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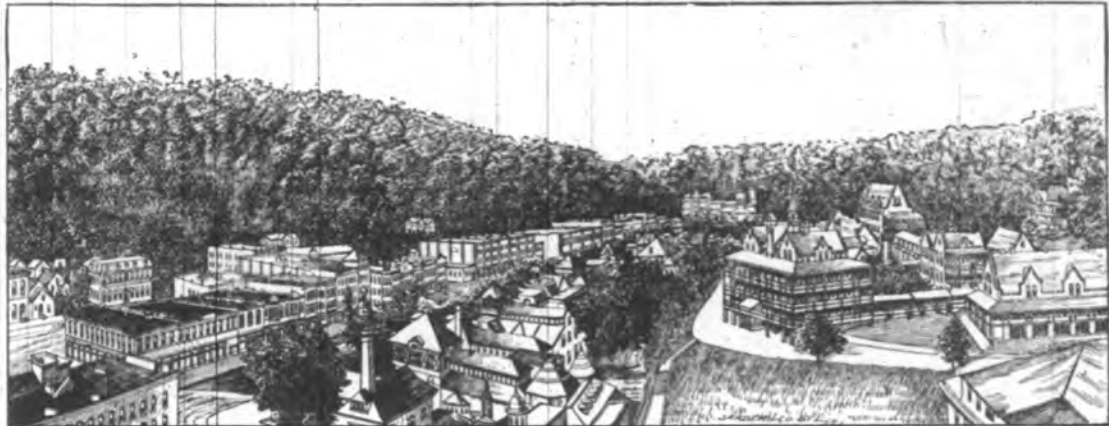
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Send Your Pastor to Hot Springs, It Will Do Him Good



DR. A. U. Williams,
Hot Springs, Chairman Local Committee.



Some Views of Hot Springs, the Great Convention City

'WATER OF EXCEEDING HOTNESS'

So came we to a valley that lay between great green hills. And there was water of exceeding hotness, so that we were affrighted, bethinking ourselves of Death and the nearness of the fires of Hell. Anon there came dark red men and their women down the valley, and trod the strange gray rocks without fear, and bathed in the waters, laughing and making great joy. Then were we no longer afraid, but knew it was a sweet warm Well of Life.—The Padres' Chronicle.

A Winter and Summer Resort.

Hot Springs, Ark., is a favorite resort during the summer for people from the Gulf States, and during the winter for the people from the frozen North. But it is more than that.

It is Uncle Sam's Sanitarium.

That means that it is our sanitarium, yours and mine, Uncle Sam—meaning you and I—US—has by act of Congress set apart this forest tract in the Ozark Mountains as "a National sanitarium for all time," and declared it "dedicated to the People of the United States to be forever free from sale or alienation." The Government has built here the General Hospital for the Army and Navy, and here are sent, by advice of the Surgeon General,

those of both branches of the service, as well as honorably discharged veterans, who are too sick for treatment in its ordinary hospitals. More than this; the Government maintains here a free public bath where nearly 200,000 hot water baths, under careful hygienic supervision, are given annually. Is there a watering place in all the world that does as much for the people?

The Health-Giving Waters.

We have here, then, in the south-central part of the United States, amid beautiful scenery and in a delightful and equable climate, at an elevation of about 800 feet above the sea, a mountain, so-called, from the side of which issue half a hundred thermal springs, of a water of unusual purity, charged by the internal heat of the earth with radium emanations which give it "wonderful curative properties," as impartially testified by the United States Government, which has taken the springs under its protection.

Hot Springs Not a Hospital.

Do not get the idea that Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a hospital; far from it, except in the sense of Dickens' little slum girl, who remembered the "'orspital' as the delightful place where she had "chicking."

The hotel registers at Hot Springs show the names of prominent men

and women, both of this country and abroad; of learned doctors, magistrates, ambassadors, ecclesiastics, governors, senators, representatives, merchants and manufacturers. Here will be found society people, business men, preachers, actors, prima donnas, authors—in short, the world, and the upper part thereof.

Hotels at Hot Springs.

At very few resorts in the country can there be found better or more ample hotel accommodations than are provided at Hot Springs, Ark., as may very well be expected of a city that entertains over one hundred thousand visitors a year. There are three hotels, with a capacity of five hundred and over, and one that accommodates a thousand guests. Eight or ten hotels take care of from one hundred to two hundred each, and there are a score that accommodate from fifty to one hundred. Besides these there are smaller hotels. Dr. A. M. Williams, chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements at Hot Springs, has gone to great pains to show the absolute falsity of the rumors that the visitors and delegates would have to pay exorbitant rates at the hotels. On the contrary, a list

of rates was sent out showing that all of the hotels were making concessions.

Smaller Hotels and Boarding Houses.

In addition to the hotels, there are in Hot Springs 500 smaller hotels and large boarding houses that have a capacity running from 15 to 25, where from seven to ten thousand guests can find accommodations at rates of \$1 per day, or less by the week.

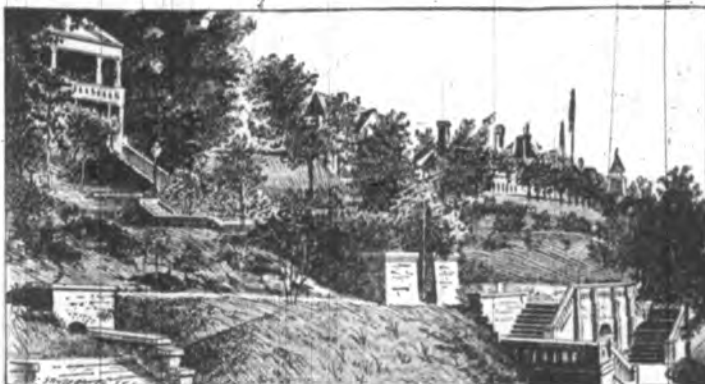
There are many rooming houses, enough to accommodate two or three thousand guests, where visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention can get rooms for 50 cents a day. Outside of hotel dining rooms, Hot Springs has a large number of restaurants, where meals may be had for 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents, and a la carte.

Don't Forget to Send Your Pastor.

Let us urge every church to send its pastor. The money can be easily arranged if some one will take the trouble to get it up.

Rates From All Points.

Andalusia, \$23.20; Anniston, \$18.95; Attalla, \$18.70; Birmingham, \$16.70; Calera, \$17.90; Caddessburg, \$18.25; Decatur, \$14.50; Dothan, \$24.20; Florence, \$13.25; Gadsden, \$18.85; Hunts-



ECHOES FROM THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Miss Kennedy stated that she had attended 101 meetings of all descriptions during the year.

B. Davie of Division 13 sent a report showing that Barbour, Henry, Coffee, Dale and Geneva were banner counties.

R. E. Pettus of the Second District sent in his report, showing that Madison and Limestone were in the banner class.

The report of J. F. Duggar, president of No. 11 Division, reported that Lee and Chambers of his district were in the banner class.

Treasurer M. M. Sweatt submitted his annual report. He stated that never at any time had the State association been embarrassed by lack of funds. The report shows that a balance brought over from last year was \$951.15. Collected this year, \$6,293.96. The amount expended by the field workers during the year amounted to \$6,300. The contributions paid already would more than make up the deficit.

Judge Joseph Carthel spoke on the advance of the field work. By the aid of a map and blackboard, Judge Carthel showed the growth of the association during the year just past. He stated that forty-six counties had come up to the banner basis and that many only lacked one or two districts of coming up to the standard. He stated that there were fifty-one districts in the State which had touched and helped every school in the county. Judge Carthel paid a tribute to the presidents of the banner counties. He requested the presidents of these counties to come forward, and he presented them to the convention. Each president in turn was introduced by President Lewis. The convention rose en masse and gave the presidents of the banner counties the Chautauqua salute.

C. S. Rabb reported that Escambia was a banner county. "Mobile is in \$951th division," said Mr. Rabb, "and it is still in Alabama. In behalf of the Mobile delegation I want to extend the convention an invitation to meet next year at Mobile."

The Executive Committee recommended that \$8,000 be raised to extend the Sunday-school work in the State during the coming year, and this sum will no doubt be raised, nearly six thousand dollars being subscribed at the convention.

D. W. Sims, field worker, was formerly superintendent of the Pine Street Baptist Sunday-school of Richmond. He raised its membership from 951 to 2,072. Mr. Sims has been connected with the Alabama association since September, 1907. He was guide to the world's exhibit of Sunday-school equipment at Rome.

We met a number of our Baptist preachers at the convention, but owing to sickness in our family we could not attend the night sessions.

The field workers made fine reports, showing their activities during the past year, which have resulted in raising forty-nine counties to the banner list.

A resolution was passed Thursday night indefinitely postponing the matter of building an auditorium, it not being considered an opportune moment.

A message to the Secretary was received Thursday morning from the Mississippi State Association, and the Secretary was instructed to answer this message.

The twenty-fifth annual convention was called to order at 2:30 o'clock in the First Methodist Church by President R. F. Lewis, Tuesday, the 28th of April.

Armistead Brown of Montgomery introduced a resolution expressing the sympathy of the convention for the storm sufferers, and recommending a liberal collection for the sufferers.

Armistead Brown introduced a resolution directed to the colored convention to be held shortly in Montgomery, in which the heartfelt good wishes and offers of assistance were extended to the other convention.

Wednesday being Jefferson County Day, there was a large attendance from the rural districts. Jefferson County has the largest number of cradle rolls, primary, intermediate, junior and senior departments.

The feature of Tuesday morning's session was the address of President R. F. Lewis. He told how much good the convention did in Birmingham last year; how it had helped him in his work, and he urged the delegates to go home fired with an ambition to organize and conduct their work as it should be.

Prof. L. P. Leavell was the first speaker Wednesday afternoon. His subject was, "The Children." Professor Leavell dwelled upon the importance of appealing to the imagination of the children in teaching them in the Sunday-schools. He described the things that the children would see in their vivid imagination, and told how this element, combined with curiosity, had made for success in the careers of many great men of the country. He explained how the father of Thomas Edison, the great inventor, had whipped his boy for tearing up all of his watches. Mr. Leavell discussed the element that made the child self-centered and urged upon the teachers the importance of appealing to this side of the child's nature.

W. C. Pearce, superintendent of teachers' training and adult work of North and South America, possesses a pleasing personality. He comes from Chicago, and is well known in Birmingham.

Professor L. P. Leavell, Field Secretary of the Sunday-School Board of the S. B. C., is well versed in methods and in modern Sunday-school work, and in the opinion of many is one of the greatest platform speakers now engaged in Sunday-school work.

