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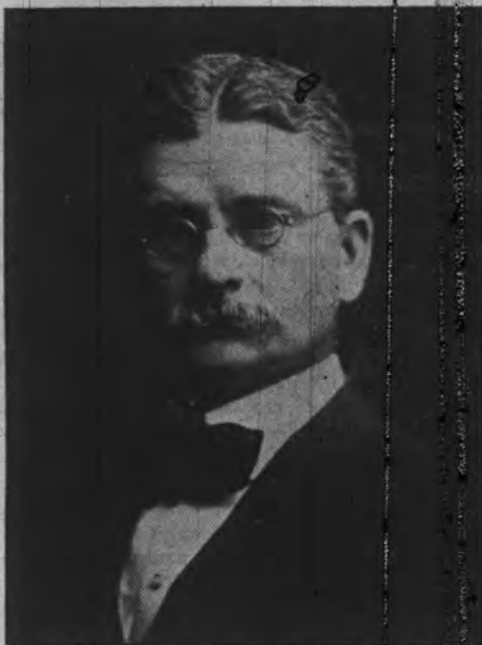
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"I sing of June, the gladsome time
Of brides and eke of roses,
And just to make another rhyme,
I sing of sun-burned noses!"



Frank Willis Barnett, the Alabama Baptist artist, owner and editor—what a unique and genial spirit is Editor Barnett. But even as our pen starts to praise him, we are beckoned by an opportunity at characterization of the personnel of our Southern Baptist editors that would run over the limits of our space.—Baptist World.

Thanks, brethren, but why artist? Not that we do not appreciate the application. We are simply curious to know how you happened to find it out.

Recently the North American Review published an article from Cardinal Gibbons, in which he greatly misrepresented Baptists and Lutherans. It was a bitter, vindictive and raise production. Dr. Henry C. Vedder, our great Baptist historian, replied to it, but the editor of the Review refused to publish the reply. So Dr. Vedder has put it in tract form, and it can be had of the American Baptist Publication Society for ten cents, postpaid. It would be well for many of our readers to secure this tract and keep it for future reference.

Ere many days have vanished, we
Will hear the gay mosquito call,
'Tm busier than the busiest bee,
And yet I get no praise at all."



The B. Y. P. U. minutes are ready. Those unions reported at the convention have received them. Any others desiring them can have them for the asking. If, with the minutes, you want leaflet on "How to Organize," that will be sent on request. Constitution of the state union is printed on last page of minutes. For general literature write to American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta, Ga., or Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.



The Kentucky Baptist Assembly to be held under the auspices of the Baptist Young People's Union or Kentucky at Georgetown July 5-12 promises to be one of the greatest Baptist gatherings ever held in the state. Miss Annie L. Williams, of Birmingham, Ala., an expert in primary and junior Sunday school work, will conduct conferences on these important subjects. In addition to these there will be lectures on a number of other important subjects by men who are well qualified to discuss them.



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THE MISSION OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

By DR. J. H. PHILLIPS

Fortunate indeed is the young man who with the ardor of courage and the enthusiasm of confidence, enters the arena of life during the first decade of the twentieth century. Especially fortunate is he who by his equipment in college or university has been trained for leadership in the world's work; whose ears are attuned to catch the keynote of the century, whose judgment is trained to interpret the signs of the modern age, and whose will is strong to respond to its call. The college graduate of today, as he faces the pressing problems of the present and the intricate questions of the immediate future, must first of all ask himself: What is the peculiar significance of this twentieth century in the progress of civilization? What is the trend of present world movements and the keynote of current world history? What call does the present century bring to me and what response am I prepared to give as I enter upon the serious business of living?

For the majority of men and women, a century of time has little significance. The stream of time glides silently on, passing one century mark after another, with no series of natural cataracts to register the stages of its rapid descent. Days, months and years are necessary to the business of the bank and of the workshop; centuries are of interest only to the historian and the philosopher.

As we review the world's history, we find that each century is marked by some specific line of progress, some dominant chord of human interest. While we praise the marvelous achievements of the nineteenth century, it is well to remember that, in some lines of development, every century of the past has been a wonderful era when compared with its predecessor. The progress of each succeeding century is made possible by the accumulated achievements of its predecessors.

The progress of civilization is rhythmic. The lines of development are neither continuous nor parallel. The student of history, however, sees that the sum total of human activities in any century spells human progress, and when history is viewed in large perspective, we find that invariably and unerringly,

"Through the ages
One increasing purpose runs."

All lines of thought and human activity are related and interdependent. Perfection in any one line, and upon any given plane, is impossible without corresponding development in all related lines. As we look down the vista of the past, we find that many of the world's great historic movements were useless failures as ultimate ends; they were valuable only as means to higher ends. Much of history is valueless, except as it may have served for scaffolding in the development of some portion of the great temple of civilization. He who would profit by the lessons of history must learn to discard the scaffolding, and to keep his eyes steadily on the ends of human development, in order that he may catch glimpses of the eternal plan as revealed by the processes of history.

In order that we may more fully appreciate the claims and recognize the mission of the twentieth century, let us briefly view the most striking contributions of its immediate predecessors. The psychological characteristics of historic processes as seen in the movements of the centuries seem to correspond in a most remarkable way to the physical and ethical needs of the individual and of the race. All history is but a vast process designed for the perfection of man, and each century accentuates some specific purpose in the great design.

Emerging from the darkness of the middle ages, we enter upon an era of awakening in the fifteenth century—the dawn of the Renaissance. The permanent contributions of this century may be summed up in a few words; it gave the world gunpowder which made the peasant equal to the knight on the field of battle; it contributed the printing press,

destined to become the world's most powerful agency for enlightenment, and the mariner's compass, which enabled man to become lord of the ocean. On the practical side of life, these three contributions constitute the sum of the progress of all preceding centuries, and the foundation of all that should follow. But, important as these contributions have proven to be, the glory of the fifteenth century consists in the discovery of unknown lands beyond the seas. The kings, emperors, and popes, who ruled Europe during that century, are almost forgotten; but the names of Columbus, Magellan, Vasco de Gama, and the Cabots are immortal, because of their imperishable contributions to civilization. It was the fifteenth century that gathered up the scattered treasures of preceding ages and laid the foundation for modern civilization. Its lines of progress, however, were material rather than intellectual or moral. Its energies were concentrated upon matter rather than upon man. It gave hitherto unknown continents to civilization, but it accomplished little for man as a moral and social being.

In the sixteenth century, we find a marked departure from the material plane of the fifteenth. In this century, history turns upon the pivot of human interest. It was an era of religious and spiritual awakening, and the emotional element of the individual manifested itself in sentimental literature and in fanaticism; in the inquisition, in persecution and martyrdom, and in a series of cruel, religious wars. It was the era of that religious upheaval in Europe known as the Reformation; and the events of its history are clustered about such names as Luther and Zwingli, Erasmus, Melancthon, Calvin, John Knox, and scores of other names associated with the great religious movements of the century. It was also the beginning of the era of colonization, a movement prolific in its results to the individual and to society. The sixteenth century developed the individual on the emotional side.

The seventeenth century was ushered in by the Elizabethan age of literature in England, and was made illustrious by the names of Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, and Pope, Addison and Steele, Bacon, Locke and Newton. In France it included the classical age of Louis XIV and the founding of the French Academy, and among its immortal names are those of Moliere and Racine, Fenelon and Descartes. All Europe experienced an intellectual awakening; and the masses, through the dissemination of general knowledge, were brought to a consciousness of their intellectual powers and of their needs and rights as men. The seventeenth century developed the individual on the intellectual side.

In the eighteenth century, the dominant idea was the positive assertion of political rights by the individual. The masses of the people, having developed a consciousness of their selfhood, now turned under the heel of tyranny. Emotion and intellect find expression in will. It was the era of popular demand for civil and religious freedom. It culminated in the liberation of the American colonies, the birth of the American republic and the French revolution. It abolished feudalism, gave the death-blow to absolute monarchy, established the principle of political equality, and substituted the modern for the medieval state. The eighteenth century developed the individual on the executive side, and the cycle of dominant individualism was complete; emotion and intellect had found forceful expression in will.

In the nineteenth century, civilization returned to the material plane of the fifteenth century. A new cycle began and history repeated itself. The fifteenth century was characterized by great inventions, and was an era of unprecedented geographical discovery and territorial expansion. The nineteenth century gave us a very striking parallel. Its discoveries and expansion movements eclipsed those of all the preceding centuries. The increased powers

of the individual were concentrated upon the conquest of man's material environment. The spirit of industrialism and of commercialism dominated all of the activities of the century. But the extraordinary progress of invention, the application of machinery to wealth production, and the rapid increase of cheap transportation facilities developed entirely new economic conditions. As a result of this development, we find enormously increased capital and production, the concentration of large masses of people in cities, and the growth of commercial and social organizations, and of combinations of labor and capital. The material development of the nineteenth century was based upon individualism, but the results and tendencies of this development were distinctively social. The progress of the century consisted in laying the material foundation for the social development of the race, and its economic problems were the natural and logical results of its industrial activities. The nineteenth century prepared the way for the social reorganization of the race, as the fifteenth century did for the uplifting of the individual.

In this new cycle of progress, what is to be the mission of the twentieth century? The orderly sequence of history would naturally lead us to expect that the twentieth century should be the historical analogue of the sixteenth; that human interests should prevail over material development; that emotional activity should be expanded into aesthetic and ethical life. From the character of nineteenth century progress, the inference is also justifiable that individualism, as a motive force, will be superseded by socialism. While the individual must still be emphasized, it will be the individual as a social and institutional being, as a member of the state and of society, and, as such, in sympathetic touch with all mankind. Egotism must yield to altruism, and selfishness in individuals and in organizations must be sacrificed for the well-being of the race.

An industrial and manufacturing era like the nineteenth century had to deal with the problems of material wealth production, and with questions relating to the economics of daily existence. Physics, chemistry and political economy, naturally and properly, became the popular sciences of the schools, because the ethical and sociological problems involved could not be anticipated. But these new problems developed by the industrialism of the century are already pressing for solution. In the twentieth century, economic thought will be directed chiefly, not to wealth production, but to wealth distribution. The old science of political economy will be largely superseded in its hold upon the popular mind by the new science of sociology. Physics and chemistry will yield their supremacy in the curricula of our schools to psychology, ethics, and aesthetics. The study of man will be esteemed more highly than that of matter; and the ethical adjustment of human relations will be deemed more deserving of man's deepest study than the mechanical adjustment of material means and ends, for the gratification of selfish desires. As the nineteenth century gave man a new material environment, the twentieth century must develop for him a higher ethical and spiritual environment; as the sixteenth century began the evolution of human interest from the standpoint of the individual, the twentieth century must emphasize the ethical and moral aspects of life through social and economic organization.

The nineteenth century gave the world the material basis and the mechanical organization for co-operative and social effort; it is the mission of the twentieth century to create a social conscience, and to breathe into these forms of clay the quickening breath of moral and spiritual life.

The activities of the first decade of the new century indicate the possible realization of this hope and expectation. The new problems created by the nineteenth century are already in process of solution by the genius of the twentieth century. The greatest economic problem of the modern age is not wealth

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THE YOUNG PREACHER'S QUERY.

What Shall I Do for the Summer?

You certainly ought not to be idle. Idleness will prove the ruin of any man who follows it. It is worse on a preacher than on anybody else. People will call him lazy and his reputation will be ruined. "I must be about my Father's business," the youthful Jesus said.

It is a good motto for all the Father's servants.

A young fellow may argue: "I have been studying hard and need rest." You need only a change and you will get the very change you need in the work that comes to hand during vacation. "What to do?" Do anything in the way of work.

Teaching school, selling good books as colporteur-missionary, going into homes, talking religion and Sunday schools, distributing tracts and preaching are nearest in line with your calling and will mean more for you than anything else. But if these are not to be had get something else. Don't be idle—there is too much to do. You can't afford to be idle for one day.

Your association ought to employ you as colporteur and missionary. You can sell \$50 worth of books and Bibles a month. The executive committee of your association ought to offer you \$200 worth of books for four months' work. In that case all profits ought to be yours. Of course, you must preach, talk religion, hold rallies, distribute tracts, organize Sunday schools. This opens the way for a word to the executive committees.

You will ask how can we get them?

If there is a young preacher in school from your association enter into correspondence with him at once. If you have none of your own, I can find you one.

Suppose he don't do well? It is true that some of them fail. Not many will, if you will employ them, encourage them and keep an oversight of them. Most any young fellow will feel lost and out of place if you turn him loose in a great big association among strangers.

