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Rev. L. B. Warren, of Owensboro, will supply at the First Baptist church, Savannah, Ga., during August.

Rev. George T. Webb, the efficient general secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A., and Mrs. Webb are to spend the next two months in England.

We regret to know that Rev. D. I. Purser, Jr., goes to Natchez, Miss., as assistant pastor. We had hoped that this worthy son of a worthy sire would find a pastorate in Alabama.

Rev. John E. White, pastor of the Second church, Atlanta, Ga., is to supply the Euclid Avenue church, Cleveland, Ohio, through August and a part of July, during the absence of Dr. Eaton.

The writer assisted Ebenezer church in a four days' meeting in which there was much interest manifested and some genuine good accomplished. There were twenty-one additions to the church, thirteen by experience for baptism.—C. N. James, Columbia, Ala.

The Selma Association will meet with Sister Springs church, near Tyler Station, in Dallas county, on the Western of Alabama railroad, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1908. There will be conveyances at Tyler Station for any that may come from either way, Selma or Montgomery, on said railway, and we invite all that can to come and be with us.—Lewis Johnson, moderator.

One of the best institutions in the country for the education of young ladies is the Virginia Institute, located at Bristol, Va., in the heart of the mountain region so celebrated for both winter and summer resorts. A large, imposing structure on a commanding site overlooking the city which lies partly in Virginia and partly in Tennessee, insures health, comfort and beauty of prospect. Such an institution, with its strong teaching faculty and its fine conservatory of music, naturally attracts young ladies from every section of the country.

Brother W. R. Seymour, of East Lake, came to us on July 11 and began the meeting, which was interesting from the first sermon. Brother Seymore is a man of sterling qualities and is an enemy to Satan and his works, preaching the pure gospel with such power as to cause hardened sinners to weep. We had fifteen additions to the church, eleven for baptism and four by letter. The church is in better condition spiritually than at any meeting ever had here. We gave Brother Seymore \$19.30 for what time he was with us, far more than we expected. May God bless the good paper and you.—Rev. H. A. Mullen, pastor, Parrish, Ala.



PROF. S. C. MITCHELL

The prominent Baptist layman of Richmond College, who has accepted the presidency of the University of South Carolina.

"No nation was ever overthrown by its farmers. Chaldea and Egypt—Greece and Rome, grew rotten and ripe for destruction, not in the fields, but in the narrow lanes and crowded city streets, and in the palaces of their nobility."

Mrs. John W. Kern, the wife of the democratic candidate for vice president, does not believe in the army canteen nor in the use of wines and liquors anywhere. She says that whatever happens there will be no wine on her table nor cocktails on her sideboard.

Please find inclosed check for \$2 for the Alabama Baptist. I notice my paid up time will soon be out. I can't afford to miss a single copy. Every issue gets better. I can't see how Baptists can afford to be without it. I get a dozen papers, but above all give me the Baptist; it is the staff of life. There are two pieces in last issue well worth the price paid for the paper. My Farewell Words, by Major Harris; The Gospel in the Open Air, by Gypsy Smith. I heartily agree with Ray, Cook and McCord on union meetings. We have nothing to gain, but all to lose. See Baptist Turned Down in last issue will sustain our position. Let the brethren speak out. If people don't like me as a Baptist preacher I care but little. Fraternally, A. C. Shell.

My Dear Dr. Montague—I heartily congratulate you and Howard college on securing the service and influence of George W. Macon, whom I personally love and admire. His influence on the student body will be of inestimable value and his classroom work of a high order. I have watched the progress of Howard under your leadership with great interest. May your success continue.

You will remember that the "better half" of me belongs to Alabama, so I have a deep interest in her institutions and noble leaders. With very best wishes, yours heartily, A. J. Moncrief.

We have just closed a great meeting at Luverne in which Evangelist W. J. Ray did the preaching, assisted by Brother Carson, who gave him fine support. Brother Ray is the right kind of help for a pastor. He does solid work and leaves the church and pastor stronger and closer together. He takes well with the people and holds them spellbound when preaching, and everybody attended his services here. We had a nice number of additions to the church and hope to be strong enough to get rid of some that ought to be out. I can heartily recommend Ray to any other pastor and church that needs substantial help, and hope to see these lines in the Alabama Baptist.—A. J. Rogers.

Dr. H. A. Bagby has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Greenwood, to accept the call of the First Baptist church, Liberty, Mo.

Rev. Len G. Broughton, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., is to supply the pulpit of Westminster Chapel, London, during September and October in the absence of the pastor, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan.

We have just closed a good revival at Wetumpka with sixty additions and pastor's salary raised from \$650 to \$1500 and called for full time. Bro. J. A. Jenkins is one of God's very best.—W. J. Ray.

Sydney Smith recommends us to make at least one person happy every day. "Take ten years and you will make thirty-six hundred and fifty persons happy; or brighten a small town by your contribution to the fund of general joy." One who is cheerful is pre-eminently useful.

Rev. B. W. Spilman failed to attend the Baptist assembly last week on account of the bereavement that came upon him and Mrs. Spilman in the death of their infant daughter the previous Saturday. The friends of Brother Spilman very much regret his absence and especially after hearing of the cause of it.—Baptist Courier.

On the 18th of June Bro. S. F. McSellan departed this life. He had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for nineteen years. Was baptized by Rev. R. J. A. Cumbee, at Goodwater and removed from there to Anniston and connected himself with Glen Addie Baptist church, where he continued his work for the Master until his death. He was reared in Tallapoosa county, where he had lots of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He leaves a devoted wife and eight children, two having preceded him. The family extends their thanks to all who so kindly assisted in nursing him and also for the flowers offered.

Dr. J. H. Foster, of Anniston, was with us from the 5th to the 15th, conducting a revival meeting at the Lafayette Baptist church. His preaching and work were true to him, substantial. Great interest was manifested from the beginning. The merchants closed their stores, the farmers left their plows and the women hurried with their house work to come to the services, and the congregations continued growing till the meeting ended. A good number of men and women and some children were added to the church. The gathering of the fruit continues, and the evidences that the church was revived are lasting. We all love Dr. Foster and are in closer fellowship one with another. Some indeed have closer fellowship with his son.—Eldred M. Stewart, pastor, Lafayette, Ala.



# CHURCH DISCIPLINE

By Jos. Shackelford, D.D.

Editor of Alabama Baptist.

I wish to say a few things upon the subject of church discipline to the pastors and members of our Baptist churches in Alabama, a subject which, I think, merits more of the attention of our people than it receives. And in discussing this subject I shall also offer some criticism upon the manner in which our churches receive members. After an experience of more than fifty years as pastor and preacher, I am convinced that one of the great obstacles in the way of progress in many of our churches, and the cause of the loss of spiritual influence which every church of Christ ought to exert upon the community in which it is located, is due to a failure on the part of the churches to exercise that discipline which tends to preserve the purity of the membership of the churches, and a proper care and judgment in the reception of members. Baptists contend for what we term a converted church membership, that only regenerated people ought to be members of our churches. I think our contention is sustained by the teachings of the New Testament.

Notwithstanding our contention for a converted church membership, it is very evident that we have in our churches, in town, city and country, very many persons whose lives give no evidence of their being regenerated. Some of them are leaders in the ballroom, constant patrons of the theater, attendants upon the horse races, the gaming table and worldly amusements generally, patrons (and advocates) of the saloon. They spend much more money on their worldly affairs of pleasure and gain than they do in helping to sustain the cause of Christ. They are only occasional attendants upon worship in the churches to which they belong. They are rarely ever at the prayer meeting. Some are habitual drunkards, some are profane swearers; in fact, you can find in some of our churches persons guilty of almost every crime mentioned in the 5th chapter of I Corinthians, by Paul, who said with such not to keep company. This is a heinous charge, but is it not true? Do we not find in some of our churches many who are worldly minded, lovers of pleasure and of money, with no real love for the church of which they are members, and for the cause which it represents? In some of our churches we find that the church is looked upon as a kind of social organization, where the members can enjoy themselves in a social way, and the grand object for which the church was instituted is to a great extent lost sight of by many of its members.

Now I wish to be clearly understood by my readers when I thus speak of the character of many of our church members. I thank God that we have in nearly all of our churches a large number of God-fearing men and women, who are striving to do their duty as Christians, and we have many more who are regenerated people, but who have permitted the cares of this world or their desire for riches and worldly pleasure or some other thing to absorb their attention and make them careless as to the performance of their Christian duties. These true believers, however, can bring about a reform in the exercise of church discipline by the churches to which they belong, if they will. Why is it that our churches, many of them at least, permit such persons as those mentioned above, who by their lives, deny their profession, to remain members? Why not withdraw fellowship from them or insist upon their living more consistent lives? Every thinking person will admit that such members are of no benefit to the churches, but rather an injury. The sooner the churches are relieved of such members the better it will be for the churches, and much better for those who are cut off, for as long as they are retained as members they may entertain the hope that their church membership will be the means of saving them, however unworthy and sinful their lives may be. Cutting them off from church privileges may cause them to think more seriously of their true condition, and if they really

desire salvation they may make an effort to secure it by true repentance and faith. Let us consider the character of the church of Jesus Christ as presented to us in the scriptures, and which we as Baptists accept as true. The scriptures teach us that the Christian church is a divine institution. It was instituted by Christ himself, who was the Son of God. He is its head and its lawgiver. He has given it its laws by which it is to be governed. No man or set of men have a right to dictate to it or make laws for its government. Its members must be believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, hence they must be regenerated persons. This is necessary in order to accomplish the object for which the church was instituted. The work of the church is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. To do this successfully it must preserve its character as a holy institution. Hence its membership must have the characteristics of its head. They must be godly people, walking in the path of righteousness blameless, "having put away all wickedness, and all guile and hypocrisy, and envies and all evil speakings, as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby, if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."—I Peter 2:23.

The church is called the Temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in it.—I Cor. 3:16. "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Therefore it is our duty to keep the church pure and undefiled, that it may always be a suitable place for God to dwell in, and the Holy Spirit to do his office work.

