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REV. W. T. AMIS

With songs and prayers the great convention opened promptly at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the assembly hall of the Eastman hotel.

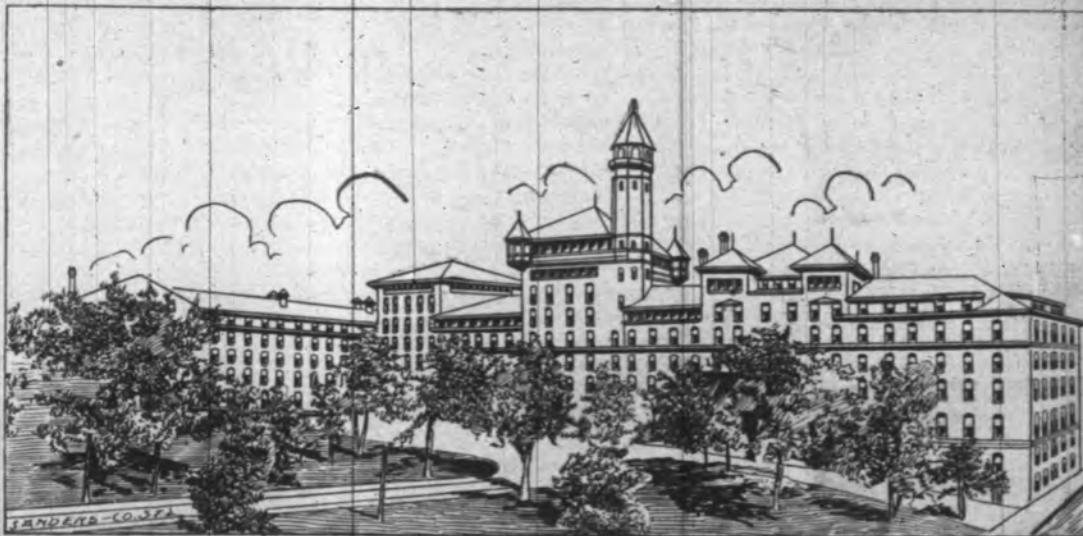
Trudging through a downpour of the heaviest and most continuous rainfall of the year, from depots whose belated trains arrived on anything but scheduled time, came about one-fourth of the delegates to the Southern Baptist convention.

The Dallas, Texas, delegation was delayed by a train wreck, in which, however, no one was seriously injured. The wreck was caused by a washout near Big Springs. The baggage master was painfully bruised and two baggage and one passenger coach were derailed.

It is estimated at least 3,000 delegates and others are now here and from one to two thousand more are expected to arrive tonight and tomorrow morning. Heavy storms all over the South have delayed a great many from getting here.—From the Citizen's Daily Bulletin, Thursday, May 14.

The courtesy of the baths was extended to the delegates to the convention. This was a generous fraternal consideration on the part of the bath house men. In fact, the city of Hot Springs and the good people of the city were keenly appreciative of the presence of the Southern Baptists, and Dr. A. W. Williams, chairman of the local committee, did all in his power for the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Southern Baptist Convention was called to order Thursday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock, by First Vice President Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, the Welcome Address being delivered by Rev. W. T. Amis, of Hot Springs, Arkansas.



THE EASTMAN, WHERE THE CONVENTION WAS HELD

Perhaps the foremost scholar among Southern Baptists is the Rev. E. Y. Mullins, LL. D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky. Dr. Mullins is also president of the Associated Baptist Young People's Unions of America. He delivered the second address on the program Thursday night upon the subject "Baptist Doctrine and Baptist Progress."—Arkansas Gazette.

A large number of the brethren attending the convention will upon its adjournment go to the northern convention to be held in Oklahoma City on the 20th.

When it became known Wednesday afternoon that there were to be no sessions about the city, Rev. W. T. Amis, chairman of the committee on arrangements, gathered the delegates and attendants in the convention hall at the Eastman and had a devotional exercise. Soon the hall was well filled with members and Rev. J. B. Moody, formerly a pastor of the First Baptist church of Hot Springs and one of the best speakers in the conference, delivered an impressive sermon.

President Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, was the prohibitionist nominee for president in 1906.

To an outsider watching the hearty greetings as old friends meet and new friendships are formed, it seems more like a joyful home-coming than a convention. There is a ceaseless buzz of conversation and an air of good fellowship around the lobby of the hotel. It is the great event of the year for the Baptist brotherhood.

There is no class of men whom the city of Hot Springs more welcomes than the followers of the pen. On two different occasions the city has had the great pleasure to entertain these able brethren, and now that they are again in our midst, we take off our hats to them and with all the grace of our hearts speak for them a most heartfelt, cheering welcome. The hospitality of the city is extended to them and what is ours is theirs for the time being and we wish for them many happy returns.—The Temple Messenger.

Regardless of the delay, which was occasioned in other ranks by the inclement weather Wednesday, the Sunday school field workers' association had a busy day. Rev. H. Beauchamp, of Little Rock, was re-elected president, and Professor L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss., was selected as secretary.

The forenoon was given to the reports of the Sunday school field work done in the different states, and a discussion of the teacher training system. The largest part of the afternoon was devoted to the formulation of a "standard of excellence" for the Sunday schools of the convention.



NEW CHURCH PROPOSED AT HOT SPRINGS

EXTRACTS FROM SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

By R. J. WILLINGHAM, Secretary-Treasurer, Richmond, Va.

In making our annual report we gratefully acknowledge the manifold mercies and blessings of God which have been bestowed upon us both in home and foreign lands as we have worked for the advancement of his kingdom in all the world. Most especially do we praise him for the 2,174 who have been gathered during the year into the churches by confession of faith in Christ and baptism. Such results as these in the midst of superstition and heathen idolatry ought to make all our hearts glad and beget within us a desire and purpose to do far more than ever in the past for winning lost souls.

Notwithstanding the financial pressure which has been upon us, our people have given \$402,328.16. While this does not approach the amount we laid out to raise at the last convention, it was enough to pay all indebtedness, as your board tried to make the best estimates they could with all the lights before them; and so regretfully did not grant as large appropriations as the missionaries plead for.

Enlargement the Order of the Day.

From all of our fields in foreign lands come the calls for enlargement. God is blessing our workers and enabling them to go forward. But we must furnish the munitions of war. All the sacrifices are not to be made by the missionaries and native converts. God would have us make some sacrifices also, thus taking some little part in the suffering, that we may rejoice with them in their victories for Christ. To answer favorably the appeals which come to us for church buildings, mission residences, schools, hospitals and publications, would require several hundred thousand dollars in addition to our regular annual receipts.

Homes for Missionaries.

We are glad that in the last ten years we have been able to provide good homes for a number of our missionaries. But in many cases they are still in rented houses. When these are built by foreigners, they rent very high. When native houses are rented, these are often very unsanitary and quite inconvenient and uncomfortable. The missionary's home is not simply a place to eat and sleep in. It is his office, his reception place for natives and other visitors who come from near and far. It is his place to go and rest after the toll of work and the weariness of long trips. It is economy to have a good, comfortable place where these toilers can rest, both in mind and body. The missionary home is the refreshing oasis in the desert of dreary, depressing heathenism. A brother or sister, or church in this country providing such a home for a missionary, is surely doing a good work. It saves not only money for the cause, but what is far more, it saves the health and strength and at times even the lives of the missionaries.

Our Printing Plants.

These are growing and becoming greater powers for good. Our thousands of new converts need to be instructed. A new literature is being created on the foreign field for them. We must give them something better than the heathen literature affords. This obtains also in foreign lands in great measure, and it is getting greater every day. Schools have been introduced. Thousands are being taught. The appetite for information is being awakened. Shall it be supplied with the Bread of Life or with the garbage of infidelity and skepticism? Our publishing plants are begging for thousands, and every dollar of it can be wisely used.

Our Schools.

We refer with pleasure to our school work. There are now 128 schools connected with our missions, and 3,194 scholars in attendance. These schools are a mighty power in transforming the thought in heathen lands, and also reaching the hearts of the young. A child can not go into one of these places where Christianity is lived before him and its precious truths taught, and then come out and ever be and feel the same as he did before entering. The native school teaches their superstition and idolatry; the Christian school leads away from these errors. Quite

a number of our schools receive only a little help, while others cost our board not one cent.

We have eight theological schools, which are doing a most excellent work. The trained men they are sending out are already proving a great blessing. It is difficult to estimate the value of these seminaries to our work. Most of the native preachers have had so little opportunity to know what or how to preach, and also how to conduct a church, that to go and learn from thoroughly equipped men is an untold blessing to them.

Medical Missions.

Our medical mission work continues to develop and is proving a great help in opening up the hearts of the people to the gospel, as well as in blessing them. It will be seen from the reports sent from the fields that thirty-eight thousand have been treated during the year. The medical missionary not only reaches the lower class of people, but even the highest classes turn to him. People in distress over their sick ones are glad to call on those who can help them. While we have been able to supply hospitals for some of the stations, yet others are needing these adjuncts. Some of the hospitals are already proving too small, and we are getting appeals for enlargement.

Our Missions.

It will be seen that our brethren and sisters at the front have been earnestly prosecuting the work, and that God has graciously blessed them. We do not have cause for discouragement, but rather for encouragement. Our hearts should earnestly press forward in the work which the Master has entrusted to us.

China.—The conditions in China were never so favorable for the missionary as they are today. Great changes are taking place in that country. The people are waking from the sleep of ages, and they are realizing that they must enter upon a new era of national life. Let no one feel that the Chinese are a weak people. They are strong and virile. They have many traits of character which make for most excellent development. They are patient, persevering, and in business in the east they can be much better relied on for fidelity and integrity than some others. Railroads, manufactories, newspapers, schools, and other forces which make for enlightenment and progress are rapidly taking hold upon them. We rejoice to know that while they are turning from their superstitions, many of them are looking to the missionaries for guidance.

Japan.—The interest in this marvelously developing country has not subsided in the least. The very word JAPAN means opportunity to God's people. It is wonderful what changes have taken place, and are still taking place. There is an unrest among the people of the Sunrise Kingdom. They are turning away from the old whether in social or religious life. The question is, Shall we supply them with that which is true and good, or shall we let them wander off in the darkness to infidelity and idolatry of only another name from that which they have formerly held? During the year the theological school has been organized at Fukuoka, and has started off very well. The new missionaries have taken hold nicely and they are doing fine work, while our veterans, who have been there for years, seem renewed in vigor and are planning for greater things.

Africa.—In the midst of darkness which hangs over Africa we are rejoiced that we can report from year to year a goodly number of baptisms, and it seems to us that the outlook in our work in that country is brighter today than it has been for some time past. We have several new missionaries who have recently gone to the field; among these a good doctor and a brother and sister who will take charge of the industrial work. The railroad and auto cars in Africa are opening up our field with better facilities for getting around among the churches and cities. Our African mission needs reinforcement, and we trust that strong men will volunteer for this important work.

The work in Argentina is moving on well. The missionaries there seem cheerful and happy, and a number have been baptized. From present indications, it will not be long before this will become one of our best missions; but our workers will soon need help in putting up buildings and otherwise strengthening the work.

Italy.—The cause in Italy has been recently somewhat hampered by the loss of several of our best evangelists, also by the continued sickness of our missionary, Dr. Everette Gill, and his family, and the death of our beloved Nestor in that country, Dr. George B. Taylor. But notwithstanding all of this, God is leading our people forward. The Seminary, under Dr. Whittinghill, is turning out some excellently prepared young men. We also have brethren who have never been in the seminary, who are earnestly prosecuting the work. We need better facilities to carry forward the cause in Italy. Several chapels are needed and also better accommodations for our work in Rome.

Mexico.—Among the encouraging features of our work are the increasing readiness of the people to hear the gospel, the corresponding decrease of fanaticism and hostility, and the growing attendance on the preaching services. To a very large extent the permanent success of our cause depends upon the education of the children, and so special attention has been given to the schools, and our efforts have been rewarded with gratifying success. More room and better equipment are needed to accommodate those who seek admission. We rejoice in the growing efficiency of our native ministry in Mexico.