R. F. Lewis has been president of the Jefferson County organization for several years. It is through his efforts that the county leads in perfect organization. He was made president of the State Association as a recognition of his services. Mr. Lewis is superintendent of the Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday School, U. S. A.

Miss M. E. Kennedy, field worker, was formerly primary superintendent of the First Methodist Sunday-school in Opelika, better known as the "Ben Greene" Sunday-school. She has been in the State work five years. To her must be given credit for the well-nigh perfect preparations for the entertainment of visitors.

The Executive Committee recommended that the district conventions lay emphasis on the necessity of reaching every Sunday-school in the State and upon the definition of a good Sunday-school, one having good records, careful grading and teachers' meetings.

Miss M. E. Kennedy in her address said: "The tide of Sunday-school organization and interest touched the highest point in our history during the year. People want to know how better modes of work and organization are accomplished. This is true not only in the cities, but in the country schools as well. If the sentiment of pastors and superintendents everywhere was epitomized it would be, 'We must have trained teachers.'"

Judge Joseph Carthel of Montgomery is General Secretary of the Association and one of the best-known Sunday-school workers in the State. There was but a small part of the State organized when he took charge. Under his able leadership Alabama has risen to the third place in the union, second only to Pennsylvania and Illinois.

"I have been in the dark corners of the State and I find increased temperance, increased education, increased civilization. Wherever we went we found a school and wherever there was a school there was also a church. Alabama is not well advanced in education, but we are going to give her schools in abundance and to make her a greater State."—Governor B. B. Comer.

A large map of the State was placed in the convention auditorium. Upon it were marked the banner counties of the State with red stars.

Prof. Stephen Olsopp conducted the chorus, composed of 125 voices, with a baton presented to him by Edward VII. when he was Prince of Wales.

The First Methodist Church was decorated with ferns, palms, roses, pinks, wistaria and the pillars were wrapped with red and white bunting.

Thursday afternoon three conferences were held, one for the home department, another for the adult classes and another for the teacher training classes. These were interesting experience meetings, from which every delegate gathered some good.

At the First Baptist Church Thursday night, J. S. Bridges presided over a conference of the young people's work. Thirty-four organized classes were reported from Jefferson County, sixteen of them being represented with a membership of 1,034 pupils.

Dr. A. L. Phillips of Richmond spoke in place of J. B. Greene, who was detained in Opelika for service on the grand jury. He impressively defined the duties of the superintendent to his teachers and the necessity of a teachers' meeting weekly, not to study the lesson, but to discuss the best way to teach the lesson, to find the best way to grasp the attention of the child.

W. C. Pearce compared the evangelistic service to the efforts of a life-saving crew, and the steady work of the Sunday-schools on a thousand hills to the steadily shining beams of the lighthouses, saving people, saving ships before they were wrecked, not after. He spoke of heredity and the taint of sin and the necessity of careful training in the Sunday-school.

D. H. Marbury spoke on the subject of "Reaching the Masses."

In opening his address he commenced with the individual school. "The school," he said, "should be organized in every department and a superintendent placed in charge of every department. The organization should be so arranged that every member, from the cradle roll on up, should be reached. The proper place for us to do our planning is in the teachers' meeting. If we expect to reach and touch every pupil in the school, we must hold conferences and plan. The mission of the school is to reach every person in the community in which the school is located. Before we perfect our plans as teachers we must take an inventory. Give every pupil a charge. Ask every one to bring a new member into the schools. We must go out after the people and tell them that we want them to come into school."

Mr. Marbury described in a very interesting manner how every one in a small town had been brought into the Sunday-school by continual work.

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G. G. Miles, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Sunday-School Association, reported to the convention Wednesday morning that the State now had forty-six banner counties, a gain of seventeen in the past year. He further reported that sixty-two county conventions have been held, and that Franklin, Marion, Pickens, Greene, Baldwin and Washington counties have been organized. Washington County leaped to the banner roll in its first year.

Crowded from door to gallery, the First Methodist Church was, Tuesday night, the scene of the most enthusiastic gathering yet known to the Sunday-school convention.

While every heart beat true to the cause, the audience listened with close attention to W. C. Pearce's story of the meaning of the "Great Modern Sunday-school Movement." As he talked, they visited conventions around the world with him and saw the fire of enthusiasm kindled everywhere. They were told about the 10,000 conventions held every year, attended by 2,500,000 actual delegates.

The assemblage rose at the introduction of Governor Comer. He talked about "The Right Hand Forks of Life." Passage by passage he pointed out in the story of Esther sign-posts for the young man and young woman of today.

"Esther went to the king, though in danger of death, because she had been accustomed to obey her guardian."

He spoke of the patience of Leah, doing her duty, trying to win the love of her husband. He spoke of Rachel and her sons, Judah and Levi, from one of whom came the name of the Jews and from the other the name of their priests. He spoke of Ruth, the beautiful and attractive, following old Naomi to care for her.

Division Presidents—Division 1, Dr. J. M. Pearson, Florence; Division 2, R. E. Pettus, Huntsville; Division 3, C. L. Peck, New Decatur; Division 4, W. R. Dortch, Gadsden; Division 5,

R. L. Carter, Anniston; Division 6, L. P. Gaddens, Birmingham; Division 7, Prof. D. P. Christenberry, Greensboro; Division 8, W. T. Atkins, Selma; Division 9, Judge W. W. Pearson, Montgomery; Division 10, Dr. B. M. Ohme, Alexander City; Division 11, G. M. Bynum, Wetlowee; Division 12, W. H. Banks, Hurtsboro; Division 13, B. Davie, Clayton; Division 14, W. D. Dunn, Grace Hill; Division 15, C. S. Rabb, Evergreen; Division 16, J. T. Fuller, Centreville; Division 17, Prof. H. C. Sargent, Hamilton.

A. P. Montague, resident of Howard College, came into the convention hall at the head of the entire student body of the college, who occupied seats in the gallery and were interested spectators of the convention. Dr. Montague, in response to an invitation to address the body, stated that he had drawn many lessons from the speeches he had heard in the convention.

"We all have a commission in this world. All of the great of the past have passed into history and scarcely any remember what they said, but Jesus Christ, who ruled with love, shall ever live. Who can recall any words of the greatest conqueror of the world? The words uttered by our Master, 'Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to all men,' will never be forgotten."

The subject for discussion Thursday morning was "The Sunday-school and the Great Commission." J. B. Davie of West Blocton was the first speaker on the subject. He discussed the importance of planning in the Sunday-school work. "This is one of the most important issues to make for success," he said. Mr. Davie cited many illustrations from every-day life to impress upon the Sunday-school representatives and teachers the necessity of holding conferences and attaching as much business thought to the Sunday-school as to the every-day business affairs of life. Mr. Davie thought that the beginning of the year was the time for the Sunday-school officers to get together and confer and plan for the

ensuing year. He emphasized the importance of system in Sunday-school work.

In discussing the report of the Executive Committee, Chairman Miles congratulated the officials upon the excellent showing made during the past year, despite the financial panic. "We should all be thankful to the Lord for His bountiful blessings upon our efforts in the past," said Mr. Miles. "Let us pledge ourselves to renewed effort and endeavors. The committee has recommended that \$8,000 be raised during the next year. I believe that we should raise \$10,000 and increase our field workers from three to five. There are many towns in our State where this work should be extended. We need to bring the importance of extension to the attention of our Sunday-schools and increase our facilities. This year the Association has wrought nobly. Let us realize that we have just commenced this great work." Mr. Miles declared that the convention had met for a great purpose and for the expressed intention of gathering new ideas to assist them in the successful pursuit of the work.

The Committee on Nominations of delegates to the international convention at Louisville recommend the following: Joseph Carthel, General Secretary; R. F. Lewis, International Vice-President; D. H. Marbury, International Executive Committee; Miss Minnie Kennedy, field worker; D. W. Sims, field worker; George G. Miles, Montgomery; William T. Atkins, Selma; Hon. H. S. D. Mallory, Selma; Hon. Jerome T. Fuller, Centreville; W. E. Bingham, Tuscaloosa; Prof. D. P. Christenberry, Greensboro; Hon. W. H. Taylor, Uniontown; Miss Edith Rice, Selma; Miss Alice Hale, Birmingham; R. E. Pettus, Huntsville; Miss Helen Gill, Huntsville; Mrs. R. F. Lewis, Birmingham; J. E. Davis, Blocton; C. S. Rabb, Evergreen; C. E. Crossland, Montgomery; R. M. Henley, Montgomery; W. S. Forman, Ashville; Mrs. K. M. Jarvis, Selma; Mrs. W. D. Smith, Birmingham; Miss A.

L. Williams, Birmingham; Henry L. Mellen, Livingston; Dr. B. M. Ohme, Alexander City; Hon. J. A. Bilbro, Gadsden; the Rev. H. M. Edmunds, Montgomery; J. B. Greene, Opelika; J. B. Wadsworth, Colesbor; B. Davis, Clayton; Sam Carroll, Troy; Mrs. S. D. Moore, Birmingham; C. L. Peck, Decatur; Mrs. Joann Cartwright, Birmingham; W. D. Dunn, Green Hill; E. W. Berry, Camden.

With a great meeting Thursday night at the First Methodist Church, the Sunday-school Convention came to a close. G. G. Miles of Montgomery was elected president unanimously and escorted to the platform. He made both a humorous and an inspiring speech. The other officers elected were:

Member International Executive Committee, D. H. Marbury, Birmingham.

International Vice-President, R. F. Lewis, Birmingham.

President, G. G. Miles, Montgomery. General Secretary, Joseph Carthel, Montgomery.

Assistant Secretary, L. C. Palmer, Montgomery.

Field Worker, Miss Minnie Kennedy. Field Worker, D. W. Sims.

Superintendent Home Department, Miss M. E. Smith, Opelika.

Superintendent Teacher Training Department, Miss S. P. Moore, Birmingham.

Treasurer, M. M. Sweatt, Montgomery.

Recording Secretary, S. H. Bain, Troy.

State Executive Committee—From Montgomery, Armstead Brown (chairman), Michael Cody, J. B. Fuller, J. W. Durr, Jr., W. E. Holloway, A. Roemer, W. B. Davidson, S. B. Sigletter, W. F. Thelford, Governor B. B. Comer, W. F. Feagin; from Birmingham, R. F. Lewis, T. H. Johnson, G. W. Mills, B. C. Bynum, D. H. Marbury, W. D. Dillard, Matthews; J. B. Wadsworth, Colesbor; J. B. Greene, Opelika; E. C. Anderson, Anniston; J. T. Gardner, Anniston; L. H. Carre, Anniston; J. S. Carroll, Troy; W. T. Atkins, Selma; Judge W. H. Taylor, Uniontown;

THE KING'S BUSINESS.