The titles given to the members of those churches organized by the apostles indicate their character. They are called saints, the called, the elect, faithful brethren, new creatures in Christ Jesus. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth," "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven." They could give out no light unless they were regenerated. They could not exercise a saving influence over their fellow men, unless they had the grace of God in their own hearts, which would cause them to live godly and righteous lives. Paul in 2d Cor. 6:14-18, thus speaks to the church at Corinth: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belsai? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel. And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; therefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you and I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." While the above language was intended to teach the Christian not to connect himself in business or in the marriage relation or become associated with the idolatrous unbeliever, yet it teaches that the member of the church was considered as a righteous person. Paul in his epistle to the Ephesians, 5th chapter, 23-27, illustrates the relation existing between Christ and His church by that between the husband and the wife. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and he is the Savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The mission of the church of Jesus Christ is to hold up Christ as the Savior of sinners before the world. To do this its members must be regenerated

people so that they may be able to exemplify the doctrines which Christ preached, as to practical religion. An unregenerated person can not show the power of the Christian religion in his life. Christians should bear in mind that the church of Christ is a glorious institution; that it is a divine institution, superior to all human institutions, however meritorious they may be. It is a holy institution because God dwells in it. It is God's instrumentality by which the glorious gospel is to be spread abroad in the world. To it belongs the sacred duty of preserving the purity of the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ and also the purity of its membership with these two essential things, the power of the church will be invincible because Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, will be with His people. Christians should take pride in being considered worthy to be received as members of such an institution, and should feel that there is a sacred responsibility laid upon them to do what they can to preserve its character as a holy institution. With the teachings of the New Testament so plain and emphatic as to the character of those who are to be received as members of the church, why is it that we have so many unregenerated persons in our churches? I answer one reason is because of a want of care on the part of the churches in the reception of members and because as fallible beings we are not always able to read the hearts of those who apply for membership. Even in the days of the apostles the churches received members who proved to be unworthy. When Deacon Philip held a meeting at Samaria and a large number of men and women were baptized and received into the church, among the members received was a certain man named Simon, a sorcerer who had bewitched the people of Samaria. When Peter and John came down to Samaria and laid their hands upon the converts thus imparting to them the gift of the Holy Ghost, Simon seeing this offered them money to give him that power. But Peter rebuked him and said: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. . . . For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

We learn from Cor. 5, that there were unconverted people in the church at Corinth. With all the care that we can use we will sometimes make mistakes in the reception of members and get in unconverted people. Nevertheless it is our duty to do the best we are able to do to preserve the character and influence of our churches. We are to use our best judgment and seek for divine guidance in the reception of members as in other matters connected with our church work. We learn from the New Testament that those who were received as members of the early churches were those who repented and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They exercised saving faith and they were born again, because they were called new creatures in Christ Jesus. How a church may be satisfied upon these points is to be determined by the members themselves when assembled in church capacity. They may interrogate the candidates as to their Christian experience. They may ask each one to give his or her experience. They may inquire of them as to their repentance, faith and change of heart and the reason for their hope of salvation. The church should deal honestly and candidly with every one who may apply for church membership. This is due both to itself and to the applicant. If a mistake is made in receiving him both are injured. The church is getting an unregenerated person in the church that adds nothing to its power and influence and the applicant, who by his acceptance considers that the church has said that he is a Christian, and it ought to know, and he does not bother himself any more about his condition. He remains in the church an unconverted church member, satisfied that he is all right.



It is certainly the duty of pastors and people to use proper care in the reception of members. They should not let their zeal and anxious desires for the increase of the membership of their churches influence them to such an extent as to overcome their judgment. They should use their best efforts to preserve the purity of membership of the churches, while at the same time they are to be just in the treatment of those who apply for membership. They should instruct them as to what constitutes a true Christian, especially as to the doctrine of the new birth. As I have said, we are liable to make mistakes in this most important part of the work of the church. The wisest and best of Christians are liable to be imposed upon or deceived. Hence unregenerated persons get into our church. Some of them honestly deceived as to their true condition; others designedly deceiving. Every true Christian desires to see sinners saved, and when a sinner comes before the church and asks for membership it rejoices their hearts and they gladly receive him, sometimes without making that close examination that ought to be made. A few questions are asked, which he has been taught how to answer, and then the pastor suggests to some member to make a motion to receive the candidate for baptism, or a member does this without any suggestion, and he or she is received. The question may be, Do you love God? Do you accept Christ as your Savior? You feel that your sins have been forgiven? and perhaps a few more, or the pastor may say, Brethren, I have talked with this brother or sister, as the case may be, and am satisfied as to his or her conversion. Some brother moves that he be received and it is carried. The church accepts the candidate through the report of the pastor. This mode of receiving members has become very common, especially in times of great revivals of religion held by some of our professional revivalists, when whole communities have been stirred upon the subject of religion and scores, yea, hundreds of people, are received into the churches upon a mere statement that they received Jesus Christ as their Savior, and want to live a better life, and say they believe that God has pardoned their sins. Many of them are honest, no doubt, in what they say, yet are deceived. They have never been born again. If they were asked to give an experience of grace as to a change of heart, they would not be able to do so. Under the influences that have surrounded them they have been led to believe that they ought to join the church. Especially is this the case with children and many young persons. Sympathetic in their feelings they are induced by friends and associates who are members of the church to present themselves for membership and are told that they have been converted.

A little experience of my own confirms me in the belief that many children have been deluded and influenced to profess conversion, when they really know nothing about it, by the wrong instruction which they sometimes receive at these revival meetings from well meaning people, who do not really intend to deceive, but are deceived themselves. When I was about twelve years old, I attended a camp meeting. I went up for prayer along with a great many others. There was considerable excitement, especially among the children and young people. I had been going up regularly for several days, but I did not experience any change in my feelings. Finally a good woman, who doubtless thought she was doing her duty came to me and asked me if I did not love God and the Lord Jesus Christ. I did not hate them. I had always been taught in the Sabbath school, to revere their names, and I saw no reason why I should not love and honor them, so I answered her that I did. She then told me to arise and praise God that I had religion. Believing that she ought to know, as she was a prominent and working member of the church, I arose and went to a seat near the altar, and was considered as one of the converts of that meeting. Soon after this I returned home, but said nothing to my mother, who was a Christian, about being a convert. In fact, I had no conception of any change having taken place in my feelings. Af-

ter the excitement wrought up during my attendance upon the meeting had passed away I dropped back into the same state of carelessness and indifference as to religious matters, which I had before the meeting. As I grew older this incident in my life had a very serious and injurious influence over me. It caused me to entertain doubts as to the reality of what was called the new birth. I came to the conclusion that the thing called getting religion was a delusion, and for a number of years after that I had no serious religious impressions. Had I joined the church then I would have been a member but not a Christian. Oh! how many people, children and young people especially, have been brought into our churches under similar circumstances by being deluded by wrong instructions given them at a time when they used all the light that can possibly be given them or by the pastors and the more intelligent members of the churches investigating closely in the case of every applicant for church membership, and how important it is for them to be honest and candid in rejecting those who can not give perfect satisfaction as to their conversion! I know that it is contended by some that we have scripture authority for asking certain questions, and if these are answered correctly we have no right to demand anything more. That the apostles and early churches received all who professed repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and we are referred to the case of the eunuch and also to what Paul says in Romans 10:99, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." We believe all this, yet this does not take from the church the right to examine them in order to satisfy itself that the applicants for church membership have really done what they have professed to have done. Now let us examine the cases as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, where members were received into the church.

On the day of Pentecost when Peter preached to the people, we are told that "when they (the people) heard this (that is, what Peter preached) they were pricked in their hearts (that is, pierced or deeply convicted), and said unto Peter and to the rest of the disciples, men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." With many other words did he testify and exhort, saying save yourselves from this untoward generation. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Now this was a remarkable meeting, a Holy Ghost meeting, for He was there in His power, His presence was manifested in a remarkable manner, and when one of that audience was converted there was such evidence given that the apostles could not be deceived. There was no good reason for any hesitancy in receiving such an one and baptizing him. The power of the Holy Spirit was evident. This was the beginning of the work of the church under the supervision of the apostles in proclaiming the gospel. In the case of the preaching of Philip to the Samaritans we are told the Samaritans believed Philip proclaiming the glad tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, and were baptized both men and women. This preaching was attended with many signs and wonders and miracles. Philip was able to recognize that the power of God was there and doubtless had no hesitancy in receiving into the church all who professed belief. And yet as we have seen one was received who was not a true convert. This same Philip was told by an angel of the Lord to go toward the south on the way that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza. He obeyed and he meets up with the Ethiopian Eunuch traveling from Jerusalem to his own country. He was told by the spirit, "Go near and join yourself to this chariot." He did so and preached unto the men in it, Jews. When they came to a certain water the Eunuch said, "See here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Philip replied, "If you believe with all your heart

you may." The Eunuch said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." Philip upon this confession baptized him. The fact that he had been directed to go to this desert place and to join himself to this traveler was enough to convince Philip of the sincerity of this Eunuch in accepting Christ and his conversion. In all the remaining cases of conversion and baptism of the converts mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, Saul of Tarsus, Cornelius and his household, Lydia, the Philippian jailor and his household, there were such convincing proofs of their conversion by the presence of the Holy Spirit that the apostles and other ministers could have no doubt of the genuineness of their conversion, but we learn from the writings of the apostles that even in their day there were some received into the churches who were unworthy and fomentors of discord in the churches, and some in time of persecution apostertized. John in the 2d chapter of his first epistle alluding to those who had left the churches thus speaks of them: "They went out from us because they were not of us, for if they had been of us they would have continued with us, but they went out that they might be made manifest, that they are not all of us." No special directions are given us in the New Testament as to what special questions we shall ask those who seek membership in our churches, but we have given to us by the Savior and His apostles general and special instructions as to the character of those who are saved, and only such are to be members of the church. They must be those who have repented and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and have been regenerated. The church is to exercise its best judgment in determining whether those who seek membership have these scriptural qualifications and in that way that it may think best to arrive at a correct conclusion.

JOS. SHACKELFORD.

Tuskegee, Ala., March 17, 1908.

#### WONDERED WHY

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

On fifth Sunday in August Brother Ray from North Highlands will be with us and we are praying and hoping for and expecting a glorious revival.—Your brother, J. S. DeLache, Oneonta.

I appreciate most cordially your sympathetic cooperation in our work. The seminary must have greatly increased equipment in order to do its work properly. Yours most cordially, E. Y. Mullins.



