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The Foreign Board.

Through the columns of your good paper, the Alabama Baptist, please allow me to express my sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters composing the four churches, Whatley, Amity, Suggsville and Evergreen, for their generosity in sending me to the Southern Baptist convention at Louisville. I received a better people as patrons. By the way, they are keeping up with the times, as the majority of them take the paper now, and I hope soon to be able to say that every family belonging to my churches take the Alabama Baptist. Fraternal yours,
P. M. Callaway, Suggsville.

I am preaching at St. Stephens, the old county site of Washington. We have a live Sunday school at St. Stephens. We are endeavoring to carry out the schedule as arranged by the state board of missions. We have some good missionary spirits in St. Stephens church. I am also preaching at Mt. Zion church near Buchatunna, Miss. We have a good church here, one that truly possesses the missionary spirit.—I. Spence, Buckatunna, Miss.

(We thank Brother Spence for three new subscribers.)

How we missed Dr. Shaffer at the convention. At Hot Springs he was our roommate. Through the years of editorship he was our true and loyal friend and always had a word of cheer.

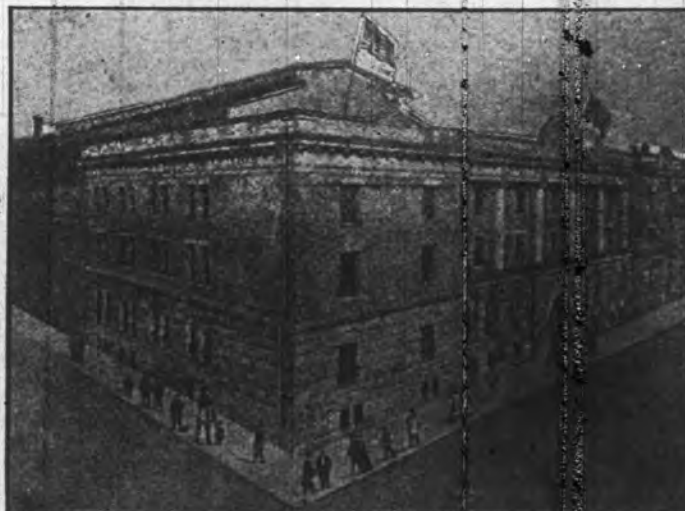
We were proud of the Alabama boys at the seminary and had the pleasure of meeting with them for a few moments on Sunday morning.

The "June Hill" is long and steep. Help us climb it by sending in your back dues, renewal and a new subscriber or two.

We came back home more than ever in love with our Alabama Baptists.



NOW that the convention is over we earnestly beg the pastors to get out and try to secure some new subscribers on the \$1.00 offer to Jan., 1910. We hope that those who were at Louisville caught the new spirit of co-operation towards the denominational weeklies as shown in the reports of the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards.



The Armory, Louisville, Ky., Where the Convention Was Held.

We had a glorious day yesterday. We observed Mother's day and had large congregations. Six joined by confession of faith. We raised eighty dollars to pay for our new baptistry, which we have just installed. At the evening service we used our baptistry for the first time, baptized six and left two over for next time. Our B. Y. P. U. is doing some excellent work. We have sixty members and more than forty average attendance. The Sunday school is growing in interest and numbers. To God be the glory.—C. T. Culpepper.

I was with the Baptist folks at Dora, Ala., Sunday, 16th ult. I found a small flock of good Baptist there without a shepherd. They have a good house, nicely furnished, and are now building a baptistry, with two additional Sunday school rooms. A fine place for the right man to do a great work. I preached for them at 11 and 8 o'clock. Had four additions to the church at the night service, and some to come in later by letter. They must have a pastor. Yours in Christ,
Rev. A. R. Aldridge.

We had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Peck in her sanctuary at Louisville, and found her vigorous, entertaining and ready to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We have given the convention the right of way in this issue, and therefore some excellent articles were reserved for the next issue.

As the paper goes to press the Howard and the Judson commencements are in full blast. We will have reports of each next week.

The Baptist World and the Western Recorder both showed considerable enterprise in getting out dailies during the convention.

CONDENSED CONVENTION CLIPPINGS AND COMMENTS

There are over twenty-five thousand Baptists in Louisville, Ky. They are Baptists indeed. They have splendid church buildings, good pastors, and pastors have the choicest of the people as their supporters. They are Baptists in principle and practice.

The convention may be said to open about two days in advance of itself. The gathering of the clans from all over the southland, and the meetings of societies auxiliary to the convention occupy two days before the convention begins. There are the B. Y. P. U., the Educational Conference, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Laymen's Conference. They are not a part of the organization of the convention, but they are a mighty part of its life.

In his address of welcome Dr. Mullins said there were four symbols of Baptist life: our warfare by the sword, our industry by the trowel, our intelligence by the lamp, and our spirituality by the lute.

Of a possible total of 2,946 delegates-at-large from the various states on the financial basis, 1,144 were registered before the convention was called to order. On the associational basis there were present at the same hour only 165 of the 517 elected by their respective associations. Only 1,547 were registered before the close.

"We recommend that the next session of the convention be held in Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, May 11, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m.; the sermon to be preached by W. L. Pickard, Georgia, or his alternate, W. C. Tyree, North Carolina." This was the way the report read after being amended.

The laymen formally opened the week's program of the great gathering of the Southern Baptist Convention with a banquet at the Galt house. Prior to the opening of the after-dinner speaking Mr. Osborne, who was chairman of the exercises, read a letter from Governor C. E. Hughes, of New York, in which he expressed his regrets for being unable to attend because of legislative acts that he would be forced to watch.

Dr. R. E. Chambers, who has spent fourteen years as secretary of Chinese Baptist educational publications, with his headquarters in Canton, China, speaks all the dialects that the Chinamen who are in America talk. Recently at Norfolk, Va., he preached to a class of Chinamen in their native tongue. He was in Canton during the boxer uprising and although several of the missionaries at this post were killed, he escaped without injury. During the past year Dr. Chambers distributed ten million pieces of Baptist literature in China.

The evangelization of the world can not be run on sentiment. It takes cash, the same as the pushing of business, and with this sentiment the Laymen's Missionary Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention closed its session at the Broadway Baptist church with the passage of a resolution that \$50,000 for three years be raised in ten states represented. This means \$5,000 a year.

"Louder!" called a brother from the buzzing rear of the auditorium when Dr. J. L. White began his response to the address of welcome. Raising his hand and voice, Dr. White instantly responded, "Quieter!" And the arrow went to the mark.

"A Sacrificial Honor."—This is quite a true designation of the honor bestowed upon the eminent and efficient brethren who are called upon year after year to preach the opening sermon. At the present session Dr. E. C. Dargan was upon the altar. A true and great sermon he preached, full of fire and of truth, with much power of heart and tongue, intensely scriptural, locating Christ at the scientific, ethical and spiritual centers of today, and heard with genuine acceptance; but it was, as always, a most difficult task and verily a sacrificial honor. The brethren have not settled to seriousness and with them in these opening moments of the meeting the social is stronger than the spiritual. The election of officers and welcome formalities (both with too much applause) are still allowed to precede the sermon, and the appointment of committees and other business allowed to follow. But one day these unfavorable conditions will be removed.—Baptist Recorder.

In calling attention to the twenty-five thousand baptisms the past year by the missionaries of the Home Board, Secretary Gray remarked that this was

"a man a mile" the whole distance around the world. A graphic count; and as good as graphic.

Rev. F. H. Farrington, with his wife and child, journeyed with us to Louisville. Mrs. Farrington and the baby will remain in Kentucky for a little while, and he goes on northward for a rest. He has been working too hard and needs a little respite.—R. H. Pitt in Religious Herald.

We had the pleasure of going on a trolley ride over in Indiana with Bro. and Sister Farrington, but missed seeing the boy.

In listening to Miss Heck one's horizon broadens, visions of vast possibilities come to gladden and strengthen mind and heart for the duty in the immediate future. As Miss Crane arose to present her report the thought of her recent sorrow deepened the tender admiration we have learned to feel for her. She said we must, by looking over the past year, discover our weak spots and plan to strengthen our work. Our admirable graded system is due largely to our Woman's Missionary Societies, which have fostered the others. The Sunbeam Bands have made a greater proportionate increase in numbers than the others.—Mrs. Julian P. Thomas in Religious Herald.

When the missionaries had been introduced Dr. Willingham presented a number of volunteers who would be sent out as soon as possible. They were: Miss Janie Lide, of South Carolina; Miss Floy White, of Alabama; Miss Lettie Spainhour, of North Carolina; Jewell Leggett, of Texas; A. B. Langston, of Alabama, and E. B. Clark, of North Carolina. Dr. Willingham called for any who felt that they were called to the foreign field to hold up their hands. Thirteen young men and women responded. He then asked for all who would stand by them and help them to go to hold up their hands, and every man and woman in the convention responded.

A thunder storm that had been threatening burst upon the armory. There was a tin roof and the fall of the rain made such a fuss that even Dr. Gray's voice could not be heard. Some brother started the song, "There shall be showers of blessing," and all the brethren joined in the song, making more fuss than the rain. When the song was ended another was sung, and for ten minutes the convention was singing against the storm.—Alex Bealer, in Index.

When the secretaries first organized in Dr. Sampley's office in the seminary library the Sunday School Board had then three field men. Now it has a full force and every state in the South except Maryland, Alabama and Louisiana possesses a state Sunday school secretary. At the Tuesday evening meeting several new Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretaries were made members of the association. The secretaries are planning to establish training schools in the central cities of the convention as soon as this can be done. The best locations were discussed. Those cities in which training schools have been held were settled upon permanently. Among these are Louisville, Birmingham, Nashville, Jackson, Miss., New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth, Little Rock and St. Louis.

"We have here the best faculty on earth for the work before us. The seminary should have a library of one hundred and fifty thousand volumes. We need a seminary extension department, headed by a man as large as Mullins. We need enlarged graduate work, training for associate professors, training for men to follow when these have finished their work. We have all concluded that we have here a seat of Christian learning, which more and more is to shape the Christian thinking of the world, to do much to conserve the foundations of Christian faith."—Dr. Edwin M. Poteat.

The women were in their glory at the First Presbyterian church. They are our queens and princesses. They have led the way in missionary zeal. Once they had opposition and for long met much indifference. But now who sinks so low as to throw a stone at these good women?—Baptist World.

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards placed an edifying system of chairs about the convention hall. Back above the great big rostrum was the missionary map of the world and a large "streamer" with the legend: "He does most to save the world who does most to save America."

"I am always glad to attend a meeting of the Southern B. Y. P. U.," said the speaker. There is a

ring in your message and a heartiness in your greeting that touches my heart. This movement is worth while, inasmuch as it binds the young people to the church. That is the young people's mission. It is not so much that the young people are helping the church as it is the recognition that the church is giving them.—Geo. T. Webb, General Secretary of Int. B. Y. P. U.

A notable departure in the work is the adoption of different topics for the Southern B. Y. P. U.'s, and the creation of a distinct literature. This was done only after efforts to secure uniformity with the B. Y. P. U. A., which Secretary Webb felt should continue to use the union topics because of the many Baptist C. E.'s in the North. The Southern brethren felt the need for topics peculiarly Baptist. There is to be a devotional, a doctrinal, a Bible study and a missionary meeting each month. Courses of study somewhat similar to Normal Sunday school work has been laid out.

Dr. T. B. Ray made a statement regarding the mission charts hanging on the walls in the Armory. Comparing also the number of preachers in foreign fields and at home he showed that there would be only one and a half Baptist preachers in Georgia, two in Texas, if we had only as many in these states as are in the foreign fields, speaking proportionately.

It was not entirely necessary to await the effect of the foreign mission talk in time to come. There were tangible evidences of its immediate hold upon the audience. When volunteers who would surrender their lives for devotion to the benighted and the heathen were called for, a round dozen hands were raised and the pledge of undying fidelity to the mission cause was delivered to them then and there. When support for the missions was asked, it came spontaneously and rushing. One man held up his hand as a pledge of supporting a missionary at \$600 a year in a foreign land. More than ten signified their intention of giving up \$100 a year toward the support of native missionaries. An appeal of such weight and moment for the foreign missionary work as was witnessed, will, in the opinion of the leaders of the convention, give it an impetus like it has never had before.—Baptist and Reflector.