Brazil.—The organization of the Brazilian Baptist convention last June indicates the forward movement of our cause in that land. The Brazilian Baptists are beginning to realize that they owe a debt of love to the unevangelized multitudes in their own and other South American countries, and under the wise leadership of our missionaries, they are seeking by culture, consecration and organization to equip themselves for the great tasks that are before them. The Baptist college in Rio de Janeiro has made a hopeful beginning. Our Publishing House is proving to be a most potent evangelistic agency. The mission schools have been well attended and are growing in popular favor. Many new stations have been opened and a number of new churches organized. One thousand and eighty-seven baptisms are reported for the year.

New Missionaries This Convention Year.

During the year twenty-four new recruits have gone out to the front. They need the special prayers of our people. They go to encounter trials and difficulties of which they have not dreamed. May God give them strength of body and mind and courage of soul, to endure all and to stand. Others are applying to be sent, and many more are needed at once. May God call of our very strongest and best.

The Editorial Department.

The Secretary of this department has earnestly endeavored to keep the publication of the Board up to a high standard of excellence. The additional duties laid on him by the absence of the corresponding secretary have rendered this task more difficult this year. Hereafter he can devote more of his time and strength to providing for our people the very best missionary literature.

The Foreign Mission Journal has been enlarged and improved. The effort towards rendering more attractive and helpful this important organ of communication between the world field and the home churches has called forth expressions of most hearty appreciation from all quarters. The noble manner in which our brethren and sisters have sent us subscription lists has been very gratifying. We desire to thank the host of faithful workers who have thus helped us. If our brethren will all co-operate, we can make still greater improvements in our Journal.

The denominational papers have been exceedingly kind in publishing matter sent to them from the

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rooms. Their help in giving the people information is incalculable. They have perhaps made a larger contribution to the cause than our people realize. The Board greatly appreciates their help and tenders to them most hearty thanks.

Educational Department.

At the close of the last Southern Baptist convention, the Educational Secretary found himself confronted with the stupendous task of making the denomination familiar with the plans the educational department had worked out during the time prior to the convention. To this task the secretary set himself and has spent a strenuous year in the effort to put the work clearly before the churches. He visited summer encampments, assemblies, conventions, conferences, institutes, colleges and churches, and everywhere he had opportunity, presented the cause of mission education. In the meantime a heavy correspondence was maintained and leaflets by the tens of thousands were sent out for the purpose of making known the plans and methods of the educational department.

Home Workers in Foreign Lands.

During the year we have had a goodly number of our brethren and sisters on visits to the foreign fields. The president of our convention, Hon. E. W. Stephens, with his wife and daughter, Hon. Joshua Levering, one of our vice presidents, and his wife, and the corresponding secretary of our foreign mission board and his wife, all made the circuit of the globe, visiting not only our workers, but others as well. Besides these, Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, of Mobile, Ala., and Brother and Sister J. Carter, of Gainesville, Ga., visited China, seeing not only something of our work, but their loved children whom they had given to the cause.

Brethren W. Y. Quisenberry, N. R. Pitman and J. C. Armstrong were at the Centennial conference in China and saw much of the work in that country.

Visit of the Corresponding Secretary to Foreign Fields.

By instruction of the brethren in the convention, the board arranged for the secretary to take a trip to our foreign fields in Japan, China and Italy, visiting also other missions en route. Kind friends insisted that his wife should go with him, and so they privately raised a purse which was sent to her with the request that she should accompany our secretary on his trip. They left Richmond on September 2d and sailed from Seattle for Japan September 13, 1907. He visited all of our stations in Japan and China, spending several months in these countries. He was glad to see something of the good work which was being done in Burma and India by our Baptist brethren of England and by the Missionary Union (Northern Baptists) of our own country.

When he reached Italy, Dr. Taylor had passed away, and Dr. Gill, on account of the continued sickness of himself and family, had left for America, but he visited with Dr. Whittinghill churches in South, Central and North Italy, and was glad to see an advance being made in that country.

The secretary received multiplied and manifold kindnesses all around the globe, not only from our own missionaries, but also from the native Christians and from the missionaries of other denominations. He and his wife were met at the stations and steamer landings and oftentimes they would be accompanied hundreds of miles by the missionaries, who entertained them and acted as interpreters and guides and helped them on their way, making it in every way possible pleasant for them.

Woman's Work.

The report makes an excellent showing for the work of our sisters during the past year. Under the leadership of Miss F. E. S. Heck as president, and Miss Edith Crane as secretary, the sisters have undertaken great things, and not only have they undertaken, but they have accomplished great things. No one can tell how much good has been done, or what results will come from their efforts, for in addition to what is tabulated, impressions have been made, hearts have been stirred and activities have been aroused, which will go on multiplying in power for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

It seems that the sowing of former years has come to fruition in this glorious harvest. At Richmond we reported 18,789 baptisms, an average of fifty a day for the whole year. For the year just closed we bring the news of 22,404 baptisms and 18,615 additions to the churches by letter, making 40,419 additions to the churches through the labors of our missionaries.

It is expected that every missionary of the home board will give unqualified support to all the interests fostered by the Southern Baptist convention. That our missionaries are not remiss in this respect is shown in a most striking manner in Texas, where our missionaries collected \$4,552 for home missions and \$5,029.37 for foreign missions.

Church Building.

As during no year of our history we have gone forward in church building, having helped scores of churches by gifts or loans in the erection of houses of worship. Among the Pawnee and Osage Indians we have provided suitable buildings. The Mexican church school building at El Paso, ready for dedication, is the joy and pride of all who have seen it. The splendid building for the First church in New Orleans is nearing completion. Competent critics pronounce it the most effective Protestant church plant in the city. Our work in Cuba has been greatly helped by the erection of a splendid chapel at Matanzas and smaller houses elsewhere. These are but samples of the work being done in this great division of our labors.

Vice Presidents.

Our vice presidents have done faithful service. Some of them have done remarkably well. They have used the denominational press to fine advantage, have distributed our home board literature, secured the co-operation of many pastors in having home missions represented at mission rallies and institutes and at our district associations and state conventions.

Publications.

The revival of missionary study and the demand for missionary literature continues unabated. We take pleasure in announcing the appearance of the life of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, written by his son-in-law, Dr. J. S. Dill, and published by our Sunday school board at Nashville. This volume is both a memorial to a great and good man—one who embodies the best home mission ideals and spirit—and is a timely publication filling an important place in the home mission literature of the times.

W. M. U. Literature.—The Woman's Missionary Union is giving to the denomination literature of a high class and that which is especially indispensable to the efficiency of the women of our churches.

Mission Study Classes.—We commend to our pastors and churches the mission study classes fostered by Rev. T. B. Ray, educational secretary of our foreign mission board.

Tracts.—The board continues to add to its assortment of tracts and thus keep its work before our people and keep them informed of the changes and developments incident to a large and growing work. A general campaign is not possible without this free literature. Let all our pastors learn how to use it.

Our Home Field.—Those who have striven to make this organ of the board worthy of the great cause for which it pleads and the great denomination it represents are grateful for the large measure of appreciation with which it has been received in its present form.

The Denominational Weeklies.—This section of the report is never complete without mention of the service rendered by the denominational weeklies. Such mention is especially appropriate at this time. Never in the history of the board did the beloved editors of these papers render such essential service to the cause of missions as they have done this year. But for this help the conditions of the past six months

would have produced irreparable disaster to our mission work. In most inspiring concert these editors have called advance to our people and rallied them when they were faltering. The financial reports read to this body are tributes to their gallant leadership.

Finances.

It was a bugle blast that call at Richmond for \$500,000 for home missions. The resolution calling for this magnificent sum was passed unanimously and with tremendous enthusiasm. Notice was served on the convention that its action would be taken seriously by our board, that the resolution was tantamount to instructions for an unparalleled advance in home mission operations. Notwithstanding the financial panic and the distressful and destructive storms and floods, we are pleased to report a substantial increase of contributions over last year.

Our receipts from the states were \$248,138.17; from miscellaneous sources, \$17,197.42; total receipts \$265,335.59, an increase of \$33,501.56 over the previous year. But for these untoward conditions resulting from the panic and the storms, we are confident our receipts would have been \$50,000 or \$75,000 greater. We are sanguine of larger things for the future, and are devoutly thankful to God for the increased benefactions of our people.

The Laymen's Movement.

The convention is to be congratulated likewise on its wisdom in including both departments of our great missionary enterprise and commending them jointly to the affection and support of our laymen. We can not stress home missions to the neglect of foreign missions without violating our Lord's command and bringing stagnation and death upon our people. Nor can we exalt foreign missions to the detriment of home missions; for to do so would be likewise contrary to the word of God and would destroy the very foundations of the foreign mission work.

Woman's Work.

The work of our women moves steadily forward, their gifts in cash to home missions having increased \$9,165.18 over contributions of the previous year. The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, the great agency for combined work among Southern Baptist women, has become a mighty power, and never before has that body been more a mighty power, and never before has that body been more enthusiastic over taking the southland for Christ.

Our Mission Fields.

Cuba.—On the whole, the work in Cuba is in a more permanent shape and satisfactory condition than ever before. The native workers are contented with their fields and a good spirit of harmony and unity exists among them. They realize that the management and general control of the work is better in the hands of Americans.

Ile of Pines.—The island has been in a state of doubt as to ownership, whether belonging to Cuba or the United States, on which account work has been somewhat interfered with among both natives and Americans. Still Missionary Negrin has been very active and has had fine success. He rides horseback to various appointments.

Panama.—Panama continues to hold chief attention. We hear as frequently of Panama as we do of the Philippines. Our United States government is hard at work. Excavation for the canal is proceeding at a bewildering rate.

Transfer of the Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society's Work to the Home Mission Board.

For some months negotiations have been pending between the home mission board and the Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society as to the transfer of the latter's work on the canal zone to our board. Without entering into details as to the correspondence and conference with the Jamaica brethren, we are pleased to report that our board has accepted the work tendered us by the Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society, and has pledged our fidelity to our Jamaica brethren for the faithful and vigorous prosecution of the work thus transferred to us. We feel assured

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union was called to order at 10 o'clock in the dancing parlors of the hotel to a large attendance of delegates and members of the various allied organizations who are interested in the work.

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck sounded the gavel, after which a devotional exercise was led by Mrs. W. T. Amls, of Hot Springs. Following the appointment and enrollment of committees, Mrs. W. A. Massey made an address of welcome, to which Mrs. W. A. McComb, of Mississippi, responded in behalf of the union.

The annual report of the president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, was listened to with the greatest of interest. Her subject was "A Survey of the Work" and in opening she said:

"The survey of the year 1906-07 began with the statement that the report then made was the best in the history of the union. If that statement was correct for 1907, it can now be made with greatly increased emphasis for 1908.

"Let it be recorded with joy that the twentieth annual report of our beloved organization is one which nobly manifests the wise planning of the labor and the growth of the twenty years past, and bodes forth hopes larger than we dare to name for the twenty years to come.

"We present the following brief summary of the outcome of our twentieth year:

"In the first place let us note that although our running expenses have increased on account of now having one salaried officer, on account of the better printing and larger demand for our mission fields, larger office room, etc., yet these expenses are less than 4 per cent of the money reported to the union.

"Of the weeks of prayer and special offerings for home and foreign missions it is not necessary to say more to prove the increasing interest in these two loved occasions than that the Christmas offering is larger this year than last by \$4,000. The self-denying offering by \$3,000.

"Since the organization of young women's auxiliaries was made a prime object for the present year, it will interest you to know that their contributions have increased nearly \$5,000, while an incomplete report of Y. W. A.'s organized in the various states gives 220 for the year and a total of 635.

The bands increased much more rapidly last year, adding 508 to their list, making an encouraging total, as far as reported in the incomplete record sent by the states, of 2,009. They increased \$4,000, bringing their total to over \$12,000.