Let some old preacher take him under the shadow of his wing. Let some business man take hold of the business end of the work and help him along. How will we pay him? That is an important question. You won't pay him unless you lay hold in dead earnest. Send letters to every church clerk, Sunday school superintendent and preacher asking them to get up good collections in May for the purpose. Take the risk by pledging yourselves and then look to the association to stand by you. If the churches fail you, it won't hurt you to pay it—none of you ever gave as much as you ought. When the churches find that work is being done and that you mean business they will come across.

By all means put every young preacher to work this summer for four months. Not a day should be lost in making the arrangement.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

ORDINATION OF REV. W. P. REEVES.

At the call of the Tuskegee (Alabama) Baptist church on Monday, May 17th, a presbytery met in the Walnut Street Baptist church in Louisville, Ky., to ordain to the gospel ministry Rev. W. P. Reeves. J. R. Curry, pastor of the Tuskegee church, was elected moderator of the presbytery and S. A. Cowan, of Montgomery, was elected clerk. Deacon W. W. Campbell, of Tuskegee, reported the action of the church in calling for the ordination of Brother Reeves, asking that it be attended to while the representatives of the church were in Louisville attending the Southern Baptist convention. Dr. B. H. DeMent, professor of Sunday school pedagogy in the seminary, was asked to conduct the examination, which he did in a very thorough and systematic manner. The members of the presbytery and the friends present were highly pleased with the saneness and correctness of the responses made by Brother Reeves to all questions. He gave a satisfactory statement of his conversion and call to the ministry. His responses were clear and pointed and biblical. His perception of the doctrines of God, of the Bible, of grace, of the church

and of the kingdom was clear. Several members of the presbytery expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the examination.

Dr. John R. Sampey, of the seminary, in a few thoughtful words, delivered the charge to Brother Reeves, S. A. Cowan offered the prayer and W. P. Reeves pronounced the benediction.

The following brethren composed the presbytery, J. R. Sampey, B. H. DeMent, J. R. Curry, J. H. Bush, R. F. Stuckey, J. L. Stough, L. T. Reeves, W. A. Darden and S. A. Cowan.

With hearty good wishes all who were present at the ordination congratulated Brother Reeves and pledged him their sympathy and prayers in the work for his Master.

S. A. COWAN, Clerk.

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

THE IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION NOT NEW.

A noted London publicist points out that the idea of international co-operation as a means of lessening the dangers and mitigating the brutalities of warfare, of improving the laws and customs that regulate international intercourse, and finally of reducing the awful and ever-growing burden of competitive armaments is not new. Dante dreamed of a model emperor under whose wise control all nations would dwell in peace. Marsilio of Padua thought of a universal democratic church, whose ecumenical councils might reflect a republican union of states. Erasmus marveled how Christians, "members of one body, fed by the same immortality, hoping for the same communion with Christ, could allow anything in the world to provoke them to war." Disputes between nations, as between individuals, there must be; but why should not all parties agree to submit to the old Roman arbitration of good men?

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A REBELLION Food Demanded.

The human body will stand a lot of abuse, but some time it will surely rebel and demand the proper food in place of the pastry, starchy, greasy stuffs on which it has been made sick.

Then is the time to feed Grape-Nuts, the most scientific and perfect food in the world.

A lady of Washington says: "Three years ago I was very ill with catarrh of the stomach and was given up to die by one doctor. I laid in bed four months and my stomach was so weak that I could not keep down medicine or hardly any kind of food and was so weak and emaciated after four months of this starvation that my daughter could easily lift me from bed and put me in my chair.

"But weak as my stomach was, it accepted and relished and digested Grape-Nuts without any difficulty the first time that wonderful food was tried.

"My doctor told me to eat Grape-Nuts, which were predigested, and although I felt certain I could not keep the food on my stomach I made the trial and it was a most complete success.

"I am now strong and in better health than for a number of years, and am gradually growing still stronger. I rely on Grape-Nuts for most of the nourishment that I get. The results have certainly been wonderful in my case and prove that no stomach is so weak it will not digest Grape-Nuts.

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

production, but wealth distribution. Never before has the world seen such vast individual accumulations of material wealth converted into educational and philanthropic agencies. Combinations of capital for the production, transportation and distribution of wealth can no longer go unchecked with their predatory processes of exploitation, but must be held accountable to a higher law than that of selfish greed and ambition. Science is beginning to concentrate her best energies, not upon the invention of new types of guns and battleships, but upon improved methods of sanitation and elimination of preventable disease, while the world's best literature is keeping a public sentiment that shall eventually force the disarmament of the nations and establish international friendship and universal peace.

We are on the eve of a great moral awakening. The conscience of the people is already aroused. Malesance in office is no longer a pastime of the few to be winked at and ignored by the many. From Philadelphia to San Francisco are heard the warnings that foretell the doom of knavery and robbery in high places.

The battle ground of the great moral issues of modern life may yet be transferred from the church to the political arena, and the twentieth century bids fair to become the century of applied Christianity. In Alabama and in the other states of the south, "the axe is already laid unto the root" of that deadly weed tree—the liquor traffic—and prohibition, whether it prohibits today or not, is an eloquent prophecy of the mission of the twentieth century. In the distance, we can already see the whitening crest of a moral wave that shall one day sweep from its ancient moorings Alabama's execrable fee system, which in the name of justice possesses the weak and maltreats the destitute.

Young gentlemen, what shall be your contribution to the progress of the twentieth century? The new age demands new leadership—political leadership, religious leadership and educational leadership. The leadership of the future will require scholarship, integrity and courage; it will require consecration to noble purposes and devotion to high moral ideals. The leadership of the future will not mean "getting on the band wagon" for selfish ends, nor "getting on the water wagon" for the spoils of place and power. The leadership of the future will require men who are honest, true and brave, who will not only regard public life as a public trust, but who will recognize the fact that private life is also a public trust.

Young men, may you fully realize that

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling;
To be living is sublime.

"Oh, let all the soul within you,
For the truth's sake go abroad,
Strike! let every nerve and sinew
Tell on ages, tell for God."

As you enter upon your life work may your souls be inspired by the loftiest spirit of the century, and may you heed the injunction to have your feet "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," to take the "shield of faith," the "helmet of salvation" and "the sword of the spirit." Thus shall you aid in the realization of the high mission of the twentieth century, and in bequeathing to generations yet unborn a century not of "dishonor," but a century of honor, spiritual power and realized moral ideals.

Baptists believe the term "church" as used in the New Testament is used to denote a local band of believers, baptized upon a profession of faith, and united together for maintaining the ordinances and spreading the gospel. The only other sense in which the term is used in the New Testament is to indicate the whole body of regenerated persons in all times both in heaven and on earth.—Religious Herald.

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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL JUDSON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The seventy-first annual session of Judson College was in many respects one of the most prosperous and successful in the history of the famous institution. Not only was the attendance excellent, but the year was notable for the character of the work accomplished, the health, happiness and diligence of the students, and the splendid religious enthusiasm manifested. For several years it had been necessary to turn away a large number of girls because of lack of room, and last year no canvass of any kind was made and the institution was comfortably filled. It is interesting to note that in several departments the numbers were larger than in any previous session. During the session for the first time a regular course in Bible study has been made a part of the curriculum for which credit on degrees will be given just as in any other department. Thirty-eight officers and teachers have been employed to conduct the work of the school and the high standard of former years was maintained. Many additions and improvements to the property were made during the year, and at the meeting of the board of trustees other improvements were planned for the coming session, notably the erection of the president's home, and the general advancement along all lines.

Annual Expression Recital.

The commencement exercises were inaugurated with a recital by the Department of Expression. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the great audience gathered in the Alumnae Auditorium to hear the charming little comedy, "His Uncle from India," by Carrie W. Colburn.

The curtain rose upon quite an elegant and attractive dining room scene, and throughout the scenery was excellent. The color schemes were very varied not only in the stage appliances, but in the costumes and choice of characters themselves. The cast was as follows:

John Stevenson from India—Miss Annie Judson, of Florida.

Robert Joy, alias Light Heart, His Nephew—Miss Nina Eatman, of Louisiana.

Dr. Paul Poffier, of New York—Miss Glen Patterson, of Falkville.

Sam Buttons, the Irrepressable—Miss Ruth O'Neal, of Andalusia.

Barney, the Gardener—Miss Lola Jamison, of Florence.

Kate, the Merrymaker—Miss Kathleen Steele, of Consul.

Alice, the Doctor's Wife—Miss Hellen Patrick, of Marion.

Mary, the Maid—Miss Nellie McNeill, of New Decatur.

The Nurse—Miss Irene Copeland, of Tuscaloosa.

The Baby—By herself.

Misses Steele and Patrick are excellent examples of contrasting types and each most artistically acted her part. Miss Judson, whose specialty is perhaps the character of an old man, represented most humorously and charmingly "His Uncle," while the interpretation of Misses Patterson and Eatman were most effective. But in a domestic establishment the servants not infrequently play an important part, and the home of Dr. Potter was not an exception. Misses McNeill and O'Neal deserve special mention in contributing thus to the success of the evening.

The tableaux and stage groupings were exquisite and graceful, and these, with the manner of presentation and choice of characters, reflected great credit upon Miss Parry, the director of the Expression Department. The enunciation was especially distinct.

The charming plot, the remarkably pleasing and artistic interpretation of it, furnished a most delightful evening for the many visitors and friends of the Judson both in the town and from many portions of this and other States.

Annual Concert.

The annual concert will long be remembered as one of the most important events in the history of



this session. The stage was tastefully decorated in lovely flowers. More than 65 young ladies composing the sight singing classes were to be seen grouped about the stage, from which was rendered one of the most magnificent programs heard in Judson for many years.

The first part of the evening was given to the cantata by L. Denza, entitled "The Garden of Flowers."

"Rise Up, Rise Up, O Happy Morn," was sung with delightful lightness, grace and spirit which captivated the ears of the audience even as the magnificent picture had caught the eye. This was followed by a quartette, "The Lark Hath a Song of Perfect Joy," beautifully sung by Misses Hudmon, Knight, Carver and K. Hightower. "White Butterfly Wandering the Garden Through" was graceful and dainty, Miss Cheek, of Woodlawn, rendering the solo part. Miss Lucile Bell sang the alto solo, "Lovely Rosebuds," very effectively. "Summer Breezes" and "The Bees," both full choruses, were charmingly



PRESIDENT R. G. PATRICK.

sung. In the last mentioned number Miss Powell's voice floated out in clearest and sweetest obbligato above the chorus.

Miss Fleming Cocke's sweet voice suited admirably the solo, "O Happy Streamlet." The grand climax was reached in the "Good Night" and "Garden of Flowers So Fair," when all of the singers seemed to lose themselves in the delightful harmonies and sang with true artistic feeling.

The last part of the program was mostly given by the graduates in pianoforte, organ and voice.

Miss Nelle Daughdrill played brilliantly Chopin's "Grand Valse in A Flat." Miss Mary Patrick played Mildenberg's "Arabian Night" with charming effect. Moszkowski's "Spanish Dance" was given by Miss Inez Moore with a true musical taste. Miss Harriet Bomar's organ number, Dudley Buck's "Triumphal March," was indeed one of the most pleasing of the evening, while Miss Barnes, of Gadsden, and Miss Williams, of Talladega; Miss K. Hightower, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Miss Robertson, of Laurel, Miss., each played their different numbers with true artistic feeling. Miss Mary Patrick, the only voice

graduate of the session, sang Lynes' "Spring Song," the violin obligato being played by Miss Dansby. Miss Patrick's voice, a lyric soprano of good quality and range, flute-like and of the upper register, suited admirably her song. Her singing was artistic and enthusiastically received.

Special mention must be made of the number given by the Glee Club and Sullivan Bartlett's arrangement of the "Lost Chord," sung by Miss Marie Daughdrill and fourteen of the advanced pupils in voice. The solo part in this was rendered in a most artistic manner, which was greatly enjoyed. The accompaniment played by Mrs. King at the organ admirably supported the singer and the effect was satisfying in every way.

The last number on the program was the "Bridal Chorus" from "The Rose Maiden," sung by a chorus of one hundred and fifty girls.

The excellent work for which Judson has so long been noted has been sustained during the present session. The Voice Department, under the direction of Mrs. Gurganus, ably assisted by Miss Adams and Miss Dudley, is larger than ever before. Mr. Frederic Goode, the director of music, assisted by Mr. Bruner, are to be congratulated on the high standard of work done.

With these competent teachers and Mr. E. L. Powers, as director, who will return from his year abroad for the next session, the Judson will stand highest in her history for efficiency in music.