The Master has blessed me in many sweet meetings in the last three months. My time is now engaged until the latter part of June.

New Orleans.

I was in this wicked city several days during the Ham meeting with all the churches. He is a strong evangelist. I wish some of our large cities in Alabama would invite him.

First Baptist Church.

This is said to be the strongest Baptist church in New Orleans. Their beloved pastor, C. V. Edwards, has broken down in health. During the time I was there I only got a birds-eye view of the situation, but I saw enough to make me believe our brethren there have even a harder and more difficult field than many of our missionaries in foreign fields.

East Tallasse.

Here we labored eight days with Bro. W. R. Whately. He is a brother beloved and is doing faithful work on

his field. It was a good meeting. The Holy Ghost abundantly blessed the church and people.

Decatur.

Here we added Bro. M. W. Gordon eight days and would like to have remained a month. The First Church, of which Bro. Gordon is pastor is just entering upon the erection of a \$25,000 meeting house. There are many noble men and women in this church. Their pastor I have known all my life. We went through college together, labored together in Kentucky and South Carolina. He is verily a man of God. At the same time we were at the First Dr. Cox was at the Central Church. Bro. Yates is moving things at the Central. With two such men as Gordon and Yates as leaders, there is no reason why the Decatur should not soon become Baptist cities, not only in sentiment but in numerical strength.

Florida.

We began here yesterday and will remain about two weeks. The outlook is very encouraging. We have a nice

tent and many people are attending and are being saved. The event-tempered sweet-spirited B. S. Rally is the popular pastor of this noble church. They will soon have a handsome \$20,000 meeting house.

Holy Ghost Power.

Pray for me, brethren, that we may verily have Holy Ghost power in this meeting upon the people; that He may convict sinners of sin and regenerate men's souls. O! for a Holy Ghost power to sweep our entire State. Then our church would be revived, sinners regenerated, Bro. Crumpton's heart made glad at enlarged mission offerings and brethren would love each other and pray for each other always.

May God's richest blessings be with all our pastors and evangelists throughout the summer in a great campaign for winning lost souls; that dear old Alabama may feel the power of the King's business in every community.

JOHN BASS SHELTON.

Montgomery, Ala.

OBITUARY OF MRS. HATTIE ANN Burt.

Mrs. Hattie Ann Burt was born in South Carolina, May 14, 1829, emigrated to Alabama in 1842, was married to Rev. D. H. Burt, October 28, 1858, at Fort Deposit, Ala.; united with the Baptists July, 1860. Sister Burt was truly a preacher's wife, full of faith and good works, abounding in Christian graces, loved by all who knew her, patient through life and especially so in her last illness, exhibiting most beautifully the spirit of her Master. Calling her family and friends around her, she gave them her parting message and went home in full triumph of faith, April 7, 1908. Funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. D. Leach, assisted by Brethren J. W. McGaha and D. G. Wells in the First Baptist Church of Snyder, Texas.

A. D. LEACH,

J. W. MCGAHA,

D. G. WELLS.

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR PASTOR TO HOT SPRINGS.

Russell Conwell, the famous lecturer and preacher of Philadelphia, is on a visit to England.

Rev. J. A. Masee, pastor of the Tabernacle church, Raleigh, N. C., has been called by the First church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. J. B. Hartwell, our veteran missionary in China, and his daughter, Miss Anna, arrived in San Francisco March 13th last.

Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist state convention of North Carolina, is preparing a history of the convention.

There will be plenty of rooms at the Eastman hotel for all who do not get located elsewhere satisfactorily. Meals can be had at most other hotels and restaurants at a reasonable rate.—Dr. A. U. Williams, chairman committee.

Rev. F. C. Hicks, who has been one of the leading spirits in the Sunday school at Elyton, on last Sunday morning distributed four prizes for attendance and bringing in new scholars.

Dr. T. P. Hale has received \$5,000 from Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Felix, their subscription in full to the Baptist Education Society of Kentucky. We wish some of our well-to-do Baptists in Alabama would give a like sum to Howard college and also to the Judson.

Rev. W. A. Hobson entered the pastorate of the First church of Jacksonville, Fla., just before the great fire which destroyed the church edifice and a large portion of the city. He now reports 600 members. The church has a beautiful building. The contributions of the church for the year amount to \$11,911.40.—Word and Way.

The ten largest Y. M. C. A.'s in America are: Boston, with 5,295 members; Chicago Central, with 5,213; Twenty-third Street Branch, New York, 3,951; Fifty-sixth Street Branch, New York, 3,864; Brooklyn, 2,994; Philadelphia, 1,929; St. Louis, 1,924; Baltimore, 2,421; Cleveland, 2,954; Buffalo, 3,161.—Exchange.

President Faunce, of Brown University, went to the Pacific coast and delivered the "Charter Day" address before the University of California and gave a course of six lectures on "Problems in Religious Education" before the Pacific Theological Seminary. He visited Leland Stanford University and Mills College.

Dr. W. M. Vines, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in Asheville, and for several years pastor of Freemason Street Baptist church in Norfolk, has been called to Hanson Place church in Brooklyn, New York, at a salary of \$5,000, but Norfolk does not want him to go, and has added \$600 to his present salary, making it \$4,200. Knowing Brother Vines, we believe that he will go or stay as the Lord leads him without reference to salary.

TOLAND-METHVIN.

One of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in Jasper was that of Miss Jeanie Elizabeth Toland and Mr. Eugene Wilson Methvin, of Birmingham, which took place at the Baptist church Wednesday evening, April 22, at 8:30 o'clock.

Just previous to the ceremony, Mr. I. E. Reynolds rendered two appropriate solos in a most charming way, "Heart of Gold" and "My Dear."

Then to the sweet strains of Tannhauser, played by Mrs. Jack Crawford, the bridal party entered, led by little Burnice Loller, who opened the gates of ribbon and marched to the altar, where she presided in a most graceful manner, handing each attendant first a yellow and then a white streamer, which hung from the large wedding bell, made of Marechal Neil and white roses, the bell hanging from a lovely evergreen arch.

The beautiful young bride was gowned in a white chiffon princess on silk, elaborately lined with lace. She wore a lace wedding veil adjusted with a tiny wreath of white roses and carried a lovely bouquet of bridal roses.

She came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. I. Graves Toland, of Anniston, and they were met at the altar by the groom and Mr. Erskin Moore, the best man.

During the impressive ceremony the couple stood under the arch and wedding bell previously described.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Earheart, of Birmingham, as matron of honor; Miss May Alice Whitfield as maid of honor, and Misses Margaret Toland and Mable Rainey as bridesmaids, while four of the prettiest little girls in Jasper acted as flower girls and scattered roses in the path of the bride and groom, each carrying a large basket of roses. They were little Misses Jimmie Leith, Lizzie Mae Crawford, Esther Lowell and Annie Dallis.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Erskin Moore, best man; Fred Fite and J. Graves Toland as groomsmen.

Rev. Alto Bamber officiated. After the ceremony the party marched out to the majestic strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride, whom "to know is to admire," is the charming and talented young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Toland, of Anniston, and she is loved by a host of friends in Jasper and all points throughout the state. She has been a member of the faculty of Jasper high school during the past term and is exceedingly popular in this city.

The Anniston Hot Blast speaks of her as being a bright star in any sphere she may be placed and as a member of one of the oldest and most influential families of the state, being a niece of the late Merritt Street; also as one of the fairest of the daughters of A. C. F. C., Tuscaloosa, and Judson college, Marion.

The groom is a most promising young medical student and is related to some of the finest families in our town and state.

A number of out-of-town guests were present.

The popularity of the young couple is highly attested by the number of handsome presents they received.

Mr. and Mrs. Methvin will be at home in Birmingham for a short time, after which they will spend the greater part of the summer touring in the west.

They will ever be followed by the best wishes of numerous friends.

CENTENNIAL MEETING, BUTLER SPRINGS.

On Saturday before the third Sunday in April, we met for our centennial meeting.

10:30—Devotional exercises, conducted by the pastor and engaged in by others present. We expected Bro. Gilmore from Pineapple to preach for us at 11 o'clock and speak in the afternoon, but he did not come, so the pastor preached from the theme, "Looking Backward," at the afternoon session.

3:30—Devotional exercises by Bro. Harris Carter.

Bro. W. C. Carter read the history of Butler Springs Church, which was very interesting.

The pastor then made a talk on Baptist principles.

Sunday was a great day, for we had our indefatigable corresponding secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, present. He made us a fine talk in the Sunday-school, and at 11 o'clock he delivered his centennial address, and it was delivered with power, and if it had not been published in The Alabama Baptist, it would have been requested for publication. I am glad that he has it in pamphlet form, for every pastor ought to get it and read it and distribute it to his members and others and see what Baptists have accomplished in a hundred years. After the sermon we took a good collection for foreign missions.

At 4 p. m. Bro. Crumpton preached us a very helpful sermon, which we all enjoyed. I carried him to Forest Home and he preached us a fine sermon that night. It was very helpful. We had the pleasure of entertaining him that night in our home. Any pastor is fortunate who can get a visit from Bro. Crumpton to his field. He is so helpful; he has always been to me in my field.

H. R. SCHRAMM,
Pastor.

The most terrible rain fell in the vicinity of Frankville, Washington County, last Friday afternoon, ever known in those parts. The creeks and water courses were higher than ever known.

The people of my churches (all farming along the Bigbee River and the large creeks tributary) suffered great losses, running away into the thousands.

Nearly all the bridges of Washington County are washed away. 'Twill be at once.

bankrupt the county to replace them. My heart bleeds for dear old Albertville. How those people have suffered. We have had no trains till today since Friday and I have no definite news from Albertville. Yours fraternally,

WM. A. PARKER.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR PASTOR TO HOT SPRINGS.

Rev. J. L. Gross, formerly pastor at Selma, will preach the commencement sermon at Baylor University.

The First church, Richmond, Va., recently gave \$5,000 to foreign missions at one time. Geo. W. McDaniel is the pastor.

The work of Rev. R. F. Treadway, pastor at Camden, Ark., is being greatly blessed. The church has recently given \$1,400 to education.