"And what of the high aims for the various states which, as has been said, range from one end of the union to the other? To the smallest state connected with the union, belongs the honor of having reached and gone beyond her appointments for both home and foreign missions. South Carolina took as its apportionment in round numbers to these two objects \$16,500, and ex-

ceeds this amount by \$3,300.

"Georgia has exceeded her foreign mission apportionment by some \$400. Tennessee her home mission apportionment by \$140, and Alabama her home mission apportionment by nearly \$100.

"While all praise is to these, this by no means indicates that others have not done most valiantly. Virginia has made a total monied increase of \$7,000, Georgia \$6,500, South Carolina \$6,500, Tennessee \$4,700, Kentucky, the most liberal contributor to the training school, \$4,500; Alabama nearly \$3,000, Mississippi a few dollars less than \$2,000, Missouri nearly \$1,500, and other states in varying degrees. North Carolina, on account of the change in the annual state meeting and readjustment of quarters, reports only 11 months, and can not therefore be entered in this comparison. The largest percentage of increase goes to Oklahoma, which nearly doubled in the year, and Arkansas standing next, with nearly 60 per cent increase. But one central committee reporting for the entire year failed to report increase—the District of Columbia, where the tide sets strongly to the northern societies.

"While we have here spoken only of the monied report, the interest in boxes has in no wise abated. The family of nearly every home missionary wishing a box has been assigned to a society and the average value of the boxes sent has been high. Their total value, as reported to the union, is \$24,543.46.

"The total cash contributions for our twentieth year is \$186,198.58—or including the gift of the S. S. board \$61,000 in advance of the amounts reported last year. The union, exclusive of this gift, has increased \$41,000. The total gift to money and boxes is \$210,742.04. To Him who enables us be praise and honor and glory."

The corresponding secretary's annual report was full of interest, as it showed great growth in the ranks of the workers and much enthusiasm along every line of their work. In part the report says:

"If the word characteristic of the year's work ending May, 1907, was 'conference,' surely that which best describes the history of these last 12 months is 'co-operation.' On every side is evidence of a steady progress in the spirit of willingness to combine forces in the interest of our great and high calling; and nothing could be more inspiring to those who plan work at headquarters than the loyal support and effort given by state and local workers throughout our territory. May unity in Jesus Christ continue to be our firm bond.

"The corresponding secretary of the union, although elected to the position in May, did not come in the union's work until the first of September. This month was spent at headquarters largely in the study of the many details of this large work on which she had entered.

"It is not the province of a report to turn toward the future; yet one feels that the significance of all that

has been done lies only in what it suggests as a basis for our new and greater work. We set limits to the union's usefulness only by our success or failure in realizing God's thought of what it may do and be. Therefore let us, after having striven for larger things, enter together with quiet confidence and gladness into a new era of union history in which we shall reach also higher things—even the measure of the fulness of the statue of Christ."

THE W. M. U. REPORT A GREAT YEAR.

Large delegations of women from all over the Southland gathered in the Eastman at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning to attend the twentieth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Fannie Heck, president, took charge.

Mrs. W. E. Massey, of Arkansas, extended a welcome on behalf of the city and state. "We are glad to have you with us and to welcome you to our city, state, hearts and homes," she said.

Mrs. W. A. McComb, of Mississippi, responded on behalf of the union.

President's Address.

The president's annual address was listened to with great interest. She said in part:

"An occasion like this is beyond the ordinary. This, the twentieth anniversary of our organization, is a great crisis. I feel it is a very important time.

"The union is going to live. While not altogether a vital, it is vital in the respect as to the amount of life we are going to have. There is a difference between living and existing. How much life are we going to have during the next twenty years?

"I feel we can truly say we were brought into life for such a time as this. By 1888 nearly every branch of the Protestant churches had formed such an organization. The South is conservative and we waited to see the progress of the work before organizing. We are glad we did not organize among the first.

"We organized when the church was especially ready for this thing and profited by waiting. But few changes have been made in our organization, as we were almost full-fledged when we started.

Second in Numbers.

"We exceed in numbers every similar organization except the Northern Methodists. When we started our object was to enlist the aid of 1,000,000 Southern Baptist women in home and foreign missionary work. Women of the United States gave \$1,700,000 for foreign missions last year and \$1,400,000 for home missions. From 1888 we find the church rousing to its great work. Since that time the greatest period in home missionary work has been witnessed and foreign mission work has quadrupled since then.

"The students volunteer movement was started the same year we organized. The young people's missionary movement came later and after that the men's missionary movement. While

we will not say 'come with us' to them, we will say 'we will go hand and hand with you and as far as woman's strength will permit, will keep up with you.'

"A wonderful change has been made in China during the past twenty years. There are at the present time 200,000 communicants there. When we began work there were only 37,000. The number has doubled four times in twenty years. This wonderful increase began with our organization and has been co-existent with it. We have lived and are living at the beginning of a wonderful time. We have been called to a great work.

Thoroughly Organized.

"One gratifying feature of our union is we are thoroughly organized and wonderfully efficient. We are doing splendid work, but our machine is not running at full power yet. Another asset is our unity. We are united and we are approved by the Southern Baptist convention and by the ministers and laymen.

"Have we done our task? In twenty years we have only reached 100,000 women of the 1,000,000 we started out to get. In the children's work we have made even less progress. We are not ready to go out of existence with less than one-tenth of our task done. We are gathering momentum, however, and during the last five years we have trebled our work. I call on you to dedicate yourself and union to the high cause to which we were called.

"Rededicate yourselves to bringing the world to the feet of Christ. In our societies we must give more time to prayer. We must increase the working force in our state organizations. We must learn the art of making things convenient for God and must also enlarge our ideas of contributions."

Reports of various officers, a noon day prayer service and a collection for the Bible fund completed the work for the morning session.

The Annual Sermon.

The annual sermon of the convention was delivered by Rev. H. W. Battle, of Kinston, N. C., an Alabamian of whom we are all proud. He took his text from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah, third verse: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

He prefaced his remarks with an apology for his voice, which he said had just been overtaxed in speaking to large audiences in North Carolina, where the prohibition issue was on, and where the temperance element hoped to place that state in the lead as among those whose popular vote had gone against the liquor traffic in every form.

The Sentinel-Record, of Hot Springs, said:

"He then waxed eloquent in a sermon which enthused the large audience to greater work in the fields they had chosen. His rhetoric was beautiful, his words those of wisdom, and his speech plain and distinct, so that it was heard throughout the whole of the large convention hall.

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Educational Conference.

The educational conference held its too ill to attend the convention. President J. P. Green, of the William Jewell college, of Liberty, Mo., was absent, a message being received that he was too ill to attend the convention. President Brooks, of the Baylor university, of Waco, Tex., was waterbound, and could not reach the city in time to attend the conference. Both these leaders of educational work in the south were scheduled for addresses.

President F. W. Boatwright, of the Richmond college, Virginia, was re-elected president of the conference.

President M. D. Jeffries, of the Carson Newman college, of Tennessee, vice president.

President Rivers, of the Conway Baptist college, of Conway, Ark., was elected secretary.

The conference resolved itself into a round table discussion of the best way to raise college endowments. An address of much value to the conference, was made by President W. T. Lowry, of the Mississippi college, of Clinton, Miss.

Dr. P. T. Hale, general secretary of the Kentucky Educational Society, of Louisville, and President F. W. Boatwright also made stirring addresses on the advancement of the collegiate interests of this denomination.

Officers of the Convention.

Election of officers being the first business of the convention, the name of Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, was put before the convention by Rev. J. W. Millard, of Atlanta. He spoke of Mr. Levering as a man who not only had given his time, his wealth and his attendance to the convention work, but had given two daughters to the cause of missions in the far east.

Rev. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, seconded the nomination, calling attention to the former candidacy of Joshua Levering for president of the United States on the prohibition ticket, and the sacrifices that race entailed in a worthy cause.

The following vice presidents were elected: J. A. Scott, of Oklahoma; W. E. Atkinson, of Arkansas; Dr. Buckner, of Texas, and Henry R. Pollard, of Virginia.

Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., and Oliver Fuller Gregory, of Staunton, Va., were elected secretaries to succeed themselves, much to the pleasure of their host of friends.

Points About Hot Springs.

After due investigation congress took possession of the springs in the year 1832, and it retained around them a reservation ample to protect them from all encroachments. The ownership and control of the Hot Springs of Arkansas by the United States government is absolute and its endorsement of them for the treatment of certain ailments is unequivocal.

The government scheme of improvements at Hot Springs has been going on for years. Its income from the water and other rentals and from the sale of city lots which it reserved when it took possession of the springs, has all been spent on the reservation, until now it is one of the most beautiful spots belonging to Uncle Sam.

The arching and covering of Hot Springs creek for a mile through the center of the city was the first work undertaken by the government. The building of the Army and Navy hospital soon followed. It comprises a most beautiful group of buildings on the southwest corner of the Hot Springs mountain and is admitted to be one of the finest in the world of its kind, and most complete in every appointment.

The most important improvement at Hot Springs made by the government is the system of driveways and walks on the three mountains comprising the reservation. These were begun about seven years ago and are now practically complete. In all the drives are about twelve miles in length and now cover every point of the Hot Springs Mountain, being the east side of Central avenue, the principal thoroughfare of the city. About half of the bath houses are situated on this part of the reservation, and it is known as Bath House row. Along the front is a broad concrete promenade with rare shrubs and trees on either side. Back in the foliage are bath houses and between them at intervals are stone stairways leading up the mountain side.

The mountain side for more than half way to the summit has been beautifully parked and planted in shrubbery and climbing vines and flowers.

The B. Y. P. U.—A Notable Gathering.

The Rev. H. A. Hunt, of Missouri, led in the devotional exercises at the opening of the session of the B. Y. P. U. at 9:30 o'clock Thursday. A committee on nominations was named as follows: L. P. Leavell, Mississippi; W. B. McGarity, Texas; William L. Ways, Virginia; J. S. McLemore, Georgia; George H. Crutcher, Tennessee; J. M. Shelburne, Alabama; Z. T. Cody, South Carolina; J. T. Watts, North Carolina; C. V. Edwards, Louisiana; A. K. Wright, District of Columbia; H. W. Virgin, Missouri; H. C. McGill, Kentucky; T. J. Talley, Oklahoma; W. H. Baylor, Maryland.

George T. Webb, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of America, delivered an excellent address, emphasizing that the B. Y. P. U. was the church's training school.

Otto S. Russell, of Missouri, spoke on "The Possibilities of the B. Y. P. U. Movement." He defined it as a federation of consecrated personalities containing true principles.

The committee on nominations reported the following officers: President, O. S. Russell, Missouri; vice presidents, J. T. Watts, North Carolina; James Gore, Oklahoma; recording secretary, L. P. Leavell, Mississippi.

Executive Committee—B. A. Dawes, L. W. Doolan, M. P. Hunt, H. A. Porter, J. R. Lampey, B. B. Bailey, E. S. Alderman, J. N. Prestidge, L. T. Wilson.

State Vice Presidents—Alabama, Austin Crouch; Arkansas, F. F. Gibson; Georgia, J. S. McLemore; Florida, P. M. Calloway; Kentucky, M. B. Adams; Louisiana, C. V. Edwards; Maryland, W. H. Baylor; Mississippi, Arthur Blake; Missouri, J. E. Dillard; North Carolina, C. E. Moody; Oklahoma, W. M. Moore; South Carolina, O. Lawton; Tennessee, H. P. Hurt; Tex-

as, A. H. Coleman; Virginia, Ryland Knight; District of Columbia, Weston Bruner.

Indian is Delegate.

Orlando Kenworthy, a full blood Osage Indian, from Oklahoma, is an enthusiastic delegate at the convention. He is a graduate of Carlisle university and is an interpreter for the ministers working in the Osage nation.

An earnest, eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. George W. McDaniel, parson of the First Baptist church, of Richmond, Va., on "The Young Baptist for the Hour." He said in part:

"The world welcomes and honors consecrated enthusiasm. The hour is favorable to the young; it is the conflict between the doctrine of the church and doctrine of the state. It is a great asset—a system with truths as undying as God Himself.

