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THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS OF NORTH AMERICA.

The General Convention of American Baptists held its second meeting in the convention hall of the Jamestown exposition at Portsmouth, Va., at 2 o'clock p. m. May 22, and it was one of the most remarkable religious gatherings ever held in the United States, and was a fitting climax coming after the two remarkable gatherings, held respectively in the south and north, at Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C., the Baptists of the two sections, together with those of the Dominion of Canada, being united for a great purpose. The Standard well says:

"That which the group of far-sighted men who met in the big snow storm in New York in January, 1905, dreamed about and planned for was realized at the Jamestown exposition in May, 1907. The North and the South, the East and the West met together and with heartiness and enthusiasm looked over the great field God has given the Baptists to cultivate." The Convention Organized.

It was a good natured, happy company of Baptists who gathered themselves together on Wednesday afternoon. The southerners present outnumbered those from the north and the atmosphere was that of the Southern Baptist Convention rather than of the Northern Baptist Anniversaries, but this condition interested the latter and pleased the former.

The meeting place was a great rectangular hall incomplete both inside and outside. Fortunately the people could hear the speakers when the convention was in order and voices were skillfully used, as was the case almost invariably. The hall was bare except where flags gave color and decorative effect. The sun shone bright and not through an uncurtained skylight. There were huge gaps in the roof and thanks were given that sunshine, not rain, was pouring through them. The soft salt air blew in through the windows and tempered the heat and refreshed the body.

Promptly at the appointed hour, in fact three minutes before it, President E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, called the convention to order. Mr. E. M. Thresher, of Ohio, chairman of the executive committee of the convention, read a resume of the proceedings of the committee's actions during the two years since the organization of the convention in St. Louis in May, 1905. On recommendation of the committee the constitution was amended so as to provide for a corresponding secretary, in addition to a secretary and assistant.

President's Address.

The president's address was now delivered. It combined wisdom with humor, eloquence with good sense. He hailed with expressions of joy this great convocation of American Baptists, composed of those gathered in fraternal union from all parts of the United States as well as Mexico and Canada. He said he had wanted to compare the general convention to a marriage. But when he was reminded that the one party, the Southern convention, was a battle-scarred bachelor, and the other, the Northern Baptist convention, but a child of five days, the metaphor did not seem quite so appropriate, espe-

cially as each was permitted to go on following his previous habits. In any event it was a great Baptist brotherhood. Within sight of the delegates two historic streams, one from the north and one from the south, are mingling in a peaceful harbor, forming a national defense. Here, forgetting when we come, we meet only to remember that we are Americans and Baptists—or better still, we are brethren. Here we commit sectionalism to a watery grave. Let us inscribe on our banners three words: Faith, Freedom, Fraternity. All hail to the new Northern Baptist convention with whose heroic president, Governor Hughes, every one would gladly clasp hands. The convention burst into song, "My Country, My

of Thee," singing out with 2,000 lung power volume. Immediately following the address of the president, the Rev. Claude Kelly, of Missouri, presented him with a beautiful gavel made of wood taken from the old Bethel Baptist church, in Missouri—the first to be built across the Mississippi river—and of wood taken from the old Roger Williams church, in Providence, R. I. This gavel, said Mr. Kelly, typified the union of the two great divisions of the church.

President Stevens responded heartily to Mr. Kelly's presentation remarks, and, holding both gavels in his hand, declared that it would take both to keep the Missourians down during the convention.

A Missionary Symposium.

Never before have Baptists listened to a description of the entire field of their general missionary work at home and abroad. One's soul was uplifted as he heard the reports of secretary after secretary. The general theme was "Noteworthy Events in Our Work at Home and Abroad Within Two Years."

Corresponding Secretary R. J. Willingham, of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced and allowed eight minutes by the chair in which to report upon the work of his department during the past two years. He said that the most striking evidences of the results of the foreign mission work was the fact that many missionaries under his board were now pleading for greater scope in their various fields.

Referring to the laymen movement, which is growing rapidly in the Southern church, Dr. Willingham declared that to this movement was due much of the enthusiasm in foreign mission work, and much of the financial aid which has been needed to support this work. He also referred to the educational features of the work, saying that seven seminaries had recently been established and that one hundred and one schools had been added within the last two years to the number now educating the heathens.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Barbour, of Boston, corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Board, showed that the recent war between Russia and Japan had resulted in a moral awakening in the Far East, and had made it possible for the missionaries laboring under his board to achieve much that before was thought impossible. He said that the religious and political forces were now working in unison for the betterment and enlightenment of the people.

The Sunday-school work of the Southern Baptist (Continued on Page 12.)



Powhattan Oak, Jamestown, 1,000 Years Old.

THE COMMENCEMENT AT HOWARD COLLEGE

The commencement sermon preceding the commencement exercises of Howard College was preached by Dr. M. B. Wharton, pastor of the First Baptist church, Eufaula, at the Ruhama Baptist church in East Lake.

The entire central section of the church was reserved for the Howard students and these attended in a body. The other parts of the church were crowded, the chairs placed in the aisles were all occupied and many people were standing in the side aisles near the windows.

The Rev. J. M. Shelburne opened the services with a short prayer.

Many relatives and friends of the young men of the college were in attendance from all over the state. A special choir, under the leadership of Miss Annie Lou Wood, rendered several beautiful musical selections. Members of the student body of the college, preceded by the faculty, entered the church together, occupying seats at the front portion of the central nave.

Dr. Montague, president of Howard, introduced Dr. Wharton to the congregation with a few well chosen words.

After making a few appropriate remarks in reply to Dr. Montague's introduction, Dr. Wharton began his sermon, taking as his text Exodus second chapter and tenth verse, "And she called his name Moses because she said she drew him out of the water." At the very outset of his discourse he gained the rapt attention of his audience and the utmost stillness prevailed throughout the church until he spoke the closing sentence. The sermon abounded in poetry and eloquence, interspersed with metaphors, striking comparisons and vivid illustrations. It was evidently the finished product of thoughtful preparation. He said in part:

"Moses stands as the highest peak in the mountain range of great men. He stands alone—without a peer. He has made himself a pattern for great men.

"The life of Moses may be divided into three periods: first, the period extending from his birth until he became a ruler in Egypt; second, the period lasting from his rulership in Egypt until he assumed the leadership of Israel, and, third, the period following this up to the time of his death.

"The Israelites had increased so rapidly during Pharaoh's dynasty that he issued an order that all male children should be put to death. Moses was concealed in the bullrushes by his mother and there found by the daughter of Pharaoh, who ordered him to be taken from the water and removed to her palace. There have been many great things drawn from the waters! many a gem of purest ray serene! but Moses is the greatest object that has ever been drawn out of the water.

"Moses was so called because he was destined to draw his people out of bondage and place them in the inheritance of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

"Moses was educated in everything useful for a great man to know and pertaining to the life of a ruler. He had access to all the treasures of Egypt and to all the pleasures of sin as well, the dance, table, equipage and many other pleasures not to be mentioned, but the noble nature of Moses would not permit him to be happy while his people were suffering and in trouble. He chose to suffer with God's own children.

Enters Upon Pastoral Life.

"The second period of the life of Moses began when he fled from Egypt after slaying the Egyptian. He now entered upon a pastoral life and became engaged in leading the flocks as he afterward led Israel out of captivity. While engaged in this life he married and marriage in his case proved that 'Woman, God's last gift to man, is God's best gift to man.'

"In the third period of his life, Moses stands before you as the greatest leader, law-giver and prophet. He has been compared to Washington, but Washington was at the head of enthusiastic followers, fighting for home, while Moses led complaining

slaves who longed for the flesh-pots of Egypt. Moses has been compared to Lycurgus and Solon as a law-giver, but these are in no way his equal for the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses stand as the basis upon which is built the law of every nation on the globe.

"The death of Moses on Mt. Pisgah, where he had gone to view the land of Canaan and Jerusalem, the holy city of the Lord, is like the setting of the sun at the close of day, filling the horizon with brightest rays."

Dr. Wharton concluded with an exhortation to the young men of Howard college.

"Young men of the graduating class, if you will walk in the footsteps of the men of Howard college who have gone before you, you will become leaders in your time. Some of you will enter the profession of law, others of you will become literary or military men, but, whatever you may be, let me admonish you to make Moses your exemplar. Conduct yourselves like men. The great demand of the ages is 'Give us men.' The cry that I hear is give us men. The pulpits, mercantile establishments and mission fields are ringing with the cry for great hearts and strong hands, men who love honor and who will not lie."

After a song had been sung by the students of Howard college and the members of the choir the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Crumpton, state secretary of missions.

Missionary Sermon.

A strong and helpful missionary sermon was preached by Rev. Paul V. Bomar, D. D., pastor at Marion, and we have requested him to furnish us with a copy to be published later in the Alabama Baptist.

Meeting of Trustees.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of Howard college was held Tuesday in Montague hall. Such a volume of business occupied the attention of the board that the entire day, as well as a part of the night, was taken up by the session.

This is the largest session ever known in the history of the college. Twenty-one out of the twenty-six members of the board were present. J. B. Ellis, of Selma, is president; S. D. Broadus, of Decatur, vice president; R. C. Ratliff, secretary, and Prof. A. D. Smith was elected treasurer.

Dr. Montague recommended to the board of trustees that the college grounds be beautified and improved and all buildings be placed in first-class condition before the meeting of the Baptist encampment on June 5th. This recommendation was passed.

A new charter was adopted by the board, and it is very probable that R. H. Hunt, a Chattanooga architect, will be employed to plan the new buildings which are contemplated.

Acting Professor J. A. Handricks was elected full professor of economics, history and Biblical literature.

Prof. Edward Brand was elected dean of the faculty.

A. H. Olive, M. A., formerly of Wake Forest college, North Carolina, and now assistant in Cornell university, was elected acting professor of chemistry and biology.

J. W. Vardaman, D. F. Stakely and A. L. Smith, who have been instructors in the college, were elected as assistant professors.

This has been by far the most successful year the college has had since its foundation, both financially and in the number of students enrolled. The total enrollment this year was two hundred and five, an increase of twenty-five over that of last year.

Technical School.

The board appointed a committee to make plans and report on the technical school which it is proposed to establish in connection with the college.

For several years this matter of a technological school has been talked of in connection with Howard, but so far no definite plans have been proposed. It was argued at the board meeting that Birmingham

was the best field in the United States for the establishment of a great technological training school, and that more practical training could be gotten here in the matter of mines and industries than anywhere else in the country.

The committee which was appointed Tuesday will consider the matter and their report will be made at the Baptist state convention which meets in Dothan in July. At this time the necessary measures will be taken up to provide funds for the establishment of the addition.

Dr. Montague's Report.

The report of President Montague was read to the board and discussed and approved. Since the college has been presided over by Dr. Montague it has made great strides and is now recognized as one of the foremost schools of the South. In addition to the greatly enlarged and advanced curriculum, Dr. Montague has raised money and constructed a large dormitory and Montague hall, a building which will be devoted to science. The number of students at the college has also increased.

Senior Day Exercises.

The senior day exercises were held in the college chapel during the forenoon of Tuesday.

The regular senior orations were delivered before a large audience. The speakers were A. E. Payne, C. E. Crossland, W. S. Hendricks and David Bryan. No medals were awarded.