Banquet to the Class of 1899.

Immediately following the exercises of the concert, Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Patrick gave a banquet in the Judson dining hall to the class of 1899. Members of some eighteen different classes were present as well as many visitors and members of the faculty.

Art Exhibition.

The second day of the commencement found the same eager and appreciative throng of visitors and towns people at the art reception given under the auspices of Miss Laura I. Bacon, who for the past four years has had charge of the Art Department, and whose individuality may be seen in many of the best pieces shown in this exhibit.

The reception, which lasted from 9:30 a. m. to 12 p. m., was attended by many persons, noticeable among whom were many former students of this department.

Too much mention could not be made of the work of Miss Sarah Catherine Shivers, who is the one graduate of the present session. Notable is the work from life, in which the class has been thoroughly drilled. Miss Vonceil Strong, of Brewton, and Miss Bailey, of South Carolina, contributed some excellent pieces of tapestry work. Many visitors were attracted to the work of Misses Stratton, Pratt, Poole, Eatman, Shirley, Spann and Brooks.

A contribution to the Conversational Club room by Miss Shivers was one of the most sought at the exhibit; in fact, several former students requested copies.

Senior Class Play.

The Senior Class play, always one of the most interesting features of the Judson commencement, was given in the Judson Auditorium on Saturday evening, May 22. "She Stoops to Conquer," the play presented, proved even more of a success than was expected. The picturesque costumes against a background of old mahogany furniture and quaint prints and engravings gave very charmingly the necessary eighteenth century setting. Miss Kirtley, who trained the players, proved again her ability not only in that respect, but as costumer and stage manager. The cast was as follows:

Sir Charles Marlow—Miss Mary Purifoy.

Young Marlow, His Son—Miss Lula Durham.

Old Mr. Hardecastle—Miss Bessie Miles, Acts 1, 2, 3; Miss Annie Judkins Bullock, Acts 4 and 5.

Hastings—Miss Claire Hill.

Tony Lumpkin—Miss Ruth Lacy.

Diggory—Miss Mary Purifoy.

Mrs. Hardecastle—Miss Zelma Long, Acts 1, 2, 3; Miss Mary McBride, Acts 4, 5. Miss Kate Hardecastle—Miss Lucile Howle, Acts 1, 2, 3; Miss Julia Watt, Acts 4, 5. Miss Constance Neville—Miss Daisy Bruce Aldridge. Maid—Miss Alice Sharp. Landlord—Miss Mary Purifoy. Servants—Julia Watt, Mary McBride, Alice Sharp, Mary Purifoy.

Miss Lacy as Tony Lumpkin entered admirably into the spirit of her part, her swaggering, noisy manner proving irresistibly funny. Especially in the scene at the "Three Pigeons" and later when Tony is discovered as the cause of the misadventures did her acting, her attitudes and gestures express most satisfactorily one's idea of the part.

Miss Aldridge as Constance was graceful and responsive, acting with the rest of the cast, not at them. Miss Long, who played Mrs. Hardecastle in the first three acts, was especially successful in that her interpretation of the part was consistent throughout. She kept up always the elaborate society manner of a silly woman. Miss McBride, who took the same part in the last two acts, acted with much life and vigor.

Miss Howle succeeded in making the role of Kate Hardecastle vivid and interesting, a combination of vivacity and sweetness. Miss Watt, in the last two acts, carried out the same interpretation of the character.

Miss Durham, as the self-conscious, blundering Marlow, was very amusing and proved an excellent foil to Miss Hill in the bold character of Hastings. Mr. Hardecastle, with his old-fashioned gentleman's manner and his worn-out anecdotes, was made very real by Miss Miles and Miss Bullock, who took the part in the last two acts.

Miss Purifoy, in her two very different roles of Diggory and Sir Charles Marlow, made these somewhat minor parts interesting, as did Miss Sharp, who nobly sacrificed herself to the several minor but necessary parts that went most effectively towards the making of a delightful whole.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. John E. White, D. D., pastor of the Second Baptist church, of Atlanta, Ga. His text was Luke x, 41-42, being those memorable lines which Jesus spoke to Martha. Dr. White's chaste and eloquent treatment of this familiar text made a most profound impression upon the large congregation.

"Jubilate Deo," rendered by the choir, and "Praise Ye," by Misses Adams, Dudley and Williams, added greatly to the services and were much enjoyed.

Sermon Before the Missionary Societies.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gurganus, most appropriately rendered "Praise Ye the Father" and "Holy Is God, The Lord."

The Rev. Preston Blake, D. D., pastor of the South Side Baptist church, of Birmingham, Ala., delivered the address before the Anne Hasseltine and Morning Watch Societies. Dr. Blake's address was full of enthusiasm and fire and proved to be an interesting contrast to the morning sermon.

Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumnae.

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Judson College was held Monday morning in the Alumnae Auditorium. The exercises were opened by an organ selection by Miss Harriet Bomar and a vocal solo by Miss Mary Patrick, graduates of the Music Department the present session. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. H. Lovelace, president of the association. A former Judson pupil, Mrs. Pabres Coleman, of Montgomery, Ala., now president of the Alabama Federation of Woman's Clubs, delivered an interesting address on "Individualism of Woman." Mrs. Coleman's strong personality and charming manner easily won the attention and admiration of the large audience, composed mostly of Judson pupils and members of the association.

At the close of the exercises Miss Marie Daughdrill sang an appropriate solo, while Miss Williams,

Judson's gifted accompanist, gave the usual sympathetic playing.

The audience then visited the alumnae rooms in the library, where a committee from the association was in readiness to welcome the guests and formally present Mrs. Coleman to the members of the association. On this committee were Mrs. J. M. Bates, Mrs. J. C. Lee, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. R. C. Hanna and Miss Belle McCollum, while Mrs. E. H. Tubbs and Mrs. C. B. Robinson served punch frappe to all the guests.

Anniversary Exercises.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock, despite the heavy rain, a large audience gathered to witness the graduating exercises of the class of 1909—the close of the seventy-first annual session of the grand old Judson.

The song, "God is Love," was sung by the entire class in a way that gave evidence of careful training. After this Dr. Patrick presented diplomas to the graduates as follows:

Bachelor of Science—Daisy Bruce Aldridge, Catherine, Ala.; Lucile Howle, Oxford, Ala.

Bachelor of Literature—Annie Juddkins Bullock, of Montgomery, Ala.; Lula Durham, Winfield, Ala.; Martha Claire Hill, Gloster, Miss.; Zelma Long, Winfield, La.; Ruth Lacy, Jasper, Ala.; Bessie Miles, Montgomery, Ala.; Mary Josephine McBride, Ansley, La.; Mary Edd Purifoy, Marion, Ala.; Alice Sharp, Clinton, Miss.; Julia Watt, Forest Home, Ala.

Pianoforte—Ora Barnes, Gadsden, Ala.; Kate Hightower, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Inez Moore, Marion, Ala.; Nelle Daughdrill, Marion, Ala.; Mary Louise Patrick, Marion, Ala.; Sarah Louise Williams, Talladega, Ala.; Bessie Robertson, Laurel, Miss.

Voice—Mary Louise Patrick, Marion, Ala.

Organ—Harriet Eliza Bomar, Marion, Ala.

Art—Sarah Catherine Shivers, Marion, Ala.

The address before the class delivered by the Rev. Thomas Judson Shipman, D. D., of Meridian, Miss., was one full of thought and inspiration. By his delightful manner of delivery and his excellent address Dr. Shipman easily held the rapt attention of his audience. Both Dr. Blake and Dr. Shipman were classmates of Dr. Patrick at the Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

SOME NOTES FROM BRO. CRUMPTON.

I have planned some strenuous work for the summer.

If I should accept all the calls being made, it would take several men several summers to cover it. Tell the brethren I am going to do my best.

I have had some cheerful words from pastors and others about state missions in June.

One brother wrote that the Sunday school would raise \$200, but if I would visit them he thought we might count on \$400. Of course I am going.

"No debt at Andalusia" is my dream day and night. Will the brethren and sisters join me in the determination?

In New Quarters.

Far away from the noise, dust, flies and heat, the mission board is "at home" on the eleventh floor of the Bell building.

It is an inspiration to work there. The sight is glorious, the pure air is invigorating. We want the Baptists who visit the city to come to see us.

We are near the center of the city, in sight of everything.

Organizing is the word now. For the summer campaign, for the associations, for the protracted meetings we are expecting a great year. We must make it glorious by grand results.

Our missionaries are striving hard to put the Alabama Baptist and our mission papers in the homes of the people. There is greater demand for tracts than ever before. This is a hopeful sign. When our people begin to read things will begin to move in earnest.

Only those who read are interested in the work.

The Alabama Baptist.

Maybe the Alabama Baptist is not the best reading paper in the south; but I can say this in all candor: **NO PAPER IN THE SOUTH SERVES THE DENOMINATION SO FAITHFULLY AS OURS.**

The people who read it know what we are doing and are helping to do things. Those who do not read it know nothing of the work and care nothing. The best investment any man can make for the cause in Alabama is to put his money in a year's subscription for the Alabama Baptist.

W. B. C.

No Place for Incurables.

The public school is no place for incurables.

We will not allow a child with measles, mumps or whooping cough—to say nothing of scarlet fever, diphtheria and tuberculosis—to remain in school, and yet we have been in the habit of keeping in a public grade school a boy infinitely more dangerous from moral contamination, when he should be placed under experts who can do as much for him as can be done for those physically contaminating.

No one ever thinks of requiring a teacher to be an expert in scarlet fever and diphtheria, and yet every one expects him to be an expert in all moral diseases.

COLLEGE MEN WANTED.

In spite of the fact that Richard K. Crane, the self-made multi-millionaire, believes more men are spoiled than made by college education, long before the first of the year many firms and corporations begin active preparations for adding to their force from four or five to one hundred of the most capable young men who will be graduated from the various colleges, universities and technical schools the following June.

Given the chance, it is up to the college graduate to make good, and if he has done his work conscientiously and well he need have no fears, but if he has dabbled and shirked, then he will be outstripped by some fellow who, without college training, has worked his way up and thereby give such men as Crane an opportunity to rail against a college education.

Keeping Children Busy During Vacation.

Our school terms are of necessity all too short. In our longest maintained schools, the children are in school hardly more than half the days of the year. In the large majority of the town and village schools of the state there is a summer vacation of three months, and in the rural schools the vacation is even more. It is a problem more and more propounded by thoughtful parents and school officials: What shall be done with school boys and girls during the long vacation months to keep them from the degenerating influences of idleness on the one hand and from the paralyzing influence of mere headless labor on the other?

Here is an excellent chance for school improvement clubs, for school officials and for parents to co-operate. Why not all the county and local authorities offer prizes for garden displays, for corn, cotton, sugar cane, peanuts raised by boys or girls, for canning, preserving, pickling and other forms of cookery by the girls? These suggestions may be adapted to the local conditions anywhere in the state. By so interesting boys and girls in intelligent and attractive work, there will be growth instead of stagnation for the young people during the long summer months.—Georgia School

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. U.

For nearly a week we have been with memory's pen in hand trying to decide just what to tell concerning the late meeting of the Southern W. M. U. We feel like the hungry baby with the big apple—our only trouble is how and where to begin, for we keep realizing that this was our "majority" celebration, and like the jubilee anniversary for the seminary, it marked a decided epoch in W. M. U. progress.

First of all, it was largely attended. Each of the sixteen states was there with her twenty delegates and vice president at large, which proves to our anti-woman suffragist minds that there is efficacy in the very number, twenty-one, itself. The delegates were given reserved seats and the rest of the large auditorium of the First Presbyterian church, where our meetings were held, was crowded by visiting Baptist women from all over the South. The sight of that crowded auditorium, coupled with optimistic zeal, made us agree with Miss Heck, when she said that in ten more years, when the convention returns to Louisville, the W. M. U. will have to engage the Armory, which this year seated the entire Southern Baptist convention and hundreds of visitors besides.

But the size of the meeting was no less wonderful than was the perfect unity which characterized every session. Of course, diverse opinions were stated and arguments were entered into, but the clear true mind of our honored president, Miss Heck, was quick to see where the divergent opinions could be made to harmonize and where the arguments could be used to develop only the kind, helpful side of the question. This unity and size were rendered irresistible by the enthusiasm which everywhere prevailed. The Alabama delegation was prepared for this by virtue of the hearty cheer which surrounded us in those Baptist Pullmans from Montgomery to Louisville. Miss Floy White met us at the station there and took us to our boarding places. The next morning she came for us to go to the opening session of the W. M. U. It was a pardonable pride which was ours to be thus chaperoned by the Alabama joy of the Training School. At the church door it was all bustle and enthusiasm over the assignment cards and badges, and, then, thus identified, a happy girl usher showed us to our places. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. E. Woody, of Louisville. The passages of scripture selected by Mrs. Woody not only encouraged the deepest devotional feeling, but also expressed the welcome which was given us by our Louisville sisters. A beautiful choral song was then rendered by the girls of the Training School, and as they sang in sweetest harmony

"For God is round about me,

And can I be discouraged?"