Dr. Howard L. Jones is to deliver the address before the Literary Societies of Furman University in June, and Dr. H. A. Porter, pastor of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., will preach the commencement sermon.

President A. H. Strong, of Rochester Theological seminary, will spend a year abroad; Henry C. Mable, of the Missionary Union, will teach theology in the seminary during the absence of President Strong.

Rev. J. C. Hiden, of Idlewild, Birmingham, is to preach the commencement sermon at LaFayette College, Sunday, May 31st.

J. W. Barnett, Superintendent of the Palmetto Street Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., was the only delegate from any of the Baptist churches in Mobile to attend the State Sunday-school Convention.

Last summer W. W. Lawton, of Chengchow, went with W. R. Pittman and J. C. Armstrong and W. Y. Qulsenberry to Kaffeng, the ancient capital of the province of Honan. It is doubtless true that they were the first Baptists to enter that great city. They climbed the steps of towers and overlooked the city. Now Lawton says that W. E. Sallee and wife and D. W. Herring have gone to Kaffeng to open up work.—Word and Way.

The Wilbur Chapman interdenominational revival meetings are in full swing in Norfolk. Besides the regular morning services, Sunday, there were seven special afternoon services and five special services in the evening. Mr. Chapman has several other evangelists with him and a number of trained singers. The meeting has been extensively advertised and the indications are for great enthusiasm and much good fruit from these services.—Religious Herald.

The Kansas City Theological seminary will hold its sixth commencement exercises May 26 to 29. S. E. Price, president of Ottawa University, will give the literary address, and Henry C. Mable, secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, will deliver the missionary address, the latter on Thursday evening, May 28. Graduating exercises will be Friday evening, the 29th, when the members of the graduating class will speak, and President Crannell will give his annual address.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

ANOTHER ARTICLE FROM BROWNSBORO.

Brownsboro, Ala., April 3, 1908.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

I notice in last week's paper an address by Dr. W. B. Crumpton to the Bible Institute at Troy, Ala., and by your permission I wish to notice a few things in this address in the columns of your paper.

The Flint River Association declared non-fellowship for the Muscle Shoals, and all such. Some of the churches withdrew from the Muscle Shoals and founded an Anti-Missionary Association. The end soon came to this Association, as it has come to the Flint River. I suppose the latter is hardly alive, having a few churches scattered a long distance apart in three States.

Now, Mr. Crumpton, this makes the second time I have had to call your attention to misrepresentation in regard to the Flint River Association and Flint church.

Now, will you please give us your authority for the latter part of that statement? And we would suggest that you be a little more careful than before. You remember you referred us before to Riley's History, and after careful investigation I fail to find where he said for many years the Flint River church has been out of existence. So please give us a backing for this statement, or act the man by acknowledging that your prejudice is so great towards the Old School Baptists that it is hard for you to deal with facts when you speak of them; but be it said to your credit that you told one truth about the Flint River Association, and that was, they denounced mission boards, Sunday schools, ministerial education and all church collections. Their spirits have not changed in the least.

No, thank the Lord! they are still contending earnestly for the faith as once delivered to the saints, and our prayer to God is that He will keep them so doing until He shall come the second time to gather together His jewels.

Now, kind reader, please turn back to Mr. Crumpton's remark: "They have not changed in the least."

Then they must be preaching the same things our fathers established in our fair State one hundred years ago. Who, then, have the right to celebrate? Is it those who have invented or added new things that our fathers knew nothing of? Or is it those who have not changed one bit?

Kind reader, this is too plain a question for any controversy, and any attempt to celebrate by the Missionaries this year is like a man wanting to celebrate his golden wedding when he had been married twenty years to one woman and thirty years to another one. Think of a man and woman marrying and living in peace, love and sweet communion, and both keeping their marriage vows sacred for twenty years, and then the husband's affection is drawn off after another woman (secret institutions of men), and he breaks his marriage vows (church obligations). The woman, being a chaste woman, puts him away, as the law demands, and rears the little family in uprightness and honesty. The man then goes and marries the other woman, and after living with her for thirty years, he says to his family, "We will now celebrate our golden wedding. What should we all say to this? Why, of course, we would all say he was practicing a fraud on the first family; that he had no right to celebrate. But the objectors might say that there was no Primitive or Old School Baptists or Missionaries, or New School Baptists then. They were just Baptists. All right. When the man first married, there was but one family by that name either, but when he took a new or another family, then there was cause for a distinction between the two families. Remember both families bear the same name; so we would say family No. 1 and family No. 2—hence Primitive, or first, and Missionary, or family No. 2.

But hold on, says the man! People who celebrate their golden wedding, you know, expect valuable presents from those that go.

And as we are in need of a few thousand indeed,



G. G. MILES, Pres. S. S. Association -

We will practice the fraud
To raise one hundred thousand to help our Lord;
For sinners are dying and in hell are they crying,
Because we withhold our silver and gold.
Yea, mortal man that fixed the plan
Upon a money basis,
Woe be to you, for it is true
Our Saviour will ne'er accept such offerings,
For thus He said to the reverend head:
"Thy money perish with the using!"
While well we know before we go,
We have been married only seventy years.
But this, you see, we all agree,
To have a celebration;
So we will practice the fraud in the name of the Lord,
And thereby deceive the rising generation.
Poor finite man that fixed the plan!
But, alas! we know, as once before, for money bright,
The Pharisees' delight,
The Lord of Hosts was betrayed with a wicked kiss,
And thus was made the money trade
Upon a religious basis!

I here wish to relate a circumstance that happened at old Flint church last November. An old lady in her 60th year, who had been a Missionary from early girlhood, came to our humble home, and after talking about the Missionary Baptists wanting to celebrate in 1908 their one hundredth anniversary, she said: "My people cannot do that." I then read a little leaflet on the celebration signed by Mr. W. B. Crumpton, and others. She said but little more that night, but the next morning she told me she had not slept any all night; that she spent the whole night in prayer to God to show her the true church and her duty to it. So she said the answer came just before day that Old Flint church was the true church, and she said, "I want to join today;" so when an opportunity was given she came forward, told her experience and was received and baptized the next day. Though a very bitter, cold day, she faltered not. I don't think I ever saw a more willing subject in my life, and she told me afterward she felt better than for years. May many of God's little children do as this dear old sister did in coming out of Babylon and be satisfied in taking the Scriptures as their only rule of faith and practice.

I now wish to quote from an old Methodist lady. After listening to Mr. R. E. Pettus on the celebration, she said: "This thing of the Missionary Baptists wanting to celebrate the Old Baptists' birthday was too low a stoop for any Christian to be guilty of."

Now, what I have written has been in nowise to offend, but hoping it may cause some of God's little ones to consider the claims of the Missionary Baptists. Yours for the truth's sake,

B. B. LAWLER.

P. S.—You address me as elder. I am no preacher—not even the son of one—and if that is why you placed me on your complimentary list, I will remit. Trusting you will publish at an early date,

Yours truly,

B. B. L.

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

I am very happy this morning. The figures show that the Baptists of Alabama cannot be turned aside by panics and storms. I was awfully down-hearted for ten days, but the brethren did not fall me.

Some lessons ought to be learned from this canvass.

The folly—nay, the sin—of putting off collections is one of them. The uncertainty of the weather on Sundays, the possibilities of panics and storms, are beyond our calculation. Any or all of them may interfere with the brother who has no system. Thousands of dollars were lost because of these this year. One pastor, J. W. O'Hara, said: "My people did well last year, but this year, without any extra effort at all, we have made a 35 per cent. advance." It could be so with every church if pastors would harness their churches for systematic work.

The Circular Letter

could tell a tale that would surprise some brethren. Hundreds of dollars have been spent in postage and printers' ink. Judas-like, some may say, "Why the waste?" The mission treasuries hold thousands of dollars that never would have come in but for the time and money spent on the circular letters. A few of the brethren grow impatient with me about sending them out, but they must excuse me. This is my way—I know no other—and it is succeeding. If the pastors would use the circular letters with their members, they would be surprised at results.

Delegates to Hot Springs.

Alabama will be entitled to 186, besides those appointed from the Associations. Only 108 have been appointed. Surely more want to go than that number! A card will be returned, on application, which will entitle the bearer to a seat.

Here is what Pastor Amis, at Hot Springs says:

"Your letter came to me yesterday. Oh, yes, we will have a place for you, and don't you forget it. Come on with your hosts, and we will take care of them, and somewhere around about we have reserved for you a place where you may lay your head. We are looking for a great crowd and for a greater convention. We are anxious to see the Boards come out with special favor in these trying financial times. Bring all you can with you. The more the merrier over here."

FRIENDS HELP.

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down.

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was a cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

"Another lady, who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking on Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellyville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

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HIGH PRICE NOT THE CAUSE.

I intend to read the paper, whether you send presents or not, so find enclosed money order for \$2, which will set my figures to January 1. Yesterday was paper day, but it failed to show up. I thought perhaps it was because I failed to send in the money. Brother Barnett, I consider The Alabama Baptist a splendid paper, and yet I can't get a single subscriber. Why is this? They say the price is too high. I can't believe this is the reason.

Our people read everything but the Bible and their church paper. A pity you haven't a live representative in every church. I believe we would be better folks if we read the paper more. We would be more congenial company if we read the same literature. I believe if a man or woman will talk to me five minutes I can tell whether or not he or she reads The Alabama Baptist.

I am going to ask you to send one paper to each of the following names. It may be that some of them will subscribe. They are my near neighbors. All are heads of Baptist families, but do not read the paper. Think it too high. Wishing you a prosperous and happy new year, I am your brother,

A good sister writes:

I have tried to get subscribers for your paper, but have not succeeded. The people around here seem to think the cost of a paper ought not to exceed 25 cents. But I notice that whiskey never gets too high, judging by their conduct.

was 10 cents a year many refused to subscribe for it because they thought the price too high.

A good brother writes: "Please discontinue my paper till times get better and your paper gets cheaper."

We join in the wish for better times and regret exceedingly that the cost of white paper gets dearer and dearer. In fact, everything that goes into the making of the paper is increasing in price. The tendency of the religious and secular papers is to raise subscriptions instead of lowering them. We anxiously await for congress to get after the paper trust, but fear the powers that be will not lower the tariff at the request of the publishers.

A brother writes:

"At the Baptist Association you proposed to send me The Alabama Baptist on trial, and if I thought it was a blessing to my home I was to send you \$2 at the end of the year; if not satisfactory, to drop you a card to stop the paper. I have been getting it for three months, and will say that it is not what I expected. I can read advertisements in a much cheaper paper, so you may stop the paper as per your offer."