The other exercises were literary in character.

Banquet Tuesday Night.

The annual banquet of the Howard College Alumni Association was celebrated Tuesday night in the private dining room of the Hillman hotel.

The committee on arrangements had prepared for, and confidently expected that one hundred and fifty of its members would be present, but owing to the uncertainty of the car service the banquet was at one time declared off, and was, however, decided at the last moment to conform to the usual custom.

Plates for forty-five were placed, and these were all taken.

The smallness of the numbers in no way detracted from the pleasure of the occasion. Nearly every man present had attended many such banquets, and enthusiasm was written on every face.

No formal programme had been prepared, but every man called upon for a toast responded instantly and with the ease which characterizes good impromptu speakers.

In the absence of Dr. Montague, Colonel Hogan acted as toastmaster, and displayed splendid ability along this line. All the speeches teemed with glowing tributes to Howard college, and expressed earnest desires for the expansion and upbuilding of the college.

Medal in Drill Contest.

In the drill exercises by the cadets Monday afternoon the manual medal was won by C. T. Bobo, of Scottsboro, and the captain's medal went to C. E. Crossland, of Company D.

Medals for Oratory.

The junior oratorical exercises took place Monday night. B. L. Martin, of Iuka, Miss., won the medal. The other contestants were: J. F. Cook, W. T. Bell, Mr. McCormick and W. C. Wood. All the speeches were well delivered.

The sophomore declamation contest was won by B. F. Hutto, of Decatur. Last Saturday he also won the Franklin.

A Delightful Reception.

The reception by the Ladies' Co-operative Association, which took place between 4 and 6 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, was a most enjoyable occasion. The ladies have done much to beautify the grounds and buildings.

Commencement Day.

Graduation exercises were held at Howard college Wednesday morning in the presence of a splendid audience. Diplomas were conferred on a class of

fourteen, seven of whom have volunteered to go as missionaries to the foreign field.

The oration was delivered by Rev. J. A. Cook, whose life work will be among the heathen in the east.

Congressman J. Thomas Heflin delivered the baccalaureate address.

In a characteristic manner he portrayed the grandeur of the Old South and called upon the young men just going out into the world to preserve Southern ideals and traditions. He warned them against the encroachments of railroads and the unloading of the scum of foreign countries upon a soil made glorious by the heroic deeds of Anglo-Saxon peoples.

The Invocation.

After some selections by the orchestra of the Boys' Industrial School, President A. P. Montague introduced to the audience Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, who delivered the invocation.

At the conclusion of his prayer music was rendered by the orchestra. The musical selections were interspersed throughout the programme and were much enjoyed. The orchestra, director and the Boys' Industrial School were warmly thanked by President Montague at the conclusion of the exercises for the music which they had rendered.

The oration followed and was delivered by Rev. J. A. Cook, winner of the medal for oratory at the intercollegiate contest held in Birmingham this year. Mr. Cook was introduced by President Montague as one of seven who had volunteered from the class to go to the mission field. He spoke with ease, painting the beneficent influence of religion upon the history of the world, finding its culmination in the peace conference at The Hague. As the young orator took his seat he was liberally applauded.

Congressman Heflin.

President Montague then introduced J. Thomas Heflin, congressman from the Seventh Alabama district. He referred to him as the man whom William Jennings Bryan had eulogized as being one of the great orators of the country.

Mr. Heflin spoke on "The Story of the South" and stated to the graduating class that if he were to take a text it would be "Glory in Thine Inheritance." He spoke without manuscript and at times when relating some especially humorous anecdote or reaching some well-rounded period was highly applauded.

Mr. Heflin told in a beautiful manner the story of the South and the part played in the national life by Southern men and women. He recounted the deeds of Washington, Patrick Henry, the Lees, Madisons, Jacksons and many others and traced the influence of Southern thought and Southern manhood and womanhood throughout the national life. He said that the first tea party was given in Wilmington and not in Boston; that the first shot fired in the revolutionary war to be heard around the world was not on the plains of the North, but on the battlefields of Carolina. Southern men, he said, wrote the Declaration of Independence, fought the battle at New Orleans, followed Scott into the land of the Montezumas, and made illustrious the greatest country upon the map.

Speaking of the civil war, he said that the idea of state sovereignty was the golden thread through the fabric of the United States constitution. Great jurists conceded the right of the States to secede. Many held that in a conflict between States and the national government allegiance was due the State. The speaker lauded the men of the Southern armies who had so stubbornly contended for their rights and so bravely borne the brunt of battle. With 600,000 men pitted against 2,600,000 for four years victory had rested upon the arms of the South, he said.

The speaker gave the history of reconstruction days and paid an eloquent tribute to Southern womanhood. He eulogized the private and said that were he a poet he would sing the story of the private soldier who had fought throughout the four years of blood and carnage.

Turning to the graduating class he said: "Go, young men and tell the railroads that under the

pretense of love of development are unloading the scum of foreign countries upon our shores that such things shall not be. Go and tell them that we will keep our citizenship pure and above reproach. Go and tell them as our fathers did that the white man is superior to any other man. Tell them the South will settle the negro question in her own way. Tell them the vestal virgins of the South will keep white the purity of our blood and that we will maintain forever the Anglo-Saxon claim of racial superiority."

The Graduating Class.

At the conclusion of Congressman Heflin's address President Montague awarded diplomas to the graduating class. Fourteen young men came forward one by one and received the parchments. They were applauded as they filed across the rostrum and many received flowers.

The following received diplomas: J. H. Atkins, David Bryan, Charles Hasty, J. A. Cook, C. E. Crossland, I. H. Dykes, H. H. Hagood, I. L. Jordon, L. P. Burns, A. P. Longshore, W. S. Hendricks, W. C. Wilson, A. E. Page and K. W. Smith.

Following the formal presentation of diplomas Rev. L. S. Handley, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, pronounced the benediction.

DYING BY THE MILLION.

Walter R. Lambuth.

At a mass meeting of missionaries held here in Shanghai yesterday, some startling facts were brought out in the statements of those just returned from the famine district, 800 miles to the north, and by telegrams received from others who are on the ground battling with disease and starvation.

In an area north of the Yangtze river, which is an agricultural section and which has a diameter of some 500 miles, there are 10,000,000 Chinese who are on the verge of starvation. Of this number there are 3,000,000 who are actually starving. It is only possible, with the relief in hand, to succor 500,000 of the 3,000,000. The others must perish miserably in a few weeks if something is not done.

The cause of the famine is primarily the flood months ago which caused the breaking of the dikes. This has prevented the planting of crops early enough to bring relief in the spring, though some wheat is now in the ground which, when harvest comes in July or August, may help to mitigate the horrors with which the people are now face to face.

Consul General Rodgers has advised that 12,000 bags of flour were being forwarded from the United States on the S. S. Coptic. This will be a noble addition to the Commissary Department in the hands of the missionaries, but even that will be a mere handful since appeals have come to the Shanghai committee for 20,000 bags of flour for the starving people on the Taiping Island alone. The consul further advises the receipt of \$5,000 (gold) from the Red Cross Association, and \$50,000 (gold) from the Christian Herald through the Red Cross. But even this additional aid will only keep alive the 500,000, while the 2,500,000 must inevitably perish if relief does not arrive in time.

Dr. Hampden C. Dubose, of the Southern Presbyterian church, writes as follows from Tsiang Pu, where he is engaged in distribution:

"Opening 26 miles canal. It will drain large section. I employ 10,000 men. This week I feed 55,000. This is the largest number yet reached. The cry is 'Dying from hunger.' Doors, windows, furniture, beams in houses being sold for food. Houses and villages desolated by flood and famine. Necessary to feed chair and barrow coolies before they can work. The poor eating weeds. When shall wheat crop be gathered?—no money to purchase seed. Old men, women and children in desperate straits. I see very few babies. Ship flour, rice, wheat, bran, in boats direct from Wushu to Suchien. Increase famine relief tenfold."

Miss M. A. Reid, at Antung, writes:

"The boon these cheap sales of flour and grain are to the people is just unspeakable. Local grain is very dear and scarce. We are getting closer and closer to the worst days. I really dread to think

what the few weeks before the harvest will be like."

A telegram comes from Pere Thomas, a Roman Catholic priest, chairman of the local committee at Yuwan. He states that the famine conditions are becoming accentuated and that large numbers of families are wandering about, nourishing themselves with wild roots, and that they are in many places plucking up the wheat as it appears above ground and eating it.

A member of the committee writes as follows:

"A pathetic case was that of poor fatherless and motherless children. They stood nude, huddled up against the building when I went out of the door to take in the shipment of flour. I heard the low, feeble cry of a child, and looking around saw the most pitiful face leaning over the elder brother's breast. The mere infant was making such a low, pitiful cry, its eyes closed from the intense light and swollen lids—I could not help it, I went back to the inner court and wept. What could I do? It was too young to feed. It must get nourishment from the breast, and poor thing, even then, it was beyond hope, no doubt. I filled the elder brother's bowl with copper coins and the four went off, slowly toddling along, to get some gruel."

The Chinese officials have not failed to contribute to the relief of their own people. The sum of 6,000,000 taels, or about \$4,200,000 (gold) has been thus expended. They are embarrassed, however, by indemnities, heavy exactions from the central government, and especially by the lack of organization and systematic effort for reaching those who are in such straits. More help from abroad should be given in that broad spirit of Christian charity and brotherhood which has ever characterized the enlightened nations of the west.

The relief committees feel that a guarantee should be given those who are furnishing funds and provisions that these will be wisely, swiftly and economically expended. There is a call for fifty more missionaries in addition to the forty-odd who are now assisting in the work and these will be forthcoming. Every dollar will be accounted for and the generous public may be sure that the most will be made of the means furnished. Such names as DuBose, Henry Woods, Junkin, Patterson; Father Thomas, Father Bies, Revs. Mungean, Tyler, Grace, Miss Reed and others constitute an absolute guarantee of a right use of all that comes into their hands.

Let it be remembered by those who sit three times a day at their home boards, laden with good things, that two and a half million human beings will perish with hunger within the next six weeks if adequate help does not arrive. One dollar will save a life. Even 25 cents will enable some man or woman or child to eke out an existence until the crops can be gathered. He who gives quickly gives twice; gives in this case ten times. Let us to the rescue, not only in behalf of these poor Chinese, but for the sake as well of the heroic, self-sacrificing missionaries who are now overworked, poorly fed, and are in constant danger of the dreaded typhus fever and dysentery which rage in every famine camp.

Send contributions to R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., marked "For Famine Sufferers."



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THE COMMENCEMENT AT "THE JUDSON"

The sixty-ninth annual session of Judson has passed into history. In many respects, it was the most prosperous year in the long and useful history of the institution. The total enrollment was 317 and nearly 100 who desired to enter were unable to do so for lack of room. The number of teachers and officers employed was 36, and the work done in all departments was fully up to the standard of former years. The commencement exercises brought together the largest number of visitors Marion has ever known.

Expression Evening.

On Saturday night, May 11th, the exercises began by an excellent entertainment by the School of Expression. Two short plays, "Mr. Bob" and "Nance Oldfield," very greatly delighted the audience. In the first especially finished was the work of Miss Haynes, Miss McGlathery and Miss Spinks. In "Nance Oldfield" Miss Ernestine Patterson and Miss Madie Terry won honor and credit for themselves. The enrollment in this department has been unusually large and the work done was better than usual.