We congratulate Dr. Ray, of the Foreign Mission Board, upon the success which attended his mission classes held at Norton Hall each day.

For many reasons Dr. Len. G. Broughton's address on Seminary Day is worthy of note. It was really the address of the Convention. His theme was "The Right Kind of Preacher." All formalities and "parliamentary" customs were utterly forgotten by the great Convention, as they listened to this mighty man. The climax of his address was the right kind of a preacher fighting sin. He said that it was easy for people to fight the sins of England and was pleasant to talk of gambling in Wall street, but it took courage to talk of the gambling in our own congregations. Not that he said this was it of such moment, but that the Southern Baptist Convention should give forth its approval in so "un-parliamentary" a way shows an encouraging trend in the times. It is good to see such a great body put a premium on the heroic preacher.—Texas Baptist Standard.

The Convention in these latter days might be fitly described as a meeting surrounded by auxiliaries, but for the fact that all of the auxiliaries are on one side. No one has yet had the temerity to organize anything to meet after the Convention. Before the Convention there are meetings galore, and if we were to attempt to tell of them all, no room whatever would be left for the big meeting itself. The Woman's Missionary Union, the Southern Baptist Young People's Union, the Southern Baptist Educational Society, the Laymen's Movement, the Trustees of the Seminary—all of these certainly, and perhaps other bodies which escaped our notice, were meeting at various points in the city Wednesday and Thursday. One wonders why so important divisions of our work as the Laymen's Movement and Christian Education should not have a place on the Convention program. We need an additional day for these auxiliaries. Why not add the day to the Convention and take these wandering children into the fold? They are entitled to a place, and a good place, there.—Religious Herald.

That was a dramatic moment when Dr. J. B. Hawthorne arose to nominate B. F. Riley, of Texas, for one of the vice-presidents. He had been heard by

the multitudes in this city in years ago when he stood in the pulpit of the Broadway Baptist church; he had been heard by the vast assemblages who loved to hang upon his preaching in Atlanta, Nashville and Richmond. For many, many years he has been called the Demosthenes of the Southern Baptist ministry. Once his stately form was erect and imposing and his words were golden. Last night he stood under the weight of years, and leaned heavily upon a crutch.

"President, my speaking days in this Convention are almost over," said he in the beginning. But as he dwelt upon the splendid fights Mr. Riley had been making in the great cause of temperance, the "old man eloquent" stood forth again, and the light of a holy passion leaped from the eyes that have not yet grown dim. All who saw him listened with rapt attention, and felt profoundly as they remembered.—Baptist Record.

Mrs. M. R. McClure, principal of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, at 334 East Broadway, Louisville, read the report of the school and then talked of the work being done. There are now thirty-eight students in the school, and it costs about \$3,000 a year to conduct it. The aim is to raise a \$20,000 endowment fund for the institution. Of this amount \$13,000 has already been subscribed. Many of the delegates think that the amount will be raised within the next year or two. If not this year.

Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of Richmond, Va., chairman of the committee to report on the Margaret Home, of Greenville, S. C., said that the Home had been in existence four years and was maintained for the benefit of the children of missionaries. The cost of maintaining the Home last year was \$1,564.10. There are only a few children in the Home at present.

Louisville is known among Baptists as the "hotbed" of the Baptist church, and it is said that the sun never sets on the lands where missionaries, who have graduated from this seminary, are carrying on their work. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is easily the largest Baptist educational institution in the world, and yearly sends out more missionaries than any other similar institution of this class.—Courier Journal.

There will be 6,000,000 Baptists represented when President Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, pounds with his gavel Thursday evening, and calls the Southern Baptist Convention to order.—Courier Journal.

The home mission committees were closely pressed for time, as it had been previously agreed that the convention would adjourn at 4 o'clock in order to permit the delegates to attend the memorial services and dedication of a monument to Dr. T. T. Eaton, at Cave Hill. All of the speakers were confined to three minutes, and the work was carried on in a hurried manner. Just before the close it was decided to have the memorial meeting in the armory, owing to the hard downfall of rain.

"The current literature of missions is of immense importance," said Dr. Smith, Editorial Secretary of Foreign Mission Board. "There is enough of this literature produced every year to work wonderful good if it could only be gotten into the hands of the people. I believe the pastor should help this literature get into the hands of the people. They seem to be the key to this situation. The pastor is the man to solve this problem. The literature can be circulated by the women and the laymen, yet more help must be found somewhere. I wish we could all go home and begin a circulation of tracts and papers that would startle the natives. We must have a better system for the collection of missionary funds, but we will never have this until more of the religious literature is read by all the people.

It is the denominational press which carries information on this point. There is nothing which yields so great an influence as this current religious literature."

The cost of making the heathen sit up and take notice that there is a God has been reduced to the price of a cheap straw hat, if your standard of cheap doesn't scale below \$2, according to the best information that the experts have given the Southern Baptist Convention. The price of offering the word of God to Pagans and heathens isn't large, but when one remembers that there are 720,000,000 of them on this earth, then one realizes the proportions of the job that is allotted to the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the proposition that the delegates to the convention are going to tussle with when it is in session beginning Thursday evening. It means that the Baptists throughout the South have got to raise a large portion of almost a billion and four hundred million dollars within thirty years to carry out the work that has been started.—Courier Journal.

The "Southwest Convention" idea buzzed around somewhat. It was heard mostly from the ever zealous brethren in the West and the ever anxious in the East. Things have a peculiar way of working themselves out and most of the folks are watching and working and waiting for the best. And the best will come.—Texas Baptist Standard.

Editor Morris, of the Texas Baptist Standard, pays the following tribute to a brother editor in Texas: "Editor W. M. Lee, of the Evangel, was the recipient of abundant congratulations at the hands of multitudes of his Eastern friends. This newly adopted son of the West, this graceful Zachets of Texas, is the most hustling man in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The spirit of the West has already caught him. He caught it before he came." Brother Lee is a graceful and vigorous writer. He has furnished some fine articles for the Alabama Baptist in the past and promises to favor us with some feature articles in the near future.

It hardly seemed like a Convention without Dr. Carroll, of Texas. He was kept away by ill health.

The report on B. Y. P. U. literature emphasized the necessity of sticking close to our own denominational life and institutions first of all. On the other hand the B. Y. P. U. A. recommends topics in accord with the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League. According to Secretary Geo. T. Webb, we have in certain sections what is known as "B. Y. P. U. Christian Endeavor." It is not the business of Baptists to see how far they may go in order to agree with other folks, but it is their business to see how far they can get other folks to agree with them. It should be either this way or no way at all.—Texas Baptist Standard.

Amid singing—the praises of the lowly and the meek one of Galilee, the shedding of tears of joy and the exchange of farewells, so far as the routine work of the convention was concerned the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, came to a close.—Courier Journal.

The committee on the time and place of the convention recommended that it take place in Baltimore on May 14, 1910, and that the Rev. W. L. Pickard, of Savannah, Ga., preach the Convention sermon. The Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, S. C., was selected as alternate.

The annual memorial meeting in honor of former faithful officers who died during the year, was held at 3 p. m. Sunday in Broadway Baptist church. Dr. William Warren Landrum presided, and brief testimonial addresses were made as follows:

- Deacon Calder B. Willingham, Georgia; by Dr. Lansing Burrows, Georgia.
 - The Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton, Virginia; by Dr. J. Ad French, Texas.
 - The Rev. Dr. Manley Breaker, Missouri; by Dr. J. C. Armstrong, Missouri.
 - The Rev. Dr. John William Jones, Virginia; by Dr. William Beth Whitsitt.
- It was with sad hearts that Alabamians listened to the eulogy of the lamented Wharton by Dr. French.

The mass-meeting on evangelism was held at the Walnut street Baptist church Sunday. The speakers were the Rev. George W. McDaniels, the Rev. Len G. Broughton and the Rev. Luther Little. The singing was under the direction of E. O. Excell, the famous composer and music director, who came all the way from Chicago to assist Dr. Hamilton in the meeting.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement held a mass-meeting at the armory at 3 o'clock Sunday, at which the Rev. B. D. Gray, secretary of the Home Missionary Board; E. W. Stephens and Henry R. Poffard, of Richmond, Va., spoke.

A delightful banquet was tendered to Baptist editors attending the Southern Baptist Convention at the Louisville Hotel by the Baptist World, Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It was pronounced by those present as one of the most enjoyable features of their visit to Louisville. The occasion was one of great enjoyment and good fellowship, and it will long be remembered by the many who were present.

The following Alabamians were appointed to preach on Sunday: W. J. E. Cox, J. A. French, J. W. O'Hara, C. A. Stakeley, Preston Blake, W. B. Crumpton, H. B. Folk, but the most sought after preacher in the Convention was Geo. Shelburne, of East Lake, as he was put down to preach at three different churches.

The Woman's Missionary Union held a service in the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock Sunday, when greetings from the secretaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards were heard.

The voice of the Rev. B. D. Gray, secretary of the Home Mission Board, is equal to every demand. He was calling the names of a committee of many members yesterday just as one of the hard showers of rain began to fall upon the roof. "Louder," called someone. As he proceeded the rain began to pour in torrents. He himself saw the humor of the situation and gradually raised the pitch of his voice until when the rain would seem to pierce through the roof he was shrieking as he announced the last name, the audience applauding and breaking into laughter.—Courier Journal.

"More and more the Southern Baptists are beginning to thrust forward its laymen into positions of active leadership. The Sunday School Board, of Nashville, now has three laymen as field secretaries: Arthur Flake, of Winona, Miss; Prof. L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss., and E. E. Lee, of Dallas, Texas. These men give all their time to the work of Sunday school development, and they are all eloquent speakers. The State Mission Board, of Oklahoma, has a layman, J. C. Stalcup, as active secretary; as has also Virginia, in the person of William Ellyson, of Richmond." But the reporter of the Courier Journal left out C. E. Crossland, of Alabama, our own brilliant Howard College graduate.

Among the many inducements offered by the city of Baltimore for the Convention in 1910 was that the city press would give special attention to the report of proceedings of the Convention. This is considered a great item by those who have the management of the body in charge, for the delegates always send thousands of copies of the city papers to their relatives and friends at home. Many of them buy the papers regularly also to read themselves after they have returned home, for there are so many sessions of the body which are held while other subsidiary organizations are in session that one cannot attend more than half of the meetings. If the Baltimore papers will do even half as well as the Louisville papers there will be no just ground for complaint.

The voice of the Rev. W. H. Smith, editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board publications, is not often raised in the convention, yet he is one of the wisest and most learned members of the body. He is a graduate of the Seminary here, and was pastor of a prominent church in Georgia until he went to Richmond, Va., a few years ago to take up his work with the Foreign Board.—Courier Journal.

(We appreciate this compliment to our Alabama man.)

Declaring that the danger of heathen lands was not heathenism, but rationalism and infidelity, Hon. E. W. Stephens, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of the most prominent men present, stated that while the people of these heathen lands were throwing away their idols they are becoming the greatest infidels on the face of the earth; and that situation afforded a most serious problem for not only church forces, but the nation as a whole.

He has recently completed a tour of the world, and a good portion of his address was devoted to a description of what he saw and the impression he gained while away.

The following committee on educational interest will report at the next meeting of the convention: F. W. Boatwright, of Virginia; A. P. Montague, Alabama; J. E. White, Georgia; E. E. Folk, Tennessee, and E. M. Poteat, South Carolina.

Rev. H. R. Schramm was appointed by President Levering as a member on the Foreign Board Pagan Fields committee and Hon. R. E. Pettus was put on the committee to follow up the work of securing systematic beneficence. S. H. Campbell was given a place on the nominations committee and Rev. Preston Blake on place and time of preaching Sunday.

The secretary of the Convention read the report of a committee appointed last year to conduct the legal conduct of the will of Miss Lula Myers, of Kentucky, who willed certain property to the convention. A compromise was made allowing the one living heir to hold the property till his death, at which time the property will come into the hands of the convention.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., was one of the speakers at the Georgetown College banquet at the Galt House. He responded to the toast "Auld Lang Syne" in a way that stirred pleasant memories among the alumni.