If the brother wants to get the greatest amount of advertising at the lowest cost, he ought to send 15 cents to one of the big mail order houses in Chicago and get one of their thousand page catalogues.

A good sister writes:

"Please stop my paper, as my subscription has expired." It expired two years previous. We have many who calmly drop us cards as per the above.

Editor of The Alabama Baptist:

Dear Brother Barnett: I enclose \$2 for back dues to The Alabama Baptist. My husband says your paper is no good, so you please stop it and oblige. Affectionately yours,

A brother writes:

"There is something every week in the paper to cheer the soul and make a poor sinner as I am feel more like trying to do something for the Master."

This is indeed high praise. Oh, that each week we might be able to cheer and convict those who needed cheering and those who needed conviction.

A good brother, who has a sense of humor, in renewing his wife's subscription, writes:

"Find enclosed postoffice order. My wife is under the impression that it would almost be a crime to do without it."

We do not know what we would do if the good women did not make the no-count men do their duty by the paper.

A good sister, in enclosing \$2 to pay a year ahead, closes her letter with the following:

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We are at a loss to know whether she intends to call attention to the fact that we persecuted her with a dun, or whether she means to sympathize with us because so many delinquents fail to pay us, yet say and write mean things about the editor of the paper.

The Northern Baptist Convention and Baptist Anniversaries will meet at Oklahoma City, Okla., May 20 to May 27 in the White Temple. A great programme has been arranged. Every delegate will need a certificate signed by the clerk of the body by which he is sent, entitling him to membership and a seat in the convention, or in the meetings of the several societies.

A preacher who let his paper drop sent me the following. It is printed as he wrote it:

"I written a piece of poetry with other writings in Nov. for publication. This is the first time I ever written to and editor and it found the Waist basket. Many who saw the writing express a desire to see it in print. I have bin writing for papers for 25 years past. I will try and not bother you again, respectfully in Christ."

You might have thought that having delivered himself of the above, he was

satisfied, but not at all; for when we met him face to face at an association he let us understand that he had little respect for our editorial ability.

Dr. Malcolm McGregor, who recently died in Atlanta, was a man of great consecration and unusual evangelistic gifts.

A brother writes:

"I hereby ask that you stop my paper. I don't think the paper is what its name claims for it. I think that it should be full of Scripture every issue. I don't think that a paper devoted to church work should be filled up with ads. So I ask that you discontinue mine at once."

His strictures might carry some weight with us had he paid up to date, but unfortunately some of our subscribers who prate about the Scriptures fail to pay their just debts. We sincerely regret that we have to carry any advertising at all, but as long as brethren and sisters will take the paper and refuse to pay for it, it will be necessary to get some revenue from advertising.

A brother writes:

"I regret to tell you to stop sending The Alabama Baptist to me. I am not able to pay the price. I take an agricultural paper just the same size, which only costs me 50 cents a year, and other papers about the same, so please send my account and stop the paper."

We are sorry to lose the brother, but it is impossible for us to compete with a large class of papers that are printed on cheap paper and published more as advertising than as news sheets. We have propositions from agricultural sheets almost willing to give us subscriptions if we will offer them as premiums in connection with The Alabama Baptist. The Guide, published here, is published at \$1, and we commend it, as it is a legitimate venture, and seeks to help the farmer, and not exploit him, as do many so-called farm papers.

During the concerted Baptist revival meetings in the city up to Sunday last there have been reported 667 additions to the churches. Of course this number includes those by letter and those upon profession of faith.—Christian Index.

Fanny Crosby, the blind poetess, was presented with a fine repeating gold watch on her 88th birthday by the young people's societies and other Connecticut friends. The presentation exercises were held in First church, Bridgeport, the pastor, Rev. G. M. Brown, making the address. Miss Crosby read an original poem.

Rev. T. S. Hubert, formerly pastor at Roanoke, has moved to Douglas, Ga., where he has accepted work.

FROM CODY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Cody Baptist church is located in Western Alabama, and is in the bounds of the Yellow Creek Baptist Association, which has largely gone from our organized work of missions, etc., and is trying to line up with the so-called Gospel Missionaries.

The church at Cody was constituted the third Sunday in April, 1905, with ten members. Elders J. E. Barnes, T. W. Shelton and W. C. Woods organized us.

We have had preaching the third Sunday and Saturday before since we organized. Elder S. M. Waldrop is our pastor. We have had several protracted meetings, assisted by our noble ministers of the gospel, T. W. Shelton and J. S. Townsend.

Since we organized we have baptized 11 and received by letter five. We have run a Sunday school part of the time, contributed to missions through our regular channels, and have increased the same about five to one since we organized. We are in great sympathy with our mission boards, and have helped them liberally this year, considering our weakness financially. We trust that our boards will come to the convention at Hot Springs with clear receipts against any debt, and that the Lord may be glorified and His cause, which we so much love, be honored.

Brethren, what I want to tell is the situation of our young church here at Cody in the midst of opposition by the anti—I mean by anti those who oppose our organized work as represented by The Alabama Baptist, etc.—who are very numerous, and, judging from their actions and words, are using all their influence to destroy the influence of our much needed church at Cody.

After all this, we have good congregations. The Methodists visit us and assist gladly in our singings, which we enjoy, but the anti don't show up. We ask an interest in the prayers of the Baptists of our beloved state, and may God put it in their hearts to send some of God's preachers to help us and build up our cause over here.

We trust that this, our centennial in Alabama, will be a year of knowledge getting, and a year in which error will give way to truth among us, that we may be united Baptists in deed and in truth.

Done by order of Cody church in conference, April 18, 1908.

M. RAINWATER,
S. V. WALDROP.

The catalogue of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1907-8, is out. The catalogue shows total number of students for the present session 277. These students come from 29 states and six foreign countries. The state of Kentucky leads with 51, North Carolina 32, Mississippi 21, Georgia 19, Missouri 19, Alabama 18, Tennessee 18, South Carolina 12. Texas now has a theological seminary, and so it comes to pass that only one student from that great state entered the Louisville Seminary the present session.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. M. U. OF ALA.

For the three Boards, Margaret Home and Training School Mission Societies have given.....	\$10,770.27
Y. W. A.....	1,141.70
Sunbeam Bands.....	811.88
Total.....	\$12,723.85
Amount for Foreign Missions.....	6,569.20
Home Missions.....	5,088.31
Lacked in Foreign Missions of reaching our appointment, \$730.80.	
Nearly all of this deficit has been sent in since the books closed, April 17th.	
Amount of Christmas offering, \$1,600.26.	
Amount of thank offering, \$3,022.57.	

Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

Enclosed please find \$1.50 for the building of a church in China from the Belleville Sunbeam Society. The Sunbeams had made out quite a nice little programme for Christmas, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was postponed until the first of this month.

With love and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,
HERMIONE NEWTON.

Belleville, Ala.

Russellville, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, Ala.:

My Dear Sister—Enclosed you will find our report for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1917. We are sending Mrs. Malone our check for \$2.50 for the schools. We are able to pay our pledges to these two schools in advance each quarter. Our children are very much elated over this work, and they are taking great interest in all their work. They very kindly and generously remembered their Leader Christmas. We have about \$14 in our treasury now. Please send me some more mission boxes. Yours as ever,

MRS. J. W. PARTRIDGE.

Thomaston, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

You will find enclosed a postoffice order for \$2.50 for the Sunbeam School at El Paso, Texas. Yours truly,
CECILE GOLDEN, Sec'y.

Roanoke, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Dear Sister—Enclosed you will find \$5, which is a Christmas offering from the Sunbeams of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke for the Sunbeams' school building in China. I have a noble band of small children who love to give for the Master's cause. Wishing you much success in your work.

MRS. B. C. JONES, Leader.

West End, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

The West End Baptist Sunbeam Band have raised \$3.68 for the big church in China for the poor little children who have no good school to go to and can not hear of God. I hope they will learn more about God.

We have about sixty in roll and a good many out of that come. The children often talk about you and would like for you to come again soon. I, too, would like to have you come and hope you will be able to come.

The president of our band is going to write some time soon.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.68.

Yours truly,
ERNEST LLOYD, Treas.

Lipscomb, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

With much love I write to you and send you the report of our Sunbeam Society. I am very thankful for this number and am sure we will get more to join. You told me to let you know how many mite boxes to send. You may send one dozen. I lacked

WOMAN'S WORK

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

First V. President—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson,
517 N. 22d street, Birmingham.

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

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

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Malone,
Mission Room, Watts Building, Birmingham.

(All contributions to this page should be sent to—Mrs. D. M. Malone, Mission Room, Watts Building, Birmingham.)

one of having enough. I would like to give one to every one that joins. It seems to encourage the children. By the help of the little ones, will try to do more for missions. We sent Mrs. Malone \$5 for home missions. Am sorry it was not \$10. Your sister,

M. M. WALDROP.

Jasper, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

You will please pardon me for procrastinating so long before giving you the report of our Sunbeam Band.

I reorganized the little folks of the Jasper Baptist Church in this work the second Sunday in January. They manifested great interest from the beginning and went right to work with untiring energy. Each and every little member displays a Sunbeam spirit, lets his light shine for Jesus, and is really and truly "a Sunbeam for Him."

Please send me about eighty-five little mite boxes. The children are exceedingly anxious for them, and I feel assured that they will increase our contributions greatly.

Asking you to remember me in your prayers and wishing you wonderful success in the great work that you are engaged in, I am,

Most sincerely,

JEANIE TOLAND.

East Lake, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

Thank you so much for your nice letter and useful information. We organized our Band Feb. 2. Will for the present hold two meetings monthly. Have our band divided. My daughter Mary has taken charge of the boys. I shall endeavor to secure another leader for the girls (a married lady, if possible), and I will simply act as superintendent. We feel encouraged and hope to soon be able to help in a more substantial way. Have very little in treasury at present, but I am sure we will be able to comply with your request.

We are grateful to you for your kind help. Pray for us that we may be able to train these dear children to better work for the Master.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. J. A. BLAKE.

Midland City, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton,

We, the Sunbeams of Midland City, take the pleasure of sending \$2.75 as our first on the \$10 we promised to try to raise for the Sunbeam school, etc. And we leave it with you to use it as you see best.

We have forty-five members in our little band. Some seem very anxious to work, and we would appreciate any suggestion or help that you would give us. Yours truly,

WILLIE MAE ANDREWS, Sec'y.