The Sermons.

On Sunday morning, May 12th, the Rev. E. C. Dargan, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., faced a large and inspiring audience. The three hundred young women of the Judson, all in spotless white, marched in a body into the Alumnae Auditorium and took the seats reserved for them and all remaining seats were filled by visitors. The text was John 11:5: Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister. The sisters of Bethany as types of Christian character furnished the subject for a discourse which was considered among the very best ever delivered on a commencement occasion. At the evening service Dr. Dargan preached on the alabaster box of ointment, which was also full of inspiration and comfort. The music, both morning and evening, under the direction of Mrs. Gurganus, the successful voice teacher, who has for many years had charge of that department, was particularly beautiful and inspiring. Especially attractive was the solo by Mrs. Powers, "The Ninety in Nine." At both services the chorus and congregational singing was unusually good. **Art and Music.**

Monday was given to art and music. In the morning from 9 to 12:30 in the spacious art rooms hundreds of visitors examined the many beautiful pictures and other pieces of art work done by the students of the present session. There were in all over 300 paintings and pictures done in crayon and pen and ink. Especially did the tapestry and the china painting call forth the enthusiastic admiration of the best judges of art. In charge of this department is Miss Laura I. Bacon, who has studied in New York and has spent some years abroad. The best work done in this department the present session was by Misses Fronie Williams and Carrie Dormon, who were members of the senior class.

Reunion of Class of 1897.

One of the most delightful features of the commencement was the reunion of the class of 1897, the first that graduated after President Patrick assumed charge of the college. There were sixteen members of this class and twelve of them attended the class reunion. President and Mrs. Patrick gave a dinner to the class of 1897 and the members of the class of 1907 as well as the teachers who were members of the faculty ten years ago. This occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the toasts which were responded to by the graduates of 1897 as well as those that were proposed to the graduates of the present year, were all exceedingly happy and it is the opinion of those who were present that they could not be surpassed in beauty, spontaneity and appropriateness by the gentlemen who are supposed to have a monopoly in after-dinner speech-making. So successful was this occasion that it was decided that each class would have a reunion at the end of each decade. **The Annual Concert.**

In the evening the annual concert was given. The reputation of the Judson's large and excellent department of music always draws a great crowd to

the concerts and every seat was taken. The department has been under the direction of Prof. E. L. Powers for nine years and the already high standard has been greatly raised. Thoroughness has been the rule and the work has been rewarded by excellent results. Following is the program:

PART I.

Cantata—Twilight Pictures. Poem by Charles Noel Douglass. Music by John Hyat Brewer. Chorus, voice pupils; soloists, Mrs. Powers, Miss Pitts; accompanists, piano, Miss Robson, Miss Pitts; organ, Mr. Powers.

"Neither daylight, starlight, moonlight,
But a sad-sweet term of some light
By the saintly name of Twilight."

—James Whitcomb Riley.

- No. 1. In the Mountains.
- No. 2. The Angelus.
- No. 3. At the Trysting Hour.
- No. 4. In the Nursery.
- No. 5. A Fairy Revel.
- No. 6. In the Homestead.

PART II.

Part Songs—H. R. Bishop, "The Bloom is on the Rye;" A. J. Caldicott, "Humpty Dumpty."

GLEE CLUB.

Piano—Theo. Leschetizky, "The Cascade," Miss Mattie Knight.

Songs—Angelo Mascheroni, "It is Your Voice;" C. Chaminade, "Love's Captive," Miss Belle McCollum.

Piano—J. Raff, waltz, "Romeo and Juliet" (Gounod), Miss Lola Warren.

Songs—H. Clough-Leighter, "A Little Maiden Loves a Boy," "The Voice of Spring," "You and I and April," Miss Ethel Pitts.

Piano—C. M. von Weber (Concerto in E flat) Allegro, Cadenza, Miss Margaret Macon; second piano, Miss Carter.

Chorus—H. Lane Wilson, Carmena Waltz, Sight-Singing Classes.

The chorus singing was especially enjoyed. None the less complimented were the solos of Mrs. Powers and Miss Pitts. Both have strong, beautiful voices and their rendition of difficult selections aroused the admiration of the large audience.

The Concerto.

The piano playing by Misses Knight and Warren, the two piano graduates of the present session, showed intelligent and rare interpretative ability as well as faultless technique. Webber's concerto in E flat was rendered with splendid effect by Miss Margaret Macon with Miss Carter at the second piano. The department of music is so large that the faculty has been increased for the coming session.

The Alumnae Society.

The Alumnae Association held its annual business meeting on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. It was developed at the meeting that the alumnae has raised a large sum for the library fund during the year and that it had provided two scholarships for ambitious young men in the Judson during the past session. The Alumnae Association has raised thousands of dollars during the past few years for the extent of the Judson's work. The members of the Alumnae Association marched from the parlors into the Alumnae Auditorium at 11 o'clock. The members of the class of 1897 were seated on the platform.

Address to the Alumnae.

A scholarly and eloquent address was delivered to the Alumnae Association by Rev. J. L. Rosser, the gifted young pastor of the First Baptist church of Selma on the "Obligations of Education." As always Dr. Rosser had something to say and said it admirably and concluded at the right time. We wish we had space to publish this splendid address.

The Class Exercises.

The chief event of Tuesday, however, was the presentation of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" by the senior class of the present session. An admission fee was charged and notwithstanding that the rain came down in torrents, a splendid audience

was present. The proceeds of this were devoted to the library fund.

The rostrum of the auditorium was tastefully decked in evergreen shrubs and bushes, with here and there a hint of ancient furnishings. In the arborescent beauties of the stage the young lady players made their exits and their entrances. The costuming of the players was excellent. They were tasteful, in harmony with the times they represented, and apparently costly. Their designer deserves no little credit.

The cast was as follows:

Don Pedro, Prince of Arragon—Sara Katherine Shivers, Acts I and II; Florence Duggar, Acts III, IV, V.

Don John, his Brother—Ruby Oden.

Claudio, a Young Lord of Florence—Lida Mae Lambert, Acts I, II, IV; Emma Lou Ford, Act V.

Benedick, a Young Lord of Padua—Margaret Watrons.

Leonata, Governor of Messina—Alma Stewart, Acts I, II and III; Isla Smith, Acts IV and V.

Antonio, His Brother—Bessie Riley.

Balthazer, Attendant on Don Pedro—Eugenia Latimer.

Conrade, Follower of Don John—Eugenia Latimer.

Borachio, Follower of Don John—Nellie Argue.

Friar Francis—Willie Mae Crumpton.

Dogberry—Vivian Barron.

Verges—Emma Lou Ford.

First Watch—Dora Brantley.

Second Watch—Miram Larkin.

Sexton—Willie Mae Crumpton.

Boy—Miriam Larkin.

Hero, Daughter to Leonato—Lillie Bell Rankin.

Beatrice, Niece to Leonato—Minnie Lee Rainer.

Margaret, Gentlewoman Attending on Hero—Katie Sue Avery.

Ursula, Gentlewoman Attending on Hero—Kate Seears.

The young ladies showed a thorough instruction in the art of expression, and, unlike most amateurs, their stage utterance was clear and distinct.

Commencement Night.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the twenty-nine graduates marched in to the strains of inspiring music on the grand organ, at which Prof. Powers presided, and took their places on the platform. As always on this occasion, the doxology was sung with great zest, after which a fervent prayer was offered by Dr. C. J. Thompson. Then the senior class rendered Sullivan's inspiring chorus "With Hearts of Hope." President Patrick briefly addressed the class and presented the diplomas to the following young ladies:

Bachelor of Arts—Margaret Watrons.

Bachelor of Science—Anna Dora Brantley, Emma Lou Ford, Lida Mae Lambert, Lillie Belle Rankin, Alma Leona Stewart.

Bachelor of Literature—Nell L. Argue, Susan Kathaleen Avery, Vivian Mary Barron, Willie May Crumpton, Caroline C. Dorman, Florence R. Dugger, Miriam Larkin, Eugenia Latimer, Ruby Hill Oden, Minnie Lee Rainer, Bessie Pharr Riley, Kate Booker Seears, Sara Katherine Shivers, Isla Virginia Smith.

Music.

Pianoforte—Mattie Knight, Lola Warren.

Voice—Belle McCollum, Ethel Pitts.

Art—Fronie Williams.

Expression—Leita Garner, Meida Haynes, Ernestine Patterson, Madie Terry.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. William H. Smith, D. D., of Richmond, Va. His subject was the "Ageless Life" and the address was full of sparkling humor, of profound thought and eloquent appeal. The words of Dr. Smith made a lasting impression upon all who were present. It was particularly appropriate that he should make this address, as his daughter was among the graduates of the present session.

Encouraging Announcements.

President Patrick then spoke of the splendid at-

tendance and the work of the session and the embarrassment that had come to him and the officers of the school because nearly 100 ladies who desired to enter could not do so for lack of room. He announced that he was authorized by the Board of Trustees to enlarge the dormitory so as to accommodate seventy-five more students the coming session.

The Library Building.

The library building for which the friends of the institution have been working for the past session is now practically assured and the trustees made arrangements to begin work on the building as early as possible. It is to be hoped that it will be ready for use by the first of January.

President's Home.

Dr. Patrick announced that President B. F. Ellis, of the Board of Trustees, who had so long been a liberal helper in all that pertained to the upbuilding at the Judson, had made a large gift for the erection of the President's home, to be made memorial to his daughter, Mrs. Zadie Ellis Ashcraft, who was loved and honored by all who knew her. This announcement was received with great enthusiasm, as Mrs. Ashcraft was one of the Judson's most accomplished graduates, and who was always devoted to her alma mater. The amount of Mr. Ellis' gift was \$5,000, and it is understood that the other \$5,000 will be provided.

Large Attendance.

All indications are that the rooms for the coming session will all be filled. Already most of the rooms have been taken and paid for in advance, so anxious are the patrons to have their daughters return. In this connection it is well to remind those who are interested that if they desire to attend the Judson for the coming session it will be necessary to give early notice, as there are sure to be more applicants than can be received even with the enlarged provision for the coming session. No crowding will be permitted and improved facilities and equipments

will be provided. The Baptists of Alabama have reason to be grateful for the splendid work this great institution has done.

Women Delegates in Session.

Eight hundred women delegates to the Baptist Convention of North America met behind closed doors in the auditorium at the Jamestown exposition on May 23d, the session being the first and only one held by the women in connection with the national assembly. The body was called to order by Miss Fannie Heck, of Atlanta, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, who presided throughout the day. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. George A. Schmelz, of Hampton, Va., on behalf of the local Baptists, and by Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, of Tennessee, on behalf of the Baptist women of the South.

The addresses of welcome were responded to by Mrs. John Nuveen, of Chicago. Miss Heck delivered an address on "Work of the Baptist Women of the Country," which was followed by an address on "Baptist Work by the Women of the North and West," by Miss Mary V. Burdette.

President Tucker, of the Jamestown exposition, welcomed the Baptist women to Virginia and the exposition.

THE ENCAMPMENT CALLED OFF.