"We have another inspiration in that all the western world is going our way. The tides are for us and the stars fight for us. We embody ideals of American civilization. Religion gives the world a set of principles and it is a sad thing for the world when the principles which control it are divorced from Christianity."

Address by Dr. Mullins.

Taking for his subject, "The Principle of Baptist Progress," Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the B. Y. P. U. of America, of Louisville, Ky., delivered a forceful and helpful address. He said in part:

"Baptist history is a great theme. History is man impressing his mind on laws, customs and the like of the ages. History is a co-operative scheme in which all generations take part.

"What is the principle of their progress, Baptist should ask. We believe the Bible is sufficient. We can not build on sacramental systems or various other systems so we have a difficult task. Our progress lies in building men and women—in developing manhood and womanhood—in regenerating and converting men through God's appointed means.

"The method by which Baptists are brought face to face with the eternal God is unspeakably simple and to me is glorious. The only way Baptists can make man over is through evangelism.

One of the most pleasing features of the convention is the manifest cordiality of the various sections of the south toward each other. When E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, was elected president of the convention several years ago, the nominating speech was made by an easterner. Thursday night, Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, was elected president, though he is in the farthest eastern corner of the convention territory. The nominating speech was made by an Atlantan, J. W. Millard, but quick as a flash a western man, Rev. George W. Truett, of Dallas, was upon his feet to pay a glowing tribute to the nominee and to rejoice in the privilege of supporting so eminent an eastern gentleman.

The great mass meeting on Sunday afternoon of the convention will be of far-reaching effect. Here is the language of the resolution as offered by George Hillyer and passed by the convention:

Resolved, That the president appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to arrange for the holding of a mass meeting in the convention hall on Sunday afternoon during the next annual session of the Southern Baptist convention; said mass meeting to consider and counsel together as to what may best be done by Christian men and ministers, especially the Baptists, for creating a more wholesome public opinion, for making the criminal laws more certain, more prompt and more effective, so as to take away the reproach resting on civilization and religion by the prevalence of crime and lynching, and so as to make the law respected and effective in all parts of our common country."

The sixty-fourth annual convention of the Southern Baptist convention was called to order at 8 o'clock Thursday evening by First Vice President Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, who will preside over the meeting in the absence of President E. W. Stephens, who is unable to attend the convention. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. W. T. Amls, of Hot Springs. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. Henry W. Battle, of North Carolina.

With songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving, with reports of work done and optimistic utterances for the future, the great convention, as if by magic, settled down to work in its various departments Thursday. Leading features of the day were the sessions of the B. Y. P. U. in the dining room, of the Eastman, and the sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union in the pavilion of the hotel.

The convention missed the presence of its distinguished president, Hon. E. W. Stephens, who is now on a globe-trotting tour. While looking at the sights he is giving a good part of his time to the study of the mission work on the foreign field, coming in touch with the missionaries. He has already written back some very encouraging letters concerning the progress of the work on the foreign field.

The Arkansas Gazette says: "The largest salaried Baptist preacher in all the south is the Rev. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the old First Baptist church of Richmond, Va. Dr. McDaniel is one of the handsomest men in the convention and yet he is as modest and gracious as a woman in his manners. Dr. McDaniel was recently called to large church in Philadelphia, but declined to leave the south, which he loves with ceaseless devotion. He says he is still a 'westerner' in spirit, though devoted to his present work.

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Barcasser, of Kansas City, Mo., were in charge of the musical program of the convention. Their singing was one of the most interesting features.

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that this exchange will be greatly helpful to our work on the zone, if our people will enable the board to carry out fully our pledges to the Jamaica brethren, inasmuch as they, through limited resources, are not able to prosecute the work as vigorously as Southern Baptists can do.

Work Among the Negroes.

It would be interesting to restate something of the history of the negro in America and the uninterrupted concern for his welfare cherished by southern white people throughout all the trying vicissitudes of three hundred years. Especially would it be of interest to review the emphasis Southern Baptists have placed upon the importance of giving the gospel to the negro and the unfailing loyalty with which they have incorporated this character of work in all their missionary plans and efforts from the organization of the Southern Baptist convention, in 1845, to the present time. Within the scope of this report we can not, however, undertake any comprehensive review of facts in connection with the work as they have developed from year to year. Suffice it to say that during all these years there has never been a time when Southern Baptists raised a question about their Christian obligation to the negro nor abated their active interest in his behalf in any measure below that of their opportunity and their ability. The work of seeking to help the Negro has been earnestly pressed forward under varying conditions and by different plans, the methods adopted being always determined with the view of securing the best possible results. The policy pursued during recent years has been that of helping the negro to help himself along proper lines.

Missions East of Mississippi River.

The Southeastern States are becoming more and more missionary territory. The marvelous material development of the South and the turning tide of immigration southward are creating conditions of religious need which render it imperative that Southern Baptists shall put forth the most active energies in their mission plans and work in the older states.

Alabama.—The board has assisted the state mission board in the support of twelve co-operative missionaries to the extent of \$3,626.07. These missionaries have baptised 126 converts and received into the churches 514 members. The board has also aided in the support of the work among the Swedes, school work and work among the negroes in Alabama.

West of the Mississippi River.

The development of the west continues at a marvelous rate. We have become so familiar with the rapid changes taking place there and the progress of all the South has been so amazing of late that this western growth does not seem so sensational as formerly. But the past year rivals in achievement almost any year in the romantic history of "the winning of the west."

Cities and Foreigners.

What shall be done with our great cities? What shall we do with the overwhelming number of foreigners pouring in upon us? These are the gravest and most perplexing questions the statesman and the Christian alike have to answer. The number and size of our magnificent and growing cities swell with every census, and the rising tide of immigration more and more threatens to inundate us. In both the city and the immigrant problems there is grave danger and great missionary opportunity—an enemy or an ally. And the two problems merge into the one of the city. It has long been acknowledged that the great cities rule the nation; it is now dawning upon us that the foreigners rule these cities. They are massing in the cities, there assuming formidable proportions and exerting their tremendous power. If under the leadership of the ward politicians they are naturalized before they are Americanized, they become a menace; if under the influence of the missionary they are Christianized before they are naturalized, they become an ally to the nation and the

churches for civic righteousness and Christian propaganda. The foreign born population exceeds the native in thirty-three of our largest American cities, and each decade adds to the number and increases the proportion accordingly.

Mountain Missions and Schools.

The board at this convention is rendering an account of its stewardship of the mountain school work. Eight years ago the convention meeting in Hot Springs unanimously adopted a program of educational work for the southern mountain region and committed the same to the home mission board for execution. We are able in this report to submit to the convention the fidelity of the board to its instructions as shown in the results of the work, which are in the highest degree gratifying. The success of the work is the record of great achievement.

Department of Evangelism.

The blessing of our Lord has been upon the workers in this department for another year, and there is every occasion for thanksgiving and gratitude to God for the results. All of the evangelists, including Brother J. W. Michaels, the evangelist to the deaf, report 2,983 professions of conversion. They received 1,677 for baptism and 791 by letter and restoration, a total of 2,468.

One of the most striking features of the meetings held by our evangelists has been the number of volunteers for special Christian service. Many have decided for the ministry and many have offered themselves for work in the homeland or on foreign fields.

Church Building and Loan Fund.

The convention in Richmond called for \$500,000 for home missions during the coming year, and requested the home mission board as speedily as possible to raise \$100,000 of a larger building fund. At the June meeting, when the work of the new year was laid out, we apportioned for building and loan fund \$100,000 of the \$500,000 to be undertaken for home missions. The increase in our financial receipts for the first four months of the year over the corresponding period of the previous year was most gratifying. It was our purpose, after the heavy field work incident to attendance upon the various state conventions during the autumn months to prosecute the work of raising this \$100,000 with all possible vigor. The financial panic befell the country in November and during December receipts fell off fifty per cent compared with those for December, 1907. The continuance of the depression made it necessary to abandon for the time being the idea of raising the \$100,000 building fund, and to give ourselves to the work of securing the money to meet our heavy obligations consequent upon the great enlargement in the regular work of the board.

EXTRACTS FROM SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AT HOT SPRINGS.

J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
The Sunday school board submits herewith its seventeenth annual report—May, 1907, to May, 1908. It is the record of another prosperous year.

A New Financial Standard.

The year has set a new standard in the board's receipts. The financial condition, while not the first consideration, is yet at once basis and index for all that can be done through this denominational agency. The year has been a year of great business, also of great outlay for the denomination. The receipts show a gain over last year of \$17,582.30. Eight years ago, when the convention met in Hot Springs, the annual receipts were but little over \$70,000; this year they reach the noble aggregate of \$179,020.37. The business not only provides for the heavy expenditure necessary to its own successful operation, but is also a missionary power and has become a nerve center in the denomination's life.

The Board's Policy Regarding Profits.

The first aim of the board's business management is to make a self-sustaining and to provide for its constant enlargement. To do this is almost startling in its magnitude, and at the first seemed impossible with many wise and conservative business men. And yet this is not only paramount in a business policy, but absolutely essential. As a basal principal, no great business can run well which, year after year, fails to support itself and to show a margin in its favor; and a business intended to come out even (so as "not to make money") will almost surely come to grief, unless in some way it can draw on the public to supply its deficits and support its weakening condition.

For the present year we have followed the same policy. There has been an increase in assets with no liabilities except such as come in current account; there is a larger cash balance than usual to meet the larger demands of the business; and the following amounts have been set aside to denominational purposes as herewith indicated:

The home mission board	\$2,000.00
The foreign mission board	2,000.00
Nine state boards	2,600.00
The building fund	6,000.00
Seminary guarantee fund	500.00
The seminary lectureship	250.00
The seminary chair S. S. pedagogy	1,250.00
The board's field work	9,240.00
W. M. U. expense fund	400.00
For W. M. U. training school	20,587.83
Other denominational interests	1,101.72

Total for the year \$46,110.18

This handsome sum of \$46,110.18 represents what may be recognized as the cash dividend which the Baptists of the South receive from their publication business through the policy which the board has adopted for conducting its affairs. And in addition the report shows also for the year gifts in colportage supplies which aggregate more than \$10,803.39, and which have gone out as a source of helpfulness to the denomination through its several channels and agencies—the policy being to help all and hinder none.

FEEDING FOR HEALTH

Directions by a Food Expert.

A complete change in food makes a complete change in the body. Therefore if you are ailing in any way, the surest road back to health is to change your diet. Try the following breakfast for ten days and mark the result.

Two soft boiled eggs, (if you have a weak stomach, boil the eggs as follows: put two eggs into a pint tin cup of boiling water, cover and set off the stove. Take out in nine minutes; the whites will be the consistency of cream and partly digested. Don't change the directions in any particular.) Some fruit, cooked or raw, cooked preferred, a slice of toast, a little butter, four heaping teaspoonsful of Grape-Nuts with some cream, a cup of properly boiled Postum Food Coffee.

The Grape-Nuts breakfast food is fully and scientifically cooked at the factory, and both that and the Postum have the diastase (that which digests the starchy part) developed in the manufacture. Both the food and the coffee, therefore, are predigested and assist, in a natural way, to digest the balance of the food. Lunch at noon the same.

For dinner in the evening use meat and one or two vegetables. Leave out the fancy desserts. Never over-eat. Better a little less than too much.

If you can use health as a means to gain success in business or in a profession it is well worth the time and attention required to arrange your diet to accomplish the result. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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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The Gift For the Training School.

The gift made last fall of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) to the Woman's Missionary Union for its training school at Louisville, although announced widely at the time through denominational papers, requires a word of explanation as a report to the convention. This particular sum was named because it was the purchase price of a house in which to conduct the school—a magnificent piece of property, having a commanding location and well adapted to its purpose. The gift is unique. It is not a parting with the money. The money does not disappear, but remains a permanent asset to the denomination, being only transferred from the Sunday school board to the Woman's Missionary Union, where it becomes more operative and even more effective. It is at once a gift to all the boards, and serves in powerful fashion every phase of the denomination's life and work.