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### PRESIDENT TYSON'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Alabama State Baptist Convention:

Although a formal report is not specifically required to be made by me to our Alabama Baptist Historical Society or to you, I nevertheless feel that the objects of our organization are so important of accomplishment that a brief outline of what we have so far accomplished ought to be communicated to you for inspiration and encouragement, as well as to advise you of what our newly organized society proposes to do by way of preserving and making accessible the materials for the history of the Baptist denomination within the limits of this state.

#### General Statement.

As is doubtless known to you the board of directors of the convention held a meeting on the evening of December 20th, 1907, in the rooms of the state board of missions in Montgomery and after full and mature consideration adopted a resolution authorizing the organization of a society for the purpose of collecting, preserving, perpetuating and publishing the materials for a history of our denomination within the limits of this state. Immediately following the adjournment of the board of directors those present formally organized themselves into the Alabama Baptist Historical Society. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and a committee on permanent organization was appointed, with power to act. On February 26th, 1908, this committee held a meeting in the rooms of the board of missions and adopted a constitution and selected officers for the society to serve until the meeting of this convention.

I do not deem it necessary further to refer to the matter of the organization of the society other than to state the objects for the accomplishment of which it came into existence, viz.:

"The purpose of the society shall be the study, collection and preservation of Baptist history in the state and the publication of the results of such work."

#### The Baptists of Alabama as Writers of History.

We should feel some pride in the fact, as it is a matter of congratulation, that from the earliest period of our state's history the members of the Baptist church have been interested in the preservation of historical records and material. Dr. Thomas M. Owen, director of the Alabama State Department of Archives and History (to whom we should extend our thanks and appreciation for his valuable assistance, past and promised, in the accomplishment of the objects of this society) in his "Biography of Alabama" (p. 983), states that Rev. Hosea Holcombe's "History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Alabama," issued in 1840, was the "first distinctively historical work published in the state." Indeed, it should be the more a matter of congratulation to us that this book, the first historical work published in the state, should have been devoted to our history.

Another fact that should not be forgotten is that the Alabama Historical Society, which was organized at Tuscaloosa July 8th, 1850, was the result of the active and disinterested efforts of Dr. Basil Manly, then president of the State University, and one of the most eminent Baptist leaders.

The Baptist newspaper press in the state has a long and splendid history. The support of the press by the members of our denomination serves to indicate the loyalty of our people to matters of education and culture. As indicating the appreciation of our history on the part of the editors, the columns of those valuable old files contain numerous sketches of individual churches, associations and distinguished Baptist laymen and preachers. In the files of The Southwestern Baptist for November 27, 1862, may be found a very interesting communication, signed Kiffin, in which the writer urges upon the Baptists of this state the importance of the preservation of materials for our history. Among other things it is said: "After the convention adjourned at Selma, a few brethren, standing in a group, were listening to the recital of what another brother had been able to accomplish in the collection of rare and curious pamphlets, newspapers and books. It was immediately

suggested that they should be deposited for preservation and reference in a historical society and the kindred thought was seized upon and acquiesced in that a Baptist Historical Society should be organized for Alabama, to hold its sessions in connection with our convention. As you are the watchman on the Baptist towers, what say you to it?"

Baptists are making, have made, in this civil strife, a history, and some organization should be provided and maintained to preserve the records, memorials and evidences of what we are doing. Many of these will perish unless there be a depository for their safe keeping. A newspaper or pamphlet may be invaluable to some future historian of the Baptists of Alabama. A minute of an association reflects the feelings and interprets the opinion of the body. Of its value hereafter who can form an adequate idea? A forged prayer book, now forgotten or read only by antiquarians, restored a Stuart to the throne, from which a Stuart had been driven by the popular street song, Lill Bullero. Who reads or knows the authors of the Rollad or the Probationary Odes, and where are copies to be found, and yet Waxall says, they passed through twenty-two editions in twenty-seven years."

#### Another Baptist Historical Society.

It will be noted that Kiffin wrote the foregoing in 1862, at a period when the country was in the throes of a great struggle. As might have been expected, nothing was done by way of response to his appeal. So far as I am informed, apart from the preservation of current materials in the columns of the Christian Index and the Alabama Baptist and the preparation of two or three very valuable associational histories, nothing was done in the matter of organizing for historical work on the part of our people until during the session of the Baptist congress at East Lake in 1893. On March 29th of that year an organization was effected by the name "The Alabama State Historical Society." The old records of that organization, covering the period from organization until its last meeting in July, 1895, have been made accessible for examination by me, through the courtesy of Dr. Thomas M. Owen. That this organization, although short-lived, was not in vain, is evidenced by the following extract, which I find on page ten of Dr. B. F. Riley's History of the Baptists of Alabama. He says: "The work was not undertaken without the sanction of a representative body of the denomination. For many years the advisability of the preparation of a history of our people has been discussed. Spasmodic efforts at different times have been made. Committees to gather material have been appointed, but not until the session of the Baptist congress at East Lake, in 1893, was a plan consummated for pushing the enterprise to completion. A society was formed and the writer was chosen to prepare the history. He was not altogether unprepared to begin the work, as he had been accumulating material for a number of years to be placed at the disposal of the future Baptist historian of the state."

#### The Future.

Although I have only briefly dwelt upon the work of our people in history preservation, enough has been shown to impress us with the importance of beginning the new century of our existence in this state with a renewal of pledges in behalf of greater activity than has been shown in the past, even though that activity has been most commendable.

I do not deem it necessary to urge upon you at any great length the importance of the work proposed by this society. To do so would be to, in a measure, rehearse all that we have been taught with respect to the power of example, the value of precedent and experience. A knowledge of the past and its lessons affords the surest and safest approach to and solution of the problems of the future. As we contemplate the labors of the fathers, their sacrifices, heroism and courage, in the religious, business and political world, and in war, and especially in their struggle for the establishment and perpetuation of the principle of "religious equality," we can but

arise from the contemplation with a renewal of our strength and an increase of our courage. A knowledge of the past and its lessons, if availed of, affords us the means for reaching higher ground as we go forward in the battles of life. Again, we undoubtedly owe a debt to those who have builded in the century that has gone; and that debt is that their labors and sacrifices and heroism shall not altogether perish from the earth.

If this convention and the Baptists of the state of Alabama will give their loyal and unfailing support to our society, as one of its officers and members, I pledge myself (and I think I can likewise pledge my associates) that we will do more than our duty to accomplish the objects for which we are banded together. With the passing years we will assemble an increasingly valuable collection of materials, which will illustrate not only the work of our denomination, but the history of Alabama as well.

In conclusion, let me in this public way make an appeal to our brethren for support. Let us signalize our centennial year by the perfection and strengthening of the society so that it may not experience the fate of its predecessor, but that it may grow stronger and stronger each year, growing with the growth of this convention and strengthening by its strength and support. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. TYSON, President.

#### IS PROHIBITION A FAD?

The liquor men and their friends would be glad to believe it so. Of one thing you may be certain—this revolution will never go backward; it never has.

This doesn't mean that now and then in some localities it will not have a backset. It is all the better for suffering a defeat occasionally. In 1851 the Maine liquor law was enacted. Two years later it was repealed. The liquor men celebrated the event as the passing of the prohibition fad. But two years later it was re-enacted to remain on the statute books to this good hour. What is better, in nine-tenths of the state the law is enforced.

When the returns of the Georgia election came in one of the Mobile papers said the prohibition fad was passing away. But the convention when it met renewed the pledge for prohibition and pledged the party to make it stronger, and it turns out that Mr. Brown, the governor-elect, is a life-time prohibitionist, and says the law shall be enforced.

Another prohibition fad was folded in its little coffin and put away in Tennessee, according to the liquor organs; but nobody would be surprised if the legislature passes a state-wide prohibition law and Governor Patterson says he will sign such a bill if it passes.

No, brother, this is no fad.

We are not making much fuss now, but keep your ear to the ground when an election is on and you will hear the "tramp of the boys a-marchin'."

The people of this country have been asleep, lulled to slumber by the tinkle of coin that fell into the treasury from the legalized liquor business. First the government, then the states, then the municipalities yielded to the invitation, "Will you walk into my parlor?" And the liquor spider had the whole business by the throat until the rude awakening a few years ago. It was purely a war measure at the start. "Honest old Abe" hesitated; he didn't want to do it. That long-headed old president saw the trouble ahead and spoke of it. But the politicians figured on it and saw millions in it to help the government crush the rebellion. The liquor people saw millions in it for them, too. "Revenue" is the only argument. But our statesmen who are not prohibitionists in principle, but who are patriots, see that making revenue from legalizing vice breeding, criminal making, God defying and law defying business is not good sense.

"The long-haired fanatics" kept the fires burning for a long while; but it has swept beyond them now and the strongest men of the nation are taking it up.

Mark this prediction: In 1912, without anybody asking them to do so, the two great parties will put prohibition planks in their platforms. There is where we are heading now. W. B. CRUMPTON.



Our Little May.

In this past month of June, Little May, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Finklea, Buena Vista, Ala., passed from earth to heaven.

A beautiful, bright little darling, her short illness of three days took her away from the happy home-nest without any warning.

"My Lord has need for these flowers gay."

The Reaper said and smiled.  
Dear tokens of the earth are they  
Where he was once a child.

They shall all bloom in fields of light  
Transplanted by my care,  
And saints upon these garments white  
These sacred blossoms wear.

And the mother gave in love and pain  
The flowers she most did love,  
She knew she would find them all  
again  
In the fields of light above.

God's great and tender compassion  
will soften the hurt of the loving parents. He knows how to bind up even such broken hearts and we know these parents love and trust Him.

There is a precious baby, Jessie Lyde, left to be a joy and consolation in the home.

These dear parents, their hearts heavy with sorrow, go about and cheerfully render loving service.