One seemed to see them forever "kept by the power of God" as they shall labor for Him in the various fields.

Miss Heck's annual address was full of purest faith and deepest consecration as she traced the hand of God's approval through the work of the W. M. U. and pointed out the various reasons why our organization has an ever-increasing sphere of usefulness before it. One of the assurances she gave was that we southern Baptist women need the W. M. U. for our own spiritual uplift, for our better training for service, and for the sake of the children entrusted to us.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Miss Edith Crane, was likewise encouraging. She spoke of the fact that in many of our churches there are missionary societies for all the different ages; that there has been an increase of about 50 per cent in the number of Y. W. A.'s; that the Sunbeams gave nearly \$15,000 this year; that there are about 100 Royal Ambassador bands; that the Margaret home has had a successful year; that the Training school was crowded, and that the \$13,457.24 which has been raised on the Training School endowment fund have been invested in a choice piece of property at 15 W. Franklin street, Baltimore. This investment will easily pay 5 per cent interest and until the \$20,000

WOMAN'S WORK

State Executive Board.

President—Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

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

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

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

Supt. Y. W. A.—Miss Kathleen Mallory, Selma,
Ala.

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

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

has been raised this interest will be used towards that end.

The treasurer's report was given with all the enthusiasm and brightness which belongs by nature to Mrs. Lowndes. For all purposes this year we gave \$197,143.63, which was an increase of \$10,000 over last year. Of this increase the Y. W. A.'s claim \$3,000.

At this opening session the recommendations from the Sunday school board were read and adopted. These recommendations were chiefly words of commendation, but we were reminded of the help we could render the B. Y. P. U., the charge of the Sunday school board. The noonday call to prayer was led by Mrs. J. N. Prestridge, of Louisville. It seemed indeed the "sweet hour of prayer." These noonday prayers were observed throughout the several days and were a distinct feature, bringing each time a "peace which passeth understanding."

In the afternoon the interest centered about three things. First our returned missionaries were introduced, there being in all eight from the foreign and three from the home field. Every Alabama delegate was happy and proud indeed to have Miss Wille Kelly as our beloved representative. From our missionaries our minds were turned to the recommendations of the home board. This year we are asked to raise \$85,000 in all, \$35,000 of which will be devoted to the mountain school work. Each one of us can have a noble part in this mountain school appointment, since \$2 will keep a boy there for a whole session, and we all know that from the mountains came Dr. George W. Truett. It is said that 389 out of 391 mountain school graduates went on to college at their own expense. It won't be hard to raise money for them, will it friends? We can but regret that the Y. W. A.'s are not asked to help in this work, but our attention is to be turned to the immigrant proposition. We are asked to raise \$85,000 for this work, while the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors will be expected to gather together a like sum for the Indians in the west. This board further recommended that the time for prayer and self-denial in March be changed from the third to the first week of that month. This change, along with the monied recommendations, was adopted. The third especial event of the afternoon was the address made by Mrs. Maude Reynolds McLure, of the Training school. Words fall us to express our appreciation of this beautiful, soul-lifting talk by one whom Alabama Baptists delight to claim as our very own. We would endeavor to remember, especially during the first week of next March, what she told us as to know this past March the Training school girls made possible their self-denial offering. For two weeks they did without meat for breakfast and desert for dinner.

With Mrs. McLure's words fresh in our hearts we went from the church to the Training school, where a delightful informal reception was held in our honor. Never has it been our privilege to see a cleaner, more attractive, home-like place than is this Training school.

On Friday morning we were in session once more and the recommendations from the foreign board

were read and adopted. This means that we must raise in all for foreign missions \$115,000, of which \$8,500 will be raised by the Y. W. A.'s for some property which the board has bought at Shimonoseki, Japan, and \$8,500 of which the Sunbeams will give for our African missionaries. The board strongly urges us to emphasize systematic and proportionate giving.

This idea was further brought out in the recommendations of the executive committee which were next given. The year's motto as suggested will be from Daniel 11:32, "The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits." The Young Woman's work is to be still further developed, as will that of the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors; the frontier boxes will be continued; the Margaret home and the Training school supported; the missionary calendars will again be issued 6,000 strong at the nominal price of fifteen cents a copy; an increased circulation of Our Mission Fields is urged; the Christmas offering for China will be taken early in December, so that we may literally give our first Christmas gift to our Christ; the 15th of June will be set apart as a special day for prayer and fasting, and October will again be our enlistment month. Miss Heck urged the delegates to have their societies prepare for this enlistment work by an afternoon prayer meeting, to gather strength for this work, which calls for infinite tact and love.

In the afternoon the various committees reported, all of which were intensely interesting and highly instructive. They outlined the policies for the Sunbeams, Y. W. A. press and other committees and throughout the year their influence will be felt. The apportionment as given for Alabama is: Foreign missions, \$7,500; home missions, \$6,500; support of Training school, \$275; endowment of Training school, \$500; Bible fund, \$100. Mrs. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, was asked to write the letters of greetings to our missionaries who could not be with us. The annual election of officers was then held, resulting in the selection of the same ones who have so faithfully served us in the past. The interest of Alabama centered in the re-election of Mrs. D. M. Malone as our state vice president, and in her inimitable, womanly way she thanked our delegation for our confidence in her. The meeting was closed with prayer offered for the Baptist women of the South who could not attend the convention.

As Saturday was the jubilee day of the seminary, the W. M. U. held no sessions, our members attending the meetings in the Armory. In the afternoon, however, the eternal feminine reasserted itself and we gathered in the parlors of the Galt house as guests of the Louisville ladies at their beautiful reception. The weather was at outs with us or somebody, but everything else was planned to please us. It was a great privilege to meet our W. M. U. officers and others to whom we had listened at the business session of our convention.

Sunday afternoon was given over to our returned missionaries and to greetings from the boards. Truly our hearts burned within us as we listened to their gracious words, back of which we knew were lives of genuine self-sacrifice and consecration.

On Monday morning we went once more to the First Presbyterian church, where conferences on Sunbeam, Y. W. A. and Associational vice president's work were held. Each one was full of real helpfulness, which we trust will work themselves out in our lives.

If space permitted our full hearts would be happy to tell you of how we spent every other moment of our Louisville trip, how each night we went over to the big meeting at the Armory and caught an enlarged vision of Baptist Zion; how right after breakfast every morning we went to the seminary and studied "The Uplift of China" with our educational secretary, Dr. T. B. Ray; how one afternoon we went out to Care Hill cemetery and with bowed heads stood by the graves of Dr. Broadus, Dr. Manly, Dr. Loyce and Dr. Eaton, and of how proud we all were when Miss Floy White was accepted by the foreign mission board and presented before the convention. May God richly bless her as she works for Him and us in far-off China. KATHLEEN M. MALLORY.

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LETTER NO. 15.

Another Word To One Who Asked Me To Show Him Wherein Baptists Differ from Other Denominations.

My Dear Friend: In my last letter I promised you another word touching the Bible and Christian duty. Remember, Baptists believe and teach that the Bible is the only correct standard of faith for anybody; and furthermore, it is the highest court of appeal for Christians in all matters ecclesiastical. We have seen in the former letters how Baptists maintain, as do no others, that the Bible tells man how to avail himself of the remedy provided for his sins; and why his Lord wants him to be baptized; and why observe the Supper. In this letter I am to show you that the Bible also tells man what manner of life his Lord wants him to live. And herein also we find Baptists occupying a unique position. They have no "Book of Discipline" or "Rules and Regulations" but the Bible. That's why their slogan has always been "Thus saith the Lord."

There are numerous passages which tell man what manner of life his Lord wants him to live after his conversion. I quote but one here: "You are created in Christ Jesus for good works."—Eph. 2:10. I think one of the best figures Jesus ever used in setting forth the relation existing between himself and his follower, is the one in which He says that He is the Vine, His Father is the Husbandman and His followers are the branches. And Paul adds somewhat to the figure when he teaches that Christ's followers are not the natural branches, but ingrafted branches. Now, one's baptism is a public confession that his life has been away from the old wild-olive stock (Rom. 11-17), and by faith has been ingrafted into the new stock, Christ Jesus; and in the observance of the Supper he says that the sap—the very existence of his new life—comes through the True Vine. Now, Baptists stand alone in maintaining that this is the great truth the two ordinances teach.

But I think it was left for John, the beloved Disciple, in his old age, to bring the figure of the Vine and its branches up to its best finish; and this work he seems to have accomplished in the record he has left in I Jn. 2:6: "He that saith he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked."

In one's baptism he says: "I am in Him." In the observance of the Supper he says: "I abide in Him." Now, John says that since the ingrafted branch claimed a vital connection with the stock in the act of baptism, and still claims that vital connection every time he communes, then every ingrafted branch making this claim ought to bear the same kind of fruit that the stock bears. And not only John but all other orthodox Baptists say the same. So it happens that the very climax of Baptist doctrine is that the law of grace does not destroy, but fulfills the law of works. Baptists do not believe in salvation by works, and the more orthodox sort do not believe very much in a salvation that does not work. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

I thought when I began to study this figure of the Vine and its ingrafted branches, as illustrative of Baptist doctrine, that the analogy would fail me when I came to the matter of fruit bearing. But on looking a bit deeper into it, I was delighted to find that it did not. As a matter of fact, after all, it is a principle in all grafting, whether of a life ingrafted by faith into Jesus Christ, or of a twig ingrafted into a stock, that the kind of fruit on the ingrafted branch is not like the branch, but like the stock. Take, for example, a peach. We usually speak of the part of the peach that is eaten as the "fruit." But that isn't the fruit! That is only a part of nature's machinery, bringing the fruit to maturity. That is to the real fruit of the peach what the "shuck" is to the kernels of the corn. That has no life germ in it. You might plant a thousand pounds of the flesh of the peach, but you would get no peach trees from your planting. The real fruit is the seed, and the very heart of the kernel of the seed, at that. The flesh is only a protection for the fruit. And the moment the real fruit is matured, so that it needs its protection no further, the flesh begins to decay. We have given it a palatable name

and call it "ripe." We enjoy eating it, but really, my friend, it is so juicy and luscious because it is in the first stages of rot. All ripe fruit is really rotting fruit. And the reason it rots is because nature says to it, "I don't need you any longer. The real fruit that you have been protecting is now fully matured."

Now, the branch and the flesh of the peach are of the same kind. In the analogy I am dealing with they correspond to the individual Christian and his particular way of bearing the fruit of his calling. That is another way of saying that the acts—the efforts—of a Christian are one thing (they correspond to the flesh of the peach); but the effects of these efforts on the world are quite another matter. The effects correspond to the seed of the peach. That makes it a mighty responsible thing to be a professor of religion. That makes it little less than a calamity for a professing Christian to live a misguided, inconsistent or wrong life.

A great danger confronts the Christian world here. You know in grafting one loses sight of the real character of the fruit in trying to bring the flesh to its highest degree of perfection. And is it not really true, that many Christians, in their efforts to make their conduct and themselves pleasing to the world, have already lost sight of the real character of the work they are doing?

I do not want to know how much the world takes to a new thing in the churches (the world is always ready to go off after new things). What I want to know is this: Are the paramount results of any new thing for the good or the bad of the churches?

There are some Christians (and some Christian churches, so called) that think that the way to win the world to the churches is to consort with all the popular fads and fancies of the world, to enter into partnership with the world, the flesh and the devil. The glamor of success may taste as good as the flesh of a good ripe peach for a while, but underneath that kind of success there is a germ of evil, life that will germinate and bear a mighty harvest of trouble later on. I have as much faith in the Y. M. C. A. movement as anybody ought to have. But I see a danger even in that movement. And it is just at this point. I am profoundly afraid that the Y. M. C. A. is going off after too many strange goals. The intention is good; the success is marvelous. But I am wondering what manner of fruit God will find on the trees that are bound to grow out of this marvelous success. And the churches are catching the contagion. Sometimes it is, even now, right difficult to tell what is going on, religious worship or a social entertainment. The preaching of the word is being gradually pushed into the background as a matter of secondary importance, and these other things, the worldly-wise things, are being trotted out to the front. The sermon that is the most "catchy" now and receives the most compliments (?) from those who "enjoyed it so much" is the effort that is made not to be. It is the "inventions of men" and therefore very unbaptistic.