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TRIBUTES TO THE DEAD.

Rev. C. W. Pruitt, of China, who spoke, was a Seminary mate of Secretary Willingham. Bro. Pruitt has been a missionary in China twenty-seven years. He told several instances of beautiful Christian character and life among his Chinese friends and co-workers. In the Hwanghien mission where Bro. Pruitt works more than 400 converts have been baptized during the year.

Dr. P. S. Evans, son-in-law of President Levering, is a medical missionary in China. He said he wished he had his wife with him to speak for him. He said the thing that impresses one most in China is the great number of people. There are people, people, piles of people.

Dr. Mullins, in his address of welcome, said Louisville boasted three of the greatest enterprises on earth—the largest tobacco factory, the largest whiskey distillery, and the largest theological seminary.

Both the Western Recorder and the Baptist World put out daily issues for which each grateful reporter said thank you, Drs. Prestridge and Thompson. These daily issues published the program for the day and full reports of the day past. The committee gave a booklet with a morning program for the whole meeting, with a diagram of the city, cuts and pictures of places of interest, for which each appreciative visitor said, well done, thou good and gracious host.—Baptist Advance.

The convention reporter had a time trying to report the auxiliary meetings. At best he could report but one or get a peep at them all and just give sketches. The Louisville papers, however, gave splendid reports and helped the weary editor to give a fuller story.

President A. P. Montague, of Howard College, Alabama, in his response to the address of welcome, told of the founding of denominational colleges, saying that of 600 colleges the records of which are kept by the general education board, 502 were founded by religious bodies and 65 by state governments.

The eyes of the old-timers were dimmed with tears when the Rev. Edwin C. Dargan, of Georgia, drew aside the veil and presented to view the lifesize portrait of James P. Boyce, the first president of the Seminary. Later President Mullins told of how, when Dr. Boyce was upon his deathbed, he asked the physician to give him a powerful stimulant in order that he might be driven up and down the streets of Louisville and secure money to meet the conditions of a gift which had been offered by Eastern friends. He literally gave his life for the Seminary he loved so much and that we have for the training of young preachers today.—Baptist Courier.

When Len G. Broughton left the stand after his speech Saturday morning, one of the policemen on duty in the hall stepped up to him and said: "I want to thank you for helping me keep order. Not a person moved while you were talking." Such is Broughton's ability to hold a crowd of 5,000 or more.—Baptist Courier.

The reports of the three boards each made mention of the great help of the denominational papers, but Dr. Frost's report plainly asked the convention to vote special recognition and appreciation of this help.

"Yes, a new era has come. All things are now ready for the laymen to carry out in a wholesale way the plans of the Master for bringing the world to us that we may sit in a comfortable pew and not only enjoy the worship with its prayers and teaching and music, but to personally have part in making it all and at the same time aid in maintaining the same sort of worship for the same ends in New Orleans, Cuba, Mexico, China and the whole world! I rejoice on Sunday to know that I am a layman in the pew, am worshipping God and am also worshipping God all around the world. My bill dropped in the basket is a highly joyous act of worship. And what an opportunity for us, in this work, to grow large, and wise, and strong."—J. T. Henderson, secretary Laymen's Movement.

"Nowhere do the scriptures teach us that the preacher is different from other Christian men, nor of any higher type than the Christian layman. This goes to say that the layman is to live as high a life as the preacher. Men are set apart by God to different phases of work, the preacher is to give his whole life to the work of the gospel; he is not to be a half-hearted worker, but to give his whole heart to this. If it is necessary that he make tents, let him make them to preach, as did our great Baptist of the past. The layman's text I would select for this afternoon is this: 'Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.'"—Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

Three men whose work for humanity and religion ceased in the past year when their useful lives came to an end, were eulogized Sunday afternoon in the memorial services held in the Broadway Baptist church. It is the annual custom of the Southern Baptist Convention to commemorate the virtues and the valor of distinguished and noted clergy and laymen with solemn services of tribute on the Sabbath day of each Convention. It was the intention at Sunday's memorial to honor the names of four such men, whose deaths have occurred since the last gathering, but owing to the inability of Dr. J. C. Armstrong, of Missouri, to be present, no formal tribute was paid to the memory of Dr. Manley J. Breaker.

The services were characterized with a simplicity and sincerity in keeping with the lives of the men that were honored. The church was about half filled with men and women who had known the men during their lifetime. The deepest interest and reverence marked the services. Dr. William H. Whitsitt



DR. M. B. WHARTON.

talked feelingly of Dr. John William Jones; Dr. J. A. French, of Dr. M. B. Wharton, and Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Calder B. Willingham.

The Courier Journal said: "The tribute to Dr. Wharton's life and deeds was delivered by Dr. French, who occupies Dr. Wharton's former pulpit in Eufaula, Ala. Of the three men remembered, probably Dr. Wharton was the most scholarly and talented, with a warmth and gentleness of heart that has seldom been surpassed. Dr. French said:

"Dr. Wharton was alert, bright, ambitious and quick of apprehension. He was educated in Richmond College. He left college in answer to the call to arms, but he returned at its close to get his degree and pursue his efforts for scholarly culture. In time he became one of the most scholarly and brilliant men. Socially he was companionable. He had a rich fund of anecdotes. As a literary man he produced those well-known books, 'Women of the New Testament,' 'Women of the Old Testament,' and 'Men of the Old Testament,' and 'Men of the New Testament.' He also fitted many hymns to the popular airs of the day. He was appointed a minister by President Hayes to a German City, and the book of travels he has written is among the best things he did. His first church was his last, the Baptist church at Eufaula, Ala. Then he had in succession Baptist churches in Louisville, Augusta, Montgomery, Norfolk, Baltimore, and then back to Eufaula.

"Here he was loved, cherished and revered most dearly. He built the church in which I am now preaching, but the inside of which he never saw, because of the mortal sickness which overtook him before its completion. He is buried in Eufaula. There a memorial of stone will be reared to his memory."

"They (the denominational colleges) have trained men whose lives have brought to the homes of our land a finer culture of mind and soul, to the social organism higher impulses and nobler deeds, to the State purer conceptions of civic righteousness and a very real patriotism. The most valuable asset of a college is its ability to turn out sane, sound men, who believe in the Americanism, in safe, happy homes, in men who stand for every reform which means a cleaner country. Never in the history of our land has the need been greater than now of men whom honor is as the breath of life and fearless patriotism a sacred possession."—Dr. A. P. Montague.

"What a fine thing it is that we have gotten away from the idea that dyspepsia is a form of piety. We have reached a time when emphasis is on Christian manhood. Christ was a perfect man. Thirty years were spent honestly at the carpenter's bench. Men are getting together in ministry, service. The preacher no longer stands far above and beyond his people, but preacher and laymen are becoming one great unit for work. The best layman of today is the man of heart, who feels, who sympathizes, gives and gets, the man who loves the world because it is God's world. Life is more than simply the implements we use in life. Have a vocation, but have also an avocation, which will put you into beautiful sympathy, symphony with the grand, sweet pulse-beats of God in the world. The layman of today must be a man of heart and stand in sympathy with Christ, letting his tears also drop upon the world and bless it."—Carter Helm Jones.

After two days of what might be called convention dissipation, indulged in by young and old Baptists, male and female Baptists, both delegates and visitors, the hour arrived for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention itself, the organization which made all of the others possible. The vast auditorium, the place for the training of the men of war, resounded to the tramp of the Baptist hosts consecrated to the service of the Prince of Peace. Long before the hour, on Thursday evening, when the president of the convention, Hon. Joshua Levering, of Maryland, called the convention to order, the building appeared to be filled—at least all the parts utilized for seating delegates. Long after the opening prayer by Dr. George W. Truett, of Texas, the rumble and the roar of walking hundreds could be heard, and to such an extent that it was with difficulty for a time, that speakers could be heard by those at the rear of the hall, especially as it began to rain soon after the opening.

The first of the series of meetings held in the huge armory was the Fourth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, on Wednesday afternoon. Such buildings as the armory do not lend themselves with great success to the needs of a convention whose most characteristic function is public speaking. But the committee in charge had done its utmost to mitigate the difficulties of speaking and hearing by hanging from the high arched roof a huge canvass curtain which materially reduced the size of the auditorium. As thus reduced in size, including the galleries, something like 3,500 to 4,000 persons could be seated. Although all sorts of exaggerated statements were unofficially made as to the seating facilities. The platform which was projected 40 feet or more into the great room held seats for speakers or singers to the number of 200 or more. Above the platform also was a screen of canvas, serving as a sounding board, which materially helped the acoustics. As a result when there was not too much confusion in the rear of the hall on the part of conversational delegates, and speakers enunciated well, they could be heard. When all the seats were filled as they frequently were, the view from the platform was indeed inspiring, as one looked out over the splendid array of Baptists from every part of the South.—The Standard.

Rev. R. E. Chambers, missionary to South China, delivered the last of the foreign mission talks. He is the head of a publishing society in China, but talked mostly upon the missionary work done.

"Wonderful changes, political, social and religious, are taking place in China," said Brother Chambers. "The government has changed, Americans are welcome, turbulence and strife is at an end there. Now is the golden opportunity for missionary work in China. The conditions are ideal and the time is ripe. The missionary field there is well equipped for pushing on the Christian religion. Our Christian women are making educated, upright Christian Chinese women. The hospitals are doing much to spread Christianity. The medical missionaries are eminently worth while. Their skillful handling of surgical cases often lets in the first ray of Christianity. Let our word be, 'Amplius,' 'enlarge.' The canvas is before you. You must furnish the colors."

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, I accept, with the expression of our grateful appreciation, this gift of the Misses Boyce—well fitting this occasion—of the portrait of their beloved father, and our honored founder and first president. May the God of Boyce, of Broadus, of Manly, of Williams, grant grace and strength to their successors that they may walk and work worthy of their vocation."

With these words, Dr. J. B. Marvin, of Louisville, a trustee of the seminary, and one of its loyal supporters, accepted the portrait of Dr. Boyce.

Some of the delegates believing that the daughters of Dr. Boyce were in the audience requested that they go to the platform. Dr. Mullins stated that they were not present because of an illness in the family.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SEMINARY.

Celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary took up the entire Saturday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Addresses by Dr. W. G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. William B. Hatcher, of Virginia; Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., were made in the interest of an increase of \$600,000 in the permanent endowment fund of the institution, and an oil portrait of Dr. James Pettigru Boyce, founder of the Seminary, was presented to the school by Dr. Boyce's daughters, Misses Elizabeth F. Boyce, Fannie W. Boyce and Lucy G. Boyce.

The presentation was made by Dr. E. C. Dragan, of Kagon, Ga., formerly a member of the faculty. In his address he traced the movement of the fifty years of the Seminary and was followed with the closest attention. He paid a high tribute to the memories of Dr. Boyce, Dr. Broadus and Basil Manly, Jr. and William Williams, early and great men of the Seminary. Three thousand students had been instructed there, he said. They had gone to all parts of the world spreading the gospel. He said that it had been the main supply of preachers and missionaries in all that time, and he paid particular attention to its influence for and service to the denomination. Then followed his words of presentation to the Seminary of the portrait of Dr. Boyce, while the Convention stood. He spoke in the highest terms of the greatness of soul and greatness of brain of Dr. Boyce.

Dr. J. B. Marvin, of Louisville, a trustee of the Seminary, and one of its most enthusiastic supporters, then replied to Dr. Dargan in behalf of the Seminary, receiving the gift. Preceding the exercises at the armory the faculty, trustees, students and alumni of the Seminary assembled at Norton Hall, and at 8:30 o'clock marched in a body to the armory, where the faculty, trustees and 320 students occupied the seats on the great rostrum. Including the alumni, to the number of almost 500, there were nearly 1,000 men in line and many of the women delegates and visitors accompanied the men, making an imposing procession.

Contributions to the endowment fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary amounting to more than \$115,000 were made during the final hour of the morning session.

T. C. Bush, of Alabama, pledged \$2,000. Dr. Hatcher remarked that he wished the country was filled with Bushes like that.

There is one who grows and flourishes in the red soil of Birmingham has a brother rooted at Mobile whose leaves have sheltered many a tired missionary in China.

