close touch with the Sunday school work.

I started out to keep a list of the Baptist preachers in attendance, but so many came that it almost looked like one of our state conventions and I gave it up. We had the biggest preacher present, for Evangelist W. J. Ray was in constant attendance, and we had another preacher present who was head and shoulders above his pedo-Baptist brethren (as well as his Baptist brothers) for Rev. C. J. Burden, of Lafayette, the Moderator of the East Liberty Association, was taking in the convention. I won't say we had the littlest preacher present. I am willing to concede some things to other denominations!

Landrum P. Leavell had just finished one of his great speeches when a reporter said in my hearing: "There ain't a living man can report that young fellow. Why, he just opens his mouth and pops it out at you like he was shooting a quickfiring gun." He does speak rapidly, but the trouble I find in trying to report him comes from the fact that what he says is so interesting that I want to drop my pencil and enjoy it. The Baptists had just cause to be proud of their man and scores spoke to me about what a blessed worker we have in Leavell. Long may he live to stir and enthuse our people along the lines of religious work.

From the many good stories told by that enthusiastic Chicago Sunday school worker, W. E. Pearce, we select the following, told in speaking on "Securing New Members:"

"This subject calls to mind the experience I had several years ago when my physician recommended that I get out in the open air, and some one suggested hunting. Now I was a good hunter, but a mighty poor finder. I could bring in a quail if I found one of the gentle kind that would sit still and allow me to get my gun ready, but they wouldn't do that.

"Finally I took a friend out with me and soon we stirred up a covey of birds. We got two, I got none. I blamed it on my gun, but he was willing to swap. Then he told me my faults, that I shot too quick, and aimed at the whole covey.

"It doesn't pay to get excited in church work any more than in shooting, nor does it pay to try to get the whole town. One must pick out just one bird and shoot at that. Why, there are men going around today not married because they are making love to three girls."

Without a plan the school is like a ship without a helm. It is easy enough to plan a business, but we often go at God's work haphazard. Many superintendents close up their doors each Sunday and label it "to be called for."—J. B. Wadsworth.

The best way to get people to go home with you is to have something to eat. If you want them to come to Sunday school again you must have something with which to feed them. I am here because the Lord Jesus commanded every disciple to go forth and conquer the world. The best way to get folks is to go after them.—W. E. Pearce.

Here are the general officers for the ensuing year: R. F. Lewis, president; Joseph Carthel, general secretary; Miss Minnie Kennedy, field worker; L. H. Blan, recording secretary; Leon C. Palmer, assistant secretary; M. M. Sweatt, treasurer; superintendent home department, M. E. Smith; teacher training department, the Rev. C. O. N. Martindale.

"All Hail the Power o. Jesus' Name!" As it pealed through the corridors of the First Baptist church at the opening of the greatest convention of Sunday school workers ever held in the state, there sank deep into the hearts of two thousand souls the power of that name which had brought them from the confines of Alabama to sing His praises, and plan for the coming of His kingdom.

On Thursday afternoon, in the Sunday school room of the Christian church, the teacher training conference was led by W. C. Pearce, of Chicago. This was quite inspiring, as Mr. Pearce is a practical teacher, having great experience in one of the largest schools of Chicago. He made an exhaustive talk on teacher training, explaining every branch of the work, and impressing his hearers with the importance through study.

O. P. and A. D. Bentley were on hand, but C. J. was kept at home on account of sickness. A. D., or "Judge," as I have him down on my list, said: "Barnett, I believe I owe you something," but I didn't say anything, for I knew he was paid up to January, 1907, "and I am going to give you a check for \$5," which he did. I hope he can rest easy now when he reads my "duns" in the paper, as his figures will now read January, 1910.

R. O. Blakey, of Montgomery, chairman of the entertainment committee of the last annual convention held at Montgomery, who did so much to endear himself to the visitors and delegates, called a meeting of the committee on resolutions in the ante-room. He said that he was so impressed with the hospitality of Birmingham that he wanted his committee to draft suitable resolutions expressing the appreciation of the convention for the generous treatment.