Then there are some Christians (and some Christian churches, so called) that believe that the way to win the world to Jesus Christ is to let down the bars and let the world into the churches. What a mistake! Under such conditions, instead of the churches Christianizing the world, the world will secularize the churches. The churches are in the world to win the world; but they will never do so by making themselves a part of the world.

Now the only kind of fruit that Jesus bore while here in the flesh is expressed in this phrase, "Saving the lost." And since the ingrafted branches must bear the same kind of fruit that the stock bears, it follows that Christians have but one duty in this world, Saving the lost. And so, my friend, if your life is not in some way bearing this kind of fruit, then your life isn't what Jesus Christ wants it to be.

One charged Carey that he was neglecting his calling as a shoemaker and giving too much of his time to the saving of the lost. His reply was: "I am at my calling when I am preaching the everlast-

ing gospel to the lost; and the only reason I make shoes at all is to enable me to meet expenses while carrying on my calling." Wasn't he right? You are a merchant. That is your avocation. Your brother is a lawyer. That is his avocation. I am a minister. That is both my vocation and my avocation. One's vocation is his calling. All Christians have the same vocation, namely, Saving the lost. But one's avocation is what he does in life to keep up expenses while engaged in his vocation. God help all of us to walk worthily of the vocation wherewith we have been called. Yours sincerely,
R. S. GAVIN,
Huntsville, Ala.

A NATIONAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

A campaign of education, on a national scale, is being planned by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The plan has the endorsement of the organized foreign missionary agencies of America, and will have their active co-operation. A similar plan has been used in Canada during the past winter, culminating in a Canadian national missionary congress, attended by over four thousand commissioners, representing all Protestant churches of the Dominion. The movement has aroused the Christian men of Canada to an appreciation of the power and possibilities of combined and co-operating Christianity, to a degree not hitherto witnessed in our generation. The plan in America involves the holding of men's missionary conventions in about fifty of the most important centers in the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is expected that out from these fifty main centers deputations of speakers will be sent to a great many other cities to assist them in conducting special meetings. The culminating feature of the campaign will be a national missionary congress, at which 5,000 or more of the most representative Christian men of America will meet in April, 1910.

President Taft has expressed cordial sympathy with the purposes of the movement. He will give the opening address of the convention to be held at Washington.

OVER THE FENCE. Neighbor Says Something.

The front yard fence is a famous council place on pleasant days. Maybe to chat with some one along the street or for friendly gossip with next door neighbor. Sometimes it is only small talk, but other times a neighbor has something really good to offer.

An old resident of Baird, Texas, got some mighty good advice this way once. He says:

"Drinking coffee left me nearly dead with dyspepsia, kidney disease and bowel trouble, with constant pains in my stomach, back and side, and so weak I could scarcely walk.

"One day I was chatting with one of my neighbors about my trouble and told her I believed coffee hurt me. Neighbor said she knew lots of people to whom coffee was poison, and she pleaded with me to quit it and give Postum a trial. I did not take her advice right away, but tried a change of climate which did not do me any good. Then I dropped coffee and took up Postum.

"My improvement began immediately and I got better every day I used Postum.

"My bowels became regular and in two weeks all my pains were gone. Now I am well and strong and can eat anything I want to without distress. All of this is due to my having quit coffee, and to the use of Postum regularly.

"My son, who was troubled with indigestion, thought that if Postum helped me so, it might help him. It did, too, and he is now well and strong again.

"We like Postum as well as we ever liked the coffee and use it altogether in my family in place of coffee and all keep well." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

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

Among our clippings we found the following. We think it was taken from the North Carolina Baptist before it was merged into the Biblical Recorder: It is worth passing along and how that the colleges and schools are out, we deem it worthy to appear on our editorial page:

"They are abroad in the land. They are selling books, fruit trees, maps, pictures and other things of various kinds. Back at their schools they planned carefully and saw visions of big profits and enough money to get back to the school next fall. God bless those noble fellows, who are striving and tugging and pulling to get an education. They are boys with mettle. They have in them the pluck to make success. It is no easy matter to take it afoot all over North Carolina and succeed in the agency business. There are many hard knocks ahead for these fellows and many disappointments—but these things bring out the real man.

"Treat them with courtesy and kindness. Give them the glad hand. Buy their wares if you possibly can. You may, while getting value received for your money, be helping on to success a man who will be a blessing and an honor to the Old North State. If one of them stays over night with you or takes a meal with you, don't be stingy and charge him for it. The devil is delighted when some old skinflint makes a poor, struggling young man pay for a dinner of bacon and greens or a night's lodging in a shed room. And while the hotel folks have a "one price" rate, they would do a service for good by helping these boys along.

"Their work is honorable. It is far better than sitting down and giving up. It beats sponging on 'daddy,' or going into some get-rich-quick scheme to make money. Help them along. You'll never miss it and it may be a link in the chain of a young fellow's triumph in life."

A PROTECTING GOD.

There could scarcely be a more comforting and bracing thought to the Christian than that God is his ever-present protector. It is a very great truth, so great that no man is able to fully grasp it; for, consider the fact that there are millions of Christians in the world at the present time; and yet God is the special protector of each one of them. From a merely human viewpoint, this seems to be utterly impossible, and for that reason many people will not believe it. Yet it must be true that God is the particular protector of each Christian, for He is almighty, and no man can tell how much that means. He is absolutely infinite, and who can understand it? The Bible is full of such testimony in behalf of God; and this is why the wise saints in all ages of the world have believed that God protected their life, guarded their best interests, and often delivered them out of their perils and distresses. See how fully God protected His people in Old Testament days. A great object lesson is seen in His protecting the Israelites at the time of the passover. Not one of them was destroyed on that night, while thousands of Egyptians were struck dead by the angel of God, the executor of His judgment. What a signal display of God's protective providence that was! Well might the protected ones thank God and appreciate His mercy. And how fitting it was for them to perpetually celebrate that gracious providence! Was it not worth everything to them to be the subjects of the protecting power of God? That one event made such an impression upon the Israelites as a nation that, for many years afterwards, frequent references were made to it. Think also of the fact that one of the things which gave heart and hope to Christ's apostles and disciples was the assurance that God was their all-powerful protector. It was this which made them dare to go out among the enemies of Christ and pursue their good work. They knew that between them and their foes was the protecting hand of the great God of all. And it is this same assurance which gives bravery to the Christian missionaries in foreign lands. Marvelously indeed has God protected them. Unsaved readers, you surely need just such a protector as the God of heaven is.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

EDITORIAL

OUR APOLOGY FOR BEING DULL.

For a score of years we have foregathered with men who make our great dailies, chumming with many reporters and being on terms of intimacy with those on the editorial staff, and in the confidence of owners of great newspaper properties, and this status with the news-gatherers and the news purveyors, and the fact that we served our apprenticeship on a daily, has not only given us an insight into what is called in terms of shop "news," but we have what we believe to be a well developed "news sense," and when Bro. Crumpton elsewhere alludes to the fact that "maybe the Alabama Baptist is not the best reading paper in the south," it gives us an opportunity to say some things which otherwise we would have left unsaid.

We never make the paper what we want to make it, or rather the paper we make each week is broken into in order to give space to some denominational plea. It is an old story of how we get together the material to make a symmetrical paper, but before it reaches the press to find that to get behind some pressing denominational claim we knowingly sacrifice its symmetry.

And then frequently when we sacrifice our editorial preferences to serve the cause we have to quietly bear criticism from men who have not taken time to consider that after all a newspaper, if it has a mission, can not always expect to be entertaining any more than can a pastor who hopes to reach his people be expected to do so by merely making his sermons entertaining. Frequently as the paper goes to press we realize that it is heavy because every part of the organized work has its special plea, and yet, although we know that the mere fact that we fill it with pleas for foreign, home and state missions; with appeals for the orphans' home; with the claims of the Seminary, Howard and the Judson, and the various other schools; with the needs of the B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday schools; with pressing calls of the Laymen's Movement, and with many other worthy interests forever clamoring to be heard, that we are making it harder to circulate for only those who are vitally interested in the organized work find within its pages things of interest.

This is one of the hard things we have to face, for the fact remains that the great mass of Baptists are not being reached by the denominational weeklies, and yet carrying as they do what we call so much "syndicated matter," our clientele is narrowed to the faithful and before we can get them to subscribe the pastor first has to get them interested in our denominational work.

We frankly believe that we could make a "readable paper" that would reach a much larger circle than does the Alabama Baptist at present, but to do so we would have to shut out a great part of matter that is of vital interest to the denomination, and we have voluntarily set aside not only our pride as a newspaper man, but willingly curtailed our revenue in order to serve the general work, and therefore coming from Bro. Crumpton we deem it high praise when he adds, "But I can say this in all candor: NO PAPER IN THE SOUTH SERVES THE DENOMINATION SO FAITHFULLY AS OURS."

If it resolved itself into the mere question of making a "readable paper," we flatter ourselves that we could publish a weekly of such general interest as to appeal to a much wider constituency than it does at present, for every week pages of news items and feature articles are cast aside in order to try and get a fuller hearing for the organized work.

Seeing the constant need of stressing the special interests we have voluntarily sacrificed our own, knowing that while we were trying to serve our state work we were losing subscribers to some other papers which are more readable because they give more space to news, and we have no complaint against them, but wish them every success, for they are doing good service in many ways.

Our motto is: "Saved to serve."

FOLLOWING A PASTORATE.

In many instances a minister, at the close of a pastorate, has appeared to the general public very differently from what he did while he was pastor of a church in the place. This is true in those cases where the former pastor has remained a while in the same place. It is a time of special testing. How does the minister now act toward the church which he had served? Does he try to help it, or does he seek to hinder it? There have been instances in which the retired pastor, because he could not remain pastor longer, has manifested much ill-will toward the church. He has sought to harm it. He has used his influence to prejudice people in the community against the church. He has complained of bad treatment to himself by members of the church. He has said that he was meanly "turned down." The real fact may be that he deserved dismissal. It may be that the church had tolerated him a long time, because of his inefficiency, and then had to ask him to quit. But, admitting that the man was badly treated by the church, or by those who had the management of it, he ought to have such a regard for Christ's cause in general as to prevent him from doing anything to injure it. If the main fault was with the members of the church, then they would suffer for it. The church that causelessly abuses a good pastor is certain to be somehow punished by God; but let not the ex-pastor take the matter in his own hands; let him positively refrain from exhibiting a retaliating spirit. So long as he remains in the place he should refuse to say anything or do anything which would give unconverted ones an opportunity to reproach the cause of Christ. If he has done a good work during his pastorate, he should not undo it, or neutralize it, by any word or act afterwards. If the man be a real Christian, then he has a fine opportunity to continue to show a genuinely Christian spirit. Possibly the situation may be such that he could not enjoy continuing to worship with that people; but even then it would be wise in him to say as little as possible about church affairs. If he must remain in the place, let him act in a true Christian manner while he stays there.

AN OPTIMISTIC NOTE.

The commencement at Howard just closed was a decided success, and in spite of the gloomy weather there was a note of optimism which pervaded the college and the campus. The commencement sermon preached by Rev. W. A. Tallafiero, one of Howard's brilliant sons, bore out the statement made in many of Dr. Montague's addresses throughout the state that the alumni of the institution were leaders of thought. The missionary sermon by Rev. S. H. Campbell breathed the very spirit of missions. The address of Dr. J. H. Phillips, superintendent of Birmingham's public schools, and published elsewhere, speaks for itself and is worthy to be preserved by every thoughtful man and woman. The orations of the young men who spoke for their societies and for their classes were of a high order, and President Montague as usual was most gracious in his introductions of speakers and in his address to the graduating class. The trustees had a harmonious and successful meeting. The visitors were hospitably entertained by the Baptists of East Lake. In fact, it seemed that the Howard College spirit is growing.

We did not have the pleasure of being at the Judson commencement, but from the splendid account published elsewhere we conclude that it was a great occasion and therefore heartily congratulate Dr. Patrick, the faculty and the trustees.

True Success.

"What is failure? It is only a spur
To the one who receives it right.
It makes the spirit within him stir
To go in once more and fight.
If you never have failed, it's an easy guess
You never have won any high success."
—Edmund Vance Cooke.

Rev. Cortland Myers, of Brooklyn, has just been called to the Tremont Temple, Boston, by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Ashley Jones, of Augusta, will preach the annual sermon before the Divinity School of Colgate University.