The committee appointed by the Talladega convention to provide an encampment this year for the Baptists of Alabama was more than happy to feel that the most difficult part of its duty was done, and that the encampment for this occasion was an assured success. Its disappointment, therefore, was great when at the last moment they were obliged to call off the meeting temporarily. This, too, after the Alabama Baptist had been mailed last week, and nothing remained possible but to inform the people through the daily press.

The committee felt obliged to take this step upon the advice of brethren in and out of Birmingham who regarded conditions around that city as too unsettled to make it wise to gather a crowd whose comfort and work would be largely dependent upon the street cars, whose employes had been locked out.

The committee has done some honest work to make this encampment mean a vast deal to the cause in Alabama and throughout the world, and it in no wise regrets any time or trouble it has expended. Somehow it feels that the mere advertisement of this year's key word and motto, "Enlargement" and "Bigger Things in Alabama," has of itself put in motion movements that will mean the uplift of many churches and individuals. The interest taken in the encampment, and especially in the controlling idea of the first meeting, was particularly gratifying to the committee, and leads it to believe that when the meeting is held, as it surely will be, the wish for expansion in Alabama will be a fixed purpose in the hearts of thousands and that the encampment will be all the more a blessing because of this much regretted delay.

We can do "bigger things in Alabama." If we can, then we ought. If we ought, then we will. And best of all, God will help us.

L. O. DAWSON,
J. M. SHELburnE,
A. G. MOSELEY,

Committee.

We have started to climb the June hill, the steepest one on the yearly newspaper route. Make it easier for us by sending in some subscribers on the \$1.00 offer to January, 1908. Many have already helped, but some have not yet ever tried.

Please get busy and see what you can do in your church or field for the Alabama Baptist.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Rev. T. M. Thomas, formerly of Alabama, but now at Colorado Springs, who had to return from central China on account of his health, reports that he expects soon to be able to go back to his work.

Our meeting at Northport will begin Monday after the second Sunday in June and continue about two weeks. Brother M. K. Thornton, of Starkville, Miss., is to do the preaching. We are praying for a great meeting. Will not every Christian who reads this notice make special prayer to God for us that He will descend upon us in great power and get to himself great victory through his people here? Yours in the work, A. T. Camp, Northport.

The summer numbers of McClure's will contain an array of entertaining reading that is particularly adapted to the season. From an editorial announcement we find that there are to be several new features presented in early numbers.

There could be no more fascinating reading than Walter Wellman's account of his preparation for a voyage to the pole in a flying machine to be made in July. Wellman's article is to be printed in June and July. It catches the imagination like a dream of the far distant future. Just conceive it—a vast cigar-shaped balloon, nearly two hundred feet long, whizzing through the air, suspended from it by threads that look finer than spun silk, is a long steel car. In it, as it hovers hundreds of feet above the earth, you can see tiny figures—the crew—pushing this lever and that, dropping the lead, taking observations and shifting ballast, doing the hundred things the complicated machinery requires.

With a few cans of Argo Red Salmon in the pantry and an Argo Red Salmon Cook Book, the housewife is always prepared for unexpected company. It can be served in many different ways.

The twenty-fourth annual gathering of missionaries of all evangelical missionary societies and from all lands, at the call of this unique organization will convene at Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 5-11, 1907. Through the hospitality of the sanitarium and village, entertainment is provided for all past and present foreign missionaries and for all actual appointees (not candidates) of the boards.

All inquiries for programs and further information should be addressed to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. J. Bostwick, Clifton Springs, N. Y.

The Kentucky Issue says: We are glad to present to our readers the likeness of our good friend, Rev. W. R. Ivey, pastor Baptist church, Maysville, who led the forces in their recent local option campaign. He came to Maysville last fall fresh from similar experiences in Alabama, where he never lost a battle. He is a fearless champion of righteousness and has the confidence of both friend and foe. In a mass meeting at his church, on the night of the seventh, when the leader of the meeting in touching phrase told of how he had led the forces so unselfishly, the crowd rose to their feet, greeted him with an enthusiastic chautauqua salute. Brother Ivey was completely overcome and broke down and wept. All together it was a beautiful sight. You can always count on Ivey's being at the head of the fight against liquor.

With all its incompleteness, the Jamestown exposition possesses a peculiar fascination; the splendid sight of the navies of the world, and those who have been to the exposition in these days of the opening will feel all the pride of the pioneer when they revisit these scenes a few weeks later.

We are in receipt of the catalogue of 1906-07 of the Alabama Polytechnic institute, which shows the institution to be in a most flourishing condition, having enrolled 600 students this session. The attendance represents 62 counties, 11 states and 3 foreign countries. There are 24 professors and 22 instructors. Seven degree courses in applied sciences are offered in civil engineering, mining engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, agriculture and horticulture, chemistry and metallurgy, pharmacy. This is the oldest technical institution in the South and has had a steady and continuous growth in the line of technological work for the last thirty-five years.

The catalogue of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, session 1906-07, is out. It shows a total enrollment of 294 students, not including the list of lady students who attended the lectures, 76 in number. Some of the latter were pupils in the women's training school and others were the wives of students. In the recapitulation of states we find Kentucky enrolled 53, North Carolina 26, Georgia 25, Mississippi 22, Virginia 22, Tennessee 18, South Carolina 17, Missouri 15, Texas 14, Alabama 12, Indiana 10, and other states less than 10. Thirty states and Canada and Persia are represented. Total number of students from colleges 245.—

Dear Brother: We appreciate your paper so much we will have to read it as long as we live, if it continues to be such a good paper. We read the Montgomery Daily Advertiser, the Atlanta Constitution, which are good political papers. But our Baptist comes first of all. God bless you and your paper. Yours in the work for Christ, S. J. Knowles.

AN ORDINATION AT SHILOH.

On Saturday, May 25, 1907, a presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. R. Conger, Rev. W. I. Newman and myself, met, and after a very appropriate sermon, preached by Brother Conger, we proceeded at once to ordain Brother J. W. Dunlap to the ministry. He is a noble young man and we unhesitatingly commend him to the great Baptist world as a man altogether worthy of the confidence of any people.

After noon we ordained two deacons, Brothers W. M. Howard and J. A. Thomas. This makes five deacons for Shiloh, and they are all men that I am willing to trust in all respects. Our senior deacon, Brother J. E. Pinson, said that last Saturday marked a new era in the history of Shiloh church, which has existed about seventy years, as this is the first minister that has ever been ordained of its members.

ISAAC WINDSOR.

\$1.00 to January 1

SAYINGS OF BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENTS

A Brother:

"The church never has been educated to mission giving or anything else. Our old pastor never taught missions of any kind while he served the church. Our present pastor has been serving about three years and has preached more missions than the church ever heard. Some of the members are beginning to see what it is. They are beginning to realize that what they have come from the Lord and belongs to him."

The dear old pastors, who lived and preached and never mentioned missions, are passing out. Some by reason of age must retire; others are being retired by the churches who have caught the spirit of the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God be praised for the good these old brethren did. He will overrule their omission of duty and bring his people gloriously forward.

W. L. Henson, East Lake, sending a contribution:

"God opened the hearts and pocket books of His people and they gave willingly. It was just after reading your letter to them and making a personal appeal.

"Here is what followed the next service. There had been no conversion in the church for six months before, and at night, after a liberal contribution for missions, the Lord gave us five professions for baptism and another came by statement."

God always honors faithfulness. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse x x x and prove me now, herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing x x x." They had been withholding their tithe. God is pledged to honor those who honor him.

E. P. Smith, Carrollton:

"This county is burdened with six saloons, and the "blind tigers" are just about as plentiful and active as in many counties without saloons. Saloon and "blind tiger" liquor is fast ruining the negroes, and at the same time destroying many useful young men. Many large farmers tell me that the saloon must be voted out, or they will be forced to leave their plantations and move to town for protection for their wives and children."

Later—"The meeting of the temperance folks at Reform yesterday was a success. Nearly every preacher and a large number of prominent citizens from all over the country attended the meeting. It was a great meeting in every respect.

"I am writing the good news of the meeting to Brooks Lawrence. He will rejoice to know that our people are having a shake-up all over Pickens county. The anti-saloon earthquake has moved many old landmarks over this way, and we hope the next shock will bury the saloon traffic out of sight for a generation in this county.

"One old brother said, 'we ought to thank God for Brother Crumpton, Brooks Lawrence and the Anti-Saloon League, that made this meeting a possibility.'"

The farmers who work negro labor will be ruined if liquor is not driven out. The good news of the gathering storm against liquor comes from other counties. Our people are becoming sane on this subject. The liquor demon must be downed.

J. P. Graham:

Please find enclosed money order (\$4.45) for missions from Cool Springs Baptist church, Crenshaw county. Sorry we did not do more. This church is small and had to build twice in one year, as the storm demolished our building in May. We are in our house again. Praise to Him that makes no mistakes."

Think of that: two houses destroyed in one year; but these good people kept up their regular collections for missions.

H. D. Cockrell, Bessemer:

Enclosed please find check for \$17.57, collection on first Sunday in our new building, from the Sunday school. The school was so much rejoiced at getting in the new building that it wanted to make this offering for home missions as a token of kindness to those who so willingly gave to us from away from home."

God bless that Sunday school.

Mrs. W. P. Stewart:

"Mr. Stewart is a very busy man, with four churches and a farm to look after. May God hasten the day when churches will pay their pastors sufficient to enable them to turn loose the plow handles and give their whole time to their service. Only those who have the experience know what a struggle it is. I do thank you for the effort you have made to bring it about."

More and more the churches are seeing the folly and sin of allowing their pastors to wear their lives out on the farms and at other pursuits, while they are so much needed in the homes to comfort and edify God's people. They are finding out, too, how much better the pastor can preach when he has time to study.

A pastor writes:

"We are having hard work to train our people in giving. My two churches are in the midst of Hardshells. I have all of their influence to contend with and the anti-mission spirit in my own people. I find it hard work. They don't pay me so I can give any time except Saturday and Sunday once a month. I regret this. I have to plow hard to live. They seem to love me and relish my admonitions. I think there is some hope of a few being regular contributors. I was proud of those tracts you sent me. If I had the money I would order by the hundred, but I am embarrassed now. I have done the best I could. My obligations are so great. I thank you for "The South's Amazing Progress." It is worth studying. Oh, that I had time to study more. Sometimes I break down and weep over this and pray to God for help, then get up and plow on. I realize I can't do much, tied down as I am."

Another servant of God, whose heart is in his work; but his people are so short-sighted they do not give him a chance to do the work to which he feels himself called.

T. W. Shelton, Addison:

"I take collections at all my appointments for some branch of our denominational work, and while the response is generally small, I regard it as the beginning of larger things. I believe that, in a few years, with the proper training, we will almost surprise ourselves. You know it is death to the mission cause when a fellow gets a case of anti-boards. He wants a row instead of trying to help the cause."

That hopeful, cheerful spirit is getting hold of our preachers everywhere. No need to bother with those who oppose. They were here in the Savior's time, in Paul's day, and will continue with us. Let us hope that some of them, with more information, will join with us in the work.