The Periodicals the Board's Chief Business.

It must ever be kept in mind that publishing Sunday school periodicals is the chief phase of the board's business. This is important for the double reason as being the board's chief source of supply and being the first task committed to its trust.

The periodicals this year have won much favor, as shown by an increase in circulation and in many earnest words of commendation. This is especially true of the Convention Teacher and of Kind Words. We mention two new features for the year: (1) A Baptist Catechism in thirty-four brief questions with answers, which is published in all the quarterlies for the entire year; (2) a special missionary lesson, which took the place of the regular temperance lesson for the last Sunday in March. This feature turned twelve or fifteen thousand Sunday schools to studying the subject of missions on the same Sunday. This serves as a striking illustration of how the convention's work is put into the Sunday school through its own publications.

Publication of Tracts and Books.

This as a department of the board's work is incidental, but immensely important, and becoming more and more important every year. The board is primarily a Sunday school board, appointed by the convention for this purpose—not a publication board, with a Sunday school department. And under the supervision and control of the convention, the board is entrusted with the publication business of the Baptists of the South in the interest of their Sunday school cause. And for this reason its chief issue is periodical literature for use in Sunday schools. However, acting under the authority of the convention, the board has undertaken also the publication of tracts and books, as opportunity offers and need seems to require. In this way it has greatly enlarged its sphere and work and become more specific and powerful as a Baptist propaganda under the immediate control and direction of the denomination.

The Board's Co-operation with the Seminary.

The Sunday school board continues its appropriations to the Southern Baptist Theological seminary for the annual lectureship and the chair of Sunday school pedagogy. There is scarcely another place where an equal sum of money would be more effective for general good, and especially on Sunday school lines. It connects the board at once with perhaps the most vital and powerful training center in the denomination, and in a way to be most effective. The chair of Sunday school pedagogy has made good, and fully justifies the wisdom and expectation of its founding. The annual lectureship, inaugurated seven years ago, is more popular today than ever before. The list of speakers and their subjects for the current session of the seminary was as follows:

1. Sunday School Architecture. Marion Lawrence.
2. The Teacher's Equipment. L. P. Leavell.
3. Campaign of Education for the Sunday School. R. H. Pitt.
4. The Teaching Function of the Church. L. R. Scarborough.
5. The Sunday School Awakening. E. Y. Mullins.

The Work of the B. Y. P. U.

Why not write it, The Convention B. Y. P. U. work? The importance and far-reaching value of training Baptist young people is easily and plainly manifest. Surely it deserves and will amply repay all the attention the convention can extend in its behalf.

Has not the time fully come for something more distinct, more emphatic and more advanced?

1. The B. Y. P. U. Quarterly.—This was the board's first venture to meet a manifest and imperative need in furnishing a literature for our young people in the churches of the South.

2. A Junior Quarterly.—The Junior department in our young people's work is quite distinct and very important, with some special needs in the way of literature adapted to their services. For several successive years the demand has been increasing for a Junior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly. The board will begin to issue such a quarterly next October.

3. B. Y. P. U. Secretary.—But under the instruction of the convention and at the request of the Southern B. Y. P. U. the board assigned one of its secretaries, Prof. L. P. Leavell, especially to this work, to give so much of his time as might be consistent with all of the great interests in hand.

4. B. Y. P. U. Study Courses.—The call for study courses, with such lists of more suitable subjects and better adapted to the conditions of our young people, has been urgent for some time in the past. There is need for training in the Scriptures as the Word of God, in Christian doctrine and history, in church life and evangelizing, along the line of denominational organization and interest. And to these great ends the convention, in our judgment, should set its heart and hand.

The Bible and Colportage Fund.

This special fund has shown marked increase for the year, aggregating \$5,155.29—the largest amount received in any year but one. These contributions come for the most part from Children's Bible Day in June, which has become quite a factor with our people. The program for that service is prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union, but published and furnished without cost by the Sunday school board to such schools as desire it. The service for that day has fine educational value, and many striking illustrations come to us of its good effect. The collection at these services are for the Bible and Colportage fund and are used for the distribution of the word of God and sending out colportage supplies.

The Woman's Missionary Union.

This has been a great year in the work of the Baptist women of the South. The W. M. U. having just closed one of the best years of its history, will celebrate its twentieth anniversary at this session of the convention. These godly women show a superb record of work, which gives the W. M. U. a place of honor as one of the most powerful agencies in the organized life of the denomination. Its management from the first until now has been exceptionally able and efficient, as is manifest in all its achievements. The present officers, Miss Heck as president, and Miss Crane as corresponding secretary, with their executive committee, have shown fine ability and skill in their conduct of the important and difficult affairs committed to their charge.

The State Board and the Sunday School.

In listing the agencies for Sunday school advancement, we must always give the state board a place of high rank. Nine of them now have special men for this one purpose, such men being called Sunday school missionary or evangelist or secretary. Other state boards will have such men as soon as they can be found, with the intention of aggressive movement in this part of their work.

The Field Secretaries and Their Work.

The field secretaries of the Sunday school board have become a distinct and powerful factor in our denominational life. And through the work which these men are doing, as well as through its gifts of money, the Sunday school board has become one of the most vital and energizing nerve centers in the denomination.

Brother L. P. Leavell, with headquarters at Oxford, Miss., has been dividing his time this year be-

tween Sunday school work and B. Y. P. U. work. Brother Harvey Beauchamp, as the board's field secretary for the southwest, moves his headquarters from Little Rock to Texas—place yet to be named. Brother H. W. Spilman, though out of the service of the board for a short time, has again, much to our delight, become our field secretary. And in co-operation with the other field men he will have special charge of the Board's Teacher Training System, with headquarters at Kinston, N. C. He will also give special care to fostering the Sunday school work with our institutions of learning in such ways as will best meet their wishes and requests. We hope in the near future to make announcement of other men as field secretaries.

LITTLE THINGS FOR JESUS.

A little view of Jesus
And the happy way
Will be a means of leading
To the golden day.

A little word for Jesus,
Uttered now and then,
May be a means of saving
Many sinful men.

A little light for Jesus
Beaming in your life
May lead some straying sinner
To eternal life.

A little work for Jesus,
Though it may be small,
Shall surely be rewarded,
For He rewardeth all.

A little gift for Jesus
In the proper time,
Will help some needy creature
To a better clime.

A little life for Jesus,
Placed at His command,
Can be a mighty power
In the Master's hand.

A little sheaf for Jesus,
Garnered all along,
Will fill the Holy City
With a mighty throng.

S. D. McCORMICK.

East Lake, Ala.

FIT THE GROCER Wife Made the Suggestion.

A grocer has excellent opportunity to know the effects of special foods on his customers. A Cleveland grocer has a long list of customers that have been helped in health by leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee.

He says, regarding his own experience:

"Two years ago I had been drinking coffee and must say that I was almost wrecked in my nerves.

"Particularly in the morning was so irritable and upset that I could hardly wait until the coffee was served, and then I had no appetite for breakfast and did not feel like attending to my store duties.

"One day my wife suggested that inasmuch as I was selling so much Postum there must be some merit in it and suggested that we try it. I took home a package and she prepared it according to directions. The result was a very happy one. My nervousness gradually disappeared and today I am all right. I would advise every one affected in any way with nervousness or stomach troubles, to leave off coffee and use Postum Food Coffee." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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SOME NOTES FROM THE CONVENTION

The crowd was so great on the night of the convention sermon that it was found necessary to have preaching in one of the great rooms of the spacious Eastman. Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta, was appointed to preach to the overflow meeting. Dr. Landrum is never happier or more effective than when called out on such an occasion.

Brother Maples, the great temperance lecturer of Texas, who did such good work in Birmingham during the prohibition fight, was on hand and as ready to fight against whisky as ever.

Mrs. Folk, the queenly mother of the Folk boys, was present, giving her friends Christian greetings. She always was the center of a host of men, who honor her and her boys.

The old guard was on hand—Hatcher, Carroll, Gambrell, Buckner—and yet one towering figure was greatly missed, for Dr. Hawthorne was back at Richmond too ill to be present.

Thursday night as I strolled into the grounds of the Eastman, the moon was beaming brightly and in its light the convention hall looked like a Moorish castle. Truly Hot Springs is a picturesque place, with beautiful mountains and many turreted buildings.

In the grounds of the Eastman I saw some large fig trees, a lot of honeysuckles and the greatest borders of violets that I had ever seen.

Hot Springs in some things is a miniature Coney Island, with its shooting and picture galleries, the show windows and shows and other attractions.

A handsome Georgia preacher, whose face, form and voice have for years charmed the saints of one of Atlanta's churches and whose advocacy of Joe Brown is warm and fervent, was invited by some friends in the Hoke Smith camp to take a walk up Bath House Row and drink at what is known as the Hoke Smith fountain.

I remember shaking hands with the following out of a lot of our Alabama men or preachers who had recently held pastorates in Alabama, who are now sojourning in other states: Langston, Tandy, Farrington, Harris, Purser, Williams, Riley, Provence, McGinn, et al.

We had the pleasure of being in the same room at the Rockefeller with Dr. J. P. Shaffer, the wise man of east Alabama, and J. W. Hamner, our beloved ex-corresponding editor. We had a good time together.

Rev. W. T. Amis, the host of the convention, is a tireless worker, a fearless fighter; with his energy, consecration and determination he has fought a good fight in Hot Springs for civic righteousness. His welcome address was one of the features of the convention.

W. T. Ratliff, of Raymond, Miss., the father of our P. C. Ratliff, moderator of the Birmingham Association, was present, greeting his many friends.

One of the most pleasing and novel sights of the convention was to see Prestridge and Harvey working side by side. They ought to make a great success of the Baptist World. They have our best wishes.

Miss Maud Merritt, beloved by Alabama Baptists, for her gracious and efficient service as Brother Crumpton's helper, was present, enjoying the convention.

The convention postoffice is always a good place to study faces and temperaments. Two charming young women handled all the mail and always had a crowd of males waiting around for letters, etc.

The Jones boys were on hand—a fine lot of gifted, consecrated men. Dr. J. William, the father, was greatly missed.

It hardly seemed like a convention without Dr. Eaton. How we do miss our great men when they are gathered home.

The special train bearing the Alabama Baptists, arrived a few hours late on account of storm and other causes, but all on board seemed to enjoy the trip, even though the great body of them had to go breakfastless.

I was glad to see Mayor John G. Howes, our railroad commissioner, in attendance, but was sorry to learn that he was somewhat indisposed.

Rev. G. S. Anderson, of Newberne, was present, busily engaged in getting subscribers for the Bible Studio, his new monthly.

Our general secretaries, Willingham, Gray and Frost seemed to be in fine form, surrounded as they are by such capable lieutenants, I did not wonder that under their leadership such results had been accomplished during the past year.

A young lady came to me as I was writing in the lobby and asked if I could point out some one connected with the Western Recorder, and just then the portly form and smiling face of Harvey crossed my vision, and from force of habit I was just on the eve of calling him when I remembered.

Louis Jacob Ehrlich, a converted Jew of Atlanta, was on hand in the lobby, selling his books. He is a typical looking rabbi, with his long beard. He was in Birmingham and made speeches on that great day when we voted whisky out.

All of the state secretaries except Maryland and Florida were present. In Brother Crumpton we have a leader, the peer of any.

Mrs. Barrett, of East Lake, and Mrs. Vesey, of Riversidé, two earnest workers, were enjoying the meetings of the W. M. U. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Malone were greatly missed.

One of the joys of the convention was to loaf in the lobby or lounge on the veranda and shake hands with friends and swap stories and talk shop.

Alex Bealer, for the Index; Masters, for the Religious Herald, and Martin Ball, for the Baptist and Reflector, were some of the old hands reporting the convention. There were a lot of new faces around the reporter's table.