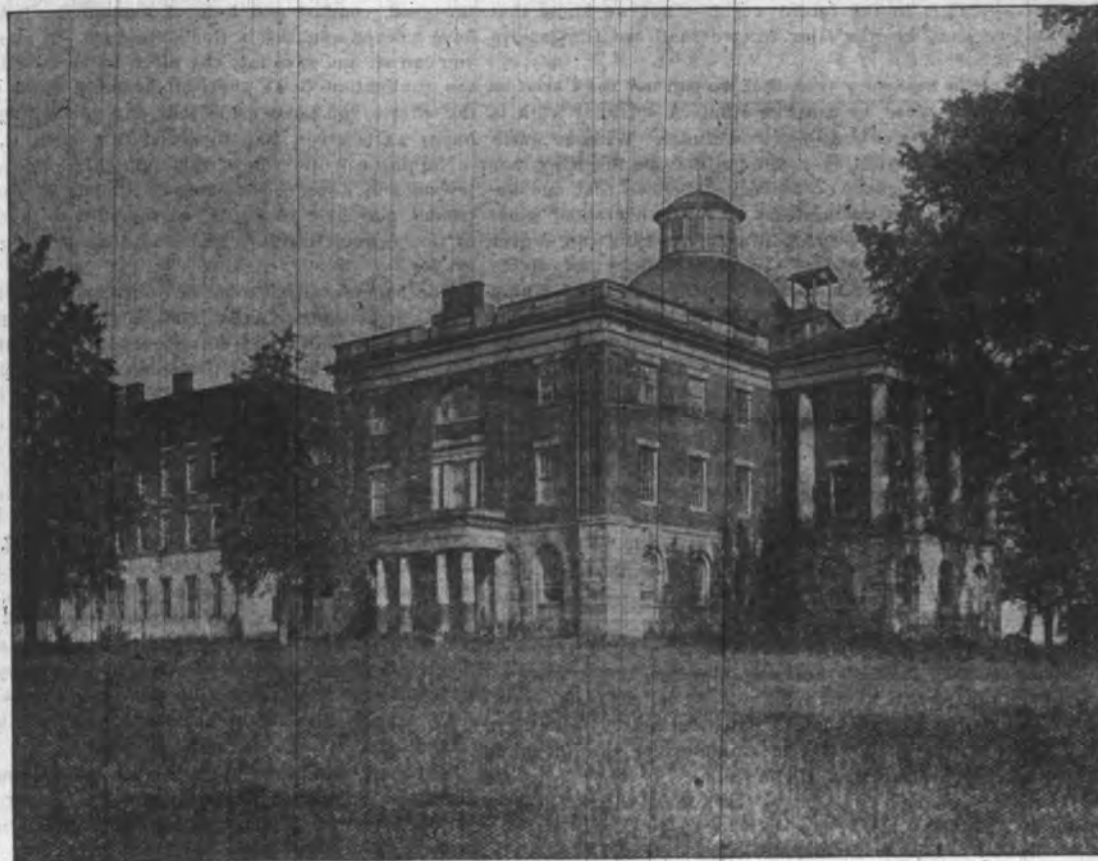
Surely this is a beautiful way to serve the Lord! It will draw the unbelieving unto Him, when they see us love Him while the way is bright, and joyous and then cling to Him and draw upon his boundless store of mercy when great griefs come.

This is a word from her auntie who loves and misses the precious little one.

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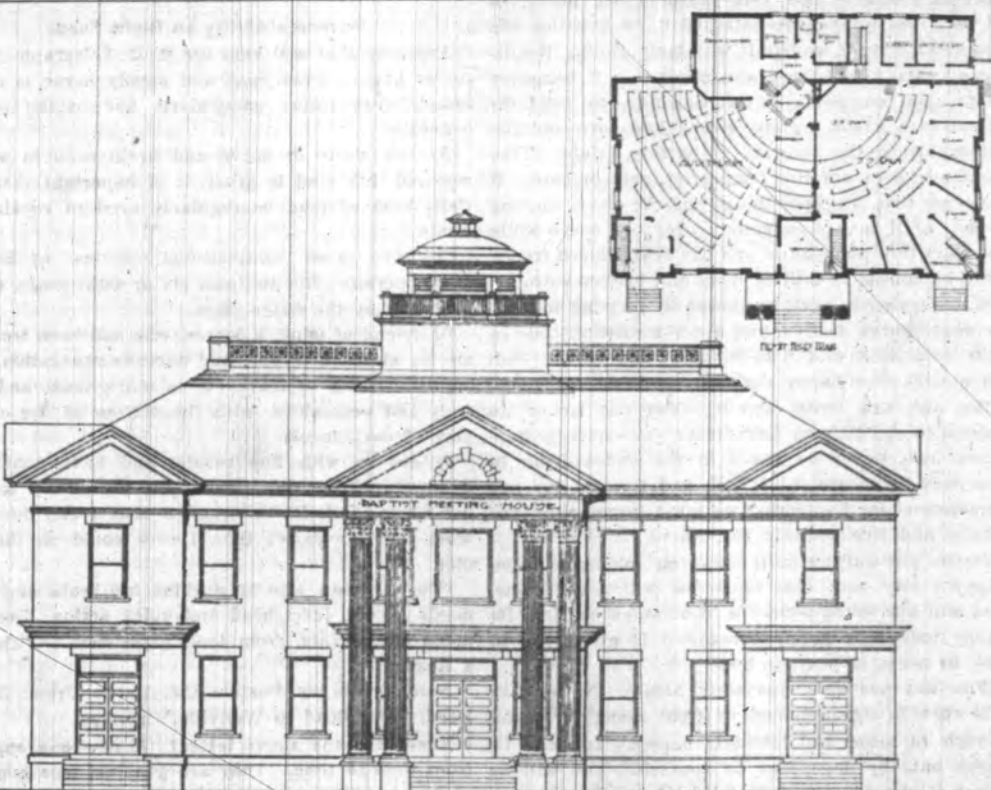
Work on our church goes on well; basement is in and superstructure has begun. It is to be a brick veneer, and a light gray Washington city press brick will be used. This, with Indiana sawed stone trimmings, and a pearl gray asbestos slate roof, will give a uniform gray effect. With the plain Grecian form of architecture, the house will have a simple but pleasant appearance. With basement, it will be complete from the utility viewpoint. In basement will be primary department and social rooms. On first floor will be auditorium, Sunday school rooms, vestibules, study, library and robing rooms. In the gallery of Sunday school room will be class rooms, and the gallery of auditorium will be seated with pews. The house is 94x68 feet, and when auditorium, Sunday school room and galleries are thrown into one it will seat one thousand persons within fifty feet of the speaker. The main auditorium and Sunday school room are both on front and are equally prominent.



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### WHY THESE THINGS?

Is it wrong to ask why so many things we do not understand? If not wrong to ask, then it would not be wrong to answer. The whole world and all there is therein contained is one interrogation point.

Warnings from Almighty God are constantly being given to the wicked. They come in the still hush of the night, when the pestilence walketh abroad; they come at noonday, when the sun's rays fall like javelins of fire; they come in the roseate blush of morning, and are heard in the thunder crash and seen in the lightning's red glare, and are felt in the cyclone's chill grasp. But why are the good to suffer with the wicked? It is not a wonder to me that God punishes the wicked, even here. It is only a wonder that his punishments are not more frequent and more severe. But why the good should have to suffer along with the wicked is one of the inexplicable mysteries of an all-wise Providence. That it is right we must admit. But why we do not know, it must be right and must be best, else God, who controls the universe, and whose wisdom is infinite and whose righteousness is unquestionable would not allow it.

He enacts and executes the laws that control and govern all creation, from the most minute atom to the largest sun that flames out in vast and illimitable space. Not a sparrow falls to the earth without His knowledge, and not a planet sweeps with inviolable exactness around suns and stars without His knowledge; then not a cyclone drives its car of destruction over populous cities, leaving in its path death and devastation without the knowledge of the Almighty. Now if He has the knowledge of these things, and as well the power to prevent that which seems so incompatible with the will of the good and merciful God, why do they, not happen, but come to pass according to His purpose? Human philosophy falls in an attempt at its solution, and so do all the religions of all the earth, both ancient and modern. But the inspired apostles may tell us, "And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to His purpose." Then we notice that this working together of all things—and all things must be allowed to work—is "for good," and not for evil. And it is for the good "of those who love God." No man can be good and not love God. And no man can love God and not be good. And all men who love God love His will, His work and His ways. We notice again that all who love God, all the "called according to His purpose." We accredited a purpose even to the finite. Then surely we must to the Infinite. But what the purposes of God are no man knows, for when the finite knows the purposes of the Infinite then it is no more finite, but rather Infinite.

When man knows all things, then he is at least in knowledge equal to God, and that far is God; for God alone knows all things. But while man comes short of knowing all things, he can know that "all things work together for the Christian's good." However, it is only the inspired that knows this, and that by special revelation.

He does not absolutely know it; but believes it. And faith results in a satisfactory peace equal to that of actual knowledge, where it is based on a correct premises.

Spiritual knowledge is the result of revelation, and faith is the result of credence given to knowledge. Both are gifts of the Eternal Spirit and come down from the Father of Lights, and if not in kind, they are equal in the benefits resulting from the death of the Christ.

So it matters little whether with the inspired "we know," or with the uninspired "we believe that all things shall work together for good to those who love God." After all, what is the end sought?—the glorifying of God and the salvation of our souls. What, then, are these light afflictions to the saved? "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard; neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

"Now we are the sons of God"—not to be, but already—"and it doth not yet appear what we shall be"—that is in the future world. "But we know that we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

It is true, very true, that we can not see Christ as He is unless we are like Him. A spiritual truth is discernable only by spiritual things. Without spiritual or new-born eyes one can not see the King, nor yet the kingdom of heaven. I believe that one nature can not comprehend or fully understand a nature unlike its own. The cold, pale lily can never see and feel as does the rose until by the divine touch its nature is changed into that of the blushing rose. In the kingdom of sentient beings this is true. The swine wallowing in the mire can never appreciate the sheep's aversion to a mud bath till it becomes like the sheep, and then shall he see him as he is. Certainly this is true of the distant relation that man sustains to God. So remote and so distant is he from the Divine that he can not see Him till by the Divine power of the Holy Spirit there is a change of nature and the relation is made nearer.

Then in order to see Christ as He is we must "be like him," and that we may become like Him. "By faith we must partake of His divine nature." And that nature is partaken of when men are born again, here and now; but not developed in full till we are received into His heavenly kingdom and partake of the glory that shall follow. Then shall we know even as we are known. Till then much of life is a mystery, God's ways inscrutable and His thoughts and purposes past finding out.