D. H. Marbury, in telling how the superintendent can use the pupils to look after the absentees, told of his own great school at Marbury, where every person in the town is a member, except about twenty-five. He has the classes named instead of numbered, "as the convicts," and each class has a "scotcher" appointed monthly by the teachers, whose duty it is to visit every absentee during the week, and when he reports his work thoroughly done, he is given a star in the record book. The wonderful results which this plan is giving him led many others to adopt the same method.



ARMSTEAD CROWN,  
Of Montgomery, Retiring State President.

Too much praise can not be given to the local committee. The jolly white caps were in evidence everywhere that they could be of help to the visitors and the delegates.

At each session the faces of the delegates shone with the inspiration of the hour as they drank in eagerly the words of the speakers, storing them away to be used in their work at home.

At one of the helpful conferences Miss Alice Hale, of Birmingham, presided over the primary discussion, while two of the features of this department were described by Mrs. J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery, "Stories," and Mrs. N. A. Barrett, of East Lake, "Music."

No definite plans for holding the twenty-fifth annual convention has been determined upon. The committee appointed to agree upon the next meeting place was unable to decide upon an available place and consequently no recommendation was made. The matter will be decided later, the committee being granted an extension of time.

The delegates came from east, west, north and south, and yet the hospitable arms of the city reached out to all who came and five hundred homes were at the service of the committee when more than 1,300 registered delegates had been assigned. Let no one ever say again that Birmingham is too busy to stop to care for a convention of Christian workers.



G. G. MILES,  
Of Montgomery, Chairman of the Executive Committee.



W. E. PEARCE,  
From Chicago Who Took a Part in the Convention.

...tive and helpful in every way and so many people coming together in the name of the Master for the sole purpose of stimulating interest in His work is a pretty good sign that religious faith is still strong and quickening. The Sunday school convention is a mighty center of influence. It is a potential auxiliary of the pulpit and as a result of organization it is more helpful to the church today than ever before.

Birmingham welcomes the Sunday school workers and all right-minded persons will wish them peace and God speed.—Age-Herald.

The Birmingham papers gave good accounts of the convention and showed by their reports that they were in sympathy with the men and women who were planning to take Alabama for Christ.

## NEWS FROM PURA CORA.

We are in the midst of the observance of the week of prayer and do enjoy the meetings so much. Yesterday we talked about Cuba, where my beautiful Pura lives. She was my schoolmate at the Judson. The ladies of Alabama gave her that session at the Judson. They did not intend to give her music, but she had such a passionate love for it and wished so earnestly to be instructed they decided to have her taught music also. O, how proud those who helped should be of their investment that year! She writes me such dear letters about her work. Her work is principally among the girls of Matanzas. She says she has seen many of them converted. She does such noble service in the use of her literary training in English. She translates our English literature into Spanish for use in her missionary work. Perhaps her knowledge of music has been a source of even greater profit in the Master's service. She is organist in their church. It seems that Cubans are as fond of music as Italians. So many are attracted to the house of God by the beautiful music. Two years ago last June our society decided to help pay for a piano for Pura in her home. We sent her the first payment. My husband assumed the entire debt and has stood nobly by the work, helping and encouraging till the last dollar has been paid. She writes that the piano is such a great help in her work, specially with the young girls. They have no "parties" for young people in Cuba as we have in the states, so the young people go to the theaters and ball rooms and on and on to perdition. Since Pura has the piano her girls can meet with her at her home, where she entertains them with lovely music and teaches them beautiful songs. She teaches them church songs. Mrs. Gray says the singing of the children in church is beautiful. I am so fearful lest some of our missionary work will have to be given up on account of insufficient funds in the treasury of the Home Board. I do pray the work among those little girls, the future mothers of Cuba's sons and daughters, will be continued. But all the work on every field seems so necessary. May the Lord of the harvest open the purses of our people who have enough at home and to spare. I do not mean we have enough to satisfy our desires, but we have so much more than we need to sustain life in comfort.