HOME MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Home missions led the way on Saturday afternoon and evening. The strong addresses were uplifting. Mexicans and full-blooded Pawnee Indians from Oklahoma added a spice of variety. The Indian, one in full regalia of his tribe, were taken to the edge of the platform, and while the missionary who converted him told of the work the delegates had a chance to gaze upon a living appeal for funds for missionary work.

The three Mexicans came forward. One told of his experiences in being saved; while the Rev. D. C. Dargan, of Texas, who conducts the Mexican mission, interpreted his words. The delegates warmly applauded them.

A resolution requesting the United States government to protect W. M. Morrison and W. H. Shepherd, the two Presbyterian missionaries, who are under arrest in the Congo Free State, awaiting trial on charges of criminal libel, because of articles they caused to be published on the cruelties that the natives were subjected to, was introduced.

Dr. Gray introduced Senior Zarrille, a young Italian who is a convert to the Baptist faith, and is now a missionary working among the Italians of Tampa. In broken English the Rev. Mr. Zarrille told of his work in Tampa.

So best resolves are ropes of sand,
So yielding and unstable,
Can not make them aught beside,
But Thou, O God, art able
To make them by Thy grace divine
Stronger than iron cable.

—A. H.

The auditorium in which the convention met is a very large stone and brick building covering half a square, the roof of which is supported by huge steel arches, of which there are ten in the main hall. I took the trouble to count the incandescent lights on one of these arches and found just four dozen; thus making 480 of them stretched over our heads beside 32 large arc lights.—Baptist Courier.

REV. E. P. SMITH RESIGNS.

At the 11 o'clock service last Sunday at the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. E. P. Smith, tendered his resignation to take effect June 1st. Mr. Smith has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Attalla, Ala., and will enter upon his work there the first Sunday in June.

Many expressions of sorrow and regret are heard on every side regarding Mr. Smith's move from Carrollton.

Rev. E. P. Smith entered upon the duties of pastor here more than four years ago, and has given good and faithful service, and during this period the church has had gracious revivals, many new members being added, and the contributions for all purposes have exceeded anything in the history of the church as well as a manifest advance and uplift.



in the moral and spiritual condition of the membership.

Mr. Smith was chairman of the famous prohibition campaign in this (Pickens) county in 1907, and it was largely due to his wise management and leadership that the county went overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition. Mr. Smith has lived to see the blessed fruits of the great victory, and he is entitled to, and has the benediction of a large majority of the men, women and children of the county. We sincerely regret to lose him and his family from the church and community. He goes to a larger and perhaps more inviting field in the growing city of Attalla, where he can devote his time and energies to the care of the Master's Kingdom in that section.—West Alabamian.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

One of the most important matters in the report of the Sunday School Board was the recommendation that the sum of \$60,000 be used to permanently endow the chair of Sunday school pedagogy at the Seminary, and that it be named in honor of Basil Manly, Jr., a former professor of the Seminary.

The most striking thing in the report of the Sunday School Board was the highly prosperous condition of its finances. It collected money last year far in advance of any previous twelve months. Great enthusiasm was created when Dr. Frost read the section of the report which promised one dollar for every two dollars subscribed for the permanent endowment of a chair of pedagogy at the Seminary up to an aggregate of \$60,000.

Dr. Frost, while at the Convention, told some friends that in the early fall he would bring out another book from his own pen, entitled "Our Church Life; or Serving God on God's Plan." Dr. Frost is not only one of the very best business men in the Baptist ranks, but he is also a writer upon denominational themes of unusual vigor. During the past three years he has found time to write two books which have already been issued. These are "The Moral Dignity of Baptism" and "The Supper of Our Lord." These two books have been brought out in several editions.

RECEPTION GIVEN BY W. M. U.

Despite the inclemency of the weather Saturday afternoon, the reception at the Galt House from 4 to 6 p. m., was an elaborate affair and was largely attended by the delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention as well as by the Baptist people of Louisville. The reception was given by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in honor of the delegates and visitors to the Convention. The long line of parlors and broad corridors of the Galt House were brought into service and throngs of people moved about as strains of music floated through the building.

The receiving line was headed by Miss Fanny E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, president of the Woman's Missionary Union. In the line were as many of the officers of the union as could attend. Had it not rained all of the numerous officers would have been in line.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served in the small banquet room. A carnation was pinned on every person that attended the function. Owing to the rain the attendants were late in arriving and the receiving line was not in order until nearly five o'clock. The general verdict was that this was one of the most enjoyable functions of the great coming together of the Baptists of the South. In fact, it was the only affair in which business and devotion were laid aside. It was purely social.

IN MEMORY OF DR. EATON.

The great armory was filled with men and women on Saturday afternoon to honor the memory of Dr. T. T. Eaton. Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Chicago, opened his wonderful tribute as follows:

"He being dead, yet speaketh, and the silent voice of the glorified dead is more eloquent than the vocal utterance of the living. John the Baptist said: 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.' To use the voice for God is good; to be a voice for God is better. Personality is power, and the personality of John the Baptist voiced a message from God. The name of every man, living or dead, voices a message so that the proper nouns of a language are its mightiest words. Moses voices law; Paul voices grace; John Howard voices philanthropy; Martin Luther voices justification by faith; T. T. Eaton voices Christian manhood and noble achievement."

Resting on the grave of the great preacher at Cave Hill cemetery was a bunch of white carnations, in keeping with the immaculate sheet wrapped around the bronze figure which was to have been unveiled by his grandchild.

Wet with the rain and lashed by the wind, the white sheet was wrapped about the figure so as to bring out every outline. Many timidly peered under the bottom and gazed on the bronze figure.

When the evening bell tolled from the chapel there were hundreds about the grave who went to their homes with saddened hearts.

FOUND OUT

A Trained Nurse Discovered Its Effect.

No one is in better position to know the value of food and drink than a trained nurse:

Speaking of coffee, a nurse of Wilkes Barre, Pa., writes: "I used to drink strong coffee myself, and suffered greatly from headaches and indigestion."

"While on a visit to my brothers I had a good chance to try Postum, for they drank it altogether in place of ordinary coffee. After using Postum two weeks I found I was much benefited and finally my headaches disappeared and also the indigestion."

"Naturally I have since used Postum among my patients, and have noticed a marked benefit where coffee has been left off and Postum used."

"I observe a curious fact about Postum used among mothers. It greatly helps the flow of milk in cases where coffee is inclined to dry it up, and where tea causes nervousness."

"I find trouble in getting servants to make Postum properly. They most always serve it before it has been boiled long enough. It should be boiled 15 or 20 minutes after boiling begins and served with cream, then it is certainly a delicious beverage."

Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

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

CENTRAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT



Sermon of Dr. French.

The Baptist church held an overflowing congregation on Sunday, the multitude of people being gathered to hear the annual commencement sermon of Central College, delivered by Dr. James A. French, of Eufaula. Dr. French took his text from Proverbs 31st chapter, 10th verse, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." He really took the whole of the balance of that great chapter and in its exposition made it apply most beautifully to present day conditions. He said woman was not intended for a slavish life nor for an existence of mere luxury. Man is for outside work, however, he said, and women for the inside. He deprecated the idea that a woman was degraded when not put at the same task as men, for they have a field so wide and useful already.

Annual Concert.

The annual concert at Central college on Monday night drew a large and enthusiastic audience. Alumnae Hall was about as full as it could hold and the fine program was heard with pleasure. It was a most creditable program and rendered in a most creditable manner. The numbers were all of a high grade of music, the majority of the selections being in fact of a highly classical nature and requiring discrimination and intelligence and a good knowledge of music to interpret.

Program.

- Part song, Gipsy Life, op. 29, Robert Schumann—Cecilian Glee Club.
- Piano duet, two marches in C and D, op. 45, Beethoven (by request)—Susie and Mary Simms.
- Soldier's March, op. 68, Schumann, Edna Philfer.
- Song, Voices of the Woods, Rubinstein Watson—Lois Reed.
- Piano duet, Bilder Aus Osten, Schumann—Marguerite Barnes and Mr. G. Fryatt Mountford.
- Piano solo, Tarantelle in A flat, op. 85, Stephen Heller—Mary Lee Strickland.
- Reading, A Woman in a Shoe Shop, Fisk—Miss Elvie Forrester.
- Piano solo, Rondo in C, op. 51, Beethoven—Ruth Dunn.
- Song, Time of Roses, Tracy—Elizabeth Garner.
- Violin obligato composed by G. Fryatt Mountford, violin—Mr. A. E. Perkins.
- Piano duet, Sonata in B flat, op. 20, Franz Schubert, (a) andante, (b) allegro—Irene Stodghill and Mr. G. Fryatt Mountford.
- Interval.
- Song, A Message, Adolph Frey—Sue Beth James.
- Piano duet, Sonata in C (allegro), W. A. Mozart (composed January, 1787)—Ruth Dunn and Mr. G. Fryatt Mountford.
- Song, Ah, I Have Sighed to Rest Me, Verdi—Ola Davis.
- Piano solo, Murmuring Zephyrs, Adolph Jensen—Susie Simms.
- The Golden Sonata, Henry Purcell (b London 1658-1695.) For two violins and Pianoforte. (a) Largo, F major; (b) Adagio, F minor; (c) Canzona, F major; (d) Grave D minor; (e) Allegro, F major—Messrs. A. E. Perkins, Edward D. Naff and C. Fryatt Mountford.

A Clever Play and Pantomime.

The commencement plays at Central College drew a large audience. The first was a pantomime farce on the celebrated poem of Lochinvar.

Reading, Lochinvar, Scott—Elvie Forrester.

YOUNG LOCHINVAR—A Pantomime Farce.

Lochinvar, Elvie Forrester; Ellen, Maebelle Naugher; Bridegroom, Mary Simms; Ellen's Father, Sidney Blackburn; Ellen's Mother, Gerdys Mitchell; Little sister, Mary Giles; priest, Alice Smith; bridesmaids, Marguerite Barnes, Winona Rush, Minnie Jones; groomsmen, Gertrude Tisdale, Alice Booth, Susie Barnes; music, Irene Stodghill.

Miss Elvie Forrester, in highland costume, recited Lochinvar delightfully at the beginning of the piece and then the characters in the program went through the scenes described in the poem, putting in a comic touch, however, that was irresistible. To see the clan go madly galloping off the stage on broomstick horses and the gait of the bridegroom himself (or rather herself) was something unique and entertaining. The girls all seemed to enter into the droll performance with spirit and each made the most of her part.

The Second Play.

The second play was a breezy comedy. It was remarkable what a good interesting play it was and not a male character in it. The woes of Peggy and her lost pocketbook were most amusing. Miss Elvie Forrester carried off the part in splendid style. There was a lot to do and she did it to the fullest satisfaction. Miss Maebelle Naugher, as the young bride always quoting Charlie, was charming and decidedly clever. Miss Gerdys Mitchell as the unmarried friend who clearly spoke her mind on occasions, was exceptionally fine. Miss Sidney Blackburn, as Mrs. Ormsby, a fashionable widow, also aided in the fun-making. Misses Winona Rush, as Bertha; Miss Lucy Tisdale, as the reporter, and Miss Susie Barnes, as the maid, all did capitally. There was a delightful air of naturalness about all the players and the stage settings and the disposition of the characters at all times showed a master hand guiding the piece.

Alumnae Day.

Alumnae day at Central College was a day of great pleasure to every one. There were a number of visiting alumnae, the reunion feature being extremely pleasant, and there was a charming program rendered by alumnae, a splendid banquet and a profitable time, in fact, for both students and graduates of Central.

The company was one of great charm and brilliancy also and the

feast was enjoyed for many reasons. The following was the artistic menu, carried out also in the college colors: "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast"—Shakespeare. Invocation of God's Blessings—Rev. John Van Lear.

Menu.

- Orange Cocktail
- "Beautiful fruit of our Southland thy lusciousness delights me well."
- Chicken with Mayonnaise
- Lunch Crackers
- "Since Eve ate apples much depends on dinner."
- Orange Ice
- "Break the ice of ceremony and sip the nectar."
- Turkey Aspic Jelly Finger Rolls
- Almonds Chips Pickles
- "Blest be those feasts with simple plenty crown'd."
- Cream Cake
- "A luck of kindly warmth."
- Coffee Cheese Wafers
- "Black as night it stood."