R. M. HUNTER.

Samson, Ala.

### WHAT LIVING SHOULD MEAN TO YOU AND ME.

By Lucy Strickland.

Happiness.—What is happiness? Is it a thing you can hold for a time, lose and take it up again? Is it a question of fair skies and bright suns, of pleasure, of success in your business? Does it mean to you living an easy, care free life? I'm sure these things will not satisfy forever your hungry soul. They do not because these things do not constitute true happiness. True happiness does not come from things of this world, neither from anything apart and separated from us. The power to be happy lies wholly within you and me. Of course perfect happiness is not to be had on this earth, for the souls of mortals constantly yearn for the fullness of that glorious eternity. Yet this yearning can never, in all that vast forever, be satisfied if we live this life in a minor key; if we live it whiningly, sadly. Realizing all this, I feel more and more that it behooves us to open our souls to the sunshine, to build for ourselves a castle joyous, strong and sure and impenetrable to the showers of earthly griefs. True happiness does not flee from grief, pain or care. It is deeper than all these things and the clear, rippling stream of it may flow calmly over our souls while our tears flow abundantly and our hearts bleed freely. True happiness is a thing deep and heaven-born. If you are trying to seek happiness by striving to gratify your selfish desires, you are but wasting time in vain struggling and will be miserable in the end. No one can be happy endlessly striving for something one can never obtain. You can never do enough to satisfy your selfishness, consequently happiness can never be yours in the endeavoring in that way to secure it. If you and I would lay our cornerstone for happiness, we must forget ourselves wholly and live entirely for others.

If you are waiting until some fair tomorrow to be happy I pity you; that tomorrow will never come. You will but spend your life in unhappy waiting. Be happy today; be happy because it is given you to live, to work, to pray, to hope.

You can not be dependently happy. Nothing in this world is strong enough or great enough or grand enough to make you lastingly happy. You can be happy only by depending on yourself. You will be happy if you do your duty fully—if you forget your-

self and remember others. If at the end of each day you can say, "Today I've done all in my power for the good, comfort and help of humanity. Today I have worked mightily in God's vineyard. If at night you can sit and gaze into the black stillness and feel the sunlight of God's approval beaming down upon the efforts you have made that day you will be as happy as is given man to be on this earth.

Nothing can rob you of this sunlight; your castle joyous will never be darkened. Clouds of earthly trouble may hide you, still you can turn to the light of God's protecting love and find deepest and calmest joy.

The happiness that must be yours and mine is no trivial, light thing. Let us work mightily for others, praying constantly and doing our duties faithfully. The result will be everlasting happiness for you and for me.

### THE Y. W. A.

A special meeting for Y. W. A. was held on Wednesday afternoon, during the convention held at Roanoke, Ala., reported by Mrs. B. O. Driver. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Driver, leader of the Y. W. A. of the Roanoke Baptist church, after which Mrs. Vesey presided in her usual sweet manner. She placed before the young women the importance of their work with such earnestness that they were so filled with enthusiasm and zeal that it brought many responses.

My heart was made to rejoice as never before in the work as I watched young ladies and many girls stand up and speak for their Master. I am sure fine results shall come from that meeting. There were nine auxiliaries represented, as follows:

Mrs. B. O. Driver, Roanoke.  
Mrs. J. B. Ingram, Opelika.  
Mrs. Dill, Woodside.  
Mrs. W. F. Brown, Anniston.  
Miss Annie Conger, Alexander City.  
Miss Lillian Wiles, Tuscaloosa.  
Miss Nellie Watts, Cedar Bluff.  
Miss Unvea Farres, Elba.  
Miss Margaret Renolds, Anniston.  
Miss Floy White, Louisville.

May God bless the results of this meeting. Yours in the work, MRS. B. O. DRIVER.

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Frank Willis Barnett

## Editorials

Editor and Owner

## A QUESTION OF HORIZON.

The chief value of the study of Geography is to be found in its enlargement of the horizon of one's life. Uneducated people think and feel and purpose in a contracted horizon, while the educated have the world for their intellectual perspective. He who thinks and feels only within what may appear from his own back yard will be narrow and restricted in his soul's activity. He may never reach to the confines of his own horizon in any act of his own directly, but if he has all the world as his perspective it will give a greater psychical setting to his thoughts and feelings. And so Jesus set his religion in a world perspective, the largest possible perspective. It is thus made a catholic religion in the true sense of the word; and is the only catholic religion known among men. All efforts of the churches to sectarianize this religion has always proven a failure, and must ever of necessity be ineffective. The efforts of the Church of Rome in this direction is an illustration. Her dogma "Outside of the church there is no salvation," is one of the pretensions the Christian religion has exploded. The religion of Jesus is free to all whether he be within or without any of the churches. The evil of sectarianism is that it contracts the horizon of one's physical life in this matter of religion. Jesus by previous appointment took his disciples up into a mountain, and put as the setting of his commission heaven and earth pointing out all nations as the stage of the operation of his religion; showing all as it is composed of each, and each as it is related to all. From this day Geography became a religious discipline. Henceforth, religion is to be conceived in terms of the whole world; "and he hath made of one all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons and the bounds of their habitations; that they should seek God, if haply they feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." Never before had the philosophers and sociologists of Athens heard such world-wide conceptions of matter religious. God and men must now be conceived of from the perspective of all the face of the earth, and in their relation to all nations of men as men.

The last hundred years has marked the struggle of the Baptists of this state and Baptist life elsewhere as well to enlarge its horizon. In the earlier days of the pioneer men thought about religion almost entirely in terms of the church which they had just established; then came the time as society grew when they thought of religion in terms of their associations, or groups of churches. All outside of this was, to their thinking, foreign territory. It was not possible that it should have been otherwise under the conditions then prevailing in the several settlements. The demands at home were so great and the energies of the communities so feeble, that the immediate community took up all and every effort. The pioneer read but little, and came into contact with the world beyond the confines of his own settlement in a very meager and vague way; travel was difficult and all but impossible except in the nearby settlements; money was scarce and difficult to get, owing to the expense of getting commodities to market; and so his horizon of life was confined to his own limited life. Hence he became an anti-missionary in his thinking and feeling. He needed to have lessons in religious Geography to enlarge his horizon. It was not perversity which moved him, but contraction of perspective in life. About 1840, when the state became settled so that there was inter-communication and connection between the settlements, and education began to leaven life, the horizon began rapidly to expand, and the struggle became intense. The isolation

of pioneer days had cultivated an intense prejudice against the world without by the very necessity of centering public interest so exclusively on matters of the immediate community. It is abundantly proven in history that prejudices are the most potent social forces and so it proved in this case. Hitherto the local church as the working center, and the association of churches as advisory, had met all the demands of the settlement; and they saw no need for further organizations. It is very easy for us to look back with the horizon of our own day and see how narrow and short sighted were these pioneer fathers; but it may be more than doubted whether we with their horizon would have acted differently. The difference between Missionary and Anti-Missionary Baptists is that one is catholic and the other sectarian. From a sectarian point of view they were better Baptists than we are; but it may be doubted whether they were better Christians. It was a question largely of horizon of thinking and feeling and living, of physical horizon. And now that the horizon has been enlarged to the uttermost parts of the earth, are we living with that largeness of mind and heart which such a perspective warrants? Life in Christ is now as rich as the varied situation of the nations of the earth can make it; but are we realizing in our own experience and efforts the opportunity it puts within our reach? Some searching questions may be asked just here to our sobering.

## MONEY MATTERS.

In matters of money we are facing the hardest month in the year. For several years a goodly list of thoughtful brethren have paid their subscriptions in July and August. The most of these are now in advance and we must find some more who are willing to take their places. The small receipts of July make our August needs all the greater.

We are sure that we have at least one thousand subscribers whose subscriptions have expired who could send us two dollars now without any inconvenience to themselves. We are sure also that they would do this at once if they only knew what a favor it would be to us. The absence of the senior editor makes the strain on us so great that we have no time to look after collections. We are doing our very best to give our people a good paper, but we can not stop the expenses. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Who will be first to join the club of August helpers?—Christian Index.

(This applies equally as well to the Alabama Baptist. Please help a little.)

## THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE.

Perhaps in no other country in the world are fathers and husbands as a whole more indulgent to their womankind than in the United States. The average American husband wishes his wife to have the best of everything, and his children every advantage that it is in his power to give them. He ought to be appreciated.

Yet in many a home the head of the house is forced to take a back seat. In the social whirl which absorbs his wife and daughters, he is pushed aside, out of the way, his presence forgotten and his wishes ignored. It is all right for a husband to spoil his wife and children if he wishes to, but they in turn ought to spoil their husband and father.

Many men never meet the father of the girl whom they call upon. Many a woman entertains magnificently whose husband is rarely seen in society.

Even though the head of the house may sometimes prefer seclusion, he ought to be brought to the front occasionally. He pays the piper.

## HELPED WHEN LOW.

There is a great deal of encouragement given in the Bible to those believers who are often cast down in spirit and feel that they have no might in themselves. To them the sure assurance comes that God is glad to help them. It is then that silently and swiftly the Lord's power comes to the disconsolate heart, surprising it by a gracious uplift and making it rejoice. It is an experience which one does not receive when he feels strong, glad and hopeful. But it ought not to be inferred that it is better for one to be low-spirited the most of the time in order that he may experience the joy of being lifted up by God into a mood of ecstasy, than it is to be habitually of good courage and hopeful. It is well to know, however, that when one does not get into the slough of despair and feels inexpressibly weak and cloudy, God will not long leave him in that plight. He does not forget His hapless child in that grim hour. Nay, He fondly remembers that one, and in due time He delivers him from his low condition. Very heartening are these few words from the psalmist: "I was brought low and He saved me." He does not tell us how he was brought low, nor is it essential that we should know. What interests us the most is the fact that when he was low, God saved or delivered him from that condition.

It is a mercy to some Christians that they are sometimes brought low, for they are too much inclined to flatter themselves with the idea that they are on a higher plane of spiritual life than the most of other Christians are. They pride themselves on the thought of being in the upper currents of "the higher life." Such ones ought to be brought down so low that their religious conceit will be taken out of them. This is the kind of help that they most need. We advise our readers to maintain lowliness of mind; then if you do not have hours of depression, you may expect that God will duly help you by His gracious ministrations.