The exhibits of the Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Sunday school board were very interesting. The American Baptist Pub. Society also had its usual exhibit, stocked with readable books.

While the convention hall did not meet the requirements for the convention sermon, yet in connection with the other large rooms and smaller committee rooms, with its spacious lobby, beautiful parlors, lovely grounds and many conveniences it was an ideal gathering place.

It was a joy to see and greet Dr. Davidson and learn that while he lives in Tennessee he still holds Alabama Baptists in warmest esteem.

Mrs. Croker, of Birmingham, graciously invited the pastor of the First Baptist church, Birmingham, and the hungry editor of the Alabama Baptist to share her lunch when there was grave doubt that a "diner" would be picked up. Both accepted.

President E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., who is now traveling in Europe, cabled.

"Jerusalem—From the foot of Calvary I send greetings to my brethren of the Southern Baptist convention."

I was certainly sorry to know that Dr. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, and Dr. Bell, of the Christian Index, remained at home. They are two of our strongest men.

The seminary was well represented, as Drs. Mullins, Sampey and Dement were on hand.

Some of the Texas brethren were delayed over two days on account of washouts.

The reading of the reports by the general secretaries is always a feature. Drs. Frost, Willingham and Gray have learned the art of giving the convention the heart of the reports in a very short time.

Despite the effort of the president and the rule against cheering, the convention at times would do it when stirred by some great speech.

The board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary held a lengthy session Thursday. President E. Y. Mullins reported that during the past year there were 276 students in attendance. He recommended that an endowment fund of half a million dollars be raised the coming year.

Rev. W. W. Hamilton, of Atlanta, general evangelist of the home board, had charge of the evangelistic conferences. In these conferences it was sought to enthrone the ministers in attendance with a love for soul winning. This is the second year of Dr. Hamilton's service as general evangelist. His work has been signally blessed.

Rev. B. F. Stamps, of Oklahoma, so well known in Alabama, was present. I asked him if he was still single, and he said yes.

Dr. J. W. Millard, of Atlanta, Ga., who presented the name of Mr. Levering for the office of president, has for years honored and loved Maryland's great layman. He paid a high tribute to his work, world wide in its scope and with eloquent words told of the faithful and efficient service which he had rendered and the noble deeds which had marked his life of usefulness.

Rev. W. T. Amis in welcoming the convention beautifully and touchingly said:

"Since you last met here we miss faces dear to us all through the years such as Curry, Tichenor, Ford, McDonald, Cooper and Eaton, but their mantles have fallen on God's host in the Southland, which is going forth to conquer."

The platform was so arranged that the usual platform performers had little show of occupying seats and disturbing the proceedings. At many of the conventions they have been unabated nuisances.

The convention hall at night was a blaze of glory, as more than a thousand electric lights were flooding the room with their brilliance.

Hot Springs diamonds were much in evidence. They made good souvenirs for the folks at home.

Of all the heroes in the battle, none deserve more credit than Rev. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., who, along with Rev. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, Va., was elected secretary for the twenty-eighth consecutive year. He is pastor of the First Baptist church of Nashville, and has held pastorates in many of the leading cities in the South. The rapidity with which he discharges his arduous duties is amazing to every one not acquainted with his perfect system. Four hours after the convention of 1907, adjourned he surprised even President Stephens by walking into his office and delivering a bound copy of the proceedings.—Hot Springs News.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

Never before have so many instructive schedules and maps been placed by the boards in the convention hall. It was shown on one how one dollar per member per year for foreign missions would raise over two million dollars, Alabama's part being \$161,408. It was sad to see that Southern Baptists had given only 20 cents per member to foreign missions. The one showing the number of contributing and non-contributing churches was a terrible indictment of do-nothing Baptists. All of the twenty thousand churches above one-half or ten thousand, gave nothing. Out of the 1893 churches in Alabama, only 893 contributed, leaving 1,000 churches giving nothing.

One of the schedules of the home board showed that when the convention met in Hot Springs in 1900 it reported only 72,000 for the year, while in 1908 it reported 248,000, multiplying three and a half times in eight years. A most healthy and gratifying growth. I was glad to see that Alabama showed a gain over last year, both for foreign and home missions.

In one of the shop windows I saw displayed a lot of cards. One represented a drinking cup on which was the following inscription:

The lid is on. Why?
Is it graft or greed?
No, hayseed!

Evidently Brother Amis has been worrying the boys.

Another inscription read:

Here's to old Kentucky—
The land where I was born,
Where the corn is full of kernels,
And the colonels full of corn.

Another read:
May we always mingle in the friendly bowl.

The flash of reason and the flow of soul.

Another had on it:
Eat when you are hungry,
Drink when you are dry;
If a tree don't fall on you;
You live till you die.

These be merry quips, but woe to the man who puts them in practice. Ask Maples, of Texas.

On some burnt letter souvenirs displayed in a shop window I read the following:

Drink: when your heels hit hard,
And your head feels queer;
And your thoughts foam up
Like the froth on beer;
When your legs are weak
And your voice is strong—
And you laugh like —
At some fool's song—

Then you are drunk,
By gosh, you are drunk.
A yellow man was looking down on a reeling man with collar all awry and a bottle in his uplifted hand.

The companion piece had a devil looking down on a bloated face and below were these words:
When your head feels big and your eyes are red,
And on your face is a three days' beard,
And when your mouth tastes like a motorman's glove
And you doubt the word of your truest love,

Then you are sober:
By gosh! you are sober.

The irony of it. Many a poor soak was at the springs, soaking out the booze.

Another bore this:
When you wake in the mornin' and feel all in,
With a bustin' head that aches like sin,
Your collar wilted and hat caved in,
And you say to yourself what a fool I've been,

Then you are sober,
By gosh! you are sober.
Underneath this was the picture of a fellow in bed with a block of ice on his head.

Dr. W. A. Hobson, of Jacksonville, was at home on the Alabama special.

Dr. W. L. Pickard's many friends in Alabama will rejoice to know that he is delighted with his work at Savannah.

Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, upon whom was conferred the signal honor of being promoted from the first vice presidency to the exalted position of president of the convention, is one of the most prominent and energetic church workers in this country and his name is familiar to Christians in all portions of the civilized world. In addition he is a wealthy coffee merchant. In 1896 he was the nominee of the prohibition party for president. For several years he has been president of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. He is also vice president of the American Baptist Publication Society and a member of the International committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. He has but recently returned from a visit to all the foreign missions maintained by the Southern Baptists.

Dr. B. H. Carroll, the grand old man of Texas, electrified and thrilled the audience with his masterful address on Friday morning. He is frequently spoken of as the "Chrysostom" of Southern Baptists. No one who heard it will ever forget the occasion. A wise man said: "I would willingly have traveled from Alabama to hear Carroll's address."
"The greatest sermon I ever heard," was the expression heard on all sides. Men crowded to the platform from every section of the hall and an ovation was tendered Dr. Carroll, the like of which is seldom seen.

Taking for his text the first chapter of Colossians and for his theme, "The nature and person of our Lord Jesus Christ and His relation to the Father, the Universe and the Church," Dr. Carroll held his hearers under the power of his words and magnetic personality for over one hour. With the exception of a frequent fervent "amen," one could have heard the proverbial pin drop during that time.

Dr. Carroll is a striking character. Although nearly 70 years old, he is as erect as a man many years his junior. He speaks with force and power unusually impressive.

Many of the delegates visited the ostrich farms.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry was on hand and as usual was enthused with missionary zeal.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Resolutions—E. E. Folk, Tennessee, chairman; C. H. Dodd, Missouri; William Ellison, Virginia; J. C. Massie, North Carolina; A. J. S. Thomas, South Carolina; J. W. Millard, Georgia; C. C. Carroll, Fla.; J. M. Shelburne, Alabama; W. F. Lowery, Mississippi; C. W. Edwards, Louisiana; E. E. King, Texas; B. Cook, Arkansas; J. G. Bow, Kentucky; W. T. Blake, Oklahoma; A. K. Wright, District of Columbia.

Committee on Order of Business—J. N. Prestidge, Kentucky; B. D. Gray, Georgia; R. J. Willingham, Virginia; J. M. Frost, Tennessee; E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky.

Sunday school rallies were held Sunday morning in the various churches as follows:

First Baptist Church—B. W. Spillman, H. Beauchamp.

Second Baptist Church—R. M. Inlaw, C. E. Crossland.

Park Avenue Baptist Church—J. T. Watts, H. C. Moore.

Central Methodist Church—L. P. Leavell, J. E. Bird.

Third Street M. E. Church—W. J. Mahoney, W. D. Moorer.

Dr. E. O. Taylor, of Boston, Mass., delivered a temperance lecture in the convention hall at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon before a large audience. Dr. Taylor is one of the best known temperance lecturers in the country. He deals with the subject from a scientific point of view. His subject was "God's Message in Science to Christian Voting Men, or Science vs. the Saloon."

Secretary Lansing Burrows made his report to the convention Friday afternoon, giving a status of the work in the fifteen states of the south under the government of the convention. It follows in part:

Associations, 811; churches, 21,266; increase of membership by baptism, 129,152; total membership, 2,015,080; contributed for missions, \$1,134,695; contributed for all purposes, \$7,863,416; value of church property, \$30,861,438; number of Sunday schools, 12,923; enrollment of Sunday schools, 959,795.

In addition to this the full Baptist membership is shown by the membership in other states of 1,144,053; the colored membership in the southern states of 1,900,000, which makes a total denominational membership in America of 5,029,133. Canada, Europe, Asia and other lands having light memberships bring this grand total to 6,001,905 in the entire world.

The Rev. E. C. Dargan, D. D., of Macon, Ga., was selected to preach the annual convention sermon next year. The Rev. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va., was selected as alternate.

At 3 p. m. at the Auditorium Sunday was held a memorial service, at which meeting Dr. B. H. Carroll spoke on the life and character of Dr. T. T. Eaton. Dr. W. E. Hatcher spoke on the life and character of Dr. George V. Taylor.

Rev. S. J. Porter is the field secretary of the board and has been untiring in his efforts during the past year. He had the valuable assistance of Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, of Louisiana, during two months preceding the sessions of the convention.

One of the most interesting sessions of the convention was Saturday night. The entire evening was devoted to the subject of foreign missions. A number of prominent delegates and representatives of this important department of the convention delivered addresses.

The educational secretary, Rev. T. B. Ray, organized the educational department, which seeks to maintain study classes in all the Baptist churches of the south and in the various colleges and universities maintained by the Baptists. This department has proven abundantly successful and is doing much to the advantage of the foreign mission work.

The \$32,000 of indebtedness resting upon the home mission board was lifted during a mass meeting for home missions at the evening session Friday. This meeting was addressed by Rev. B. D. Gray, secretary of the board; Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D., of Waco, Tex.; Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and others.

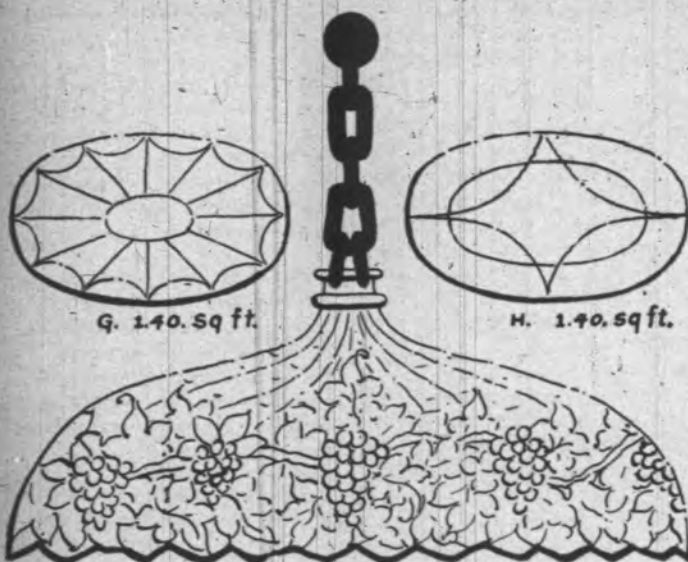
A great mass meeting for the consideration of evangelism was held in the convention hall Sunday night. Addresses were delivered as follows: "The Primary Mission of the Church of Christ," by Rev. L. P. Scarborough, of Abilene, Tex.; "How Can the Average Pastor Make the Regular Services of the Church an Evangelistic Force," by Rev. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, Ga.; "Some Essentials of Successful Personal Evangelism," by Rev. H. A. Porter, of Louisville, Ky.