Of the thirteen applicants before the foreign mission board, eight were from Texas, seven from Baylor.—Baptist Visitor.

The South Knoxville Baptist church presented their retiring pastor, Dr. A. J. Holt, with a beautiful silver tea set. He goes to the First Baptist church, Lake City, Fla.

Rev. J. W. Bates has been called to Nacogdoches, Tex. Bro. Bates is a poet of no mediocre type. His poem on the plains of Texas has real merit in it.—Western Evangel.

The "Portland Number" of The Standard is a thing of beauty and no doubt put a great longing into the hearts of our Northern Baptist brethren to attend their convention.

The Baptist work at Cuba, Ala., is prospering under the pastoral care of Rev. W. K. E. James. He represented his people at the convention in Louisville.—Western Evangel.

Rev. S. M. Provence writes: "Our work in Victoria, the Queen City of the Gaudalupe, starts off encouragingly. The difficulties are many, but they have no terrors for a faithful band of workers."—Texas Baptist Standard.

You are giving us a fine paper. I could not get along without it. I have been reading it for about ten years. The first copy I got was handed to me by an uncle and I got my father to subscribe for it. After I married and moved to myself I subscribed for it myself.—A. L. Nichols.

Last third Sunday was a great day for God's saints at Concord. Rev. W. B. Newman dropped in and preached us a fine sermon from Isaiah 50:4. I baptized one and received another one for baptism. I am pastor of four churches—Concord, Mud Creek, Oak Grove and Pleasant View.—A. L. Nichols.

My work with the Seventh Avenue Baptist church of this city closed last Sunday night. Since coming here I have received into the church about fifty members and have built a new addition to the building. I am now ready to hold meetings or supply any pulpits until I accept another field of labor.—R. R. Brasher, Montgomery.

Dr. C. A. Barbour, who becomes associate secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, with an office in New York, but with a residence still in Rochester, has been pastor of the Lake Avenue church, Rochester, N. Y., for eighteen years. During these years, 1,313 persons were received into the church, 860 of them by baptism.

WHEN JOHN COMES HOME

When he comes home from college, why, I cal'cate John'll know 'bout all there is worth findin' out, if what he writes is so. He sort o' intimate it won't be worth our while to look for things that he can't tell us, 'twixt the covers of a book.

Last week an agent came along an' wasted half a day. An' done his best to make me buy a cy-clo-pe-dia in thirty-five big volumes; but I told him from the start. My boy 'd be home from college soon an' knowed 'em by heart.

I sort o' snap my fingers now at every gazetteer. An' dictionary an' the like, fer John 'll soon be here. An' then instead o' havin' to study out the fac's. Our John 'll up and tell us, fer I s'pose he's sharper 'n fac's.

But Mandy—she's his mother—well, she sort o' shakes her head. An' says some boys ain't much improved by bein' college-bred; The more the brain develops an' the more the head expands. The less o' homely strength there is fer workin' with the hands.

Concernin' hands that may be true, but with the legs I know A thorough college trainin' is the thing to make 'em grow; Fer Jones' boy from Harvard hit the barn-door every spot In kickin' all the pumpkins from a big three-acre lot.

I don't jest understand it, but I've heard from two or three That John's the best at fencin'; well, that suits me to a T. Fer half the fences round the farm need buildin' over now; So jest the minute John arrives I'll give him lots to do.

In highly 'educatin' him I hain't spared no expense; Says I, "I'll get the dollars, John, if you'll jest get the sense;" An' one thing I'm convinced he's learned, an' got it very pat, Is how to spend the money; I can testify to that!

—The Christian Endeavor World.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Lucy Strickland.

Heart of mine, shrink not from the blackness	Seek not to fill thy drained fountain bled
That shrouds the Garden of Gethsemane;	With earthly light and hope—that hope is dead—
Shrink not from the unbroken shadows deep,	Gladly, grandly, sweetly bleed the red blood stain.
Nor from the galling chain that binds thee.	That drip thro' the Garden of Gethsemane.
Lull not thy woes to an unnatural sleep;	Heart of mine, enter the gloomy blackness
In earth's poor dross thy fears do not steep—	That shrouds the Garden of Gethsemane;
Gladly, grandly enter the bland blackness	Bleed the red blood and wall the wall of woe;
That shrouds the Garden of Gethsemane.	Thy Savior and Redeemer wilt guide thee.
Heart of mine, shudder not at the wall of sorrow	With thee in the shadow He will kneel as before;
That resounds thro' the Garden of Gethsemane;	O'er thy anguish calm winds shall soon blow.
Shudder not at the cry of heart-rending pain,	If thou wilt but gladly enter the gloomy blackness
Nor at the merciless dagger which wounds thee.	That shrouds the Garden of Gethsemane.
Still not thy cries—no comfort wilt thou gain;	Heart of mine, 'till be worth all earth's sorrow
Earthly sorrow thou'rt doomed to maintain;	To kneel with Him in dark Gethsemane;
Weep then and wall the wall of sorrow	To have His precious heart's blood mingle with thine,
That resounds thro' the Garden of Gethsemane.	And His brotherly love to enfold thee.
Heart of sorrow, quiver not at the blood stains	To have His presence to brightly, sweetly shine
That drip thro' the Garden of Gethsemane;	Around thy broken, crushed, bruised shrine.
Quiver not at the streamlet that trickles all red,	Endure earth's pain, woe and sorrow
Nor at the pangs of pain that wound thee.	Then kneel with Jesus in dark Gethsemane.

Dr. P. T. Hale has been secured by the Southern Baptist Theological seminary as field agent and lecturer on evangelism.

Evangelist J. J. Wicker recently closed a meeting with the Central church, Atlanta, with ninety-two additions.

Dr. Milton G. Evans, the new president of Crozer Theological seminary, has spent his whole life in Pennsylvania.

Dr. A. J. Barton and wife, of the First church, Waco, Tex., are sojourning in Alamogordo, N. M., in quest of health. Bro. Barton was greatly missed at the convention.

Rev. Robert G. Patrick, D. D., president of the historic Judson college for women at Marion, Ala., is one of the most popular and beloved men in the host of convention people.—Baptist World.

The Florida Baptist Witness of May 20th contains on its cover page a good likeness of our good friend, P. M. Jones, who has been appointed general state evangelist of the Florida State Mission Board. We are sorry to lose him out of the work in Alabama, but pray God's blessings upon his labor in the Land of Flowers.

A printed post card brings this news item: You are invited to attend the revival services at the First Baptist church, beginning Sunday, 11 a. m., May 30. The pastor will be assisted by the noble gospel singer, Mrs. Harry Eddins. Services daily 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.—W. M. Anderson, Pastor.

We are just in receipt of the new issue of the annual catalogue, 1908-09, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. The facts set forth in the catalogue are eminently gratifying to the friends of technical education in the state. The cuts of the new buildings show three beautiful new structures: (1) Carnegie Library, (2) O. D. Smith dining hall, (3) Comer Agricultural Hall. These have all been erected from the appropriation made by the legislature at the last session. An extensive system of waterworks, sewerage, plumbing, etc., has been installed. Extensive electric lighting has likewise been accomplished. The military organization has been raised from battalion to regiment.

At 6 p. m. on the 24th inst., at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. John Pollard, near Uniontown, Ala., there was a pretty home wedding, when Dr. Hartwell Robbins, of Selma, Ala., was married to Miss Emma Pollard, daughter of Mr. C. L. Pollard. Miss Pollard is a most excellent and accomplished young lady, and Dr. Robbins is an ambitious Christian young man who has already thoroughly established himself in his chosen profession. Their home will be in Chicago, where their hosts of friends wish for them a useful and happy life. The writer had the pleasure of officiating.—J. E. Barnes.

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MARION INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT.

Marion, Ala., May 12.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the Marion Institute, which have just closed, were unusually interesting and impressive.

The first of the commencement exercises was the annual debate and oratorical contest. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the State of Alabama should establish a pension system for the teachers in the public schools." The negative side was victorious, composed of A. H. Thomas, J. A. Lusk, Jr., and C. S. Johnson. The oratorical medal was won by Mr. Walter C. Lusk.

Following the debate, the Jefferson Society held their annual reception, which was a social event of unusual brilliance. The honorary members from Judson college and a large list of guests filled the beautiful hall to overflowing.

The final exercises formed a fitting close to the entire series of exercises. The recipients of degrees in caps and gowns gave an attractive academic air to the ceremonies of graduation day. The baccalaureate address was delivered by President John W. Abercrombie, of the State University, and was an able treatment of the subject, "The Demand for College Trained Men."

The academic honors in scholarship were as follows:

Honors—Students who pass in course with mark of 95-100 are ranked in the highest honors group; those who attain 90-95, in the honors group; those who attain 85-90, in the distinction group.

The following are the academic honors for the session:

School of English—Honors, J. E. Bomar, Marion Rushton; distinction, C. G. Wallace, W. C. Lusk, W. L. Hogue, Otto Koppius, J. A. Lusk, Jr., Wiltzie, H. Smith.

School of Latin and Greek—Highest honors, Wiltzie; honors, Ford, Koppius, C. S. Johnson, Rusaton, Bomar; distinction, Deming, Higdon, Walter Lusk.

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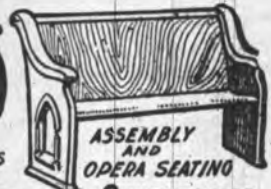
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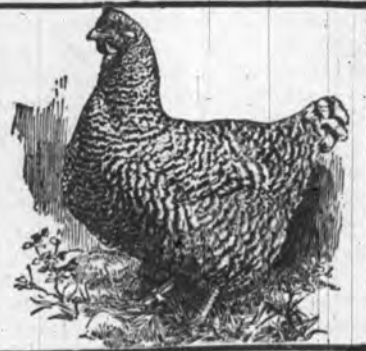
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Winners of Prizes: The J. P. Leth prize, Walter C. Lusk; the biographical essay prize, "Abraham Lincoln, An Appreciation," by Marion Rushton; the English prizes: Freshman, C. G. Wallace; sophomore, O. A. Wiltsie; junior, J. E. Bomar; senior, W. L. Hogue; the debate prize, C. S. Johnson; the declamation prize, Walter C. Lusk.

Certificates of Graduation in School: School of bookkeeping, W. E. Shackelford, Dale Mabry, O. Bruner, R. L. Hodges, E. L. Hutchinson, Jr.; school of mathematics, D. Mabry, F. Moss, Alfred Shivers.

Graduates—Bachelors of Science, Cary S. Johnson, Judson B. Johnson, Otto Koppius, John A. Lusk, Jr., Roy Hammond Smith; bachelors of Arts, William L. Hogue, C. S. Johnson, Alfred H. Thomas.

Miss Jansby, of Judson college, accompanied by Miss Daughdrill, rendered three brilliant violin pieces which were enthusiastically received.

Central District B. Y. P. U. Rally, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., June 10th and 11th.

On Thursday evening, June 10th, and on Friday morning, afternoon and evening, June 11th, a B. Y. P. U. rally will be held in the First Baptist church, Montgomery, which is to be known as the Central District B. Y. P. U. rally. This movement was inaugurated by the City Union of Montgomery, of which Mr. Otto Hake, of the Clayton Street Church, is president.

The plan of the rally is to have on Thursday night, June 10th, a mass meeting of the Young People, at which time the main speaker will be Mr. J. T. McKee. There will be three sessions on Friday, June 11th, 10 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. From 4:30 to 7:30 p. m. on Friday there will be a picnic lunch in Oak Park.

The speakers on Friday will be Mr. L. P. Leavell from the Sunday School Board; Professor George W. Macon, of Howard college; Rev. J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery, and others to be announced later. The local committee is anxious to get a good representation from points adjacent to Montgomery. Those who may see this announcement have some of the young people of their churches attend this rally. The invitation is extended to all, with an urgent request to those near Montgomery to come.
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HOWARD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The Age-Herald.

The commencement exercises of Howard college began Sunday at 11 a. m. with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon at Ruhama Baptist church by the Rev. William A. Tallaferro. The large seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost, the aisles being filled with chairs to accommodate those who came late.

The speaker was introduced by President Montague, who paid him a glowing tribute as being one of Howard's most distinguished alumni. The text of Dr. Tallaferro's sermon was from Romans 12:1: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Dr. Tallaferro urged the young men of Howard college not to abandon consecrated living when they had gone forth into the world. He pressed home the fact that religion is the paramount issue of life; that it is the test put by the world upon the worth of a man.