Brewton, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

Enclosed find \$2.25 for home missions. During this quarter our Sunbeam Band sent \$6 to Mrs. Malone for the Sunbeam school in Texas, and \$1 to help build

the West Woodlawn Baptist Church. You can count on us to get the \$5, for the school in China, and we will make it more if we can. Yours sincerely,

MARY STEWART, Secretary.

Evergreen, Ala.

Louisville, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Enclosed please find postoffice order for \$2.50 for the school funds which you asked the Juniors to contribute quarterly. We failed to send in the amount as early as we should, but trust it will reach you in time. We hope to be more prompt in sending next quarter. We have a very good Junior society here; there are fifty on roll and among them we have some faithful workers. We would be glad if you would send us some literature that would be of interest to our society. All Juniors send love. We remain,

Yours, as ever,

KATIE McEACHERN, Cor. Sec.

Jackson, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

I just want to drop you a line to let you know how the Sunbeams of Jackson are getting along. We are keeping our two Sunbeam schools in mind and we are going to come up with our \$10, and more, if we can. We are going to start a new plan next Sunday. Each one is expected to bring at least one egg or an extra penny. We have such interesting meetings. The children are always ready and willing to do anything I ask them to do. One afternoon, not very long ago, I decided to have something new, so I told the children we would just have a little Thanksgiving service. They wish to have a thanksgiving service every meeting.

PEARL MIZE.

Nicholsville, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton.

I want to tell you about our Sunbeam Band. We have word pictures and recitations, sometimes entertaining the Sunday-school. And through the influence of our good leader, Mrs. J. M. Greene, we are progressing nicely.

We all appreciate her patience and great willingness to help carry on the glorious work of God.

And the best of all, I enclose you a money order for \$3 as a part of our mission pledge and we hope we will do better hereafter than we have in the past. Sincerely yours,
ERBY NICHOLS.

TRAINED NURSE

Remarks About Nourishing Food.

"A physician's wife gave me a package of Grape-Nuts one day, with the remark that she was sure I would find the food very beneficial, both for my own use and for my patients. I was particularly attracted to the food, as at that time the weather was very hot and I appreciated the fact that Grape-Nuts requires no cooking.

"The food was deliciously crisp, and most inviting to the appetite. After making use of it twice a day for three or four weeks, I discovered that it was a most wonderful invigorator. I used to suffer greatly from exhaustion, headaches and depression of spirits. My work had been very trying at times and indigestion had set in.

"Now I am always well and ready for any amount of work, have an abundance of active energy, cheerfulness and mental poise. I have proved to my entire satisfaction that this change has been brought about by Grape-Nuts food.

"The fact that it is predigested is a very desirable feature. I have had many remarkable results in feeding Grape-Nuts to my patients, and I cannot speak too highly of the food. My friends constantly comment on the change in my appearance. I have gained 3 pounds since beginning the use of this food." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Frank Willis Barnett

Editorials

Editor and Owner

THE DIVINE ADMINISTRATOR.

It is the teaching of the Bible that a Christian church can not be conducted in the best way without the leadership of the Holy Spirit. It is only as He is relied upon as the chief administrator of the affairs of a church that a most wholesome condition can be maintained. The pastor who undertakes to lead his church without a thorough recognition of the indispensable need of the Holy Spirit as the supreme administrator of the work and worship, is certain to have a comparatively barren ministry. Rev. F. B. Meyer of England, in an article printed in this country, says: "My beloved friend, the late Dr. Gordon, to long talks with whom on this subject I owe so much, once told me that in his earlier ministry he was more anxious to administer and guide his church than in later years. He found that he was attempting work which the Holy Spirit could do better. It was enough, therefore, to preach perpetually on the work of the Holy Spirit, to keep his people's mind directed towards it, and to believe that the Spirit Himself would energize through the church to the perfect realizing of all its possibilities."

It was Dr. A. J. Gordon of Boston to whom Dr. Meyer refers, and we know that, from the day when he let the Holy Spirit have full sway as the administrator of his church in all of its affairs, a marvelous progress was constantly made. That church soon became widely known as a great spiritual center, and from it went out a potent and pervading influence which is still felt in many places. In apostolic times it was said that the Holy Spirit appointed certain men as "overseers" of the churches. This being true, then it logically followed that the Holy Spirit was the one who should oversee those pastors and churches. And if all of our churches were thus administered, there would be vastly greater progress made by many of them than there now is. Put yourselves under the Spirit's administration.

HAS HAD A GOOD YEAR.

The American Baptist Publication Society has just closed a good year. It has received in the publishing department from sales of merchandise and periodicals during the year \$725,978.40, an increase over the previous year of \$61,282.75. In its Bible and missionary department the total receipts for the year, including contributions, income from invested funds, and for permanent funds, were \$172,148.67, an increase over the previous year of \$12,249.42. On account of necessary enlargements in its field, the debt upon the missionary department has been increased \$2,278.98, and is now \$30,083.85. The total amount received from all regular sources for the year is \$952,377.05, an increase over last year of \$85,626.70. Altogether, the year has been very satisfactory and gives great promise for the future.

THE CLEAN DOLLAR.

Some people cry out that this is a money-making age. That is a fact. It is a curious thing that what is known as the creative faculty in man shows itself in many forms. In one period it is sculpture; in another painting or the writing of books, and so on. Today it is wealth-making.

The idea that the making of money, honestly and legitimately, is in any way degrading to the noblest instincts is false. The bright, clean dollar is the symbol of power and good. But the dollar with the grime of fraud on it or splashed with the tear of the widow or rust-red with the heart's blood of him from whom it was wrung is unutterably hideous. Don't touch it.

THE STRUGGLE OF FIFTY YEARS.

It has taken this time to bring the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to its present place of usefulness in the Kingdom of God. One wonders why this long time was necessary. The war was responsible for most of it. The war shattered its endowment at one blow. But it did more. It crippled the Southern people so fearfully that they could not restore what was torn down. But this was not all. The Seminary has had many enemies; as anything has that is useful. Baptists have long had an element that was opposed to an educated ministry. These have bitterly opposed the Seminary. Then every doctrinal controversy in the denomination would naturally rage around the Seminary. Besides, personal jealousies in the denomination would affect the Seminary, as everything else. But in spite of all obstacles, the Seminary has lived, grown and done a marvellous work until it has become the joy and pride of Baptists all over the world. When the jubilee year comes, in 1909, the million-dollar endowment should be a fact. The struggle of fifty years should reach this consummation as a good milestone on the way. That will not be the end, but it will be a fine landmark for the future. We owe it to Boyer, Broadus, Manley and Williams, the founders of the Seminary, to do this thing. It can be done.

FROM FOREIGN MISSION HEADQUARTERS

Richmond, Va., May 1, 1908.
Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Ala.:
Praise God. All obligations paid, Alabama \$28,255.79.
R. J. WILLINGHAM.

From Home Board Headquarters.

We have had a glorious year. Receipts from all the States for Home Missions were \$248,138.17. Last year, \$220,829.23. Increase, \$27,308.94. Alabama gave \$18,512.96, against \$17,637.19 last year. Our debt is about \$22,000. We are joyful over the great results accomplished—the greatest in the Board's history.

Yours in Christian bonds,
B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary.
Atlanta, May 1, 1908.

Now that the hard fight for the Home and Foreign Boards is over for the present, I want from my heart to thank those who have helped so faithfully. God bless each of you. He will. I do not know at this writing just how the Boards stand, but I am hopeful. In this hard pull the pastors have done valiant service. I happen to know that some of them will not be able to attend the convention at Hot Springs unless their churches send them. I write to request that some good brother or sister in each church see that the needed money is put into the hands of the pastor. Take hold of it at once. It can and will be easily done if you will make an offering yourself; and then see otherwise friends. The pastor will be greatly helped by this trip, and through him the church and community. Then what a handsome thing it would be to send the pastor's wife with him! She richly deserves this trip. God bless the pastor's wife! There is a bright crown for her yonder, and yet ought we not to do more for her here? Who will help to give her this restful, helpful trip? Do it now.

Yours with gratitude,
W. Y. QUISENBERRY.

We want hundreds of our Baptists to go. Nothing is half so good to stir their interest as a trip to the Convention. In all the South no better place for the Convention can be found. W. B. CRUMPTON.

RURAL ROUTES AND PARCELS POSTS.

The United States Government has spent millions of dollars in establishing rural routes throughout the country and is spending other millions in maintaining these routes. At the same time it has failed to bring the system up to the highest point of efficiency, and perhaps to a point of handsome profit, by failing to provide for a parcels post. There are many who are soundly convinced that the Government would conduct the rural system at a still greater loss were the parcels post idea carried out, but it is a noticeable fact that the gravest fears along this line are entertained by organizations which have become rich carrying parcels. It is safe to say that neither the shipper nor the consumer is anxious for the Government to carry parcels at a loss. Both know that there is a lively prospect of the business becoming profitable and they also know that the system could be inaugurated with very little outlay. The Government has the carriers, and about the only cost incident to the introduction of the parcels post would be the printing of forms and stamps. It would not necessarily mean more money to carriers or an increased number of carrier. But after all, the profit or loss incident to the inauguration of any system for the benefit of the people, should not unduly exercise the men who hold the governmental reins. The public, directly or indirectly, puts up for it all and is entitled to all the conveniences the Government can provide, so long as the burdens these conveniences entail is carried willingly.

SPRING SUNSHINE.

Throughout the year, why not keep sweet? No frown ever made a heart glad; no complaint ever made a dark day bright; no bitter word ever lightened a burden or made a rough road smooth; no grumbling ever introduced sunshine into a home. What the world needs is the resolute step, the look of cheer, the smiling countenance and the kindly word. Keep sweet.—George L. Perin.

When my soul is in sympathy with nature my feeling is that of a joyful recognition of God. It is as though out of some infinite distance the face of God were becoming visible, smiling upon me in encouragement and love.—William Mountford.

I thank God for sunshine and bird song, for the sweet morning light upon the hilltops, and the tender eyes of my loved ones. The great world is awake and athrob with life. I, too, am awake, and life is pulsing through my veins. I have a part in the great world, in its work, its joy and its sorrow. Today I can be a little center from which shall radiate peace, kindness and good will. I thank God for opportunity. A beautiful golden sunbeam has entered through my chamber window and awakened me to the gladness and beauty of the morning. May my spirit be awakened and kindled by the Divine Spirit, so that all this day it may warm and gladden the hearts it touches!—Selected.