H. H. Friar, Pastor Hunter Street, Birmingham:

"During the Christmas holidays I came out here on the South Ensley car line at Crews street and in a little school house began a series of meetings. After two weeks' prayer and hard work we organized a church of 51 members. We have now on the church book ninety or a few more, and have several for baptism. Have had 31 converts to date. Also have something over \$2,000 on proposed church building."

He is doing fine work. In a little while the Hunter Street church will be heard from. The right sort of man can build a Baptist church most anywhere. The gospel horn will do the work every time.

A. F. Owens, Dean Selma University, Selma:

"There are 650 students in our school, sixty being enrolled in the Theological Department. There are twenty pastors enrolled in my department. Being out of means to help poor preachers, many had to leave during the quarter."

That school is doing great things for the colored Baptists of Alabama.

THE FIRST CHILDREN'S DAY.

In His arms he took the children,
Laid their cheeks against His own,
Drew the older ones beside Him—
Ne'er such love before was known.

On each head His hand lay softly
With a blessing tender, sweet!
Ah! our hearts grow glad and loving,
As the story we repeat.

This was long and long ago,
And Judea's far away,
But the same dear Saviour welcomes
All who come this Children's Day.

—Mary Earle Hardy.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

(By Belle Kellogg Towne.)

List to the sound of the Sunday-school bell,
Seeming in haste its sweet story to tell!
Sweetest of music it floats o'er the way,
Telling us this is the children's own day.
Ring out the song, oh, ring out the song!
This is the Children's Day.

Hark to the tread of the Sunday-school throng,
Forming their ranks as they hasten along,
Coming from North and from South and from West!
This is the day that the children love best.
Ring out the song, oh, ring out the song!
This is the Children's Day.

Truest and bravest of soldiers are they,
Flinging their banners along the bright way,
Adding recruits as they journey along,
Tempting them out from the pathway of wrong.
Ring out the song, oh, ring out the song!
This is the Children's Day.

—From "Children's Day Chaplets," by permission.

HEALTHY SCHOOLMA'AM Found Out How to Feed Herself.

Many school teachers, at the end of their year's work, feel thoroughly exhausted and worn out, physically and mentally. The demand upon the nerves and brain of a teacher is unusual and unless they are well fed and fed upon properly selected food, it is natural that they should run down.

A little woman teacher in Michigan, who has been teaching regularly for a number of years, has always found herself thoroughly exhausted at the end of the session, until within the last year, she has made use of Grape-Nuts food with the result that she closed the year as a robust, healthy, strong, vigorous woman, having gained in weight from 90 pounds to 126; her nerves strong, face bright and cheery, and really a wonder to all her friends, who constantly comment on her color and strength. She knows exactly to what the change is attributed, for in the years past, living on ordinary food, she has almost broken down before the school year closed, whereas since using Grape-Nuts, this change has been brought about; evidence prima facie of the value of Grape-Nuts food for rebuilding the brain and nerve centers. "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

"WILL A MAN ROB GOD?"

BY WILLIAM WINT CHANDLER.

What will it cost to be a Christian? This is the question that usually comes before our minds when we speak of "counting the cost." We should remember that everything has its cost. If a student is not willing to pay the price of scholarship he can not be a scholar. It will cost something to be a Christian. No man can be "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." The Koran says, very truly, "No cross, no crown." If you propose in your heart to be a Christian, it will cost you a whole-hearted surrender to Jesus Christ. You must take him as your Savior, and make him your life's ideal. You must put spirituality first and make Christ's ideal your own. Your life must be dominated by his personality, yet there are people, even Christians, who do not come up to the standard laid down in God's word. We as Baptists do not accept anything merely founded on the Bible, but we take the Bible itself as the Christian's only guide to life. "The world has no other trumpet of peace for souls at war, save Holy Scripture. No other weapon to slay terrible passions; no other teaching to quench the heart's raging fires. This book alone makes mortals immortals, and immortals gods." Some one asks, did Christ do away with the duty of giving tithes? I answer in the words of Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, "The duty of tithing required of God's ancient people, is an eternal, unchangeable, unrepealed and unrepeatable law." Why does God require us as his children to give a tenth part of our income to him? "Almighty God has but one purpose in giving his every law—life for his children." So when we look into God's loving requirements concerning us, we should thank him for requiring us to give to him, so that we may live. In olden times we hear God, through his messenger, Malichi, saying: "A son honoreth his father; if, then, I be a father, where is mine honor? O priests, that despise my name! oh, people that rob me." The people reply by their actions as if in astonishment at the charge of the Almighty, "Despise thy name? Why, we have brought bread for thy temple and sacrifices from our flocks and herds for thine altars and tithes for thy priests, and have done work in the care of thine house; wherein have we robbed or despised thy name?"

Then comes the thunderbolt of God's righteous anger. "You brought bread, but it was polluted; you brought sacrifices indeed, but of the lame, the sick, and the blind, which you would be ashamed to offer to yourselves. You have worked in my temple, but never without pay. You gave your gifts, which was only a meager part of the tithes which you owed me. Your very gifts show that you are not sincere, but formal, while your hearts are not in your service. Having the forms of godliness they deny the power thereof." They wrote the law on their foreheads, and in their hands, but did not live it in their hearts and lives. There are a great many people even in this age to whom the same sermon might be preached with great advantage. With whom were these people dealing? "I am the Lord." Meaning Jehovah, the eternal, self-existing God, as the very name implies. He will keep his everlasting covenant with his people and therefore will save them from their sins. How many of us realize that we are dealing with eternal Jehovah himself? Remember how the apostle Paul says: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Let us ever realize that one-tenth of our income belongs to God just the same as it did the day when Jacob made his vow to God in Bethel. When we make one dollar and spend over ninety cents of that dollar upon our selves or for our own advancement, we just as surely rob our God as did the Jews of ancient times. The tithes of the Jews was the tenth part of their income, also of their increase in property, cattle and vineyard. This corresponds to our taxes for the poor, for education, for the support of ministers of our churches. These tithes were due to God, so whosoever withheld them robbed God, robbed them-

selves and, robbed God's kingdom of its usefulness and power.

So is every nation of every age who forgets the worship of God. Some people expect to gain by withholding from God as did these people of old. The arithmetic plan was plain. "If I add to my store of supplies instead of carrying it to the temple I will have more wealth for myself." How many of us are doing likewise. How many of us are leaving God out of the calculation to our own hurt and instead of getting richer we are getting poorer. When we do not come up with our tithes (or our vows) we lose the favor of God, lose his presence and blessing and a curse rests upon us for our disobedience. Let us then make charity the keynote of our lives, and we will be great, no matter though our lives be humble and our influence seems but small. Charity is the sum of a pure and holy life. "The principles which Malichi applied to the Jews twenty-three centuries ago," says Dr. F. N. Peloubet, "apply to us today." God sends the same message to us as individuals, as families and as nations. There is no other way than here laid down to true success and prosperity. Keep up to the highest degree interest in religious work; in the Sabbath as God's tithe of our time; in church buildings and their services as the best and most worthy object of any community; in all that pertains to the Sunday school and religious education, in missions of all kinds, home and foreign, in labors and gifts for human improvement, temperance, help for the poor and all kinds of work that blesses God's children. So that God and his cause shall stand first in our lives and in the community in which we live. Thus only can we have true prosperity. The history of all the past teaches this fact. The civilized world is a living testimony to this great truth. Such giving as we have been speaking of tends to cultivate those higher, moral and spiritual qualities which are the source of material civilization. But especially does it transfigure all earthly things and enhance their value and bring into life the love and joy of heaven. There is certainly no greater prosperity than the privilege of having some part in the elevation of man, in the coming of the kingdom of heaven, and in the songs of final triumph, and in the blessed "Well done" of Christ. This is the one highway to the fulfillment of all God's precious promises, of heaven for the individual and a universal "city of God" for the world. Then shall our names be written in the Lamb's book of life, and we shall be kept among the Lord's precious jewels. Then shall we dwell in the radiant rays of the sun of righteousness as he shall rise with healing in his wings. We need to put God to the test, for he says "prove me now herewith," and see "if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Even if we are poor and have to deny ourselves of some of the pleasures of life we should put God to the test and see for ourselves if his ways are not better than ours. Ours at the best has been a complete failure. If we have any doubts as to his ways we can easily have them solved and removed by the test that it is our privilege to put upon God and his word. When we ask some church members about giving to the cause of Christianity they reply in a careless way, "We must live as well as let live," or "I am so poor that I can hardly get along myself."

I only ask such people as these to do as I have just been suggesting. Put God to the test; rely completely upon such eternal and precious promises as these: "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread?" (Ps. 37: 3, 25.) "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure ye mete withal

it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38.)

We all need to learn the great lesson taught by our Master in the beautiful parable of the talents—that we are to take what God has given us, be five or ten talents and use it for him. If we do the best we can with what we have, we shall have more—as much more as we can well use. Best of all we shall have our Savior's praise, and let us remember that the same sweet praise shall be ours, whether we have used ten talents wisely or only one. God with gentle hand, perhaps, but with a stern and heavy hand if need be will turn our hopes and affections from this perishing earth which can only promise us death and a grave to fix them upon the home which the Savior has promised to us, and to which he has gone to prepare for our home-coming when we shall be numbered among the saints who have washed their garments white and spotless in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

Daphne, Ala

THREE NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The foundation for two of these houses is already laid and all plans matured for the third.

At Wood Town (LaCross Station), the basement is about completed of concrete stone; the same is true at Compton, where Brother Prior and his marvelous church are at work; and the plans are already drawn for our new church at Boyles. These three churches will cost, when finished and seated, about \$9,000 or \$10,000. Two of them will be veneered brick; the Boyles church will be a neat frame wood building. It goes without saying that somebody whose heart is full of desire for the Lord's cause to prosper in this rapidly growing and marvelously wicked district, will have to help us—and they will help—and the thing will be done. Reader, won't you help us? What you put into these buildings will be saved and in turn an agency will be set in operation that will save others—maybe your sons, who are here and coming here every year, and more and more they are coming. Why not help us do this work? May the Lord open the hearts of many of our brethren and sisters whose sons are here, and whose daughters are here; many of whom already are being swept away by the mighty tide of evil influences which are here already to receive them. Help us, brethren, to save your loved ones and the loved ones of others, who are here. Sit down at once and send me something to help build these houses. Send to me at East Lake, Ala.

S. O. Y. RAY, Missionary Birmingham District.

CHILDREN SHOW IT

Effect of Their Warm Drink in the Morning.

"A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of nervousness.

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"I was astonished that she would allow the children to drink any kind of coffee, but she said Postum was the most healthful drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and adults showed that to be a fact.

"My first trial was a failure. The cook boiled it four or five minutes and it tasted so flat that I was in despair, but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a decided success and I was completely won by its rich delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition and kept growing better and better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money."

"There's a Reason." Read the famous little "Health Classic," "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS
Field Editor.

THE ENCAMPMENT IDEA STILL LIVES IN ALABAMA.