## GOLD BRICK SWINDLE DEAD.

The recent death of the "original gold brick man" leaves a wide gap in criminal society. No swindle originated in the last half century has caught more victims nor has any been more widely exploited. The bricks usually made of brass and worth only a dollar or two, have been sold from \$5,000 up and the total amount invested in them since the first was placed on the market, if the amount could be ascertained, would probably foot up over a million dollars. The bricks were, of course, supposed to be of pure gold and usually belonged to an "Indian." The fact that the Indian had the "treasure" in his possession became known "purely by accident" to the man who negotiated the sale, and the victim, frequently a farmer but sometimes a business man, would pay over several thousand dollars under the impression that he was getting gold at perhaps twice the value of the purchase money.

## THE VOICE OF THE MANY.

In a recent article upon the various movements to control sundry necessities of mankind a writer timidly inquires what is to become of the consumer, meaning by this the class called to play shuttlecock between the battledore of capital and the battledore of labor. It is pointed out that the consumer is not organized and that there is no logical point at which he can pull himself together for offensive or defensive purposes. This is scarcely true, as the consumer has a voice, and his is the voice that calls to account those who transgress too far the laws of right. Though slow to speak, he speaks in tones of thunder, and when organized forces forget too long their duty to him he will be heard.



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## REPORT OF W. M. U. OF ALABAMA.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama was held in Roanoke July 21st and 22d. The motto of the Union for the year is "Higher Things." This thought was carried out in the devotional meeting for each session. In the order in which they came, the subjects were: "Higher Things in the Spiritual Life," "Higher Things in the Mental Life" and "Higher Things in Christian Activity."

The first session opened at 9 o'clock on Tuesday, July 21st. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Wade M. Carlisle, the president of the local band of Roanoke. Mrs. J. C. Wright gave the welcome address. In clear, distinct and earnest tones she made us to feel that we were welcome to their little city, and so cordial had been their reception, first at the depot and then in their own immediate homes, that we counted ourselves as guests of honor indeed. The response was made by Miss Margaret Reynolds. We who are members of the Y. W. A. were so gratified to have one of our number make this response. She is a niece of our own Mrs. McLure, and like her, she is very winning and attractive. Mrs. Hamilton next presented a "Survey of the year's work." As she referred to the death of our former president the whole body rose and stood with bowed heads while she read the tribute of love to our honored leader, Mrs. L. F. Stratton.

We had the great pleasure of having with us Mrs. McLure, superintendent of the Training school. She spoke of the work of the school and in the loving and tender tones of a mother. She told of several incidents of personal work done by the young women. Immediately afterward pledges for the support of the school were made to the amount of \$1,025. Mrs. Hannon reported for our other beneficiary, the Margaret Home. Her words gladdened our hearts and made us to feel thankful that the little children of our missionaries have a place that is home to them and also where they receive good training. In the devotional meeting of the afternoon session Mrs. J. D. Hanby in a few earnest words showed the importance of "Higher mental development." Mrs. D. H. Montgomery, assisted by several other ladies, made the "mission study course" live before us. Would that more of our women were as well informed as these. So broad is the "Scope and outlook of the W. M. U." that the one expression, "God, home and every land" shows fully the theme of Mrs. Barrett's paper on this subject. We feel like giving a rousing cheer to our dear little Sunbeams. Mrs. Hamilton, our leader, read a good report, and the little pennies, nickels and dimes had amounted to more than \$1,400.

In the young woman's conference the leader, Mrs. Vesey, reported with a radiant face the year's work. We now have one hundred organized Y. W. A. societies and contributions for the year amounted to over \$2,000. In this conference Mrs. A. J. Dickinson gave some splendid suggestions on "The Best Method for Enlistment." The conference closed with a talk on "The Personal Touch of a Young Woman" by the writer of this report. The afternoon session closed with a circle of prayer, led by Mrs. S. P. Lindsey, in which each of our Alabama missionaries was remembered by a short, earnest prayer.

A new feature of our state meeting was the evening session. We had Dr. Frost, of the Sunday school board, and Mr. M. C. Reynolds from the orphans' home, to speak to us. Dr. Frost, out of his great, loving heart, told us why the Sunday school board had given the money to purchase the building for the training school. Mr. Reynolds showed to us the present condition of the orphanage and its needs. After the gentlemen were gone Mrs. A. P. Montague read the report of the Howard Co-operative Society. Following this pledges were taken for our orphanage. At our meeting Wednesday morning we had expected to have with us Miss Anna B. Hartwell, from China; but on account of the continued sickness of her father and her own illness, too, she was

## WOMAN'S WORK CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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

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

prevented from coming to us. Miss Kathleen Malory spoke in behalf of Miss Hartwell and in tender tones read to us the message from the Chinese women. How beautifully sweet were these messages from these dear Christian women, and with what thankful hearts they turn toward the women of America for the love they have shown them.

A number of the vice presidents were present and made their reports. Some were good indeed. One reported having organized three societies among the colored women. At 11 o'clock the union adjourned to hear the convention sermon. In the afternoon reports from the committees; two were of great interest and importance. The committee of Plan of Work proposed a change for the time of meeting for the W. M. U. After some discussion the time was changed to November and to be separate from the convention proper.

As our president's place was vacant the committee on nominations proposed that of Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, of Montgomery, for president, and Mrs. T. A. Hamilton for first vice president. These, with the officers of the past year in their respective places, were elected for the following year.

With this session the Woman's Missionary Union of 1908 closed, and with our good reports and well rendered program we went away thankful for the prosperous year, even with all its financial strain. While we are happy, we are not satisfied—no, not satisfied, because each year we realize that the work is growing and there is more for us to do, and we come away with our hearts burning to accomplish more for our Master.

For Thursday afternoon the ladies of Roanoke announced a reception in honor of the visiting delegates of the W. M. U. This was given at the beautiful home of Mrs. Wade Carlisle. As we entered the door we were greeted by several of the Roanoke ladies, who introduced us. The hours from 4 to 6 were most delightfully spent in talking with old friends and meeting new ones. The parlors were filled, but no one was slighted. A few at a time were ushered into the beautifully decorated dining room, where we were served with tea and such daintily prepared sandwiches. The afternoon passed all too quickly, and oh, so pleasantly. It was with sad hearts that we bade our newly found friends goodbye. Such cordiality could hardly be surpassed, but though we were grieved at the thought of parting, yet we are glad to add these to our list of friends. In their beautiful generosity they have indeed shown the Christ-like spirit and we know that it is our Father's good pleasure to abundantly reward and bless them.

FLOY WHITE.

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION W. M. U. Mrs. T. W. Hannon.

In the enterprising, progressive city of Roanoke, Ala., was held the sixteenth annual session of the Alabama Baptist Women's Missionary Union, July 21-22, 1908, the Centennial year of Alabama Baptists. Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, Montgomery, was elected as acting president, and Mrs. T. W. Hannon, record-

ing secretary. A large number of enthusiastic, representative women were messengers to the Union. Mrs. Maud Reynolds McClure, principal of Training school, Louisville, and Mrs. McQueen Smith, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville, our deceased worker, the honored visitors.

The devotional exercises held in accordance with the W. M. U. motto, "Higher Things in Spiritual Life, Mental Attainment and in Christian Activity" were led by Mrs. M. Wade Carlisle, Mrs. J. D. Hanby and Mrs. Judson Perry. Mrs. J. C. Wright gave a cordial and gracious welcome, and Miss Margaret Reynolds, Anniston, the happy, fitting response.

"A survey of the year" was read by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, the eloquent, forceful address, dealing with the southern W. M. U. in the twentieth year, that of the Baptist women of the state for one hundred years and of the Alabama W. M. U. in this year. In conclusion Mrs. Hamilton paid a beautiful, tender tribute to the consecrated life and magnanimous service of the deceased president of Alabama W. M. U., Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham, "who was for years the great and animating force of state work and central committee, the noble leader, wise counsellor and safe guide, whose parting message before her translation was 'Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.'" The Union, standing, heard the tribute to the sainted president.

The financial report of the inimitable secretary-treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Birmingham, gave the W. M. U. receipts for the year as \$30,937.47 for all purposes, of which \$1,490.33 was raised by 259 Sunbeam bands, as reported by State Organizer, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, and \$2,407.66 by one hundred Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mrs. J. W. Vesey, organizer.

Mrs. Maud Reynolds McClure, born and reared among the Talladega hills of Alabama, principal of the Louisville Training school, won all hearts in her attractive personality and her wonderful fitness for her great work, as she spoke of the thorough, careful training young women enjoy at this school for efficient, devoted service on the foreign and home mission fields, and as church and Sunday school workers. Mrs. George B. Eager, a former prominent worker in Alabama, is chairman of board of managers of the school. The Union pledged \$1025 for the school's endowment fund.

In co-operation with the committee on plan of work, Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly, chairman, the union will conduct the year's work as proposed by the southern and state convention boards and W. M. U. executive committee, hold institutes in the state, emphasizing enlistment day (October) and doubling membership as prominent feature of work of this centennial year. Amounts for missions only are to be reported to central committee and those for church aid and benevolence to be eliminated. The change of time of annual meeting of state W. M. U. from July to November is decided upon for the purpose of enlarging and broadening the work and in securing a larger attendance upon the annual meeting. The money for current expenses of training school and Margaret home is to be apportioned among the 400 societies in the state.

Mrs. T. W. Hannon as chairman advisory board, spoke of the Margaret Home at Greenville, S. C., where the children of our foreign and home missionaries enjoy the love and care of the mother, the wise supervision of the local board and receive religious, moral and mental training, amid happy environment, and where our missionaries, spent and worn with labor, find needed rest and refreshment. The mission study course was interestingly presented by Mrs. D. H. Montgomery, Woodlawn; the method and plan of work mission study needed to get missions into the hearts of men. On a mission map of the work were located the mission stations and missionaries, by Mrs. O. G. Evans, Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly and Mrs. A. J. Dickinson.

The Scope and Outlook of W. M. U. was presented in a strong paper by Mrs. N. A. Barrett, Birmingham, as it extends to whatever clime is reached by the methods of organized work, the southern W. M.



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## A WORD ABOUT UNION MEETINGS.

MAJOR HARRIS.