The banquet was prepared and served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church and a better spread was never enjoyed. The delicacies were all so elegant and daintily prepared and served so abundantly that the company could not fail to do the occasion fullest justice. The Baptist ladies have proved themselves before this to be the best of caterers and they added to their reputation yesterday.

The feast was followed by a veritably rich and interesting array of speeches. The following was the program of toasts:

- Toastmaster, Mrs. Mollie Staton Gilmore, "Let the toast pass."
- Welcome to Class of 1909—Mrs. Agnes Jones Sanders.
- Response—Miss Cliffie Foster.
- After College Days—What?—Mrs. Mary Brown Abbott.
- Our Teachers—Miss Lillian Wilds.
- Our Girls—Miss Emily Gay Abbott.
- Our Home Makers—Mrs. Emma Ogburn, Roby.
- Auld Lang Syne—To be sung by guests.
- Mrs. Gilmore made a most charming and graceful presiding officer.

Graduating Night.

The fifty-first annual commencement of Central college occurred in the presence of a large and brilliant audience. Alumnae hall was packed to about its utmost capacity, a couple of hundred chairs having to be brought in.

The exercises opened with the usual academic procession from the rotunda to the old senate chamber (Alumnae Hall). The stage presented an attractive sight with the white dresses of the "under classmen," the black caps and gowns of the seniors,

the handsomely attired faculty, the trustees, speakers, etc.

- The following was the program: Invocation—Mr. J. P. Chapman.
- Solo, Vieni! la mia vendetta, Donizetti—Prof. E. D. Naff.
- Address to the Graduates—Geo. W. Macon, Ph. D., of Howard College.
- Trio in E flat, op. 14, Mozart, for piano, violin and viola—Messrs. G. Fryatt Mountford, E. D. Naff, A. E. Perkins.

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates by the president.

Presentation of Medals—Piano medal by Mr. Jesse P. Chapman; voice medal by Mr. R. H. Scrivner; art medal by Mr. S. H. Sprott, Jr.; presentation of blue ribbons by the matron.

Song, "God be with you till we meet again."

Dr. Macon's Address.

The address of Dr. Macon, who is the distinguished professor of biology and dean of the faculty at Howard college, was a scholarly, polished effort, full of fine, elevating thought, expressed in the choicest language. He said he would divide his theme into three sections—Life's prophetic phase, life's selective forces, and life's working plan.

Conferring of Degrees.

Dr. Giles gracefully introduced Dr. Macon, who is his old friend and schoolmate. Dr. Giles' baccalaureate was brief, but very flattering to the members of the class, and he spoke with the deepest feeling.

Diplomas were conferred on the following: Theo. Elizabeth Weaver, B. L.; Mary Emily Simms, A. B.; Sarah Frances Burks, B. S.; Cora Augusta Williams, B. S.; Grace Miller, A. B.; Josie Bell, A. B.; Cliffie Foster, A. B.; Matalie Harper, A. B.; Lois Naugher, A. B.; Nancy Bealle Foster, A. B.; Alice Smith, B. S.; Marguerite Barnes, B. S.; Susie Grice Simms, B. L.; Susie McGahey, A. B.; Leo Berntice Trimm, art; Elvie Reba Forrester, expression.

Certificates were also awarded to the following:

Meta, Irene Stodghill, piano; Meta Irene Stodghill, English; Sallie Esther Phippen, stenography; Sarah Frances Burks, Art; Vera Jones, English-mathematics.

The speeches of Messrs. Chapman, Scrivner and Sprott were all to the point and were bright and suggestive. They presented the medals as follows:

Piano, Mrs. Ruth Dunn; voice, Miss Lois Reed; art, Miss Leone Blake.

Honorable mention in art was accorded Miss Leo Trimm.

After these came the pinning of the badges of the Alumnae Society upon the members of the senior class, Mrs. H. C. Crane (Miss Nannie Boone) of Birmingham, performing this graceful task.

Mrs. Gaydon then pinned a blue ribbon upon seventeen girls, who had gone through the year without receiving a single demerit. These were: Misses Ruth Dunn, Mary Dixon, Beulah Dean, Clio Caine, Essie White, Alice Booth, Irene Stodghill, Mae Hasty, Emma Ward, Vera Jones, Mamye Smith, Lily Zitterow, Leone Blake, Alberta Holland, Winnie Hodo, Clara

Went on Annabelle Phifer, Annie Florence Hancock.

The Music of the Evening.

The music of the evening was of the high grade. Prof. Mountford and Prof. Naff have led the people of Tuscaloosa to expect. The aria sung by Prof. Naff was from Lucrezia Borgia and was a beautiful thing finely done. The Mozart trio was an exquisite selection and it was played most artistically. A more admirable work has not been heard here in some time.

Announcements.

Judge H. B. Foster, in behalf of the board of trustees, made some very important announcements. He said the board had departed from its usual custom of not bestowing a degree upon one not filling the prescribed work in the school room, but recognizing the peculiar fitness for the honor, has conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon Miss Anna M. Baker.

He also gave the pleasing announcement that the board of trustees had made a contract with Dr. Giles to remain president of the college for five years and hoped he would remain for life. This was greeted with enthusiasm by the audience. He announced also the completion of the \$2,500 raised by the citizens and alumni to secure the retention of President Giles and said that raising the amount had enabled the college to become absolute possessor in fee simple of all the college furniture and equipment, except the plans and the personal effects of Dr. Giles. He also announced that the trustees had decided that the college must be painted during the summer. This was also received with applause.

Dr. Giles, in a feeling way, responded to Judge Foster's speech and expressed his pleasure at the prospect of staying in Tuscaloosa, saying that he believed this the best point for a girls' school in Alabama.

The exercises were closed with the singing of "God Be With You" and the benediction by Dr. Mason and the session of 1908-09 was at an end.

A GOOD MEETING.

Our people have just passed through and enjoyed one of the sweetest revival seasons ever held in our Ensley church, conducted by our brother, R. S. Gavin, of Huntsville, Ala.

His grasp of the truth was so clear and concise, the presentation of it so real and forceful, that it did us great and we trust lasting good.

His services were held each day and each time a feast of good things, new and fresh to us, which created in us a hungering and longing from day to day as the meetings progressed. At times he made the truth very short and pungent; at others very sweet and palating, sometimes pruning and then grafting. He made the truth a real savor of life unto life and of death unto death.

We are very glad that Brother Gavin came to us and shall never forget his splendid work and strong personality, which we feel very sure will bear fruit in the lives of the brethren in the coming years.

Very truly,
J. W. MINOR.

May 14, 1909.

THE CONVENTION BACKS THE PRESS

On motion of V. I. Masters, of Virginia, the following was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention:

Whereas, The denominational weeklies of Southern Baptists have received less appreciation from the denominational than any other agency, in proportion to the value of the service they have rendered; and,

Whereas, Only an average of one Baptist family in five among our people in the South take a denominational weekly; and,

Whereas, To multiply the circulation of our papers is to multiply the efficiency of every agency of service fostered by this convention; therefore, be it, resolved,

1. That this convention urges upon the state conventions and district associations the propriety of giving a good hour in their annual gatherings for the purpose of magnifying the mission of the denominational journal.

2. That we urge the pastors to put the value of the denominational papers on the consciences of their people and in every fit way to facilitate the extension of their circulation.

"Honor to Whom Honor—"

At the Baptist World banquet to the Baptist editors, a committee was appointed, consisting of Secretaries Masters, Van Ness and Smith, to ask of the convention a suitable hour at its present session for a mass meeting in the interest of the denomination's papers.

What the newspaper editors wanted was not simply the formal backing of some resolutions, or thanks for what they have done. What they wanted and deserved was a whole-hearted, meaningful recognition of the value of the service they have rendered. They wanted the unquestioned, expressed moral backing of the convention, expressed as to reach out to the state conventions, the associations and the churches, and impress upon the consciences of the brotherhood that the denomination's papers are among its most valuable and faithful co-workers. For it is an unquestioned fact that these papers voice faithfully and in love and courage every phase of the work of the denomination. To do it they cut themselves off from all sources of support and patronage save from the brotherhood. They have extended the reach of the voice of every preacher and secretary and orphanage and college.

As was expected the leaders of the convention received most graciously this committee of secretaries, and an hour was given on Sunday afternoon when Brethren Alex W. Bealer and J. B. Gambrell told fittingly and enthusiastically of the loyal and valuable service rendered by the papers, and called upon the boards, churches, college officers and pastors to return the service so generously bestowed upon their enterprises by the papers.—Baptist World.

Dr. Gambrell's Pointed Speech.

Dr. Gambrell, of Texas, spoke for the Baptist papers. He said the great bulk of our denomination were not informed sufficiently to be doing what they should do. There is nothing equal to the denominational newspaper for informing the masses. We ought to raise the tone of self-respect by teaching our people to pay for their papers.

"Four out of five Baptist families do not take a religious paper, and hardly one of these thousands are dependable in any great denominational crisis and time of great opportunity. They know nothing of the denomination and its work and so do not care, have no information and count on the Baptists who do not take a good Baptist paper."

"The great question is to get the masses to understand our work and the way is to get them to take the religious papers."

"If a man thinks editing a denominational paper is an easy job let him try it. I know; I have tried it."

"I would stand a law suit before you could give me a denominational paper."

"Some people are afraid the editors will get rich. We can settle that question afterwards. Let us stand loyally by them now."

"Denominational papers must be owned by some men. I am sorry for the men. They render a great service to the denomination."

"We say the denominational paper is the hack horse of the denomination. I'd feed any horse, I'd be willing to ride. I'd even feed a mule that I rode."

"No pastor should think he is too dignified to get subscribers to his state paper."

"When I was pastor I saw to it that every family subscribed to their state paper as their first duty."

"If we could double the circulation of our papers we could double on everything else."

"I am in favor of our state conventions giving an hour to the discussion of this all-important subject."

Alex Bealer also made a stirring talk.

Of Tuskegee Association at Society Hill May 28, 29, 30.

Friday—9:30 a. m., devotional services, R. Lawson; 10 a. m., Prevaling Prayer, J. M. Stroud; 10:30 a. m., The Place of Song in Worship, J. P. Hunter; 11 a. m., preaching, J. R. Curry; 1:30 p. m., The Form of Church Government as Practiced by Baptists. Why? J. H. Shackelford; 2 p. m., What is Christian Baptism? Geo. E. Brewer; 2:30 p. m., Woman's Work in Church and Sunday School, J. L. Stough; 3 p. m., What Constitutes Church Discipline? T. G. Conner; 3:30 p. m., Christian Fellowship, M. P. Edwards.

Saturday—9:30 a. m., devotional services, R. M. Langley; 10 a. m., What is the Mission of the Churches of Christ in the World? W. S. Talliaferro; 10:30 a. m., What is the Duty of Every Member of the Churches of Christ in the Execution of this Mission? J. R. Curry; 11 a. m., preaching, A. D. Woodle; 1:30 p. m., The Lord's Supper, M. P. Edwards; 2 p. m., Individual Responsibility in Church Attendance and Systematic Giving, W. W. Campbell; 3 p. m., The Different Phases of Our Mission Work in Its Relation to Our Boards, W. A. Talliaferro.

Sunday—9:30 a. m., Sunday school work, R. J. Miles; 10 a. m., The Relation of Baptists to the interdenominational Sunday School Work, W. N. Whitman; 10:30 a. m., How to Enlist and Retain Pupils in Our Sunday Schools, R. L. Wilson; 11 a. m., preaching, W. A. Talliaferro.

Everybody invited and expected to be on time according to program.

E. L. MAYBERY,
R. LAWSON,
Committee.

BAKER.

On the 10th day of May the Master called home Sister Mary M. Baker in her fifty-first year. She had been sick for the past 18 months and the end was expected almost daily, yet we were shocked, as is always the case. Sister Baker had been a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist church for over 20 years and in her declining days seemed to get closer to her Lord. A more beautiful example of Christian patience could not be found anywhere. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church at Alta, Ala. Interment in the cemetery near the church. Let us bereaved ones live that pure life that we may join her where parting comes no more.