It is pretty generally conceded by Southern Baptists that one of the most foremost preachers among them today is Rev. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, Tex., who in spite of the great honors heaped upon him still remains unspoiled.

Saturday morning was occupied almost entirely in a discussion of plans for the enlargement and broadening of the field and efficiency of the theological seminary located at Louisville. Among the principal speakers were Dr. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta, Ga.; President Mullins, of the seminary; Rev. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Willingham, secretary of the foreign missionary board; Secretary J. M. Frost, of the Sunday school board.

At 6 a. m. on East Mountain Sunday a sunrise prayer and praise meeting was held by George Cates.

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emblem of life divine,
By the Creator freely given, in beauteous
forms so fine.

Playing in the fountains clear, and rippling
in the rills,
Murmuring through the grassy dells,
the air with music fills;
Dancing in the pelting hail or in the
blinding sleet,
Singing in the summer rain, with lullaby
so sweet;
Folding o'er the wintry world, its
snowy mantle white,
Everywhere 'tis beautiful, the sparkling
water bright.

Spreading o'er the setting sun a golden
cloud so bright,
Hiding face of midnight moon with
gauzy veil so light;
Weaving the arched rainbow gay, that
seraph's zone on high;
Warp of raindrops and the woof the
sunbeams of the sky,
Glittering in the ice-gems bright, with
countless jewels rife,
Always it is beautiful, this beverage of
life.

Springing from the mountain top,
where broods the thunder-storm,
Roaring on the ocean wide, where
whirlpools wildly form,
Sporting in the cataract, which flings
afar its spray,
Gleaming in the dew-drop clear, where
sunbeams love to play,
Sleeping in the glacier, howe'er its
form is given,
Everywhere 'tis beautiful, this bounteous
gift of heaven.

From its limpid, sparkling depth, no
poisonous bubbles spring,
Draughts, health-giving, in their glass
no madness ever bring,
Mingling in its cooling wave, no starving
orphan's tear,
Shrieking ghosts of drunkards, do not
curse its blessed cheer;
Diffusing life and happiness to all created
things,
Bounteous blessings to the world the
sparkling water brings.

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How beautiful are Nature's smiles
When Spring in robes of green
Bedecks her hills and valleys fair:
A paradise earth seems.
And songs of birds in rhythmic tune,
Both greet our heart each day,
And rose-queens on their emerald
throne
See laughing zephyrs play.

Is spring a type of what shall be
When this life's dream is o'er
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The seventieth annual commencement of the Judson was perhaps the most brilliant and inspiring in the history of the institution. The town was crowded to the limit with visitors from all parts of the South and the exercises were all of high order. President Patrick and his corps of teachers received the enthusiastic congratulations of the patrons and other visitors upon the innumerable evidences of the high standard of the work accomplished and of the continual improvement of the institution along all lines.

Annual Expression Recital.

After a most successful year, under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Anna Rosamon and Miss Roquemore, the department of expression at Judson college closed its session last Saturday evening, May 9th, with an unusually good recital. The two plays presented were well chosen to demonstrate the different phases of work undertaken by the department, and the characters were so well portrayed as to reflect credit not only upon the young ladies themselves, but upon their teachers.

The four young ladies who took the leading men's parts are especially to be complimented on the splendid, suggestive quality of their work. As the old auntie, Miss Yeatman's work, was very acceptable, while Miss Helen Patrick's work as Elizabeth was very bright and attractive.

In the last play particular mention must be made of the good acting of Miss Irene Copeland as Sarah. The young ladies composing the crabbing party added greatly to the success of the play by the graceful dance which closed it. The effect was most artistic, as even between the dances the illusion of watching a morning ball was well sustained.

Commencement Sermons.

The sermon of the morning was preached by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. His text was Matt. 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life a ransom for many," and the subject, "Christianity and the Law of Service." Dr. Mullins is a man of very striking appearance, tall, fully six feet two inches, bright, piercing eyes, and a face that marks him as one of the Lord's chosen messengers. He is one of our foremost scholars, a man who knows how to see things and make you see them. He is the author of several noted works, his latest book, "The Axiom of Religion," a re-statement of the Baptist position has been out of the press only a few weeks and is attracting marked attention not only in the country, but also in other lands; and not only is he a great scholar, but also a great preacher. He is not an orator, but a thinker, and he presents his thought in such a way as to lay hold of the heart and life. On this occasion the preacher was at his best. For one hour he held the rapt attention of the intelligent audience that filled the spacious auditorium, and he sent them away

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Again in the evening the Auditorium was almost filled to hear the missionary sermon before the Ann Hasseltine and the Morning Watch Societies. In introducing the speaker Dr. Patrick commended the creditable work of these two societies, membership in both being entirely voluntary on the part of the students. This session they, together with the Judson Sunday school, raised more than \$300 for mission and benevolent work. This sermon was preached by Dr. Charles Manly, pastor of the Baptist church in Lexington, Va. Dr. Manly is well known and much beloved by many in Alabama. His father was the celebrated Dr. Basil Manly, Sr., for eighteen years the president of the University of Alabama, and Dr. Charles Manly spent twelve years in Tuscaloosa as pastor of the Baptist church and as president of the Alabama Central Female College. Like his father, Dr. Manly has spent many years in educational work. For sixteen years or more he was president of Furman university in South Carolina, and to his wise management in times of great trial is due in great measure the present efficiency of this great institution.

Dr. Manly announced as his text Colossians 1:27, "To whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you the hope of glory." From this text the speaker preached a most helpful missionary sermon. He showed how Paul stood for the equal rights of the Gentiles to the gospel, and that he stood thus because God had revealed this truth to him. This is the New Testament meaning of mystery, a truth made known by revelation which could not be known in any other way. Even as Paul stood for the equal rights of all, Gentiles as well as Jews, so we should stand for the equal rights of the heathen to the gospel. The preacher closed by showing that only in Christ can there be hope, and by exhorting his hearers to be of service by making this hope known to those who now have no hope.

Art Exhibition.

On Monday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 the art department, over which Miss Laura I. Bacon has presided for several years with remarkable success, gave its annual exhibition. Throngs of visitors inspected hundreds of paintings in oil, water colors, pastel and crayon, as well as an unusually large exhibit of superlatively excellent china done by the students of the present session. Among the paintings was a portrait of Hon. B.

F. Ellis, president of the board of trustees, which was the work of Miss Bacon herself, and was presented to the Judson by friends in the college. Both on account of the excellent likeness and the magnificent services rendered to the institution by Colonel Ellis, the gift was much appreciated.

Re-union of the Class of 1898.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock President and Mrs. Patrick gave a dinner in honor of the class of 1898, which was holding a reunion. At this dinner covers were laid for fifty and a most delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all. Among those present was Miss Attie Bostick, now missionary in China. The reunion of classes at the end of each ten-year period has become one of the most interesting incidents of commencement week.

Annual Concert.

The excellent work of the director of music, Mr. Powers, Mrs. Gurganus and Miss Stranathan and the other teachers was manifest.

Among the anniversary exercises at the Judson probably none interests the general public more than does the annual concert.

Throughout its long history the college has been famous for the high grade of work done in its music department. As usual in the annual concert the first part of the program consisted of miscellaneous numbers given mainly by the music seniors—the second part of a cantata.

The first number, a chorus sung by the sight-singing classes displayed the excellent training given in this branch. The careful shading, distinct enunciation and excellent tone quality made this number an exceedingly pleasing one. Then followed solo numbers by the piano graduates, the Misses May Smith, Ola Kell, Ruby Oden and Nannie Moore and a group of songs by Miss Mattie Knight, the only voice graduate of the year.

To those who have been acquainted with the work of the music department it was evident from the playing and singing of these young ladies that the Judson's high standard has not only been maintained, but that there has been a distinct advance during the past few years.

The Judson's famous Glee Club contributed two delightful selections and Miss Mary Dew played an organ number with a skill and brilliancy which greatly charmed the audience.

The cantata selected for the occasion was "The Lady of Shalott," the poem by Tennyson, the music by Bendall. The chorus, consisting of the voice pupils, had been splendidly drilled by Mrs. Gurganus and Miss Stranathan. They sang the beautiful music with admirable precision and charming sympathy. Miss Pitts' and Miss Knight's fine voices were heard to excellent advantage in the solo part, and Mr. Powers, who presided at the piano, furnished an inspiring and altogether effective accompaniment.

The concert was without doubt among the very best ever given at the Judson.

Meeting of the Alumnae Association.

The annual meeting of the Society of Alumnae brought together the largest attendance in the history of the organization. Mrs. W. H. Lovelace was elected president. Addresses were de-

livered by a number of those who were present. Mrs. G. A. Kilgore, of Baton Rouge, La., spoke of the memories of twenty-five years ago and of the strong Baptist and Christian influence carried by the girls from the institution. Miss Martha Street Ashcraft spoke of the opportunity that the large and brilliant class of the present year would have of inspiring the younger people with a desire for an education, and thereby following the law of service which was exemplified in the sermon Sunday morning. Miss Attie Bostick, missionary to China, a graduate of the class of ten years ago, spoke of the work on mission fields, and expressed the hope that this class would be represented by some of its members on the foreign field. Three beautiful songs were sung by Mrs. Eleanor Evans Stewart, of Selma; Miss Ethel Pitts, a graduate of last year, and Miss Mattie Sears Knight, a graduate of the present session. Mrs. Lovelace spoke of the classes who had passed out of the Judson and asked what they had left behind. The richest legacy of the school is what the graduates leave behind them. The loyalty of the former students who had gone out, their faithfulness to duty and the high ideals which Judson exemplified in her pupils. After this Mrs. R. G. Patrick offered a motion that a memorial, in the form of a scholarship be erected to Miss Lydia Hornbuckle, a charter member of the society. Miss Hornbuckle's life was pre-eminently an illustration of the text, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." The motion was enthusiastically carried and \$192 was contributed. It is hoped that many others will help to make this amount \$1,000. Following the custom of some years President Patrick presented the large and talented class of 1908, composed of thirty-seven young ladies. After the registration of their names as members of the association and adorning them with the alumnae colors, an adjournment was had to the auditorium, where an address in connection with the dedication of the Carnegie library was delivered by Hon. Ray Rushton, of Montgomery. For this occasion all the business houses in Marion closed their doors and the town turned out en masse. The distinguished speaker congratulated the Judson upon the princely gift of the philanthropist and upon the untiring and successful labors of those who had made the realization of this splendid addition to the Judson's equipment possible. The address was a practical discussion of the proper use of books and management of a library and demonstrated the immense service that would be rendered to the Judson by its proper use. We regret we have not space to give in full the interesting and inspiring speech which was one of the most interesting features of the commencement exercises. Among other things the speaker suggested that now that the Judson had this admirable library it might be a good idea to found a course for the training of librarians, and this suggestion was enthusiastically received. After the address the Judson college song—"Our Alma Ma-

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My heart is very much in the same state that yours must be in when you feel that the brethren are not coming to your rescue.

May the Lord impress you with this and may you find help for me at once is my prayer. The Lord bless you. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. M. BREWER.

There was general disappointment among the thousands attending the convention because Dr. L. G. Broughton, the famous Atlanta preacher, was kept away on account of ill health. Dr. Broughton, who is pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, the largest church in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention, is perhaps the most widely known preacher in America. He preaches to more than three thousand people in Atlanta every Sunday and is in great demand in England, where he is expected to go again this summer.

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The relation of the pastor and deacons to the church. Opened by L. A. Connell, followed by others.