For reasons beyond the control of the committee the encampment which was to have been held at East Lake June 5-13 has been indefinitely postponed, but let no one think that the encampment idea is dead or that the brethren—Dawson, Shelburne and Mosely—who have so unselfishly labored to make a start this year despair of finally launching one which will unite our Baptist forces in Alabama for "Bigger and Greater Things." They have had an uphill fight from the start, but instead of giving up went bravely on, leaping over obstacle after obstacle, but finally concluded that in the face of the street car situation, the late season for getting crops in shape, the closeness of the dates between the Southern Baptist and the State Conventions that it would be unwise to go on just for the sake of saying that they had carried out the expressed wish of the convention which set them the task of arranging for an encampment. Let no one think that the work and the advertisement given to the encampment idea have been wasted, for it has given the committee much experience in preparing for such an event which can be used later, and brought the encampment idea and its necessity prominently before our people. We expect to continue to agitate the idea until the key word, "Enlargement," and the motto, "Bigger Things and Better Things in Alabama," become a blessed reality to the host of Baptists throughout the State.

HOWARD COMMENCEMENT A GREAT SUCCESS.

Some feared that the street car situation would affect the commencement exercises at Howard, but such was not the case, as there was an unusually large crowd present to witness the graduating exercises and to hear the address of Hon. Thomas J. Heflin, which proved to be a noteworthy event, adding to his reputation as a finished orator. It was a truly enjoyable occasion, and President Montague was unusually happy in his speech to the graduates, while the oration of Jesse Cook showed that his winning of the medal in the recent oratorical contest was no accident. The music by the band from the industrial school was greatly appreciated, as the boys played with skill and enthusiasm. Taken as a whole, the closing days at Howard were unusually interesting this year, but on the whole we think the most significant factor came from the knowledge that twenty-one out of the twenty-six trustees were present. The past year has been a great one; now, let's all pull together and make the next year still greater. Just because the encampment was called off is no reason why we should not begin at once to work for "Bigger and Better Things in Alabama."

"OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN, GONE AGAIN."

That was the letter of Flanagan, the conductor of a construction train, to the superintendent, who had chided him for his long drawn out letters, telling of the wrecks of his train.

That is about the way Secretary Crumpton could report to the Baptists of Alabama. Since April 30th he has been extremely quiet. We discover that he was only getting the track repaired and the engine in order for the June run. He is "on again" and "off again," as the reader will discover by the two letters which go out this week to the clerks of churches and the pastors. Let everybody help him up the June Hill. Money may be scarce and the prospects not the brightest for some of us; but we must not fall our secretary in the crisis of his work.

BIRMINGHAM A BUSY PLACE.

Birmingham is such a busy place and each man is in such a rush to keep up with the procession that he hardly has time to even glance back over his shoulder to see what the man behind is doing, and therefore we give a man a task to do and forget all about it unless he lays violent hands on us and makes us stop and see what he is doing. All this to call attention to the fact that we have set Bro. S. O. Ray, the missionary of the Birmingham district, to building churches, and left him largely to himself to get the funds. If our missionary had been an ordinary man he would have given up the job a long time ago, but, like the ancient mariner of whom Coleridge wrote, the Wedding Guest is spell bound by the eye of the old seafaring man, and constrained to hear his tale, even though the wedding feast be spread, and so every now and then Ray comes in, and despite the fact that we are busy and like the Wedding Guest complain, "Now, wherefore, stopp'st thou me?" he holds us with his glittering eye, and although our desk be piled with mail, we stop and hear his tale, and this time we publish it elsewhere so that our readers may see that there is a pressing need. Just think of it, three new Baptist churches under way at strategic points, any one of which will grow into strong helpful churches if only a little of the Lord's money can be gotten at. Don't read this and say, "I can not give anything," but help build these churches which are so greatly needed if the Baptists expect to hold their rightful place in the Birmingham district.

OUR BAPTIST FORCES IN AMERICA.

We greatly enjoyed our visit to Richmond, Washington and Jamestown, for we got a better insight into the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Northern Anniversaries and the General Convention of the Baptists of North America than ever before, and we hope that our reports will give to our readers some idea of what the organized hosts of Baptists are doing to hasten the coming of the Kingdom. It was a helpful and inspiring trip for it gave us a broader idea of our work and of the necessity of co-operation if the Baptists of North America are going to make themselves felt in the civic and religious life of the people. We come back to our desk with a greater enthusiasm for our work and more than ever before we joy in the fact that we have an humble place in the great forces that are shaping our country along the line of Baptist ideals. Now, as never before, we have a growing consciousness that under God the Baptist idea will prevail that we must live up to our great trust so that our lives will witness daily to the world that it means something to be a Baptist, and we are eager to make the Alabama Baptist do its part in bringing about "Bigger and Greater Things in Alabama" and we ask the prayers of our brethren in the great task to which we anew consecrate ourselves for the work.

COMMENCEMENT AT TUSCALOOSA AND AT AUBURN.

We regret that we were unable to attend the commencement exercises at our two great state schools, but absence from the State and conflicting engagements prevented our being present, but from the newspapers and friends who were in attendance we gather that both institutions closed having had great years, and we heartily congratulate Presidents Abercrombie and Thach on their year's work and pray God's blessing upon the young men and women who have gone forth with diplomas in their hands to play their parts in the upbuilding of Alabama.

POWER OF THE TONGUE.

The Bible says of the human tongue that it is "a little member" of the body. It also says that "death and life are in the power of the tongue." Just how much is meant by the latter statement we may not be able to discover. We do know that a cruel tongue has been the means of wounding the heart of very sensitive and delicate persons as to cause their death. Many a person has been pained beyond endurance by false accusations. Innocent ones persistently charged with offenses which they never committed, have been so deeply grieved that their health was greatly imperilled. One of the very hardest experiences which a tender soul can be subjected to is that of being repeatedly blamed by one's friends for a certain deed or course of action, which he was not at all responsible for, and was even opposed to it. And in numerous cases, just a few words, shrewdly spoken by a mischief-maker, have done vast harm to a person who was worthy of the best treatment. It was recently stated of a certain minister that he knew a very worthy and capable minister who was hindered from becoming the pastor of a church simply because the ministerial representative of a society said a few insinuating words against the man. No direct charge was made against the candidate, and there was no ground for one. There was just enough unfavorable intimation in the few words to prejudice that pulpit committee, and other members also, against the good man. Oh, the power of the tongue! What a mean power it too often is! And how many well-meaning people are influenced by even a slight suggestion unfavorable to certain ones! Lasting impressions are made upon many a person by only a word or two, either for good or for evil. And one may render a great favor to another person by speaking just a sentence in his behalf in a critical moment. It is a word of life to that one. There is an uplifting power in the way which some people say "Good morning" as they meet one who feels lonely and downcast. The phrase, "God bless you," has high help in it to a soul in sadness.

THE BAPTIST EXHIBIT AT JAMESTOWN.

The Baptists are the only denomination making an exhibit, and President Tucker of the Exposition Company, says truly that the Baptists have especial right to be heard and seen at Jamestown.

The Virginia Baptists in their General Association endorsed the plan and largely worked out the details. A building has been erected which will be turned into a house of worship for a Baptist church. Many of the Baptist schools and colleges in different sections of the country are represented; the Missionary Union, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Society, Home Mission Board, Publication Society, and Sunday School Board have exhibits, and there are a number of pictures of notable Baptist preachers and laymen. We greatly enjoyed our visit to the building, where we found Rev. V. I. Masters busily engaged in arranging the exhibit of the Home Board, which, through his untiring efforts, is most creditable and specially well arranged. If you go to Jamestown be sure and visit the exhibit.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following wedding invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlon Dunaway request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Viola, to Mr. James Gordon Cuninghame on the morning of Wednesday, June the 12th, at half after six o'clock at the Methodist church, Thomasville, Alabama."

CHILDREN'S DAY FOR JUNE.

According to our custom the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has prepared a program for the Children's Day service in June, for the second Sunday or such other day as may be more convenient. These programs are furnished without cost in such quantities as may be requested. We earnestly hope it will please your Sunday school to have this service, and take a collection for the Bible fund of the Sunday school board. It will be used for the distribution of the word of God in destitute places. Last year the board received about four thousand dollars and gave away about eight thousand dollars. A gift from your school will put them in connection with all that is being done by the Sunday School Board.

If for any reason you cannot have a Children's Day service, I hope your school will take a collection for the Bible fund. Just set aside the collection of one Sunday morning and let it go for sending out the Word of God. I am very desirous that we shall have a contribution from every Sunday school in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Hope we shall hear from you in a short while.

J. M. FROST.

HELP THE FAMINE SUFFERERS.

Richmond, Va., May 25, 1907.

Dear Brother:—I enclose you an article written by Dr. W. R. Lambuth, from Shanghai, China. Dr. Lambuth is secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of our Methodist brethren. He is located when at home in Nashville, Tenn. I know him. He is a fine man. He writes from China, and sets forth some facts which I think you would like, in the interest of suffering humanity, to put before the people. Already about \$5,000 has been sent through our board, while I have no doubts there have been thousands sent through other agencies in our Southland. It might be well in calling attention to this subject, for you to state that if any funds are sent through the Foreign Mission Board, they will be promptly forwarded to Rev. T. F. McCrea, one of our missionaries in Chinkiang, China. These funds cannot be credited for foreign missions, but they are for a good cause and we will gladly forward them.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. WILLINGHAM.

HELP FOR PASTORS.

A passion for soul-winning is the heart of the ministry of Jesus Christ and success or failure here is considered by many the gauge of a man's ministry. If he fails at this many will call him and his ministry a failure; if he succeeds it will be considered the greatest success possible.

With a view to helping our readers in this work of saving the lost we are making the June issue of Our Home Field a special evangelistic number. It will be filled with the best thoughts of such men as W. W. Hamilton, E. Y. Mullins, J. M. Frost, L. R. Scarborough, Z. T. Cody, B. F. Robertson, etc., etc., upon this subject so vital to the work of the ministry and the life of the churches.

This is a good time for pastors who are not subscribers to start their subscriptions. We place your state paper first—take it, read it, pray for it and pay for it—but if you have taken your state paper, now send 25 cents to Our Home Field, Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga., and get a 36-page illustrated magazine twelve months, including this special June number. Many pastors have spent dollars for books which have not been worth as much to them as this single number will be worth to those who earnestly desire to know how to have revivals in their churches.

J. F. LOVE,

Assistant Cor. Sec'y. Home Mission Board Southern Baptist convention.

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TO THE PASTOR.

Montgomery, Ala., June 1, 1907.

Dear Brother:—I send you a copy of a letter I am sending to the church clerks.

I hope you will carefully read it and ask others to join you and the clerk to make the collection a great success. If you meet with other pastors, please try to enlist them, too. Maybe you can run out and be with some of the churches near, a night in the week or on Saturdays.

I beg for your aid in the crisis of our work. I can do nothing without the pastors. I must lean upon them. How gloriously they did help in the campaign for Home and Foreign Missions!

God bless and prosper you.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

To the Church Clerk.

My Dear Brother:—According to the schedule suggested to the churches by the convention, June is to be given to State Missions. Our missionary year closes June 30th.

We have done gloriously for Home and Foreign Missions. Contributions by churches went \$10,141 over what Alabama gave last year for the two boards, making in all \$45,219. This is a very large sum of money. No individual gave a large sum this year, as last, when Brother J. C. Bush gave \$10,000 for foreign missions.

As I think of it now, the hundreds of letters that came to this office, breathing the spirit of devotion and consecration and co-operation, I feel to thank God for our great Baptist brotherhood in our beloved Alabama. Hundreds of letters came, bearing only small amounts, many of them the first offerings ever made; but they came from the atmosphere of prayer and my heart burned within me as I read them. Now our own state work cries to us for help.