My heart is full and my prayer is that we may do great things before April 10th. Sincerely,  
DAVIE FINKLEA WATSON, Furman.

## HOWARD COLLEGE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

It was the pleasure of the writer to be present at the last meeting of the Howard College Co-operative Association held March 7th in the new library room in Montague hall.

I have often read about the work of the association and prayed for its success, but not until I attended a meeting did I really know just what excellent and lasting work is being done by the noble band of women.

It would have done your heart good, dear reader, to have been present and listened to the many items of business presented and transacted.

For the benefit of those who do not know full well the workings of the association, I will say that it is an organization composed of representative women from the various churches and societies throughout the state; its purpose is to assist Howard college and its great work of educating the many boys of the Baptist and other denominations as well; its specific work at present is the furnishing and equipping of Howard College library, which will be a grand memorial to the organization.

At this meeting some twelve or more new members were enrolled. The treasurer's report showed sufficient funds on hand to settle all indebtedness; \$56.50 was handed in by two sisters who had given entertainments and secured new members, too. This, of course, made the president's heart rejoice to know how interested the members are, how ambitious is each one to do all she can for the work.

## WOMAN'S WORK

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, 1135 12th St., Birmingham.

Vice President—Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.

Vice President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, 517 N. 22d St., Birmingham.

State Organizer and Sunbeam Superintendent—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, 1127 S. 12th St., Birmingham.

Leader Young Woman's Work—Mrs. J. W. Vesey, 4804 10th Ave., Birmingham.

Secretary—Mrs. D. M. Malone, 736 S 29th St., Birmingham.

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

I feel sure your heart would rejoice to visit Howard College, especially Montague hall, and go into the library and let your eyes behold the splendid things being done by the association. Already neat and attractive book cases are set up, some already filled with volumes (others in waiting for books), handsome tables and chairs, splendid window shades, all paid for. Furthermore, the board of the librarian is being paid by the association. The large number of monthly magazines, the gift of Dr. Barnett, who is one of the college's most loyal and devoted friends, is a source of great pleasure and profit to the students. At this meeting action was taken whereby a committee in charge is to order at once some valuable and very much needed reference books. A committee was appointed to arrange and submit a program for "Howard College Day," by means of which the association hopes to clearly present to the societies the work of the co-operative association and the vast needs of the college. Already some valuable books have been donated by kind friends. There are many others who could give and would if their attention was called to the need of the library.

By sending one dollar to the treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Oldham, 52d Street, Birmingham, Ala., any one can become a life member of the association. Just think, if ten thousand women of Alabama would enroll their names what a splendid library we would have!

MRS. JAMES D. RAY

Birmingham, Ala.

## AFRICA.

## A Cry From Africa.

"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"

The words came sad and low;

O ye who knew the gospel truths,

Why didn't you let us know?

The Savior died for all the world,

He died to save from wee;

But we never heard the story:

Why didn't you let us know?

Hear this pathetic cry of ours,

O dwellers in Christian lands;

For Africa stands before you,

With pleading, outstretched hands;

You may not be able to come yourself,

But some in your stead can go.

Will you not send us teachers?

Will you not let us know?

—Grace P. Turnbull

## Africa's Names.

Africa was so called by the Romans. It means without cold or sunny. Americans call it the Dark Continent and the Africans call it "the white man's grave."

## Size and Population.

Few people realize the vast extent of the Dark Continent. Its extreme length would span the 5,000 miles from Gibraltar to the heart of America. Its greatest breadth would cover the distance from San Francisco to the middle of the Atlantic. Within this area is a population of from 160,000,000 to 200,000,000, almost one-seventh of the entire human race.

## Age of Africa.

Africa is at once among the oldest and the youngest of the lands of earth. Among the oldest, for what we know of her stretches far back into the early dawn of the world's history.

When in 1876 the United States was celebrating the first century of their independence, this message was wired from Egypt: "The oldest country of the world sends greetings to the youngest."