The needs of this association. Ably discussed by Reaves, Connell and Metcalf.

A collection was taken for missions and \$13.55 was raised. This makes \$42.45 for missions from this place, more than double what we have paid in any year of our history.

Bro. Metcalf and Bro. Connell are planning to hold such meetings at each church in the association.

The only thing to be regretted in the meeting at this place is that all our people did not attend. God was with us and we are expecting great things to be accomplished under God through this meeting.

These men are the right men in the right place with their hearts burdened with the soul's salvation of the children of men.

Preaching at night by Rev. A. N. Reaves, subject "A Wasted Life." Our people love Bro. Reaves, he being the former pastor at this place, so a good crowd was present to hear him.

Dear readers, pray for us and our work at this place.

This is my first pastoral work and my first year in the ministry, therefore, brethren, you know we need your prayers and sympathy.

W. W. DYER.

CHILDREN'S EXERCISES.

On the second Sunday in April the children of the Sunday school of Forest Home Baptist church had a fixed exercise. They carried out the program arranged by the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, the boys representing some of the men missionaries on our foreign field and the girls some of our missionary women, and they did their work well. We had

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good singing. We had on the wall the pictures of our missionaries and Bro. W. A. Glenn pointed out the missionary and the representative would then speak and make it very impressive on the congregation.

Rev. George E. Mike addressed the meeting and it was good. We got a good collection for foreign missions. It would be good for every Sunday school that has not observed it to send and get the program and get the Sunday school to get it and recite it and take a collection. You get the pictures free for having the program carried out. This was suggested for January, but the weather was so bad we had it in connection with our centennial meeting and all enjoyed it.

H. R. SCHRAMM.

IN MEMORIAM.

Bro. Stephen F. Address, for sixty-one years clerk of the church at Damascus, Butler county, Alabama, "entered into rest April 25, 1908, at the ripe age of 84 years.

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C. C. LLOYD.

I was glad to see a number of preachers' wives at the convention. I hope some day the churches will not only send their pastors, but will raise money enough to include the pastor's wife in the trip. They bear many burdens of the pastorates and ought to reap some of the pleasures.

An editor's waste basket is suggestive of two folk songs, "Resting Place" and "Meeting and Parting"—a meeting and parting with profuse matter of a many-sided nature and a resting place for that which has passed into obscurity. Listen to the refrain:

"You were not known to fame,

But to me 'twas all the same."

As articles are coming in thick and fast these resting places become a vital point, so give them their due; one can readily imagine that editorial work would be a complex affair if they were displaced in favor of correspondents, for to what lengths not only would the dames of the pen, but mankind in general proceed in order to impress their point of view. While the maddening list entertain personal animosity and

"Make each particular hair to stand on end,

Like quills upon the fretful porcupine

As their wrath descends in force on the editor's head. Just here we would like to make a digression and say that the waste basket is a glowing tribute to the genius of a gifted editor, for he is justified in withholding any and all productions which would deteriorate or in any way lessen his power for good.

MRS. NANNIE E. BENTLEY.

On the morning of the 4th day of May, 1908, just as the silver rays of the morning sun were reaching up from behind the eastern horizon, the sweet spirit of Mrs. Nannie Elizabeth Bentley winged its flight to the home of the redeemed.

She was the faithful and loving wife of Rev. C. J. Bentley, of Sylacauga. She lived in the spirit land and communed with the Savior and loved ones gone before several hours before she breathed her last. "Jesus was so sweet to her," she said. She was born September 2, 1867, and was a faithful preacher's wife, a fond and loving mother and a happy, sweet, Christian spirit.

Married to Rev. C. J. Bentley August 8, 1886. The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church by the writer in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. The Ladies' Aid Society, of which she was a faithful member, attended in a body and the floral display was profuse. She was greatly beloved by the good people of Sylacauga and in all other places where they had lived.

She leaves a husband and eight children to serve the Lord here for a while and then join her in the heavenly home. The sympathies of many hundreds of people go out to the bereaved and the manly heart and faithful, God-fearing spirit of the husband will still guide the children aright.

She sleeps in the cemetery at Sylacauga, and truly it may be said of her:

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep!
From which none ever wakes to weep.
A calm and undisturbed repose
Unbroken by the last of foes."

O. P. BENTLEY.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, The death angel visited the home of Bro. W. M. Mitchell on April 8, 1908, and called Sister Anna Mitchell up higher. She was the daughter of Bro. and Sister S. B. Smith. She was born Sept. 29, 1876, was converted and joined the Delta Baptist church at the age of 13 years. Was married to Bro. W. M. Mitchell December 31, 1896. She lived a consistent member. She was always ready to do and say what she could for the interests of her church and an affectionate mother, kind daughter and a loving companion. Her place can not be filled. She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is her gain.—Rev. M. A. Johnston.

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ter"—was sung with great enthusiasm and the long academic procession led by the trustees and the ladies of the Alumnae Association proceeded to the library building. President Patrick gave a brief account of the history of the successful movement for the library and in behalf of Mr. Carnegie presented the keys of the building to President B. F. Ellis, of the board of trustees, who asked Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Birmingham, to respond in behalf of the institution. A few appropriate words were spoken in appreciation of the beneficence of Mr. Carnegie and for the opportunity of larger education. Rev. Charles A. Stakely, D. D., of Montgomery, made the dedication prayer. The doors of the library were then thrown open and the great crowd pressed in to see the building and its equipments.

The Class Play.

Following the custom of many years the class of 1908 gave a play. The one selected for the present year was "The Alkestis of Euripides." This classic play drew a large audience, which completely filled the great auditorium, notwithstanding the fact that an admission fee of 50 cents was charged. For more than two hours the audience was held spell-bound by the beautiful and impressive presentation of this ancient classic. It was generally remarked by those who had attended Judson commencement for many years that it was the most impressive performance ever witnessed on a similar occasion at the Judson. The large sum realized from this evening was presented to the Judson to be used for the Library. It has been the custom of the graduating class for many years to make a gift to the Judson before leaving her walls.

The Commencement Proper.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock found a great throng which thoroughly filled the spacious auditorium awaiting the final exercise so fraught with interest to the thirty-seven young lady graduates and their parents and their friends. This was the crown of all the exercises of the week and of the work of years on the part of the members of the class. Almost everything at the Judson is done by precedent of years and to the impressive strains of the great pipe organ, at which the director of music, Mr. Powers, presided, the seniors marched in through the long aisles of the auditorium to the spacious platform, taking the places assigned them. The doxology was sung with great spirit, after which the Rev. Charles A. Stakely, D. D., offered a fervent prayer. In presenting the diplomas to the following young ladies, President Patrick called attention to the remarkable fact that Miss Camille Killgore represented the fourth generation of Judson girls; her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother all being Judson girls; Bachelor of Arts, Marjorie Eunice Bellamy, Harriet Eliza Bomar, Lillie Eugenia Howell, Mary Louis Patrick, Bachelor of Science, Ethel Hardy Cruse, Harriet Eliza Bomar, Winnifred Lee, Bachelor of Literature, Anna Vickers Anderson, Eliza Yates Bryan, Gene Ferrell Burke, Islay Cotton, Lisabel Crossland, Lillian Crumpton, Carrie Laphelia Den-

son, Sarah Eliza Doyle, Ellen Traube Dunn, Janie Mae Eppes, Verna Justice, Camille Melton Killgore, Clara Lee Lloyd, Annie Laurie Longshore, Mary Wynette Mathews, Emma Grove Mayo, Cora Inez McBride, Pearl Annie McBride, Mary Lois McPherson, Carrie Fannie Nichols, Lucia Louise Reynolds, Willa Pennington Reynolds, Lola Curry Robson, Flora McIver Stakely, Ruby Elizabeth Thomas. Pianoforte, Ola Kell, Nannie Moore, Ruby Hill Oden, Mae Smith. Voice, Mattie Sears Knight. Expression, Marion Black. To Miss Harriet Bomar, the talented daughter of Dr. Paul V. Bomar, belongs a distinction never before attained by a Judson girl, that of winning two degrees, the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Literature, the same year.

President Patrick then introduced the orator of the evening, Dr. Edwin M. Potéat, the distinguished president of Furman university. Dr. Potéat spoke on the "Final Test of the Value of Education" and thoroughly charmed and inspired the large audience. In conclusion of the address he spoke with great tenderness and power to the members of the class, urging them to show by unshaken faith in God and loving service for Christ the value of the splendid opportunities they had enjoyed in an educational way.

Thus closed one of the most successful sessions in the history of the institution.

SERVING WITHOUT HOPE OF REWARD.

(Read by Miss Marietta Register at B. Y. P. U., Newton Baptist church, May 10, 1908.)

Nature very beautifully portrays to us the blessedness of serving without the hope of reward. Here in the glowing spring and summer time all nature is serving. Giving largely in bud, and blossom and fragrance and glory.

Nature in refusing to serve becomes unnatural. The tree that refuses its fruit ceases to be a tree. It is out of the law of nature that any plant should keep its life to itself. So should it be out of the law of man to keep his life to himself.

No life will attain glorification unless it is built upon service, and this service must be free from scheme and subterfuge. Man is on the earth for a purpose; he is to be helpful to those about him. This calls for unselfishness, kindness and love. Jesus lived a helpful life to those about him. He did not seek his own interests, but the welfare of others. His kindness to all classes of people was beyond the comprehension of man's mind. His love for the poor and despised was transcendently beautiful. Christ seems to forget himself completely. He forgot to heed the so-called "first law of nature," self-preservation. It was this disposition that brought honor and admiration to Jesus. He helped others in preference to himself, and we almost always find Jesus helping those who are not able to reward him. Thus exemplifying the truths he taught us, "Give to every man that asketh thee, and of them that taketh away thy goods ask them not again." "For if ye

love them that love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them." "And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what have you? for sinners also do the same." And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again." "But love ye your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again and your reward shall be great and ye shall be the children of the highest, for he is kind to the unthankful and the evil."

There is only one real, worthy aim of humanity, the bringing in of the kingdom of God, and this aim can only be reached until, through service, a great deal of which must be lowly indeed, we bring men and women of every type to a saving knowledge of God.

Our religion must be a life, not a show. In our giving and praying and talking no thought should be taken as to their effect on the minds of the people. Our prayers are to God and he knows whether we really pray. Our self-denial must be toward God and not for the purpose of securing commendation of men.

Some of the most beautiful lives we have ever known are those of the servants of God who labor untiringly in his service year after year, receiving occasionally a dollar here and a dollar there, but holding on to the people until they have been made to see the truth aright in all respects.

Trusting at all times in God's promises, they love and labor for lost souls because Christ loved and died for them.

We are glad our subject does not say we shall not receive a reward. But we rejoice that Jesus says, "If ye do these things great is your reward in heaven."

Then let us fashion our lives after the Good Samaritan, remembering that—

"Love that loves again
Finds the barter naught but pain,
Love that giveth in full store
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The State of Alabama,
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Probate Court, May 11, 1908.

This day came George W. Bains and filed his application in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary B. Bains, deceased, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings as may be proper and requisite for the due probate and record of said instrument as such will; and it appearing from said petition that the following next of kin are non-residents of the state of Alabama, to-wit:

Amanda Wilhelm, age 13 years;
William B. Wilhelm, age 17 years;
Ella B. Wilhelm, age 20 years, and Jimmie E. Wilhelm, age 9 years, all of sound mind and being nieces and nephews of said decedent and living with their father, James E. Wilhelm, at Paducah, Ky.

And whereas, the 18th day of June, 1908, has been set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of said instrument as such will.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing same be given said non-residents by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this county.

S. E. GREEN,
Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama,
Jefferson County.
Monroe Smitherman, deceased.
Estate of.

Letters of administration, with the will annexed, upon the state of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of May, 1908, by the Honorable S. E. Greene, judge of the probate court of Jefferson county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

AMELIA AYERS,
Administratrix.

Z. T. RUDOLPH, Attorney.
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