J. S. HARTSFIELD.

The Tri-Cities Daily gives special columns and a picture of Rev. O. E. Comstock, describing a union farewell service given him on his departure for Tucson, Arizona, which will be his new home. Brother Comstock has been pastor of the Furnace Hill Baptist church, Sheffield, since its organization in 1890, and we regret to have him leave the state.

We made a number of notes and wrote many paragraphs about the convention only to find that they were crowded out, and so like many another disappointed contributor we wonder why a newspaper does not print live stuff and kill a lot of dull reports. There is no gainsaying the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest delegated annual religious gathering in the world, and it is with pardonable pride that we make the assertion that it is one of the greatest militant religious forces in the world, and somehow out of all the introductions penned by the men who reported the sessions we select that of Martin Ball, in the Baptist and Reflector, for it fits in perfectly with what we saw, only he paints it in colors beyond our power to put on canvas, and hence we use his picture:

Coming from South and North, from East and West, representatives of the churches of Jesus Christ, comprising the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest religious body in the world, Thursday night passed the portals of the armory, and 5,000 strong sang the battle hymn of the churches, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," in sonorous notes which stirred the spirit far more than the call of bugles going by.

There was no roll of drums to announce this great army, but there was the indomitable spirit of the church militant, which has accomplished more than any army the earth has ever known, and which seeks the peaceful conquest—the evangelization of the entire world within the present generation.

It was a gathering of men and women which caused the vivid words which have sounded down the centuries to arise involuntarily to the lips of the onlooker—"Put on the whole armor of God. Stand, having girded your loins with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one; taking the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God."

There were those present who, if the truth were known, were the equals of that wonderful man, Dr. John A. Broadus, so intimately connected with the history of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—a man who lived in Louisville on \$600 a year because of the work he was able to accomplish, when he was offered \$10,000 to go to another field.

Coming slowly up the crowded aisle, his magnificent stature and superb head still towering above the younger generation, came that "grand old man," Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Richmond, Va., who when he spoke in a voice still vibrant and thrilling with the fire of spirit, showed that his old-time sway over the hearts of an audience was not lost.

Swaying banners of this same army of the church militant bore such inscriptions as: "He does most to Christianize the world who does most to Christianize America," and maps of the world showing in blocks of uncompromising blackness that part of the world which has not yet heard the call of the church.

It was a crowd which radiated happiness—and hope—and enthusiasm—that was evidenced in the singing of the hymns. This was no carefully rehearsed festival chorus, but it is doubtful if any more fire and spirit, sonorous beauty and clarity ever entered into the strains of music than did last night when the waves of sound reverberated to the arching roof of the armory and floated out across space.

It was fitting that soldiers of the cross should have been housed in an armory, and somehow as Willingham and Gray drew aside the curtain and showed us the fields that were yet to be taken, we grew eager to begin the fight, and in the last analysis this is what the convention means and stands for, that the men and women who come together year by year shall volunteer for service.

It was a great convention, great in numbers, great in enthusiasm, great in inspiration, great in its innovations, great in its fellowship. Brother Crumpton's heart must have glowed within him as he sat hour after hour in a body in which CO-OPERATION was the key word. There was no place for the man with a grouch, and the platform was so arranged that the man with a hobby had no place in which to exercise his wooden animal, for all the available space was being used by men mounted on steeds ready to ride anywhere that workers were needed.

The pessimist was notably absent, and if present had to sit up and take notice while the optimist was telling his story. For once the convention came to itself and had a vision broad enough to take in the

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world, and therefore it dared to undertake new things and put an emphasis on things hitherto permitted at best to be called "auxiliaries."

The B. Y. P. U., the Laymen's Movement, the Educational Association and the Denominational Press each got a hearing and will have a status hereafter in keeping with the great purposes for which each stands. We believe that at last our leaders have read truly the signs of the times and mean to make the convention "a place where all of our great work may be deliberated upon," and that the "auxiliaries," nicknamed "side-shows," will be taken under the "big tent" and be on the program as a part of the show.

Secretary Burrows well said that he wanted the convention magnified instead of minimized and regretted that—

There were so many banquets and such like that many of the brightest young men instead of being at the convention were sitting about the festal board, hearing glee clubs sing and listening to hoorah speeches.

Dr. R. H. Pitt, the astute editor of the Religious Herald, in a great editorial on the convention, says:

The convention grows. It grows steadily, uniformly. Every branch of its work is prosperous. Of course, our missionary boards, our publication board, and our seminary still have their burdens and difficulties, but it looks as if crises no longer confront them, or are at all likely to confront them. It is all fair weather with the convention.

It must be frankly admitted, however, that the real work of the convention is no longer done by the convention itself. It is practically impossible, with the present organization and methods, and in the physical conditions in which the convention is frequently forced to meet, to deliberate about anything. So it has come to pass that debate is practically unknown and conference is out of the question. We are coming rapidly to the place, if we have not already reached it, when we must reply almost wholly upon the boards and standing committees to do our thinking for us. This is to some extent both desirable and inevitable. At the same time we can not suppress the conviction that it is not best for us, or for the interests which we seek to promote, that our great representative body should degenerate into a mere celebration, a place for set and formal reports and addresses, a sort of spectacular gathering, full of holy enthusiasm, it may be, but lacking utterly the deliberative element. We think we saw at Louisville the evil which comes out of such conditions. At certain high points of interest the hall was full to its capacity, but during the day sessions, when committees were reporting on most important aspects of mission and publication work, it was repeatedly true that not one-third of the delegates were present, and those that attended were scattered about the hall, mixing indiscriminately with the ladies and local visitors. Two-thirds of the delegates felt that it was not necessary to be in attendance; that everything would be looked after in due course, and that they might as well spend the time shaking hands, gossiping or seeing the city. We hope that the local committee who are to have charge of the Baltimore meeting will set aside a definite part of the house for the convention proper, and that the president and other officers of the convention will do their best to see that the delegates are seated in that place. This, of course, is a mere detail, but many years of observation convince us that it is a most important detail, and will accomplish far more than may be suspected in the way of keeping the body compact and effective.

WRITE THE LETTERS.

Secretary Crumpton, in his letter to pastors, urges upon them to write letters. This is very important. Why not everyone do that? Men, women and children, preachers, deacons and laymen? FIFTY letters are not hard to write in these days of the typewriter with the conveniences of duplicating. Anyone in the country, away from a typewriter, can easily write TEN letters with the hand. Suppose we all do as our secretary requests! The campaign for state missions would be heard from in every corner of the state and the \$10,000 would be easily raised.

While we are writing, let a line of encouragement be sent to Brother Crumpton. He needs our prayers, sympathy and earnest co-operation.

We were greatly pleased to see Dr. Dickinson, editor of the Standard, reporting the convention, and greatly interested to read his editorial summary of it, and particularly that portion relating to the action of the Home Board in regard to its policy about occupying new territory:

The convention is a great religious and denominational force. It is beginning to realize its tremendous power. It is destined more and more to aid in the evangelization of the great empire in which it finds its constituency. It has at home and abroad a field broad enough to command all its financial and spiritual energies. It would seem to some of us, in the light of these magnificent possibilities, its momentous social and religious problems, and the present inadequacy of the cultivation of its own particular field both in spreading the gospel and in teaching the duties of Christian stewardships, with half of its churches still unrepresented in gifts to missions, that it is not wise—not to say fair—to threaten to seize territory for many years past under cultivation by other missionary societies. But possibly that threat was not intended to be unkind or unjust, but to represent that purposeful determination to spread the gospel wherever God leads the way. In any event, these southern Baptists are a big-hearted, big-numbered, big-planning body of Christians to whose annual gatherings one northern editor continues to come, greatly to his profit.

And now we give the position of our Trans-Mississippi brethren, voiced through the gifted Norris, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard:

The agreement between the Home Mission Board and the Home Mission Society relative to territorial changes in the southwest was ratified, after being duly amended. New Mexico will act on the matter at the next session of the state convention. Whatever there was to the "five-year agreement," namely, that neither board should take the initiative in making territorial changes for five years, was so modified and interpreted as to be satisfactory to all concerned. The responsibility is left where it belongs, with the churches and the states themselves. If New Mexico wants to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention the churches of that territory alone have the privilege of deciding the matter. If Texas Baptists decide to co-operate with the Northern Baptists, they and not another would decide the question. If Oklahoma wishes to cease going in two directions at the same time in order to better conserve their energies, that state and no amount of outside agreements would be the word of authority in the premises. The convention acted wisely in adopting Dr. Gambrell's report, which leaves the whole question of co-operation with the churches and the states.

Without unduly crowding the ministry, the laymen had their "innings" at the convention, and it added spice to the game, and when the preachers and laymen of the Southern Baptist Convention get down to real team work they will win the world pennant.

Dr. Bell, that wise editor of the Christian Index, well says:

Notwithstanding the fact that both the boards had to report debts, a spirit of hopefulness prevailed that was indicative of a determination on the part of all to go forward in the Master's work. There were few, if any, lamentations over the past, but a great Ebenezer spirit possessed the brotherhood, and praise and thanksgiving resounded on every side. And along with this was the determination to go forward to larger and better things in the year to come. For we must ever remember that every Ebenezer stone has two sides, one of which looks backward over the way we have come and records the mercies of the Lord; the other side looks forward. On the "Hitherto" side is praise; on the "Henceforth" side must be written determination to go forward to the glory of the Lord.

Somehow tonight, as we sit here and live over the scenes enacted at Louisville, we are thrilled with pride at the mere fact that we belong to the army of Southern Baptists. We are ready to march and by the time this reaches you we will be climbing the June Hill, the hardest place any editor has to get over, and we do not mind letting you know that any little assistance you can render will be gratefully received.

P. S.—We have a brother in misery. One W. B. Crumpton at Montgomery, Ala., also has to climb the June Hill of State Missions. It is a steep and rocky way, and just beyond is the State convention at Andalusia, and a debt, unless pastors and people get behind him and push.

P. S. No. 2.—If you will help him we will help ourselves.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

JUNE FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Montgomery, Ala., June 1, 1909.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S NOTES OF THE CONVENTION

"It was great," is the verdict of everybody. I have heard no kick for the old Louisville and Nashville road, which handled the most of the Alabamians. The service was splendid and on schedule time.

The armory where the meeting was held was hard to hear in; so is everyone of the great auditoriums. But the Louisville people were excusable, in the place they had in mind when we were invited, lined.

To my mind

The Laymen's Movement

The biggest thing before the denomination today will be a part of the work of the convention hereafter. I wish the laymen who read that sentence could let the eye drop back and run over the line again. We are making some progress after the old way, the preachers bearing all the burdens; but we are moving slowly, showing that we have nearly reached the limit.

Once the laymen are aroused, a mighty onward movement will begin. Where we are giving tens now we will be giving hundreds then.

The Commission on a Financial System

The next biggest thing before the Baptists of the South. It made its report; no discussion was had and the commission was not continued. The writer was a member and had some views on the subject, but because of a misunderstanding on his part, they were adjourned before he reached the place.

If Alabama approves the system to begin August we will have time to try it before the next convention. I am certain it will become the system in universal use.

I have written these down as

The Biggest Things.

Some one will reply: "I thought the Seminary was the biggest thing; another will say, "Our Boards;" another, "Our Papers;" another, "Our Colleges;" and they are all that is claimed for them, but they must have money and more money.

When the laymen are stirred their business sense will demand a financial system for our churches, and the money will make all these things what they ought to be. Until then that thing which puts more money into the treasuries, will be the biggest thing.

Alabamians Felt Small

At the convention. Three states gave less for foreign missions than last year. Alabama was one of them. I didn't try to find the names of the others.

Brethren were trying to find an excuse for it. I didn't try; I just owned up: WE DIDN'T GIVE THE MONEY. We could have done it.

Bad enough to put off collections to the last month; it was almost criminal to put them off to the last Sunday in the last month. We hadn't done our duty before, but that rainy Sunday cut us out of several thousand dollars.

"Systematics" has been much in my talks heretofore. The "has been" will not be a circumstance that will be in the future.

JUNE FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Dear Brother Pastor:

Enclosed you will find the letter that I am sending to the clerks and Sunday school superintendents.