She is also among the youngest of lands, for the light of Christianity is just beginning to dissipate the darkness in which she has been stranded for centuries.

## In the Yoruba Country.

The work of Southern Baptists is in West Africa in what is known as the Yoruba country. This is a section almost as large as the state of Arkansas, bounded by Dahomey and Mahee and the river Niger. It has a population of about 2,000,000. On account of the slave trade and of the fierce tribal wars the people have been driven to reside mostly in cities for the sake of self-protection. As a result, there are within this territory fourteen cities, with populations ranging from 40,000 to 200,000. The people are pure negroes, and in some respects are among the most intelligent and promising of the African races. Agriculture is the chief industry, and the people make their own agricultural implements. They also have some knowledge of pottery, weaving, tanning, dyeing and forging.

## ROMANTIC DEVONSHIRE

## The Land Made Famous by Philpotts' Novels.

Philpotts has made us familiar with romantic Devonshire, in his fascinating novels, "The River," "Children of the Mist," etc. The characters are very human; the people there drink coffee with the same results as elsewhere. A writer at Rock House, Orchard Hill, Blideford, North Devon, states:

"For 30 years I drank coffee for breakfast and dinner, but some five years ago I found that it was producing indigestion and heartburn, and was making me restless at night. These symptoms were followed by brain fag and a sluggish mental condition.

"When I realized this, I made up my mind that to quit drinking coffee and having read of Postum, I concluded to try it. I had it carefully made, according to directions, and found to my agreeable surprise at the end of a week that I no longer suffered from either indigestion, heartburn or brain fag, and that I could drink it at night and secure restful and refreshing sleep.

"Since that time we have entirely discontinued the use of the old kind of coffee, growing fonder and fonder of Postum as time goes on. My digestive organs certainly do their work much better now than before, a result due to Postum Food Coffee, I am satisfied.

"As a table beverage we find (for all the members of my family use it) that when properly made it is most refreshing and agreeable, of delicious flavor and aroma. Vigilance is, however, necessary to secure this, for unless the servants are watched they are likely to neglect the thorough boiling which it must have in order to extract the goodness from the cereal." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

FINE MEETING IN EUFAULA.

By M. B. Wharton, D. D.

We have just closed one of the finest meetings ever held in our city. It is enough to say that Rev. L. O. Dawson, D. D., did the preaching. He was with us nearly two weeks and preached to delighted audiences all the while. He is in every sense an ideal minister, able, earnest, consecrated, and it is not strange that he won the hearts of our people. The influence of his instructions will long be felt in the community. Christian people were greatly revived and edified. While it was a Baptist meeting, all denominations felt the benefit. Twenty-two have joined our church so far and others are coming in, while a half dozen at least will join the Methodist church. While the visible results are important, it is the invisible results that will tell most largely for our good.

He went away with the benedictions of all, and I have no doubt the Master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I made known to a great congregation the wants and proposition of the Alabama Baptist as to its "one dollar till January" privilege, and I hope for good results. Am sorry the want of time prevented the following up of the announcement. Will do the best I can.

Eufaula, April 1.

REMOVING FRUIT AND OTHER STAINS FROM LINEN.

Nearly every housekeeper knows the importance of learning the art of removing stains, but all young beginners have to learn by experience and one requests me to send the best method of removing coffee, fruit, etc., from her damask table linens. Many old housekeepers use no other method of removing all such stains than simply to pour boiling water through such stains (at once as soon as it occurs), then dry it and press with a hot iron while damp, and this saves the laundering of the whole table cloth. If one knows just the right remedy and applies it in time, they can save many a handsome damask cloth. The vapor from a burning sulphur or if a coffee spot, etc., is held over the fumes of a burning match it will remove stains often times that nothing else will remove or affect.