U. having raised \$1,262,000 during the past twenty years, proving the efficiency of organized and individual effort; twenty years hence \$1,500,000 per year to be raised by women from all parts of the world for concerted action in plan, labor and gifts. Young Woman's Auxiliary was discussed by Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, Birmingham, in the "Best Method of Enrollment," through energetic, optimistic leaders, assisted by sympathetic, devoted workers, who place the enlisted in an atmosphere of help and stimulus. Miss Floy White, a student of the Training school and representative of the State Y. W. A., spoke of the Personal Touch with our Young Women, as like Dorcas and Ruth of Old, they give themselves to the work and minister to the suffering, the sick and poverty stricken, the personal touch for others being one of love for the Master. The circle of prayer for the missionaries, led by Mrs. S. P. Lindsey, was described until each one was brought by name to the throne of grace. Mrs. Hamilton expressed regret for Miss Anna B. Hartwell, detained on account of her father's illness, they, too, being remembered.

Miss Kathleen Mallory read her message from the missionaries. Dr. J. M. Frost, Nashville, spoke earnest, forceful words to the Union as he gave God as the chief factor in all religious work, and His power, almost undiscernable to the Sunday school board, brought them to make the \$20,000 gift for the Training school. The Bible fund was presented as it distributes God's word through the foreign and home boards in their fields of labor.

The Howard College Co-operative Association was presented by the faithful helpmeet of Howard's great president in the work already accomplished and the money needed for books and thorough equipment for library purposes. Each society in the state is asked for \$1 per year for the work. Mr. M. C. Reynolds, chairman orphanage board of trustees, gave a birdseye view of the buildings, plan and conduct of work in caring for the 154 children at the orphanage, and expressed appreciation of the noble aid the women give the cause. Mrs. D. M. Malone spoke of the mission literature and the importance and necessity of its being distributed and disseminated among the societies.

The reports of the associational vice presidents and the conferences of workers were of unusual interest.

A telegram of greeting was read from the southern W. M. U. president, Mrs. F. E. Heck and a reply sent from the union. The memorial committee, Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, chairman, tenderly expressed to the union the deep sense of bereavement in the death of the beloved president, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, the member of advisory board, Mrs. S. A. Smith, and six other members who have passed from earthly labor to heavenly reward during the year. The Union will have a share in the centennial celebration to be held in Montgomery in November.

The unbounded hospitality of Roanoke and her people, the beautiful reception tendered by the local Ladies' Aid Society of the Carlisle Colonial home were gratefully appreciated and enjoyed by the union. The officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.  
First Vice President—Mrs. G. A. Hamilton.  
Second Vice President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Malone.  
Recording-Secretary—Mrs. T. W. Hannon.  
Auditor—Mrs. George M. Morrow.  
Superintendent Sunbeam Bands—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.  
Leader Young Women's Auxiliary—Mrs. J. W. Veasey.

Advisory Board—Mrs. George M. Morrow, Mrs. N. A. Barrett, Mrs. D. N. Montgomery, Mrs. Preston Blake, Miss L. C. Lide, Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly, in charge Literature Department.

Mrs. C. A. Stakely, the new president, assumes her duties with the confidence and esteem of Baptist women throughout the southland, for she has been their able chief executive and will lead the Alabama women to a noble, full service for the Christ.

As touching union meetings let me say:

God in the exercise of His wisdom has not only brought out for us and made known to us a full salvation, not a salvation of the soul or of the body alone, but of the soul and body; but in the exercise of that same wisdom requires of us that we not only by word of mouth, but by the two beautiful and forceful symbols of His ordaining, shall not only preach, but also confess a full salvation. Neither symbol sets forth, nor can either symbol set forth, a full salvation, but the two symbolize a full salvation. The broken bread and fruit of the vine beautifully symbolize the broken body and spilled blood upon the cross. The bread eaten by us and the grape juice drunk by us, forcefully symbolize our acceptance of and our appropriation of the broken body and spilled blood. Even as our eating bread and drinking grape juice yields to the physical man physical energy and life, so our acceptance of the sacrifice of Christ yields to our spiritual man spiritual energy and life. But this symbol, beautiful and forceful though it be, does not symbolize even remotely the salvation of the body, its resurrection. It therefore symbolizes only a partial salvation. Immersion in water with equal beauty and forcefulness memorializes and symbolizes the burial and resurrection of our Lord and is a forceful declaration and confession upon our part that even as these bodies of ours are buried in the watery grave, but arise out of that grave to a new life of righteousness in Jesus Christ, so our acceptance of and appropriation of the burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus for us is efficient for us in the purchase of the salvation of these bodies of ours, their resurrection. This symbol, though so forceful and beautiful, is a symbol of and declaration on our part of only a partial salvation, the salvation of our bodies. The two symbols are essential to a confession of and declaration of a full salvation.

Now, God in the exercise of His wisdom has seen fit to require of us not only that we proclaim this full salvation by word of mouth, but that we declare and confess a full salvation by these symbols. Is there anything in the gospel which authorizes any man to say that God lays less stress upon this declaration by symbol than by word of mouth? In a union meeting we dare not either to preach this symbolic declaration of and confession of a full salvation, nor to invite thereto. Were we to do so, we would be invited out of the union meeting. The Baptists in a union meeting of necessity do the compromising, not the other denominations. In union meetings the Baptists of necessity virtually declare that we do not lay the same stress upon the declaration of and the confession of a full salvation by these symbols that we do upon a verbal declaration and confession thereof. Does the gospel justify such a declaration? Can we Baptists afford it? Incidentally as touching so-called close communion, who has the authority ever to extend an invitation to either a partial salvation or to a symbolization of a partial salvation? Upon which have we or any one the right to lay the less stress, if upon either? We rightfully lay great stress upon a verbal declaration of and a confession of a full salvation, and we rightfully require of those who apply for membership with us a declaration of and a confession of a full salvation by the use of these symbols, and if we extend the invitation to the unimmersed, to the eating of the bread and drinking the grape juice we very inconsistently with the requirements which we make of our own members ignore the necessity of an invitation to a symbolization of a full salvation and extend an invitation to a symbolization of a partial salvation to the unimmersed. We can not afford it.

Dear Brother Barnett.

It was a graceful and appropriate thing to do to reprint the tender farewell which Major Harris wrote on turning over the Alabama Baptist to you. There spoke a sincere soul. No one can read that editorial now without feeling its sincerity. And no one who knew him can doubt that he felt all he said and even more. It is hard to realize that we shall never hear his voice or see his kindly face again.

The first time I ever came close to him—close enough to feel the force of his personality—was in a meeting of a committee of one from each state of the Southern Baptist convention at its last New Orleans meeting. His dignity and reserve I at first mistook for coldness. In still closer contact in the office of the Alabama Baptist I soon learned that beneath that veil there gleamed a warm heart, rich in the finest charity. It was there the real man made himself known. I was only a salaried worker, just a "hired man," but surely no one in such a role ever received slightest indications of ownership or had from his employer a completer comradeship. He was a courtly gentleman, wearing with ease and grace the mold of the old school, too sadly neglected in these strenuous times. At least one of the maxims of "Poor Richard" he carried into effect. He did not hurry about his work. There was not a suspicion of fussiness or strenuousness about him; yet he loved his work—loved it for its own sake, but more for the Divine Master whom he served with a heart of immovable loyalty. It cost him many a pang to give up the paper, but he had the wisdom to see that it was best under the circumstances.

The major did not carry his heart on his sleeve for daws to peck at, but life was never the same to him (how could it be?) after the death of his wife. That measureless sorrow he bore with what to the outward seeming was great fortitude; but it broke his heart. With a great resolution he pulled himself together and tried to go on. No doubt the complete change of routine, the rest, and the freedom from the responsibility of editorship prolonged his life. It was a spontaneous tribute to a pure and noble character, and it spoke volumes for a great and generous people when he was chosen to a place on the board of railroad commissioners. It goes without saying that he brought to that office the same high sense of honor, the same unsullied integrity and the same loyalty to truth and right which characterized his career as editor and owner of a religious journal. Like Samuel, the prophet, he could have said, "Of whose hand have I taken a bribe, to blind my eyes therewith?"

I count it one of the privileges of life to have known and loved him. There was about him an atmosphere congenial to the noblest aspirations, made by his own goodness, and I never heard from his lips a word unbecoming to a Christian gentleman. I do not doubt that there are others like him, and many such. There are others among the Baptists and in Alabama. It is a distressing mistake to think that good men are rare. But wherever they are, they are to be grappled with hooks of steel to their fellow men. They are the noblest product of Christian civilization.—S. M. Provence.

Please announce that I have resigned at Pineapple, Ala., to take effect September 30th. Sincerely yours, J. M. Gilmore.

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### OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of Pastor G. W. McRea at the Oakdale Baptist church, as he preached his first sermon as pastor the third Sunday in July, 1907.

The sermon Sunday morning dealt with the year's work and blessings and the planning of future work.

With a Sunday school of about thirty-five a year ago, the church has grown to two schools with an attendance of about 150. The membership about thirty-five a year ago, has grown to 125. Between eight and nine hundred dollars has been raised and expended for all purposes.

The young people and children are organized and doing a most effective work, as well as the ladies.

The plans for the future are being laid out for an effective campaign against sin, the coming year, and if the membership falls in line with the plans of the pastor, which they will surely do, as the pastor and people are more firmly united than ever.

Another year will mean not only an aggressive church, but one that will stand among the first, from a standpoint of strength and location.

### AGAINST UNION MEETINGS.

I have just read an article in your valuable paper from Rev. Wallace Wear on union meetings, that is Methodists and Baptists preaching and working together from the same pulpit. If you ask a Methodist in your pulpit to preach, do you think it right not to ask him to commune with you? If he is good enough to stand in your pulpit, he is good enough to sit at the communion table with you. If we are to have union meetings why not have open communion, if we go half way let's go the other half. I believe in practicing what we preach. If we are Baptists let's stand for Baptist principles. Don't try to run with the hare and the hounds both. When we Baptists start to having those union meetings with other denominations we then weaken our cause. I am not a preacher nor a deacon but a lay member, but I believe in what is right. I say if it is right to preach from the same stand it is right to sit at the same communion table.

Yours for the right,

W. C. GEWIN, M. D.

FROM HEADLAND, ALA.