"Men should embrace religion," he said, "primarily because it is practicable. God redeems a man and then endows him with the power of service; He has an allotted place in life for each of his children."

As examples of God's redemption and endowment of power he mentioned Luther, Wesley, Carey and Booth, all of whom have stirred the world with their ideas and teachings. He stated that although a young man finds it hard not to do as the world does, he should, nevertheless, be loyal to Christ.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. S. H. Campbell, of Troy. His general subject was "The Victor and His Sweeping Victory." Special music by the church choir was given at both services.

Hutto a Winner.

On Saturday evening in the college chapel the final meeting of the Franklin Literary Society of Howard college was held.

The occasion was an oratorical contest between members of the society. The judges rendered their decision in favor of Mr. S. R. Hutto, whose subject was "Liberty's Pathway to Destiny."

The program, which provided for several excellent musical numbers, was rendered as follows:

March, Miss Gertude Wood; invocation; welcome address, president; vocal solo, Miss McClure; Liberty's Pathway to Destiny, S. R. Hutto; Our Duties to the Republic, T. W. Smyly; piano solo, Miss Leta Hargrove; Tender Traits in Strong Men, Archie Bolen; vocal solo, Miss Easten; The Old Time Slave, S. R. Gibson; Colonial Imperialism, J. J. Wooten; piano solo, Miss Lavender; valedictory, J. T. Williams; delivery of senior pins, H. G. Grant; decision of judges; adjournment. The ushers were B. O. Bentley, T. C. Jester, H. W. Shaw and E. J. Berry.

Bentley a Winner.

The junior oration contest and the exercises of the 1909 class were held Tuesday morning at Howard college, which features were an attractive part of the commencement exercises. C. S. Bentley, who spoke on "Woman's Suffrage," was awarded the medal in the junior contest. The other contestants were H. G. Grant, whose subject was "The South;" P. J. Bell, who spoke on "The True Grandeur of Nations," and J. D. Jackson, who delivered an oration on "A Plea for Justice to Poe."

Class Day Exercises.

Following the orations the class day exercises were begun. The program arranged by the class for this occasion was very unique, the members of the class being attired in variegated costumes, some being in evening dress and others in a combination suit of colors. J. B. Hudnell, the president of the class, presided.

The exercises opened with an address by the president, which was followed by the salutatory by J. S. Ward. Miss Annie Lou Wood then rendered a beautiful solo, after which C. T. Rogers read the class poem. Miss Lillian Dunnam played a piano solo and J. T. Williams, as the class historian, delivered an address on the history of the class. M. E. Nettles, the class prophet, then delivered an address treating in prophecy concerning the members of the class.

Captain Nettles Wins.

Captain M. E. Nettles, of Company A, won the prize in the battalion drill at Howard college Monday afternoon. The prize was a handsome sword, instead of a medal as heretofore, delivered by Miss Orlene Robinson, sponsor for the company. The first prize in the company drill was won by Drayton Doherty, of Company A, the youngest of all contestants. This was a medal which was delivered by Miss Maud Kelly, a member of the Birmingham bar. The battalion drill was held on the college campus. After the companies had drilled down to twelve men the contest was finished in the college chapel. The judges of the contest were Colonel Hughes B. Kennedy, Major Carl Seals and Lieutenant W. E. Hooper. They declared that the drills showed a great improvement.

The sponsors and maids were: Miss Maud McClure Kelly, battalion sponsor; Company A, Miss Orlene Robinson, sponsor; Miss Mary Ray and Miss Ethel Bell, maids.

Company B, Miss Rowena Bernhard, sponsor; Miss Gertrude Wood and Miss Haywood Molton, maids.

Company C, Miss Hazel McKenzie, sponsor; Miss Grace Daniels and Miss Summers, maids.

Graduation Exercises.

The final commencement graduation exercises were held Wednesday in the college chapel, a large crowd being present in spite of the lowering clouds. The baccalaureate address was delivered by Superintendent J. H. Phillips, of the Birmingham public schools, the senior oration by Jasper

C. Hutto, of Athens, and the conferring of degrees by Dr. Montague.

The following were the candidates for degrees:

Master of arts, William Samuel Hendrix (B. A., 1907).

Master of science, Aiva Brown Craddock (B. S., 1908).

Bachelor of arts, James Ray Hudnell, Jasper C. Hutto, Edward D. McAdory, Malcolm E. Nettles, Burney A. Sellers, James S. Ward and James T. Williams.

Bachelor of science, Charles T. Rogers.

Honorary Degrees.

Honorary degrees were conferred as follows: Rev. C. V. Cook, Henderson, Ky., D. D.; Rev. Richard Wold, Evergreen, Ala., D. D.; Judge N. P. Denson, Lafayette, Ala., LL. D.

Officers Elected.

Officers elected by the board of trustees of the college Tuesday before the close of its lengthy session were as follows: President, J. B. Ellis, of Selma, re-elected; vice president, S. S. Broadus, Decatur, re-elected; secretary, P. C. Ratliff, Birmingham, re-elected; treasurer, Prof. A. J. Moon, East Lake, re-elected; auditor, D. C. Cooper, Oxford, takes place of A. W. Bell, of Anniston.

The entire faculty was retained, and Jasper C. Hutto, of the senior class of 1909, was elected assistant in the academy.

Library Association.

Wednesday afternoon the Ladies Library Co-operative Association gave their annual reception at Montague hall. The occasion was a delightful one. Fully 300 were present, among them the members of the board of trustees and other distinguished visitors. In the receiving line were the wives of pastors of the district and the presidents of the Woman's Missionary Unions of the Birmingham district. Excellent music was rendered and delicious refreshments were served. The officers of the association are: President, Mrs. J. C. Dawson; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Hendricks; second vice president, Mrs. George R. Stamps; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. P. Montague; recording secretary, Miss Carrie Ingram.

Alumni Banquet.

Fifty-three alumni of Howard college met for reunion at a banquet at the Hillman hotel Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock. The event was one of the most successful in the history of the college. The speaking did not begin until after an elaborate menu had been served.

Prof. A. J. Moon was the toastmaster, and called attention to the motto for the evening, "Quidquid Praecipies, Esto Brevis"—"Say What You Have to Say, and Sit Down," being the free translation he gave it. Malcolm E. Nettles, a member of the graduating class of 1909, was the first speaker.

Next on the programme was a selection by the faculty quartette, "Old Howard Can Teach and Her Teachers Can Sing." The quartette is composed of Professors Dawson, Berry,

Olive and Foster, and it was frequently called upon during the evening.

The Speakers.

Other speakers of the evening were Rev. W. D. Hubbard, a local pastor, who lauded Howard's clerical alumni; Prof. W. C. Griggs, of the Henley school, on "Our Alma Mater and Athletics;" Dr. E. P. Hogan, on "Even Medicine Takes Off Her Hat to Our Alma Mater;" W. L. Sampey, of Gadsden, on "Howard College and Leaders in the Business World," and H. J. Willingham, of the state board of education.

These speeches were followed by talks by President Ellis, of the board of trustees, and President Montague, of the college.

The gathering was brought to a close with the chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

Athletics at Howard.

The alumni of Howard college are very much interested in the promotion of athletics for next year, and as James B. Ellis, president of the board of trustees, said, "We want the best teams in the state to come from Howard, just as the best men come from there."

The alumni wish to establish a first-class gymnasium and Prof. Griggs is determined to get it as soon as possible. Many of the alumni expressed their approval of the idea, and Dr. E. P. Hogan said: "We must have a well equipped gymnasium in order to get the best work performed in the classes. A trained and developed mind in a trained and developed body should be the object to be accomplished in all institutions of learning."

Howard will have as athletic director next year one of the best football coaches in the south, and a great deal can be expected from her teams.

Dr. Montague's Report.

The following is President Montague's report in full:

"To the Board of Trustees:

"Gentlemen—Permit me to present the following report for the college year 1908-1909:

"The total enrollment of students is 178, a loss, as compared with the former year, of fourteen. This loss is, I believe, owing largely to the financial depression which has existed for months in Alabama, and more particularly in the rural districts.

"The college year has been marked by good order among the students, and satisfactory work by the faculty.

"In obedience to your instructions given at Montgomery last November, I have been endeavoring to collect endowment, but not with the measure of success for which I hoped. Many places I have visited on Sunday in connection with the work of securing money for current expenses; certain other places have been visited on week days, and every subscriber in arrears has been seen or communicated with by letter. Many have promised to pay at a later date; some have refused to make any promise.

"Much can be done if the members of the board will see personally subscribers in their vicinity and urge payment.

"Realizing that much of the original amount pledged would not be paid, I have secured some new subscriptions, and this work I intend to press with agency.

Wants Larger Endowment.

"I earnestly invoke the assistance of the trustees in efforts to secure large gifts for our endowment. During the last five years Howard College has had an expansion in teaching force and in courses of instruction unsurpassed in the south. Our great need now is endowment, that we may hold our present power and proceed to develop it.

"Since your last annual meeting I have, with the co-operation of several members of the board, and especially with the aid of Mr. Culpepper Exum, of Birmingham, who has generously given us time in canvassing and money also, collected the \$1,250 which Prof. Macon stipulated should be raised for the equipment of the biological department; the \$1,250 needed to settle the bill providing sanitary plumbing for two of our buildings; \$3,728.30 of the sums \$5,053.89 pledged at the convention, at the associations and later by individuals for current support, leaving yet to be paid \$1,725.59; \$2,215 in new endowment; certain other smaller amounts to meet pressing needs of the college; in all \$5,618. Moreover, that I might help in the advance of education and make friends for our institution, I have raised some money to aid the Eldridge school and \$1,000 to assist the Boaz high school in Marshall county, the latter being the work of an appeal made on the first Sunday in May.

"Certain of our Birmingham district churches did not redeem their pledges for sanitary plumbing, and Mr. Exum and I went among friends in Birmingham and raised the entire amount. I feel that a resolution of appreciation of Mr. Exum's services would not be out of place, if such action shall commend itself to the judgment of the board.

"An accompanying paper will show the expenses of the present college year, the income to date, and what will probably be collected.

Explains Deficit.

"Permit me to state, in explanation of the deficit, that, as has been said, the panic affected our enrollment and that our salary budget is larger by over \$1,000 than that of last year.

"Let me suggest that we all go to work without delay, secure the payment of sums pledged, and raise the amount necessary to meet all demands. This we can do, and, please God, we will do.

"In order to hold our own with other institutions of like grade and to keep ahead of the county high schools, we must equip our science departments, especially the schools of physics and chemistry.

"There are now some fifty county high schools in this state. From these will come the students who will, to a large extent, form the student bodies of the colleges of Alabama. It is my purpose, beginning next September, to visit as many of these schools as possible and to have my colleagues pay visits to the remainder, thereby keeping in touch

with the sources of student supply. As vice president of the Alabama Association of Colleges I can with propriety seek admission to these schools and send my associates.

Will Hold Meetings.

"It is our purpose to hold during June and July meetings in some of the chief cities and towns of Alabama in which all Baptist churches of the immediate vicinity will be asked to take part. The object is to foster Christian education and, to be frank with you, to advertise Howard college.

"This plan will be inaugurated at the First Baptist church of Birmingham on the evening of the first Sunday in June. I have requested also the leading churches of Anniston, Selma, Montgomery, Mobile and Florence to co-operate thus with us. Your help in rendering these meetings successful is asked.

"While other institutions of learning in Alabama are pressing their claims and striving to bring laymen, as well as preachers, to their support we must take active measures to keep our college before the public. We must organize our laymen over the entire state.

"I have appointed a committee of the faculty whose duty it is to place Howard men in positions in teaching. We must get more of our graduates into the public school system, more of our Howard preachers into important pastorates.

"That we have sold enough outlying land to pay a good part of the bill for repairs and improvements. It will be necessary to raise about \$800 more to settle this bill in full.

"That the excellence of our new catalogue is due almost exclusively to the careful study of conditions in other institutions and the excellent management of Prof. John C. Dawson.

"There is in our colleges now a strong demand for training in educational methods.

"Howard college will inaugurate this work next September; and Prof. J. W. Norman, who has pursued advanced studies at Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., will be in charge.

Dr. Montague's Recommendations.

"I respectfully recommend: "That arrangements be made whereby money may be borrowed before June 1 with which to pay the faculty and to meet bills for supplies.

"That a committee of the board be appointed which, with the aid of the president of the college, shall raise by special efforts funds to meet the deficit; and that this be done, if possible, before July 15.