We have in the neighborhood of one hundred missionaries and others will soon be at work selling books and distributing tracts. Our three evangelists have more calls than they can fill. I hope we will soon have a strong Sunday school evangelist in the field. Many of the Associations are doing co-operative work with the board; others have their own missionary and purchase their books from us. All are perfectly friendly and in sympathy with the convention and its work, except three—two of the e are very small. I am sure, with a better understanding, they will come round right. If the churches will co-operate with us and help us, it will be only a little while before we will be doing work in every Association and the Baptists of Alabama will present a solid band of consecrated workers for our Lord.

I wish you and the pastor would read this letter carefully over, then decide on the best course to pursue to get a good collection for State Missions. Don't let the scarcity of money at this time of the year keep you from trying. All can give. Some will give. If a sacrifice is made, it is all the more pleasing to the Lord.

God bless you and all yours, my brother. Remember me to the brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Montgomery, Ala., June 1.

Columbus, Ga., Enquirer-Sun, May 12: "At the regular conference of Comer Memorial Baptist church held last Thursday night, Rev. H. M. Long was unanimously elected pastor of the church. It is understood that he will accept, to take effect June 1. He will preach for that congregation on the third Sunday morning and night, which is next Sunday. Mr. Long is at present pastor of the First Baptist church of Phenix City and is considered a very talented preacher and popular pastor." We regret to lose Bro. Long from Alabama, as he has always been a great friend of the organized work and seen to it that his people read the Alabama Baptist.

GET OUT OF THE RUTS.

I shall spoil a beautiful picture in trying to reproduce it from memory, but I have been thinking lately of an incident given by Mr. C. D. Meigs, the great Indiana Sunday school man, in his paper, "The Awakener," several years ago.

A street car on which he was riding one day, was halted in its progress by a spreading of the rails, which caused the wheels to drop into the trench or groove, from which the rail on one side had been forced by the pressure of the wheels. Mr. Meigs said he came out of the car and sat down nearby to learn a Sunday school lesson, which he did in the following observations:

1. This car is in a groove; the only difference between a grave and a groove is that one is a little deeper than the other. A Sunday school, therefore, is in its grave when it gets into grooves and ruts.

2. The passengers all deserted the car, many of them boarding other cars going in the desired direction. So will our pupils leave the Sunday school that drops into a groove, because they realize that no progress is being made.

3. When the conductor and motorman discovered what the trouble was, they brought out a jack-screw and in placing it in position under the car they both got down on their knees till the car was raised and the track straightened. So can the officers of any Sunday school do their most effectual work on their knees.

4. That when the car was ready to move on, quite a number of its former passengers and many new ones came in and filled the car to its utmost capacity, etc.

But I fear I have presumed too much on your patience and your space in writing so lengthy an introduction to a simple Sunday school news item from this place. Unconsciously to us all we had dropped into a rut. With us it was as Prof. Leavell said, in Montgomery last week; no cradle roll; no home department; no normal class; just meet and adjourn, meet and adjourn, meet and adjourn. Our average attendance was down in the seventies. The superintendent felt like a man with nightmare—wanted to move, or holler, or do something; but he could not. Then the great Birmingham Convention came on, and the superintendent saw it, and felt it, and heard it. He came home and told his people that he had stood upon the mountain top and seen the sun of Righteousness arising, with healing in his wings—that he had stood on an eminence overlooking the great deep and had seen the tide sweeping this way; and that we must either rise at once to our glorious opportunities or be swept along as driftwood on the great incoming tide of Sunday school progress.

Three Sundays have passed since the Birmingham convention and we now have a home department, superintended by Miss Mary Andrews, whose very name is a guarantee of loving, faithful service; we have a normal class, superintended by Mrs. Lella Meadows, who, with many secular duties awaiting daily the touch of her deft hands and fingers, has laid this work upon her heart. The cradle roll is in embryo; and today Brother Frank Valentine took the initiative in class organization—every one of his fine boys going out with a class pin on his lappel, and each with an assignment to special work for the class. Sunday before last our attendance ran up to 119; last Sunday we had 103 and today, with a basket singing in the country, which drained the town of young people, we had, nevertheless, ten out of eleven teachers present (the missing one being sick), our total actual attendance was an even hundred, and a fine spirit marked the session throughout. Be it all said and read to the glory of our common Lord.

B. DAVIE.

Dear Bro. Barnett: Please publish the statement that, as the encampment has been called off, the meeting of the Baptist school men of Alabama will not be held on June 7th. I would suggest that we meet during the convention at Dothan. Yours fraternally, A. P. Montague.

Commencement at Newton.

Newton, Ala., May 21, 1907.

The ninth annual session of the Baptist Collegiate Institute, of Newton, Ala., closed May 16. The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the school.

The summer drill began Tuesday, May 21, will continue, for several weeks. Those who expect to teach can hardly afford to miss it.

Most of the students are now gone and at many of the railroad stations all over this state and far into Florida might have heard something like the following conversation:

"Yonder they are! They came. Oh, this way, everybody!" rang out fifty voices, as the train stopped at the various stations.

"But where are the other boys and girls?"

"Oh, they stayed to take the drill, you know; expecting to teach this year."

"Well, I should think they would be tired of school and want a rest by this time. What is the matter with that place and school, anyway? People seem to be going crazy about them."

"I don't know so much about that, but after having been a student there one almost goes crazy when he gets away."

"What is that drill they take?"

"It is a short, hurried practice review course on all of the work liable to come up on state and county examinations. I am told that to take the drill is almost like having both questions and answers given you."

A younger sister, who met her brother at one of the stations with horse and buggy to convey him to their home in the country, said: "What is the matter, John? You look so much better than when you left." "Do you think so? Well, I am heavier and feel much better, but one of the dormitory girls gained 37 pounds in eight months. Sister, there are several things which have helped me, and all the rest of the school, but some special features for some of the boys account for a large part of it. Newton is the highest point between Montgomery and Tampa, Fla., pure air, good water, clean town, good cooking, well kept homes and plenty of work, and besides I have quit my cigarettes." "Oh, I am so glad," and as she spoke a loving arm went around John's neck and a sweet kiss of a loving sister was left upon his cheek as a token of her fondest gladness. "But what caused you to give them up?" "Well, I might give you several reasons, but the straw that broke the camel's back was that rule that Professor Tate made that no pupil could remain in his school longer and blow his brains out through his nose. I understand that there is going to be a statement in the catalogue to the effect that no boy who smokes them need apply for admission unless he will quit them, as we did."

There are a few boys who drank some before they left home and tried to keep it up at school, but it seems that the gods are helping Prof. Tate, and the students can do nothing

wrong in secret. The secret of it all, I suppose, is the "honor league." About 100 young men and women volunteered to form said league, whose duty it was to report things against the best interest of the school. It would take a sharper to get round one hundred boys and girls; some of them from home, too. So some of the boys decided to quit for the same reason I gave up cigarettes. I am glad of it now and so are they. We were ruining ourselves for life. When we quit and saw our follw we joined the league and no one can drink and smoke or engage in other mischief where we are. We first thought that this organization was that some might appear god, reap vengeance on us, usurp authority, etc., but it was not so. The high morality and great desire for right and the love and respect of the pupils for the town, school, teachers and each other is what caused it." "Well, John, I am certainly glad to hear all of this. Father and mother will be delighted. That arrangement at Newton alone will take many young men there who otherwise might not go. You see, those who are temperate will want to go to a place like that, and parents who have boys wasting their young lives, money, etc., will want them to go there, and so it is a fine thing both ways; and besides, boys who do those things are no good for students and will never amount to anything." "But how was the commencement?" "Delightful all the way through. Just made a fellow want to graduate. And I have determined to finish there. It rained some, but the people came. Rev. Mosely, Enterprise, who preached the commencement sermon, brought a message of splendid advice, good cheer and flooded our souls with gladness. The junior class retired from the rostrum with much credit to themselves and it was a common expression that they would be an honor to the school on next graduating day. I wish you could have heard the music sister. It was delightful to see and hear what folks can do in music in so little time. The principal music teacher, Miss Neta Jones, will spend the summer in the Conservatory Music in Boston, and I intend for to go next year and take under the The graduating exercises were for a class of seven—five young men and two young ladies. Their productions were splendid, their rendering high perfect and what added so much to the enjoyment of the Newton audience was that they were all Christians."

They had just reached the summit of a long hill from which the top of the old windmill could be seen at the home, when John said:

"Just a word about the Alumni. A large number of the former graduates were present and a splendid program rendered, the principal address being made by Rev. Wilkes, pastor at Midway, Ala. Following the program was the Alumni banquet. A more intelligent and inspiring throng I never saw and that night I resolved some day to

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Lot Number ten (10), in block number four (4), according to the map and the survey of the property of Hen. & Copeland, a map of which survey is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in map book one, on page twenty-five (25), of the records of maps therein, said lot being situated in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama. Said property being levied upon as the property of W. B. Copeland.

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It was with a sad heart that we entered the pulpit last Sunday evening at the Summit Baptist church, Shade's Mountain. Having resigned the past year at this place, and this being our last visit, we preached from Acts xx: At the close of the service we baptized two members for baptism, and also received one at the morning service.

Our work has been marked by much pleasure and profit on the part of the pastor, and I trust it has been such to the church. The church has made much progress along all lines of its work. The increase of mission offerings over any preceding year has been 300 per cent. Much money for other purposes has been given. All money given, including pledges for a church building, etc., has amounted to about \$800. But for the difficulty of getting a suitable lot, our building would now be under construction. The Ladies' Aid Society, organized within the last six months, has done much toward procuring funds for the new building, and has contributed liberally to the mission cause. The Sunbeam organization is flourishing. Among other

things it has given money for the Birmingham Associational Church Extension fund. Our mid-week prayer meeting has been well attended during the year. And much interest has been manifested in our Union Sabbath school. As soon as the new building is completed a Baptist Sabbath school will be organized. Seventy-five per cent of our membership is in the Sabbath school.

This is a fine community and whoever succeeds us will have a fine people among whom to work. We pray God's richest blessings upon the work there. We resigned the work in order only to have both our fields together, and thus to have a larger field of opportunity.

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convention was outlined to the convention by Corresponding Secretary D. M. Forrest, of the Sunday School Board of that organization, and the report from this important branch of religious life indicated that the interest and enthusiasm in Sunday schools throughout the Southern Baptist convention was growing steadily.

The Rev. A. J. Rowland, secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, declared that the society was endeavoring to give to the denomination a Bible which was the product of the best scholarship of the Baptist church throughout the country. He said that now Bibles were being printed in more than a score of languages for the various nationalities which branches of the church reached in their teachings, both at home and in foreign fields.

One of the features of the entire meeting was the address made by the Rev. C. E. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention, the greatest colored church organization in the world. This organization, said the speaker, embraces in its membership about one-third of the entire colored population of the United States.

The speaker said that he did not expect the social lines to be eradicated in such a convention now in session, but he expected to be received only as "a brother of a common faith." He was given a distinct ovation, applause greeting his remarks throughout his entire address.

Canada Represented.