Having seen in our paper articles from the brethren giving reports of their success in protracted meetings and the spiritual conditions of their churches, we feel that we must let the readers of your paper hear from us.

The first week in July I spent at Kinsey. The results of the meeting were very encouraging. The church was greatly revived and an addition of seventeen. I have been pastor of the church for ten months and have been encouraged by the spirit of loyalty seen among the membership of the church.

We went from Kinsey to Pilgrim's Home church and preached a few days there. I had the pleasure of serving as pastor of that church for three years and was glad to be with them in their meeting. We had a glorious meeting. 14 accessions.

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the town, but I hope it will not be the last. To know those people is to love them. The Lord prospered our visit and gave us a fine meeting.

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	1907.	1908.
Men .....	207	277
Women .....	126	140
Total .....	333	417
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Men .....	210	245*
Women .....	94	118*
Total .....	304	363

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Written by their aunt

VIOLA.

### Resolutions of Sympathy.

Jackson, Miss.

Whereas, information has come to the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage that the former superintendent, Rev. L. S. Foster, is in a low state of health at his home at Fruithurst, Ala.; and whereas, we are not unmindful that our orphanage owes its very existence to him so far as human agencies go; and whereas, we are not forgetful of his faithful service while connected with the institution; and whereas, the divine favor has so signally rested upon his work which he began in our midst, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we hereby express our great appreciation for the signal service he rendered Mississippi Baptists while among them.

2. That we extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his failing strength and continued ill health.

3. That we remember him in our supplications and pray the Father of mercies to restore his health and prolong his usefulness.

Done by order of the Board of Trustees, July 7, 1908.

J. R. CARTER,

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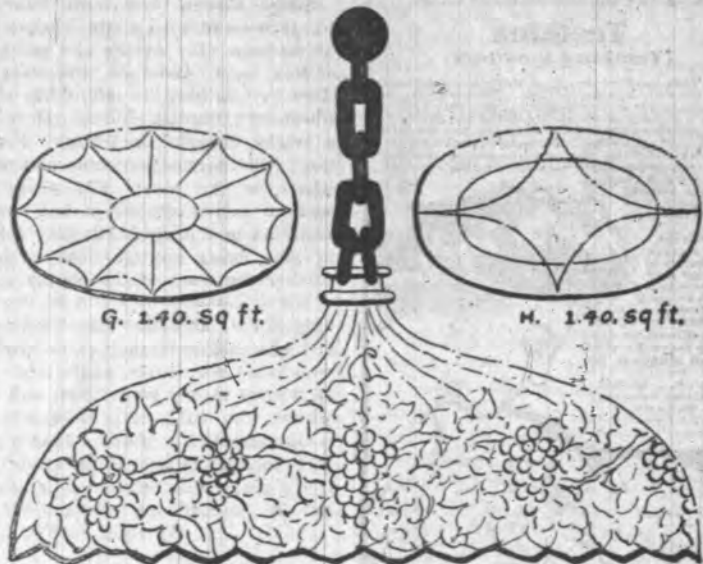
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Our loss is her gain. What a comfort to the Christian to know that God's grace is sufficient for us; and as our day, so shall our strength be.

BY HER PASTOR.

Uniontown, Ala., 7-28-'08.

Bro. Barnett:

In the early part of March I mailed you a short notice of the death of two of my Hopewell church's deacons, Bro. John R. Hogue, who passed away on the first Sunday in March, and Bro. J. A. Martin, who fell asleep on the following Thursday night. Both of these brethren had served their church faithfully for years.

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Yours fraternally,

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Dear Brother Barnett, will you please give space in our Alabama Baptist for these few lines. May God's blessings ever rest on you and your little family. I cannot hardly wait for the paper each week I want to read it so bad.

Your brother in Christ,

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have long ago sped on its way some written or audible "I thank you. The few poor letters which I have penned were to those now growing old, or otherwise feeble, without whom my life would become very lonesome.

Happy! Am too full to express what all I do feel. 'Tis so like our experience of years ago when another friend had done something very kind and I cried "You're choking me to death." He turned and looked in amazement at me and said, "why, I've never touched your throat, child. "No," hastened I to explain, "but my heart." That's the trouble now, found something that could stop me from talking even when most I wanted to.

I send this message because so many have kindly inquired why I do not sometimes write, and I wish to answer thus that all may know I am on the way.

Having received seven letters last year from the whole world around asking if I were still alive is enough to make one feel like an Old Rip Van Winkle just aroused from a long sleep, but I've been very busy all these years and my eyes wide open. Have been alive to and interested in all persons, places and things, and more, have remembered you all in my supplications. Never a Sabbath but that my hands, thought and heart were lifted toward the throne where dwells infinite wisdom, love and mercy, for the salvation of some soul that day, yea, if the very hour—in answer to my prayer, through your ministrations. Richest blessings abide with you every one.

Yours truly,

ADDIE CRUMPTON.

July 21. (My birthday, but will not tell how young.)

Whereas, in the province of alwise God, He has seen fit to permit serious illness to overtake one of our most faithful Sunday school teachers—Mrs. M. C. Pelham, and whereas, under the advice of her physician, it becomes necessary for her health, to remove to a higher climate, Brother M. C. Pelham, for many years our faithful superintendent of the Sunday school, has resigned and will remove with his wife from among us.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we extend to Brother and Sister Pelham our heartfelt sympathy, and assure them that as they go from us in search of health, they go with our prayers and our "God bless you."

That the church in giving up Brother and Sister Pelham realizes its loss. We will miss their genial smile, their hearty hand shake, the faithful work and liberal support that has been ours so long; but our loss is another's gain.

We, therefore, take pleasure in commending Brother and Sister Pelham to the people among whom they may sojourn.

We have had opportunity to know them and have always found them on the side of righteousness with their heart, hand and money consecrated to the service of our Lord.

Resolved further: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Brother and Sister Pelham, a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist, and that they be recorded on the minutes of the church.

T. W. DAVIS,  
S. R. SMITH,  
MISS MAMIE MORGAN,  
Committee.

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# HOW THE CHRISTIANS USED TO DO.

(Written by John A. Jones, editor of the Coffee County News, age fifteen years. He is a Baptist and the son of a Baptist preacher.)

Well, my son, can I remember  
How the Christians used ter sing,  
How they'd pray an' shout for glory—  
'Twa a grand and glorious thing.

It war then I got religion  
An' I've kep' it ever since;  
Now I look with deepest pity  
On the man whose "on ther fence."

Son, religion aint so death-like—  
It's no conserpated thing,  
But ther man that's got religion  
Just can't help but pray an' sing.

It war in ther village school house  
That I prayed for mam an' dad,  
Fer I had learn'd quite well, my son,  
That they both were orful bad.

Dad war all the time a-drinkin'—  
Mam could quar'l ter set 'em back;  
Both had tried ther hands at gambin'—  
Caused it "shootin' at ther crack."

But soon after I'd been prayin'  
For ther Lord ter help 'em out,  
Dear Mam began ter singin'  
An' old dad began ter shout.

It war "Glory halleluiah"  
For they'd found ther Christian way;  
They had found how God ther Father  
Lov'd those who tried ter pray.

But now they've gone to heaven—  
Now they'll reap ther rich reward;  
Take this lesson ter yer head, son,  
An' we'll meet 'em on ther Sward.

Mrs. Martha Cooper Paschall fell asleep in Jesus and entered into rest March 20, 1908. Martha Elizabeth Cooper was born in Edgefield district, S. C., Oct. 12, 1850. Later she came with her parents to Russell county, Ala., where the family settled near Uchee just before the civil war. In 1861 at the early age of eleven she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptised by Rev. J. J. Cloud into the fellowship of the friendship Baptist church. She was married to A. E. Paschall December 23, 1879 and in February, 1880 they moved to Gadsden, Ala. and made it their home, and where all this time she was a faithful member of the First Baptist church. A devout Christian, a faithful wife, a true and sincere friend with a pure and sympathetic heart was she. For many years in delicate health and for the last eighteen months of her life an invalid, she learned to suffer with Christ that she might be glorified with him. She was one in whom tribulation wrought patience and patience experience and experience hope and her hope failed not because the love of God was shed abroad in her heart.

J. G. D.

At Goshen in Pike county, I held a good meeting of some days. Pastor did all the preaching; 18 accessions, 16 by baptism; all about grown, four from Hardshell families, one from Methodists. Will hold three meetings in August. Am preaching a few days at Carlowville while on a visit to my brother, C. M. Hunter. This church suffering for the want of a pastor.—R. M. Hunter.



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BOX 317

### Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by S. J. Gaines and B. V. Gaines, his wife, to the undersigned, C. S. Bissell, trustee, which mortgage is recorded in Vol. 434 on page 125 of records in the office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash in front of the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, September 7, 1908, the following described real estate to-wit:

North 1-2 of the S. E. 1-4; East 1-2 of the N. E. 1-4, and N. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and S. W. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4 in Section 12, Township 15, Range 3, West; S. E. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and S. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and N. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 and fractional parts of N. W. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 (28.75) acres and fractional parts of the N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 (22.53) acres and fractional part of N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 (7) acres, all in Section 7, Township 15, Range 2; S. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, Section 1; fractional parts of N. E. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and all the N. W. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 (50 acres) in section 13, Township 15, Range 3, West; being that part east of Turkey Creek. All of said lands containing 503.75 acres, more or less, in Jefferson county, Alabama, being mineral rights only, and such surface rights thereon as have been granted to S. J. Gaines in deeds of conveyance of said lands. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt se-

cured by said mortgage, default having been made in said payment.

C. S. BISSELL, Trustee,  
Mortgagee.

Kerr & Haley, Attorneys.

### Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Amelia Thomas to the undersigned, Sue C. Ware, which mortgage is recorded in Vol. 440 on page 192 in the office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash in front of the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, during legal hours of sale, on Monday, September 7, 1908, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots 23, 24, 34 and 35, according to C. F. Enslen's survey of S. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of Section 15, Township 17, Range 3, west; and further described as being blocks 1, 2 and 3, according to Amelia Thomas's survey, a map of which last survey is recorded in map book 6 on page 55 in office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama. Said land being situated in Jefferson county, Alabama. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage, default having been made in said payment.

SUE C. WARE,

Mortgagee.

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