To wash your table linens and keep them soft and white the greatest care must be taken. If washed in a warm, soft pearl suds it lessens the amount of rubbing to get them clean—hence it should be used in the suds in which they are washed. It is wise to overlook them and mend the smallest break by darning with soft darning cotton of a fine kind, and never put much starch in handsome table linen—a very little will answer. If cared for properly, stains removed and darned neatly, they will serve you for years and look handsome until the last. Always use a heavy silence cloth to protect them.—S. H. H.

REV. R. H. HICKS.

Rev. R. H. Hicks died at his home near this place on March 20, 1907. Bro. Hicks was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in 1890. Served country churches for a number of years. Was above an average among country preachers of this section. A good man has fallen on sleep. One by one the workers fall. May God's blessings rest upon the sorrowing ones.—G. B. Boman.

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It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this county, notifying all persons in interest to appear and contest said application if they think proper so to do.

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Commissioner.

JOS. T. COLLINS, JR.,  
Attorney, Title Guarantee Bldg.

**MORTGAGE SALE.**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Edward Cook and Louisa Cook to Sidney Hart on the 29th day of November, 1905, and recorded in Volume 408, page 78, of record of mortgages in the Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama, the undersigned mortgagee will on Saturday, the 27th day of April, 1907, during the legal hours of sale, in front of the Court House door of Jefferson county, in Birmingham Alabama, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said mortgage, namely: The South half of the North half of lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) in Block Eleven (11), North Smithfield, the said lot fronting fifty feet on the West side of John St. and extending back west of uniform width, 150 feet to the property of John Sykes; situated in Jefferson county, Alabama; default having been made in the payment of a part of the mortgage indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned has declared the entire indebtedness due and payable under the terms of said mortgage.

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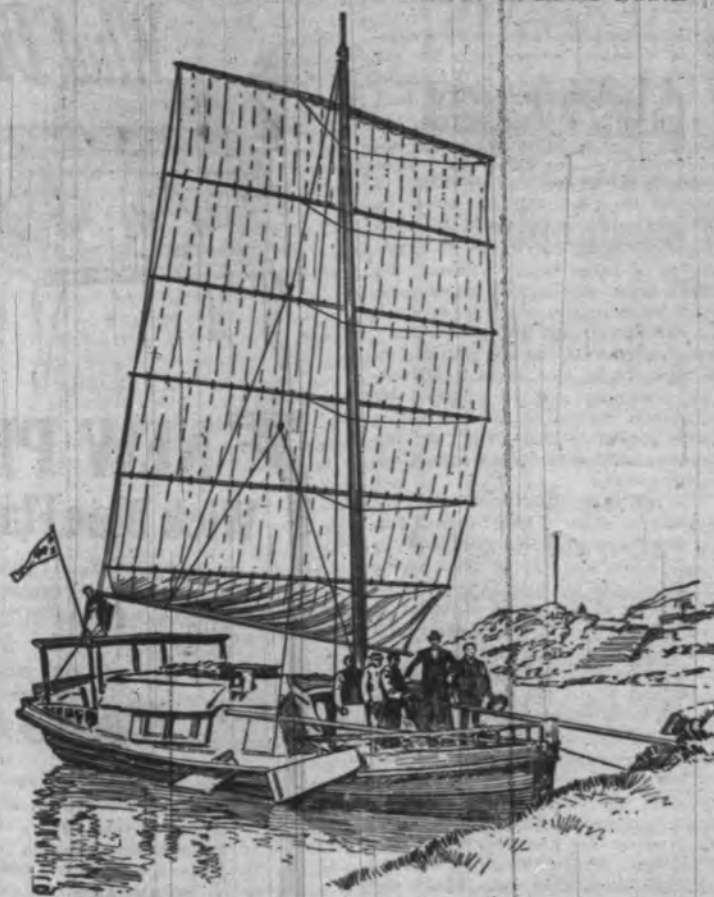
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I do not desire you to print this for controversy sake. I have learned you can not force truth on men, but to simply show there is no great cause for anxiety for my salvation so far as the matter of statement of belief is involved, I was in Dr. MacArthur's church in New York and saw the robed preacher and choir in processional and heard the sweet chant of the disciples' prayer while the organ played through the doctor's petition, but he preached an orthodox sermon on regeneration, and not many are in doubt about the salvation of Dr. MacArthur's soul, though he is a Baptist preacher and has a vested service. "That's the sort of thing he likes," as Dr. Broadus used to say. I have not denied the proper translation of the Bible, nor the inspiration of what God spoke through men, nor have I denied the precious blood which to me was just as much the sacrificial life in the veins of our Lord Jesus as when it dropped from his dear body on the tree, nor have I renounced the Holy Spirit of truth, but I do think Mrs. Eddy's statement of the scriptural doctrine of the trinity is the sanest one I have ever seen. If you do not know except by hearsay what her position is, don't denounce it as I foolishly did.