I beg for your hearty co-operation in this campaign. The Lord giving me strength I shall make the effort of my life. If anything occurs to you which you think would be helpful, fail not to mention it. Won't you write for the cause letters to brother pastors, laymen and good women? Couldn't you write fifty letters for me? Please don't say, "It won't do any good." Any Baptist in the state of your acquaintance, to whom you might write, would be influenced by it. I feel sure it is on your heart; help me to put it on the hearts of others.

So much depends upon this effort. Once freed from debt, the Board will be able to branch out on new lines, and do the greatest work in its history.

A line or two from you I would greatly appreciate. A few words to the Alabama Baptist would help. God bless you and all yours.

Fraternally yours, W. B. CRUMPTON.

My Dear Brother:

One more "strong pull and a pull altogether" will bring us to the close of our missionary year, June 30th.

Considering every circumstance, we have done well up to this time. Would it not be glorious to report "no debt" when the convention meets in Andalusia in July? If everybody will do their best in June for State missions, we can make just that report. I am asking the church clerks and superintendents and pastors to put it on the hearts of all.

I have just written "no" to one of the most distressing appeals for aid ever received. It nearly breaks my heart to have to turn them down. But debt is a hard master. For three years we have made the struggle to go on with the work and free ourselves from the debt. But the debt increased. Now we are continuing the work already begun, but making no new obligations. This seemed to be the only way out of our trouble. Will the brethren help us now with a liberal hand?

We ought to have \$10,000 in this month. We can easily have it. The Baptist churches, Sunday schools and woman's societies can do it.

Let no word of discouragement be heard. Especially would I plead against PROCRASTINATION. How many thousands of dollars were lost in Alabama by that last rainy Sunday in April! Collections were put off until the last day.

I want to ask you to read and pray over this letter, read it to the church and Sunday school. Talk to the brethren about it as you meet them. If you should meet members from other churches near you, try to interest them.

Remember me to the brotherhood. God bless them all.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON

HE WROTE.

One brother writes a letter in compliance with Bro. Crumpton's request:

"Dear Brother:—Our state mission secretary at Montgomery, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, is appealing earnestly for state missions in June. He wants to report "no debt" at the State Convention when it meets at Andalusia in July. Every Baptist of the state ought to join heartily in this campaign. Won't you see what can be done in your church and Sunday school? If it is so you can't get the matter before the church or Sunday school, please try to get some of your neighbors to join you in sending a personal contribution to Bro. Crumpton at as early date as possible.

"This is not a chain letter, but if you could write a dozen or more letters to your friends in different parts of the state, it would do much good.

"If you want some printed matter on the subject of state missions to distribute, Brother Crumpton will be glad to furnish it. I know you will help us in this crisis of our great work.

"I would be glad to have a line from you in answer to this.

"Thanking you in advance, I am,

"Yours fraternally,

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION MAKES A CALL.

May is, according to the schedule, the month for associational missions. The Board of Ministerial Education does not desire to turn aside one single church from this important work. But there are many of our churches who make no gift to associational missions. We want to request these churches to give their May offerings to the work of Ministerial Education. Especially do we make this request of those churches which have given nothing this year for helping our preacher boys at Howard College and at the Seminary.

The school year is closing and your board must meet its obligations to these institutions which are

doing such great work for our churches. We cannot do this without a considerable debt unless the churches, as mentioned above, will come to our rescue. Will they give us all or part of the May offering?

Then, too, we would be glad if the treasurers of churches and associations would look over their balances and send at once whatever funds they may have on hand which should come to us. Sometimes there is an oversight and money does not reach us as early as it might.

The board does not want a debt this time, and if a good number of churches will heed this call of distress we will pull through.

What is done should be done quickly.

Fraternally,

J. M. SHELBURNE,

Chairman of Board.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

At the Convention the following missionaries were introduced during the foreign mission hour:

Dr. R. H. Graves, who for fifty years has been a missionary in China; J. B. Hartwell and his daughter, Miss Annie Hartwell; C. W. Pruitt; Miss Lula Whilden; Miss Jessie Pettigrew, formerly of Virginia and a trained nurse in China; Dr. J. C. Owen and his wife, T. C. Britton, Miss Mary Willford, Miss Mable Kelley, Miss Minnie Hopkins, R. E. Chambers and his wife, manager of the Chinese Baptist publishing house, which sends out millions of pages of literature a year, and T. F. McRay.

The following volunteers were also introduced: Miss Jamie Ladem, of South Carolina; Miss Lettie Spainhour, Jewell Leggett, A. B. Langston and E. B. Clark. We Alabamians ought to be proud to have such a lovely and accomplished volunteer as Miss Floy White.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, read his report, which was unanimously adopted. In introducing the report he asked that the convention praise God for the progress made during the past year. The large audience stood and sang the doxology heartily. Dr. Willingham laid special emphasis on the last year as one of reinforcing and strengthening the work, constructing of buildings, strengthening especially the schools already existing and the building of others. He remarked on the great need for more men and women for the various stations. We were glad to see our great secretary looking so strong and well.

ALABAMA BAPTIST TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO
JAN. 1, 1910, FOR ONE DOLLAR. TELL YOUR
NEIGHBORS.

THINK HARD

It Pays to Think About Food.

The unthinking life some people lead often causes trouble and sickness, illustrated in the experience of a lady in Fond Du Lac, Wis.

"About four years ago I suffered dreadfully from indigestion, always having eaten whatever I liked, not thinking of the digestible qualities. This indigestion caused palpitation of the heart so badly I could not walk up a flight of stairs without sitting down once or twice to regain breath and strength.

"I became alarmed and tried dieting, wore my clothes very loose, and many other remedies, but found no relief.

"Hearing of the virtues of Grape-Nuts and Postum, I commenced using them in place of my usual breakfast of coffee, cakes, or hot biscuit, and in one week's time I was relieved of sour stomach and other ills attending indigestion. In a month's time my heart was performing its functions naturally and I could climb stairs and hills and walk long distances.

"I gained ten pounds in this short time, and my skin became clear and I completely regained my health and strength. I continue to use Grape-Nuts and Postum, for I feel that I owe my good health entirely to their use." "There's a Reason."

"I like the delicious flavor of Grape-Nuts and by making Postum according to directions, it tastes similar to mild high-grade coffee."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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

JOHN P. SHAFFER.

Since 1870 the writer has been intimately associated with John P. Shaffer in the Lord's work in East Alabama. He was a great leader among us, and to him more than to any other man is due the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom in this part of the state. Loyal to the core, he unflinchingly stood for his convictions. Bro. Shaffer was a man of great faith. In many dark hours he cheered his brethren to renewed efforts, always rejoicing in the promises of God. He was a pioneer in the cause of temperance. Years and years ago he stood forth boldly proclaiming the doctrine of prohibition, confidently predicting the conditions that have now come to pass. The cause of Christ suffers great loss in

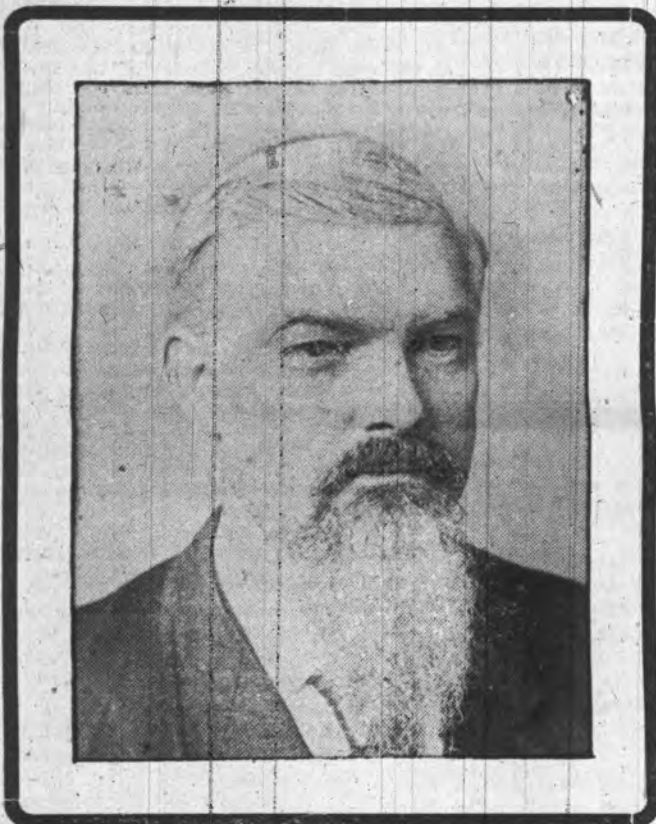
DR. JOHN P. SHAFFER.

Allow me a little space in our paper to say a few words in memory of our departed Brother Shaffer.

"Truly a great man is fallen this day in Israel." He was great because he was God's man. He loved God and honored him in his life and labors. He was great because of his influence with men for good in all the bounds of his fields of Christian endeavor. He was great in his wise counsels whether with an individual or with churches or associations. He was great in his influence on young men and especially young preachers. He did what he could in encouraging many young preachers in entering their life's work.

These young brethren loved him as a father.

Perhaps our brother's greatness in his long, persistent labors in the up-building of that splendid East Liberty



his death. Among the last of the "Old Guard," he fought long and well, leaving to us who remain the heritage of his splendid example of loyalty, faith, courage. These words once fell from his now silent tongue:

"Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name," for a birth that raises men who are dead in trespasses and in sin, to the exalted relation of sons of God; and that makes them heirs of God and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ to the joys and glory of the House of His Eternal Father.

Oh, Eternal City! Walls of jasper and gates of pearl! Streets of gold and glistening spires! Seas of glass mingled with fire! Harps, Harps! Oh, wonderful song! Oh, Heaven directed orchestra! No more sorrow; No more weeping! No more parting; No night! No sin! No death! Jehovah! Jesus! Heaven! Home!

W. C. BLEDSOE.
Lafayette, Ala., May 20, 1909.

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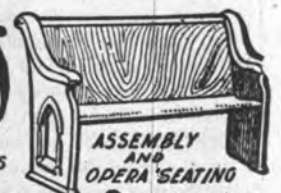
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the state where Dr. Shaffer's useful life was spent feel that his death is a calamity to the denomination.

In the long ago the same God whose providence is in this death said to Joshua: "My servant Moses is dead, therefore arise thou and cross over this Jordan and possess the land." So we see that when one leader fell out of ranks God had another ready to fall in and take his place. May it be the will of God that the mantle of our lamented brother will fall upon some one of the young brethren whom Brother Shaffer loved and more or less trained for the ministry.

Not only are the brotherhood in the state grieved at the sad demise of the subject of this sketch, but his dear family are under the billows of grief and sorrow. How can they help it? He was a faithful husband, a tender and loving father. I loved Bro. Shaffer. I love every member of his sorrowing family. I would gladly offer some comforting words. But when I remember how weak are the words of a poor human being it makes me think that at such a time the words of an archangel would almost be an intrusion. It makes one feel their nothingness. I can with confidence cite them to the great Comforter who can and will pour into their bleeding hearts the oil and wine of His grace and heal them. God bless the dear loved ones.

F. C. DAVID.

Huntsville, Ala.

Brother Frank M. Wells, of Jackson, Tenn., who came to us for a meeting Sunday, May 2d, remained with me for exactly two weeks, preaching twice daily at the church, lecturing to men only at the Majestic theater on two Sunday afternoons, and visiting the Montgomery county prison several times. Besides the number at the church there was a total of twenty-eight white men and a large number of negroes to accept and confess Christ as a result of the work at these places. Our people have been greatly strengthened and their consecration deepened by the plain gospel teaching which Brother Wells gave us. It may be of interest to know that the writer began a series of meetings at Chisholm, Ala., a suburb of Montgomery, on Sunday night last, in which thirty-five accepted Christ up to last Tuesday night.—Ashley V. Pickern, Adams Ave. Baptist church.

Dr. Spencer Tunnell, of Florence, Ala., was in Nashville last Monday and Tuesday on his way to the Southern Baptist convention. On Monday night he delivered a very interesting lecture to the North Edgefield Baptist church on "A Young Man's Dream." The many friends of Dr. Tunnell in Nashville were very glad to see him and to learn that his work is moving along so nicely in Florence. We hope to have him in Tennessee again some time.—Baptist and Reflector.