Help us, O God, always to be hopeful; teach us what it means to hope in Thee, and may we experience the truth of the promise which says: "He will strengthen the heart that hopes in Him;" but help us not to indulge in too fond hopes nor to be too easily elated by future dreams. May we see life clearly as it is and be ready to accept courageously whatsoever Thou sendest us. Help us to accept all our joys as Thy blessings; all our duties as Thy commands, and our sorrows as of Thine appointment, and help us to believe that Thou wilt turn even that which seems harm to us into everlasting good and everlasting joy.—Selected.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

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The ordinary English New Testament leaves no doubt in the mind of one who has not previously been taught otherwise that Christ and His Apostles taught and practiced immersion and only immersion for baptism. When we read in the language in which it was originally written (the Greek) it is impossible for human language to make that fact any clearer. The trouble is we come to look at the Bible through the colored glasses of our creed, education, affections, memories, family ties and a thousand other things that blur our vision and warp our judgment. Then of course we have the old Book, looking one way to one man and other ways to others. Then people say, "It is not clear just what the Bible teaches, and so it does not matter what we do."

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There are many mysteries in the Bible, of course, but in all things touching practical duties required of His people, it is not reasonable to suppose that the Lord would use doubtful terms. Even an earthly father in directing his child what to do will be clear and plain. Isn't our Heavenly Father just as wise and kind? He has given us positive orders about some things and spared no pains to tell us just how he wants them carried out.

Baptism is one of those things.

"If any one wills to do God's will, he shall know the teaching." This is the Lord's promise.

Determine to follow the Bible and let it say what it wants to say. Then you will go right.

This offer was made by Rev. L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa, Ala., when he was editing Good News.

Wide-awake churches will send their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs.

Dear Baptist—I write to congratulate you on your last issue of The Baptist, April 22; it was fine. No one can grumble at that issue. That copy is worth the subscription price of the paper. That sermon of Bro. H. B. Folk has the right ring about it. It would be fine to circulate in tract form, and that paper by Margaret Cummings our ladies should have put in a tract and scatter everywhere, for it was fine and ought to be read by everybody.

My churches have come up very well on missions. H. R. SCHRAMM.

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THE CONVENTION GOERS.

It costs much to have a Baptist convention. Many thousands of dollars are spent annually in convention making. But it is worth all it costs and more. In planning together, in inspiration, missionary and evangelistic acceleration, in denominational uplift and out-lift, it is many times worth the cost of a convention to have it. It is not Kingdom waste; it is by all odds spiritual gain. Leave off two conventions in state or Southern territory and the gifts to the work would materially drop off. It is great gain to have inspirational places, plan-centers, spiritual mountain experiences for the working forces. The cost can be counted, but the gain cannot. Don't put convention cost in "loss column." Put it to "profit."

Here are some of the personal and denominational gains of convention having:

1. Widespread inspiration. Men grow up by leaps and bounds when in great gatherings, under the power of great meetings; God turns us heavenward and pours forth His love.

2. Fellowship runs away with hearts and melts all differences and drives away bitterness and meanness. All climes and conditions meet and greet in love and the Saviour sits in the midst to make hearts beat alike.

3. The visions of Kingdom work and world-redemption come to enlarge souls and consecrate talents. All the world passes before our eyes, with its needs, and moves us to go out to save it from sin.

4. The plans and right methods set us wisely to going. We learn better how to bring in the Kingdom and crown our Christ.

If all this and more be true, many more ought to go to Hot Springs to the Southern Baptist Convention, May 14. If the pastor can't go, let the churches see that he can. It's a good way to have better preaching in your pulpit. Go, go! Be sure to go! L. R. SCARBOROUGH.

BAPTISTS!

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

The Alabama and Georgia Baptists have selected the Frisco Rock Island Lines as the route to be traveled west of Birmingham, and in consideration of this they have arranged to run a special train for our accommodation. This train will consist of Pullman sleepers, reclining chair cars, dining and baggage cars. This train will leave Birmingham, Ala., about 4:30 p. m. May 13th and arrive in Hot Springs next morning at 7:30, without change. The sleeping car rate is \$3 for a double berth, which will accommodate two people. Tickets are on sale May 10, 11, 12 and 13, and are good returning not later than June 16. Stopovers will be allowed within final limit of tickets. The round trip rates are as follows.

Birmingham	\$16.70
Gadsden	18.85
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Rev. Wallace Wear,
Committee at Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary of Alabama Baptist Board of Missions; with a large delegation from Montgomery, Central and South Alabama, will go by this route in connection with L. and N., and will have through sleeping car from Montgomery, rate \$3.50 per double berth Montgomery to Hot Springs. Secure accommodations in this car by addressing E. W. Bliss, passenger agent L. and N., Montgomery, Ala.

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I greatly enjoy hearing every week how the battle goes in Alabama. I am hard at work and in superb health. Give my love to all my Alabama friends. I hope to look in on you during the Confederate reunion. Yours always,
S. M. PROVENCE.

Please announce that the Southeastern Passenger Association authorize May 13 as additional day of sale of tickets to Hot Springs, Ark.

O. F. GREGORY, Sec.

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2. If you have already paid to January, 1909, and failed to receive a present, drop us a card and we will send you a bracelet; or if you got a present and did not like it, say so and we will send you a bracelet.
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The fifty-third session (sixty-third year) of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in the dining room of the Eastman Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., beginning Thursday, May 14, 1908, at 8 p. m.

The annual sermon will be preached by H. W. Battle, D. D., of North Carolina, or his alternate, J. M. Weaver, D. D., of Kentucky.

The office of the secretaries will be open in the writing room, Eastman hotel, Wednesday, May 13, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Representatives of associations will not be forwarded cards in advance, as heretofore, from the secretaries, but will be expected to present themselves with their credentials for enrollment as such.

Financial delegates and fraternal visitors are also requested to file their cards as soon as possible after arrival.

Please do not wait for the opening of the convention. Come before Thursday, 7 p. m. This will greatly assist us, and the secretaries, in presenting at the opening of the session a correct roll of those actually present.

In accordance with Item 92 of the last convention, we hereby announce the appointment of Rev. L. Peyton Little, Amherst, Va., as enrolling clerk for session of 1908.—Lansing Burrows, Oliver Fuller Gregory, Secretaries.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to S. B. C.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held in the pavilion, Eastman hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., beginning Thursday, May 14, 1908.

A meeting of the executive committee and state vice presidents will be held Wednesday morning, May 13, at 10 o'clock, in the room in which the union will meet.—Fannie E. S. Heck, President W. M. U.; Edith C. Crane, Corresponding Secretary.

Railroad Rates—Southeastern Passenger Association.

(Under date of April 13,) from all coupon agency stations south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers, and from Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, O., Evansville, Ind., and Cairo, Ill., announce the following fares.

BASIS—Three and one-half (3 1-2) cents per mile, short line one-way distance plus arbitraries, for the round trip to Memphis, Tenn., added to fare of \$7.90 therefrom.

ROUTES—The fares published herein are applicable only via routes which standard short line one-way fares apply, tickets to read via same route both going and returning.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

DATES OF SALE AND LIMIT.—Tickets to be sold May 10, 11 and 12, limited to continuous passage in each direction, final date to leave Hot Springs, returning not later than June 16, 1908.

FORM OF TICKET.—Tickets of iron-clad signature contract Form 1-A to be used. Such tickets must be signed by the original purchasers in the presence of the ticket sellers at the time of purchase, and such tickets will not be honored for return passage until validated by authorized validating agents.

Each ticket will be non-transferable. The holder of a signature form of ticket must be identified as the original purchaser to the satisfaction of any conductor or agent by signature or otherwise whenever requested. If such a ticket be presented for validation, passage or checking of baggage by any other than the original purchaser, it will not be honored, but will be forfeited, and any agent or conductor of any line over which it reads shall have the right to take up and cancel the ticket.

INTERLINE TICKETS.—Will be on sale at regular coupon agency stations only.

BAGGAGE.—The usual baggage regulations will apply in connection with tickets sold at the fares published herein.

STOP-OVERS.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway will allow stop-over at Little Rock, Ark., on return trip within final limit of ticket only. This stop-over, however, not to in any way extend the final limit of ticket.

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Only such illness as makes traveling dangerous to the health of the passenger, who is ill, justify the extension herein provided for. The extension may also be granted to one or more members of the family of the passenger who is ill, when traveling together, and to persons who are subject to an established quarantine. Stop-over privileges for a limited time may be granted for the same cause and under the same conditions and restrictions as justify extension of time on limited tickets.

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THE NEW YEAR.

"Now, what is that noise?" said the glad New Year,
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Were rattled and shaken and twisted
and twirled?"

"O, that," said the jolly old Earth, "is the noise
Of all my children, both girls and boys,
A-turning over their leaves so new
And all to do honor, New Year, to you!"

What the Leaves Said,

"I won't steal Alice's sticks of candy;
I won't call Robert a jack-a-dandy;
I won't squeak my pencil on my slate;
I won't lie in bed every day and be late;
I won't make faces at Timothy Mack;
I won't make fun behind any one's back."

Rustle and turn them, so and so!
The good shall come, and the bad shall go.

"I won't tear 'barn doors' in all my frocks;
I won't put my toes through all my socks;
I won't be greedy at dinner table—
At least, I think I won't, if I'm able!
I will not pinch nor poke nor tease;
I will not sputter nor cough nor sneeze;
I will not grumble nor fret nor scold,
And I will do exactly whatever I'm told."

Rustle and turn them, so and so!
The good shall come, and the bad shall go.

—Laura E. Richards.

LITTLE JOHNNY'S RESOLUTIONS.

"Next Tuesday 'll be New Year's Day,"
Said little Johnny Lake.
"Some resolutions, mom declares,
I really ought to make.
Mom's promised to stop gossipin',
An' so has Sister Sue,
I guess I'll resolute a bit,
Let's see—what shall I do?"

"I'll resolute, I guess, to quit
A-plittin' kindlin' wood;
Then pop 'll have to do that work
Like fathers always should.
An' then, while I'm a-doin' it,
I'll resolute to quit
The Sunday-school, fer goin' there
With me don't make a hit.

"I'd like to resolute some way
To git myself a goat;
I want a buttin' billy ram
With whiskers on his throat.
An' then I'll resolute, I guess,
To beat up Tommy Hunt;
He's took an' stole my girl from me,
The doggone little runt!"

"I reckon that's enough fer me
To resolute jist now;
At any rate, I'll make that do—
It's plenty, anyhow.
Let's see—I start on New Year's Day,
Well, that ain't very fur,
Won't mom be tickled when she finds
How well I've minded her?"