The Dominion of Canada was represented on the program by the Rev. J. G. Brown, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Canadian Baptist Convention. When he had been introduced by the President and was approaching the front of the platform, President Stevens called upon the body to give him the Chautauqua salute, and as one man the entire body rose and five thousand handkerchiefs waved as the Canadian advanced to his position on the stage.

Mr. Brown's address was devoted mainly to a review of the splendid work toward the evangelization of the great Northwest. He said that the Baptists had done more in that direction than all the other denominations in Canada combined, and yet there is much more to be done to conquer this territory.

The Home Mission Board's Work.

Stating that last year over \$800,000 had been received and expended by the Home Mission Board of the Northern Convention, Corresponding Secretary H. M. Morehouse, of that organization, with headquarters in New York, made one of the most entertaining addresses of the meeting. He said that in this country the workers under his board were preaching to twenty-five nationalities, which number was growing yearly. He said that he hoped to spend next year \$1,000,000 on home missions.

Concluding the afternoon programme, Corresponding Secretary B. D. Gray, of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave the convention an idea of the amount of work which his board had accomplished in the dominion of the board, and also of the vaster amount of work which is possible if the necessary funds can be secured to carry it on.

The Baptist world alliance will probably be held in Philadelphia in 1910. A communication from the Philadelphia Baptist Ministers' Conference was read by Rev. O. T. Stewart, its secretary, inviting the alliance to hold its next meeting there. At the evening session Dr. L. A. Crandall, of Minnesota, chairman of the American executive committee of the World Alliance, submitted a resolution to be adopted by the General Baptist Convention inviting the alliance to meet in the United States in 1910, calling for the appointment by the executive committee of the convention of a committee of twenty members to confer with the executive committee of the alliance in making arrangements for this world meeting. There is every reason to believe that this great body, organized in 1905, will now hold its next convocation in the United States.

Wednesday Evening.

The Standard says:

"Another full house greeted the three speakers of the evening. First came an address of welcome by a distinguished Virginian—ex-Gov. A. J. Montague. Virginia, he said, is a good place in which to hold a session of this convention. Differences of opinion are healthful; only idiots fail to agree. Baptists stand for the right to disagree—for individual soul liberty. Virginia, unless Rhode Island be excepted, made the first contribution to soul liberty. He welcomed the convention to a community hospitable to thought, awake to Baptist opportunity and responsibility. The mission of Baptists will not have been completed until they have been brought to a full sense of duty to the State, to acknowledge the necessity of removing bad men from office and elevating good men. He pleaded for diligence and courage to lead us upward toward civic righteousness.

"Dr. H. M. King, pastor of the historic First church, Providence, R. I., most fittingly was asked to respond to Virginia's welcome. The coming together at this time and place was, he said, but the assembling of the members of one great family whose residences are many, but whose hearts are one. No census taker has a right to divide us. These Christians had long held as their distinguished trait and principle loyalty to the person and word of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this belief shall long keep them one. The speaker then went on at length to glorify the apostle of soul liberty—Roger Williams, who belongs to the Baptists of America. The people broke out into 'Blest be the tie that binds' as the speaker amid generous applause finished his eloquent address.

"Two admirable addresses, one by a distinguished Southern pastor and one by a brilliant Northerner, were concerned with the theme, 'To What Extent May Christian Denominations Engage in the Correction of Existing Evils?' Dr. John E. White, of Georgia, asked: is a Christian denomination a proper agency for the performance of this service? He declared that it is and that it ought to emphasize it through educational institutions, through the denominational press, through its preachers. There should be a revival of the prophetic spirit in the ministry. Theological seminaries are to blame for not calling attention to this matter. A period of struggle to create a righteous public opinion is upon us and the churches ought to be aroused to combat the sins of politics and government.

"Dr. O. P. Gifford, of New York, was received with long continued applause. Indeed each speaker awakened the enthusiasm of the audience. In his characteristic way—epigrammatic, terse, illustrative—he called forth frequent expressions of approval. Unless a reporter 'takes' all of Gifford's addresses, he mutilates them, for each sentence seems to have been dovetailed into its predecessor and its successor. The argument was that our religion is something given to us to use. Christianity must be applied. It must be applied destructively and constructively."

Thursday Morning.

At 11 o'clock, after devotional services, Rev. Dr. R. J. Willingham, Rev. Dr. Brown, of Canada, and others spoke of the events of interest occurring during the last year, and especially of the incoming multitudes from foreign lands who must be evangelized. After several items of business, looking toward the future of the convention, a representative of the First Baptist church of Charleston, S. C., presented the record book kept by the Baptist church which removed from Kittery, Me., and became the First Baptist church of Charleston, S. C.

A motion prevailed that the convention prolong the morning session until the transaction of all business was finished and that it adjourn at the close of the session.

The address of this session was now delivered by President E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., who spoke upon "The Contribution of Baptists to American Civilization." This was one of the great addresses to which Baptists occasionally have the privilege of listening. It was packed with historic fact,

and glowed with strong, vigorous phrases set in finished language and gemmed with striking and beautiful illustrations. Several times during its delivery the audience broke into long continued applause. The outline in brief of the address may be stated as follows: The positive rather than the negative side of the question was presented. Dr. Mullins said that Baptists have their faults and do not claim a monopoly of all things. American civilization is a Baptist empire. In medieval Europe many general conceptions of government tried their hand, but none gained ascendancy. Civilization since the reformation turned upon the difference between the Protestant and the Catholic religion, and political institutions move in parallel lines. Baptists have furnished to the world the ideals which have been the guiding principle of our civilization and political institutions. The speaker named five things which Baptists especially have contributed to American civilization: (1) They have given the only adequate interpretation of the reformation itself. Baptists of the seventeenth century, in England, were the first to embody in their creed the doctrine of missions or world-wide evangelization. They were also the first to place in their creed an article on the Holy Spirit, which they did in 1656, and an article concerning the salvation of infants, which article was adopted by them in 1660. (2) Baptists have given to us the most spiritual interpretation of Christianity the world has ever seen. They believe in an organization sufficient enough for spiritual efficiency, but not for spiritual tyranny. They never can rule common sense out of questions of religion. (3) Baptists have given the most striking example of denominational unity the world has ever seen. They have a capacity for unity in a doctrinal way. They have not been guilty of disintegrating infidelity. They also exhibit unity in their genius for elimination. They have great facility for burying the dead. Dead issues and churches occasion no disturbance. They possess also a genius for propagation. (4) Baptists have given to the world the only complete idea of liberty. Our English ancestors knew not the spiritual heights of liberty. Liberty was delayed so long for people did not know where to look for it. The greatest fact in the modern world was the discovery of liberty. (5) Baptists have furnished the spiritual principle which underlies our civilization; the political competency of man and the religious competency of the soul. When the town meeting came into being our government came into being, or true democracy, which was the Baptist idea. The axioms of religion have corresponding civic axioms which are the fruits of our religious ideals. We are coming to the democratic idea of the world.

Officers.

The committee on nominations reported through Dr. Walter Calley the following officers who were elected: Dr. A. H. Strong, of New York, president; J. T. Ellyson, C. E. Hughes and A. L. McCrimmon, vice presidents; T. D. Osborne, recording secretary; J. S. Dickerson, assistant secretary; Dr. S. B. Meeser, corresponding secretary; E. M. Thresher, treasurer, and Hon. E. W. Stephens, late president of the convention, chairman of the executive committee. Besides these are the other members of the executive committee. Dr. E. E. Chivers, who was to have delivered an address, in view of the change in the program, was called on to speak the closing words to the convention. This he did in charming fashion by answering the question, "What of it all?" The way, he said, to petrify feelings is to stir them and then give them nothing to do. The convention should go from the mount of vision to put into practice the enthusiasm which it had aroused.

President Stephens then closed the second great convention of Baptists of North America with words of appreciation and said the convention had been a great success. We have learned to know each other, to know more of Baptist history, and to love each other as we have never loved each other before. We shall continue to be one. Rev. G. T. Webb, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A., offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

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They have crossed over the river to everlasting rest and the joys of that home of many mansions, and have laid down a life well worthy of imitation.

Resolved, first, That while we weep on this side of the Gates of Pearl, we commit the spirits of these dear ones, without fear, into the everlasting keeping of Him who doeth all things well.

Second, That we bow in meek submission to the Divine will; that we tender our sympathy to the bereaved children and relatives, praying that the Father of Grace and Mercy may comfort and abide with them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication, also spread upon our church book, and a copy be furnished the bereaved children.

Done by order of the church in conference.

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Three leading Baptist evangelists will deliver addresses, one or two each day. They are Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Missouri; Pastor Evangelist Joshua Gravett, of Denver, Colo., and General Evangelist W. W. Hamilton, of the Home Mission Board. It is expected that two other noted lecturers will deliver addresses, but we are not yet at liberty to announce their names.

The conference is confined to strictly Bible evangelistic lines that it may be helpful to evangelists, pastors, parents, Sunday school teachers, young peoples' workers, etc., in leading the lost to the Saviour.

A notable feature is that every night during the conference a great evangelistic meeting will be held and we are praying that hundreds may be saved during this conference.

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T. T. Martin, B. G. Lowrey, committee, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Since the above was prepared for publication Brother B. H. Carroll has written that he cannot be with us this summer. This causes deep regret. And Prof. E. C. Dargan gives up his professorship to become pastor of one of our leading churches, and he will take Brother Carroll's place as one of the three great Baptist leaders who

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Larger things are now before the church. As a whole we are looking forward with delight to the coming of five hundred Baptists of Baptist Alabama.
W. M. ANDERSON.

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His all-wise providence, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, R. B. Bedell; and,

Whereas, We feel that our church and community have suffered a great loss; and,

Whereas, While we deeply feel this loss, we know it is felt more keenly by the bereaved family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by Farmville church, in conference, first, That we greatly deplore the death of Brother Bedell.

Second, That we earnestly pray God to raise up another to fill his place.

Third, That we extend to the grief-stricken family our heartfelt sympathy.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our church minutes, a copy furnished the Alabama Baptist and the sorrowing family.

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Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedant, Louisa Mitchell, having been granted to the undersigned on the 23d day of May, 1907, by the Honorable S. E. Greene, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same within the time allowed by law or that the same will be forever barred.

W. T. HILL,
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PROGRAM

Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Alabama Baptist Association, to be Held with Indian Creek Church, Butler County, Ala., June 28, 29, 30, 1907.

Friday 11 a. m.—Introductory service by pastor. Subjects and speakers: 1. "Can a Christian's Faith Be Increased?" H. S. Graydon, W. P. McQueen, W. H. Sharp. 2. "The Church Ordinances—What Are They?" C. C. Lloyd, J. M. Frymire, H. P. Watts. 3. "What is it to Fall From Grace?" W. M. Blackwelder, E. L. Harrison, T. L. S. Grace. 4. "Why was Paul Chosen Above all Others to Carry the Gospel to the Gentiles?"—J. T. Day, T. E. Morgan, I. E. Ward. 5. "What is Sin Against the Holy Ghost?"—Geo. R. Vickery, Frank Rogers, John A. Harrison. 6. The duty of church to the young converts, George H. McQueen, Frank Perry, Early Harrison. All cordially invited. Dinner on the grounds. C. C. Lloyd, for committee. Greenville, Ala., May 29, 1907.



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