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Early in life he professed faith in Christ and to him through life the religion of Christ was everything.

When he grew to young manhood, feeling that the Lord had a work for him to do as a minister of the gospel, he at once obeyed, and he continued to obey as long as he was able to preach. It was his delight to hold up Christ before a lost world.

He was a nephew of Rev. Willis Burns, who gave his life to mission work among the Indians. In 1890 Bro. Burns visited his uncle in the Indian Territory and while there he preached to the Indians through an interpreter.

He served churches in Chilton, Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, St. Clair and Jefferson counties, besides pastoring the church at Tusculum and also at Sheffield for two years, where he did a fine work.

Two years ago he took charge of the church at Ft. Deposit and two other churches near there, but on account of failing health he gave up the field after serving them only a few months. That was his last work in the world.

He served as evangelist for north Alabama under appointment of the state board of missions from 1894 to 1897, during which time he lived at Huntsville.

The good seed sown by him in that field will bear fruit to the end. From the good work done in the territory of the various associations visited by him it seemed that he was the man above all others that the Lord wanted to do that work.

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Brother Burns was married three times. First to Miss Ella Deramus, of Emison. Five children were born to them. His wife and one of the children died while they were living in Huntsville. He next married Miss Fannie Thomas, of Bibb county. Three children were born to them. The death angel took her from him and afterwards he married her sister, Miss Ella Thomas. One child was born to them. His love and devotion to his family was of that kind which characterizes the model husband and true father.

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This last text is the one on which Brother Burns lived and on which he died. J. M. McCORD.

May 21, 1909.

MRS. JEMMIE LENOIR KENNEY.

Asleep in Jesus.

Jimmie Lenoir was born near Orrville, in Dallas county, Alabama, November 6, 1876. In San Antonio, Texas she met Mr. S. H. Kenney, to whom she was married December 21, 1904. After four years she fell asleep in Jesus April 29, 1909, at Dr. John W. Kenney's sanatorium in San Antonio, Texas. She left a devoted husband, little daughter three years old, mother, sister, two brothers and other grief-stricken relatives.

Loving hearts brought her home and laid her to rest by the side of her father in Liberty cemetery, near Ocala, Ala. If her wish could have been expressed, we know she would want to be near "Papa," for, oh, how she loved the memory of him. Stricken suddenly unconscious and never rousing, no desire was expressed.

With a character loving and forgiving hers was a beautiful and useful life, so unselfish, so thoughtful of others. With faith in Jesus steadfast and sure until the end. Obeying the command to "Search the scripture" and meditating upon what she read resulted in the following expression of her definition of The Power of God written one night just before the early dawn, after intense suffering, she found relief from pain through the power of God. Her pastor requested it of her for publication, as he thought it worthy of wide circulation. Our loss is her gain, for a voice from heaven said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Therefore we will not sorrow as having no hope, for if we live true to God we will meet her again, where no parting comes. God be with us all till we meet again.

A LOVING AUNT.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER.

Mrs. Ida Nette Wagner, on the morn of April 2, took her flight into eternity. For ten days she suffered much. The subject of this sketch was born in this city in the year 1860. At the time she was called up higher she was 48 years old. In her death we, the bereaved ones, sustained a great loss. A vacancy is made in our hearts that time alone can fill. So few are like her. She was one of the truest and noblest characters it was ever the writer's privilege to meet. For three short years I knew and loved her. The first fourteen months I was an inmate of her home and never in that time did she vary.

Her first duty was her children. Her next was her thoughtful kindness to those less fortunate than herself. Three sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss. She raised her children well, and when she learned she had to go under the knife she prepared them for the sad change she felt was coming into their lives. May they grow into noble men and women, imitating that mother's example whom each one loved so well. We laid her body away on the morning of the 4th, mounting her grave with the many beautiful floral offerings that found their way into her home. That alone tells how this good and true woman was esteemed. Quite a large number of her school friends and as many relatives as could come here to see her laid away to await the coming of Jesus. To the bereaved ones I would say weep not, for mother and friend is not dead, but sleepeth. In Prov. 31:27 are these words, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness." With this dear friend it was true.

Sleep on, dear one,
We can not disturb thy slumber;
We know when Jesus comes
You will be among the number
Of those for whom He died,
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Sleep on, we dearly loved thee here,
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"Whatever the weather may be," says he
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—James Whitcomb Riley.

Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D., will close his service as acting pastor of the First church, Lynchburg, Va., on the arrival of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, the new pastor, and will supply the Calvary church, Richmond, Va., for the summer.

GOOD MEETINGS AT CLIO AND LOUISVILLE.

We have just closed two of the most profitable meetings of recent years at the above churches.

We have been favored with the services of Bro. W. J. Ray, state evangelist for the state board, both at Clio and Louisville for sixteen days, eight days each. Commencing at Clio on the third Sunday in May. The house was packed from start to finish with increasing interest at every service. The gospel was preached with power and force in a simple scriptural way. He held his crowds as if by magnetic force. The church was greatly revived and ten persons, all grown, were added to the church. The meeting was a great success. The singing was charming. I could not mention any one without doing injustice to others. We expect others to join soon. We came to this place on the first Sunday in this month and commenced a meeting, and we entered into a revival from the very start with the largest congregations known to the citizens of Louisville. Here we had more material than at Clio, hence greater results. Our building was jammed and packed with eager listeners at every sermon. Bro. Ray's sermons were effective, sound and full of the spirit of his Master. He relied greatly upon the scriptures as well as the spirit, and his greatest ambition is to win souls to the Master. As a result 28 members were added to our church, two to the Methodist church, and one to the Presbyterians. Total, 31. Up to these meetings there had been 22 members added to these churches during their part of the associational year. We expect others. Bro. Ray is the right man in the right place. As at Clio the singing was charming. These churches have given far more for missions than ever before. May the Lord help us to meet the responsibilities of the future. The Lord be praised for it all.

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Services were held at the Mt. Olive church Sunday, May 16th, and Saturday before this being regular monthly preaching days. Rev. J. D. Martin filled the pulpit at both services, being pastor of this church. Both sermons were from acts 9th chapter, subjects, Conversion, and Suffering for Christ name. Good congregations were present at both meetings. At the close of the Sunday services a collection was taken for orphan home at Evergreen. A neat sum was realized. An interesting Sunday school is carried on at this church, which has been kept up regularly for the past three years. Like all other organizations, it has had its trials, temptations and persecutions, but we are thankful it has triumphed them all and bids fair for greater things in the future than in the past. We observe the schedule plan at this church and find it to be very helpful. Plans are being made to celebrate children's day at this church some time in June, at which time a collection will be taken for the Bible fund of the Sunday school board Southern Baptist convention, Nashville, Tenn.—W. M. Hughey.

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Commencing at the N E corner of the N E 14 of the S W 14 of Sec 26, Tp 17, South of Range 4, West, thence west along section line one hundred and thirty-two feet to the N E corner of Lot 2; thence south 330 feet, thence west 264 feet, thence north 330 feet, thence east 264 feet to the point of beginning, except 20 feet off the north end of said lot, which is left for a street. Also beginning at the N E corner of the N E 14 of the S W 14 of Sec 26, Tp 17, South of Range 4, West, thence west along section line 1188 feet to the N E corner of lot number 10, thence south 330 feet, thence west 132 feet, thence north 330 feet, thence east 132 feet to point of beginning, except the north 20 feet of said lot, which is left for a street. The mining and mineral interest is not conveyed in this deed, it having heretofore been sold. All of which is situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

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Mortgage Sale.
 Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by E. C. McGimsey and wife, E. H. McGimsey, on the 5th day of January, 1909, and recorded in Vol. 520, Record of Deeds, at page 229, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 28th day of June, 1909, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property:

The west 50 ft. of Lots 11 and 12, in block 6, according to the present plan and survey of P. Rising, called Compton, as shown and designated on the duly recorded plat thereof, in Vol. 1, page 83, map book in the Probate office of Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.
 Under and by virtue of a mortgage, executed to the undersigned by Ed. Robertson and wife, Lucy Robertson, on the 29th day of January, 1909, and recorded in Vol. 521, Record of Deeds, at page 180, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door, in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 28th day of June, 1909, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property:

A part of the N. W. 14 of the S W 14 of the S E 14 of the S E 14, of Sec 13, Tp 17, Range 3, West, described as follows: From the S W corner of said sub-division, run 200 feet easterly along the south line of said sub-division to point of beginning, thence at right angles to said South Line northerly 100 feet to the South line of a street, thence easterly along the south line of said street 50 feet, thence southerly 100 feet to the south line of said sub-division, thence westerly along said south line 50 feet to said point of beginning, begin a parallelogram 50 feet by 100 feet, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.
 Under and by virtue of a mortgage, executed to the undersigned by Mrs. Beulah Lacey, on the 14th day of December, 1908, and recorded in Vol. 505

Record of Deeds, at page 18, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door, in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 28th day of June, 1909, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property:

Lot 15, in Block 116, said lot fronting 50 feet on the south side of Clarendon Avenue and extending back of uniform width 190 feet to an alley, according to the map and survey of the Bessemer Land and Improvement Company of Bessemer, Alabama, situated in Jefferson County, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.
 Under and by virtue of a mortgage, executed to the undersigned by Mrs. Beulah Lacey, on the 7th day of May, 1908, and recorded in Vol. 495, Record of Deeds, at page 154, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 28th day of June, 1909, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property:

Lot 15, in Block 116, said lot fronting fifty feet on the south side of Clarendon Avenue and extending back of uniform width 190 feet to an alley, according to the map and survey of the Bessemer Land and Improvement Company, of Bessemer, Alabama.

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FROM FLORALA, ALA.

A meeting of interest has recently been held in the Baptist church at Florala. The pastor was assisted by Rev. W. M. Anderson, of Dothan. In points of spiritual uplift; awakening of soul conscience and a deepening of Christian interest—these were the most prominent and characteristic features of the services. The church was drawn closer together. There is left a unity of purpose; a broadening of vision; a consciousness of church membership co-operation, the need of which has become real to the working force of the church. We feel that more time, attention and loyalty to the Master's work will be the inevitable result of the few days of earnest labor on the part of the ministers and co-workers at large.

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It may be defined to be the effective energy inherent in His nature, by which He is able to do all things. The exercise of that power is dependent upon His will or purpose, and is, as we shall see, limited, not by what He can do, but by what He chooses to do, as in reference—Psalm 115:3, But our God is in the heavens; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." Jeremiah 32:17, "Oh, Lord God! behold thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Nothing too hard for God, even to the prevention of sin in the world, its presence is due to the fact that He has permitted it, for it has served only the more signally to display His power. We have seen the wisdom of His permitting the loss of a dear one in a family—perhaps in a family who are following after the worldly, sin-loving throng—and are only brought to a realization of where they stand by death—a heavy trial to those left behind, who have no hope in the future, no claim of a reuniting in the other world. And in the lives of those who are sleeping Christians who have grown cold and indifferent, He brings His power into force, to lead them into a line of duty and love, gently at first, then perhaps with harsh measures, as in the illness of a dear little baby, helpless and suffering, surely a parent, whether it be mother or father, feels the "power of God" and knows why it is permitted.

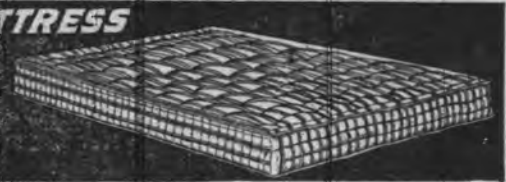
Then alone through the power of a loving, gentle God, when afflictions reach us, when bad health is permitted, to refine and purify, that even though we are beyond the help of human agency, the peace, that sweet indefinable peace that nothing else can give—that all is well with the soul, that it all rests with Him—even the thought of parting from loved ones ceases to trouble the crossing over into the sweet realm beyond, is looked forward to as a ceasing of pain, trials, temptations and an entering into a heaven of rest where He and His power reign supreme, and is not worked out through human agencies or the permission of sin. Acts 17:24: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands."

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