—Denver Post.

NED'S NEW RESOLUTIONS.

"I tell you what it is, Alice," said Ned Brown to his sister, "I am going to turn over a new leaf to-night and make some new resolutions, and I'm going to keep them, too."

Alice looked up from her book with an incredulous little laugh.

"How?" she said. "As James gives up his pipe every year? He says to papa every New Year's morning, 'Faith and Mr. Brown, I've given up me poipe fer good this time; I've trun it away.' Then when papa catches him with the same old pipe a few days later he apologizes: 'Faith, Mr. Brown, I trun it away aisy, but I was afeared I'd made it again!'"

Alice was fourteen and Ned was twelve. On the added dignity of those two years' difference in their ages Alice assumed at times a very top-lofty air toward Ned, which was very irritating. Ned made no reply, but with flushed cheeks quietly proceeded to draw up his resolutions. We looked over his shoulder. This is what we read:

I am going to try to do as near right as I can every day of my life.

I will always tell the truth.

I will never sneak out of anything disagreeable that I ought to do.

I will study hard while I am in school.

I will never read any trashy books.

I will play fair and always take the part of any little fellow that is being stepped on.

I will try to be pleasant to everybody and cheerfully obey my parents and teachers. I will never forget that a boy must love to work to make a successful man.

I will love goodness better than money and try to follow the Golden Rule.

Lastly, and all time, I will try to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, and ask God to help me. EDWARD BROWN.
Dec. 31, 1906.

SOME DEPLORABLE EVILS.

After many hard-fought battles by the good people of Alabama, sustained by the prayers and watered with the tears of fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, prohibition will, after January 1, 1909, prevail throughout Alabama. The battle has been fought and the victory won, and the open saloon in Alabama will soon be a thing of the past. This victory is due to the education of the people and the molding of public sentiment against the open saloon, that a governor and legislature were elected who were willing and did give to the good people the long prayed for relief. Great evils they were to our churches and society, and we can now hope for better morals and a more consecrated Christianity in our state. This victory, as stated before, is due to persistent effort and education; but is this the only evil that affects our churches and society? Have we not, in our zeal to get rid of the saloon, overlooked many other things that are sinful in their very nature and are great hindrances to the progress of religion? The open saloon, with all of its baneful effects

Later Still and the Very Last

I feel to grateful for the results for Home and Foreign Missions, I must let the brethren know. In spite of the panic and hard times and storms, Alabama Baptists will go beyond what they gave last year. Not much more, but some. I thank God and take courage. When my heart was almost failing, I heard from the brethren. In four days \$14,469 was received in this office. This, with what went direct, made good more than the \$15,000 deficit I feared last week.

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O. F. GREGORY.

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upon men, did not materially affect the morals or stain the purity of our lovely women, nor did it affect them in their devotion to God and the churches; but we are told that many of our women learn to drink and gamble, especially in our large cities. We know that our young girls do not visit open saloons or gambling dens; then where do they learn to drink and gamble? Echo answers, where? We have the ball-rooms, dancing halls and what is termed the parlor dance. Who visits these places which are termed amusement or dancing halls? Are not these gatherings largely made up of our church members? Is it true or not true that wine, beer, punch, etc., are being served by the host or some one to these dancers? Then we have women's clubs, composed largely of church members, where bridge whist, progressive euchre and other games are played, and we read in the daily papers where "Mrs. A. B. won the prize." Now I need not ask what effect the card clubs and dancing halls have on the piety and Christian influence of the church members who participate. Is it not true that these so-called innocent amusements—no harm in them, as is contended—are equally as hurtful to the cause of religion and to society as the open saloon? The Bible expressly forbids conformity to the world—Rom., 12:2; also read Phil., 1:27; 1st Pet., 1:15, 1st John, 2:15, 16; then read Gal., 5:19-22. I need not argue these questions; every pastor in Alabama knows of the hurtful effects to the cause of Christ of such worldly practices, by professing Christians. Can they be instrumental in saving others? Do they honor Him who has purchased them with His own blood? Will they ultimately be saved? Now, then, that the saloon is closed, shall the work of the ministers and other good Christians cease with the belief that the agencies of evil are chained and that we may rest upon our arms? I know it will require courage upon the part of the pastors to attack these fashionable hindrances to the cause of Christianity; some may be driven from their charges, but why do we preach? Is it not that righteousness may prevail and the souls of the people be ultimately saved and that God may be glorified? The preachers all know that these things are wrong and hurtful; then why shut our eyes and close our mouths? Read Ezek., 3:17.

Now, then, Brother Barnett, if I am in error about the positions taken, I trust that some good brother will correct me.

N. A. HOOD.

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Of no one may it be more truly said: "In the midst of life we are in death," than in the case of this noble young wife, who was so soon snatched from a happy home, when to our short-sighted vision it seemed she was just beginning to live and when her devoted young husband needed her so much. She was possessed with many gifts and graces which would qualify her to adorn the home as well as to be a blessing to society and the church of which she was a member. Her name will not be found in history; her memory will be kept green in but a limited circle, but her name is written in the Lamb's book of life and her worth weighs heavy in God's scales. She was absolutely stainless in her life—a noble young woman. It is hard to realize that she is gone from us forever, but we have no doubts of misgivings about her. We believe she is with Jesus and her father, who preceded her. In the words of the poet I will close this tribute:

"Was there naught in the grace of a joyous life?
 Was there naught in the name of a happy wife?
 Was there naught in a nature free from sin?
 Where selfish thoughts had never been that could stay thee, death?
 Oh, sorrowing souls, e'er those gates open wide,
 And earth and its troubles roll back like the tide,
 When you know that your dear one will welcome you there
 Will you say (but oh, think e'er you recklessly dare)
 Bring her back, oh death!
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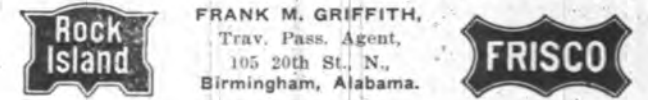
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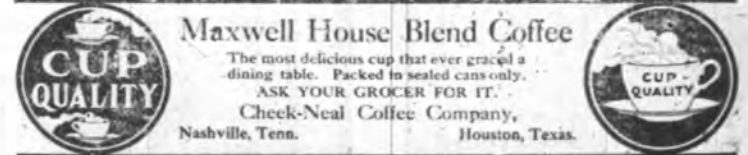
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(For The Alabama Baptist.)

We are to baptize twenty persons to-night, my little daughter, Mary Mildred, among them. Our church has been much refreshed and reinforced by twenty-five new members.

Bro. W. M. Anderson of Dothan helped us seven days; his messages of love were simple and powerful. We are thankful that the Lord sent him to us. He has superior gifts for evangelistic effort.

The pastor continued the meeting after Bro. Anderson left us, with good results. We feel sure that our church will gather fruits from this meeting again soon and many days afterward.

I have been constrained to, say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." Most cordially yours,

ARNOLD S. SMITH.

Alexander City, April 3, 1908.

A CARD TO BRETHREN AND FRIENDS.

The Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church is located near the north-east corner of Blount County, Alabama, in the path of the great cyclone of April 24, 1908. Numbers of our people are homeless. Our little village is entirely demolished. Our church and school buildings are both wiped from the earth. We expect to continue church and Sunday-school under brush arbor until we can get a building. We will greatly appreciate any amount that any one will contribute for the purpose of rebuilding our church house.

We ask this because we believe our brethren and friends will be glad to help us in this our time of great distress. Send all contributions for this purpose to Rev. W. J. Nash, Walnut Grove, R 2, Ala.

J. T. HANSON,
J. D. STEPHENS,
B. D. NASH,
Deacons.

April 27, 1908.

HOWARD'S COMMENCEMENT

On behalf of Howard College, I desire to extend to our friends an earnest invitation to attend the exercises of commencement season, May 24-27. If they will kindly inform me of their purpose to be present, I will see that homes are provided and cordial welcome given. Among the interesting features of the commencement will be the Sunday morning sermon, to be preached by Rev. Dr. Preston Blake, the Sunday evening sermon by Rev. W. M. Anderson of Dothan, and the commencement address, to be delivered by former Chief Justice Weakley.

The oratorical and declamatory contests among the students will be pleasant and interesting features. Let us have a great crowd this commencement and renewed interest in our college at Birmingham.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

East Lake, Ala., April 21.

AMERICAN BAPTIST STATISTICS

	1869.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Associations.....	631	1,691	1,708	1,743	1,770	1,793	1,817	1,853
Ministers.....	8,695	30,561	30,809	31,895	32,344	32,849	33,230	34,088
Churches.....	12,011	44,453	44,829	45,727	45,927	46,583	47,852	47,409
Baptisms.....	60,787	297,515	233,098	234,321	240,936	255,570	266,433	175,508
Letters received.....	15,304	101,313	109,881	115,188	123,514	122,768	131,119	134,282
Experience and restoration.....	3,982	50,397	52,396	54,825	53,873	56,066	57,963	58,019
Letters granted.....	21,852	95,730	107,170	116,218	113,293	114,750	121,183	120,936
Exclusions and erasures.....	29,959	83,710	84,454	83,019	86,516	44,544	84,394	87,882
Deaths.....	5,211	42,571	43,910	46,266	47,464	46,684	46,201	48,778
Total membership.....	1,121,988	4,269,063	4,330,452	4,506,747	4,600,799	4,709,314	812,653	4,969,524
Financial.								
	1902.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.		
Property.....	\$89,389,692.00	\$95,100,026.00	\$101,476,882.00	\$106,209,716.00	\$109,960,610.00	\$121,870,340.00		
Salaries, etc.....	10,958,371.85	12,367,319.09	13,242,110.96	14,061,541.00	15,242,919.90	16,400,949.09		
Sunday schools.....	548,007.48	599,298.70	597,662.32	628,470.31	687,762.41	765,708.61		
Missions.....	1,237,014.91	1,559,915.30	1,685,885.91	1,792,375.59	2,034,268.34	2,275,014.84		
Education.....	210,637.91	220,277.58	228,247.15	267,687.47	255,520.73	366,323.47		
Miscellaneous.....	1,063,092.01	1,174,498.14	1,191,371.05	1,121,037.38	1,481,359.80	1,946,182.15		
Total.....	\$14,138,195.28	\$15,994,341.51	\$16,823,588.06	\$17,871,111.75	\$19,821,734.11	\$22,268,892.75		

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