I write to simply apologize for my religious career, now that I am almost forty, for if we have any stuff in us we will be philosophers and not fools at that age. I apologize for my wanderings with this claim that I have been only a seeker for truth. I could never believe a statement when I came face to face with it—understand—in experience just because others, however old, had said so. I was born with a lack of reverence, especially for antiquated lies, and have believed what I was told about all things until it became unreasonable. Then, at the cost of friends, pasture, family, money, I have proceeded to demolish it at least to my own satisfaction, and have found that honesty in-seeking finds some truth and has won back a part of all I lost for a while.

You are familiar with my path of search. I believe in a "latest" in religion as well as electricity, for I have never seen in my two journeys through the great continents of the earth a teacher or people who knew they were the only ones right in all things. Hence this gave me reason to keep open house for truth and its shades. It made me love the man whom I found had his windows up, especially when his house was a work shop and filled with sunshine. Sick people are good weather vanes in religion, as sound men are for life. Je-

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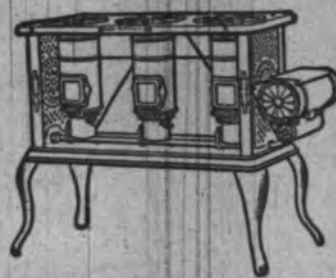
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Healed the sick and said his "signs would follow"—inevitably, always. I have sought and found truth in all directions, and was introduced to a fuller ideal of God's willingness to heal the body by A. J. Gordon, D. D., A. B. Simpson and John Alexander Dowrie; while the latter talked a great deal more about the kingdom of God as being the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his teaching made this kingdom utterly material, governed by spiritual powers. Josiah Strong's plea in "The Next Great Awakening" for the kingdom of God on earth led me to see that "soul-saving" is a time-doctrine or epoch doctrine as men grow, and is true; but true only as it leads, not to selfish life that "I am saved to sit down in heaven at last for Christ's sake," to the greater truth that God's will is to save the whole man, and that even this is true in part, or true only as it leads to the salvation of society and introduces the kingdom of God on this earth. Whatever others may believe I came to the conclusion that cyclones and sickness and murder and war and slavery and polygamy and all devilry as compulsorily taught to be of God in different ages of the earth, in our translation of scripture, is a mistranslation and advocated only by those who knew no better at that age. (Acts 17:30.) We know God never wrote the Bible in English. We know that even so orthodox a man as Dr. Robert Young in his "Analytical Concordance of the Bible" shows in the back pages that nearly all of these difficult passages were mistranslations of a permissive verb for a causative one, making God do the very thing in one book of the Bible which Satan did in the next (II Sam. 24:1 see I Chron. 21:1) and keeping us from ever understanding or trying to understand the God or Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom men ought intelligently pray. So I had to come through to some intelligent and believable position that God is good and fatherly, and whatever militates against this character as good and fatherly is a delusion and false.

I love you all, and am thankful for your prayers given me in my "wanderings and vagaries," but these have never hurt me, and so far as I know have never led any one else astray, for those who followed me learned, and those who did not are safe in their belief. I still speak frequently and find larger audiences and open hearts for whatever of truth I give.

WILLIAM D. GAY.

30 Irving St., Cambridge, Mass.

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