"That, in place of Mr. W. S. Hendrix, who has been assisting in the work of the academy and who will go in June to France to prosecute advanced studies, Mr. Jasper C. Hutto, who has made an excellent record in college and who graduates this year, be chosen to assist in the academy.

"That a continued and determined effort be made to increase the endowment to \$300,000. I would suggest in this connection that each trustee arrange in his territory meetings at which the interests of Howard college shall be discussed, make a list of all

men and women in said territory who may be seen to advantage and go with the president of the college to see such people. In this way, by co-operation, the other Baptist colleges of the south have obtained their endowment.

"That we secure before October \$2,000 for the partial equipment of the schools of physics and chemistry. Such equipment, especially for physics, is absolutely necessary.

The Graduates.

"That the following students, who have passed their examinations, be granted the degrees named:

"Bachelor of Arts—James R. Huddell, Jasper C. Hutto, Edward D. McAdory, Malcolm E. Nettles, Barney A. Sellers, James S. Ward, James T. Williams.

"Bachelor of Science—Charles T. Rogers.

"Master of Arts—William S. Hendrix.

"Master of Science—Alva B. Craddock.

"That Mr. James Walker, Jr., who is a real estate agent residing in East Lake, be chosen land agent of the college, to make a list of all properties of the college, to range deeds, papers, etc., and, with the consent and approval of the executive committee, to exchange or sell such lands as may be sold committee be ordered exchanged or sold, at such compensation as the board shall determine.

"Mr. Walker has since last winter rendered free of charge important and valuable service in the sale of land and listing of college property.

"That the office of college physician be discontinued and the students allowed to call in physicians of their choice.

"The faculty unanimously ask this of the board.

"All of the faculty have the kindest feeling for the present incumbent, and would in no wise do anything to humiliate or injure him. But the plan of having a college physician is subversive of good discipline.

"An accompanying paper, marked paper 3, gives in detail reasons for the suggested change in system, and makes additional recommendations."

"Miss Willie Kelley told the story of a Chinese woman who gave all her fortune for a Bible school, which she now superintends. She said when she first went to China they paid girls to come to school. Now they could have hundreds as a proof of the reality and sincerity of the conversions among the Chinese women. She told of a girl who had recently sent her in a letter a silver bracelet, saying she had taken a similar one from Miss Kelley when in school, being tempted to do so by the fact that it was a new and unknown ornament to her. Now, since she had accepted Jesus, she wanted to return it, but as she could not find it, she had made as nearly like it as possible and returned it to Miss Kelley, the rightful owner. Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, in Religious Herald.

Tremont Temple, Boston, is reported to have called to his pastorate Dr. Cortland Myers, of New York.

FROM PHENIX CITY.

West Side Baptist church has just closed a grand meeting. Evangelist J. B. Phillips, Macon, Ga., did the preaching, resulting in 60 additions, 54 of this number being by experience. Bro. Phillips is the greatest Bible evangelist I ever heard, and he is determined to bring things to pass and does it in the right way. He makes very few propositions and every one is glad to return and hear his next message. He has a special gift in getting hold on men. The men's service on Sunday afternoon has no parallel in the history of the city. God saved some of our vilest men during the meeting. We all feel sure Bro. Phillips was a God-send to us, and God used him mightily. Any brother desiring good sound help in your meetings will find a power in Rev. J. S. Phillips, whose address is 1436 Second street, Macon, Georgia.

Bro. Phillips is conducting a meeting in Birmingham at present.—Pastor.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell says in his Mission Workers: "We propose that for six months every Baptist in Texas quit his foolishness and all go in wholeheartedly to bring Texas to the obedience of faith. What does this proposition involve? First of all, that we waste no time or money on foolishness, things not worth the while of immortal, blood-bought, heaven-bound souls. Time and money are large assets in the Kingdom. Let us not foolishly waste them. Let us not spend needless time on small questions, especially if these small questions gender strife rather than godly edifying. Let us cultivate unity, rather than division, and cease to foolishly weaken our fellow helpers in the Kingdom. One great, wise campaign with everybody in it will land us all together on higher ground."

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A part of the N. W. 1-4 of the S W 1-4 of the S E 1-4 of the S E 1-4, 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 Mary Smith and Jim Smith, on April 22, 1908, and recorded in Vol. 491, Record of Deeds, at page 83, in the office of 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:

Commencing at the N E corner of the N E 1-4 of the S W 1-4 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 1-4 of the S W 1-4 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.
 THE CITY LOAN & BANKING CO., Mortgagee.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by B. 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 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.
 THE CITY LOAN & BANKING CO., Mortgagee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His unbounded wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. J. F. Irwin, who died March 6, 1909, being the first one of our members to depart this life, and who was a faithful Christian and a loving and dutiful wife and mother.

Resolved, first, That while we deplore her sad death, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, second, That we hereby extend to the bereaved members of her family our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

Resolved, third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and a copy be sent to her family, also a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

D. D. McDavid, H. A. Baggett, Mrs. J. U. Blacksher, committee.

On Wednesday morning, April 14, when the curtains of night had been drawn back to let in the golden light of the sun, the spirit of W. J. Lightsey took its flight to our heavenly home, where no night of darkness and pain shall ever enter. Our brother abides in that home, where all is sweetness and purity with the loved ones gone on before. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church. He loved his church, was a loving, tender brother, a true friend. He leaves three sisters to mourn his loss, and many friends. We feel assured that when the Master called He found him ready. He was a great sufferer and endured much pain without murmuring. Why should we mourn while he is so happy and free from pain. It is our selfish hearts that cry out for his love. We should not question God's infinite goodness, wisdom and love, yet we do not understand; we know His ways are not our ways, while we miss his bright presence and feel the loss so keenly, still we must remember:

"Not now, but in the coming years,
 It may be in the better land,
 We'll read the meaning of our tears,
 And there, sometimes, we'll understand.

"God knows the way, He holds the key;
 He guides us with unerring hand;
 Sometimes with tearless eyes we'll see;

Yes, there, up there we'll understand."

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

Grim death did not stop when he had taken our only brother, but on the night of the 28th of April, claimed another occupant of the home, W. E. Cruise, son of D. L. Cruise. He leaves one little son five years old, a father, mother and four brothers, with many

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others to mourn his loss. His wife preceded him to the better land a few months ago. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church, loved the church and its work. How we miss the bright face as we look around and see the vacant chairs; five have passed into the glory land in less than two years. Yet we know that God maketh no mistakes. We do not understand the mysterious working of His hand, but in that city not made with hands we'll meet the loved on that shore, then we'll know the meaning of each tear, each pain and say I see the hand of God in it all.

AUNTIE.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Adopted by the Alexander City Baptist Church Upon the Death of Mrs. Roy L. Nolen.

Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved friend and sister, May Goggans Nolen, who, after a brief illness and patient suffering departed this life on the 5th day of May, 1909; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Sister Nolen the Baptist church of Alexander City, Ala., has lost a devoted and useful member. As one who filled the office of organist for the church and Sunday school at different intervals, her services were highly appreciated and were faithfully and cheerfully rendered.

Resolved, 2. That while we mourn our loss in her death, we point with pride to her exemplary walk and unblemished character.

Resolved, 3. That believing "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord" we bow in humble submission to the will of our divine Father.

Resolved, 4. That we extend to the bereaved relatives our heartfelt sympathy, and assurance of our prayers in their behalf.

Resolved, 5. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our church, and that a copy of the same be sent to the relatives, and that they be published in the Alabama Baptist and the Alexander City Outlook.

GEO. A. SORRELL,
MRS. T. C. RUSSELL,
Committee.

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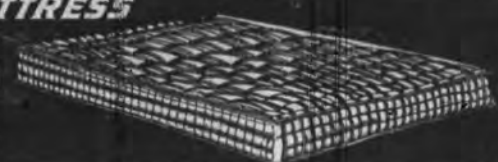
One more Sunday in May and hundreds of churches have not responded to our appeals for help. Won't the brethren avail themselves of the last Sunday's opportunity to help us? See those that ought to help and talk the matter over and next Sunday at church give the brethren a chance to give. Our debts are not paid, and our hospital is still full of the sick children, and our extra expense goes on. We can't care for the children without your help. Help us!

S. O. Y. RAY.

Rev. R. S. Gayin has resigned the care of the First church, Huntsville, Ala., after a pastorate of three years, to enter the evangelistic work, for which he is eminently fitted.—Baptist and Reflector.

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A DAY IN THE ALABAMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

It was my privilege to spend a day in the Alabama School for the Blind a short while ago. I was so impressed by what I saw and heard that I thought the readers of the Alabama Baptist might enjoy an account of it. It is impossible in a short article to do justice to the great work done in this institution. I will only tell what I saw as I went through the building.

The day's work begins promptly at 8 o'clock, when the school assembles in the chapel for devotional exercises. These exercises consist of a song, Bible reading and the Lord's prayer set to music. It is an inspiration to be present and hear those girls and boys sing. At the close of the chapel exercises the class work begins in real earnest.

The school work is divided into three departments—intellectual, musical and industrial. The teachers in the intellectual department are Mr. F. H. Manning, the superintendent, the Misses Annie Brockman, Ida Henderson, Clara Cruikshank and Florence Blake.

Mr. Manning teaches the advanced classes in mathematics. His first class was the algebra class. This lesson having been carefully prepared, was soon recited and the class dismissed. His next class was the geometry class, and then something "new under the sun" came under my observation. Each pupil was supplied with a large cushion and short pieces of wire, to each end of which were affixed pins. With these wires they made their geometrical figures on the cushions. These figures were already made for the morning lesson and were submitted to the inspection of the teacher and by the pupils explained, and it was evident that they understood their work fully. I left that room thanking God for a school where the blind could have such advantages. The next class room visited was that of Miss Brockman. She was teaching an arithmetic class. It was wonderful to see how deeply interested the class were in the lesson. There was not a dull moment during the recitation. The pupils had prepared their lessons well and there was very little confusion. She gave them some extra problems that were a little puzzling, but they were soon solved. Of course, that part of the work was mental; however, they have the Braille system that takes the place of the tablet and pencil of public schools.

In Miss Blake's room a class in geography was reciting. The class was composed of 13 boys and girls, and the lesson was a map review. They use the raised maps, of which there were five representing the five grand divisions of the earth's surface. The class was arranged in a line near these maps. The teacher would call the name of a river, mountain, lake, island, cape or city and the pupil would tell in which of the divisions it was located and then find it on the map. There was not a dull pupil in the class, and it was evident that they have been well drilled in geography. It was the most interesting geography lesson I ever listened to.

Miss Henderson's class in English literature was reciting when her room was reached. They were reviewing in versification. These pupils seemed to be very familiar with the most famous authors and quotations from different works were freely given, the pupils explaining the character and mechanical construction of each poem quoted from. Each pupil seemed quite familiar with the rules of constructing verse. It was with regret that we heard the bell ring which ended this exercise. Two of these pupils treated us to a recitation of productions of their own. They were splendid. Miss Cruikshank has charge of the beginners. She teaches them to read and write Braille, one of the forms of written language the blind employ. She also teaches them first lessons in numbers; short sentence making and story writing. Her class of small boys and girls can write short stories about birds, fish and other forms of animal life.

The teachers in the musical department are Miss Julia Champion and Messrs. A. W. and T. L. Williams, brothers, who are themselves blind. It is worth a trip across the state to hear Mr. A. W. Williams' mixed chorus sing. This chorus is composed of all the pupils in the school. There is a magnificent pipe organ in the chapel, and Mr. A. W. Williams has a class studying pipe organ playing. This organ is used in chapel exercises and in training the mixed chorus above mentioned. Mr. T. L. Williams has a class in theory. They are beginners in music, but were so well trained that out of 110 questions asked only 12 were missed. His junior chorus sang while we were there, and their sweet voices made my heart leap.

Miss Champion was teaching her girls' chorus. This chorus is composed of the larger girls in the school, and is well trained. In the industrial department Mr. Charles Petty is the master of the shops. Though totally blind he is a genius. He can mend a shoe as well as any cobbler in the state. He teaches the boys to make mattresses, foot mats, horse collars, cane chair seats, etc. This is by no means the least important department in the school.

Mr. George S. Ham, a graduate of the Philadelphia school, is the instructor in tuning and repairing. Mr. Ham is also blind. He took special pains to exhibit and explain his work. He has models of the grand, upright and square pianos for the use of his pupils in studying. I saw an instrument in which new parts had been placed by the pupils.

One of the most thrilling scenes was in Miss Bonner's sewing room. There the different girls were seated around sewing tables learning to do different kinds of work. Some were sewing, some doing crochet work, others were making napkin rings, baskets, and necklaces of beads. All were chatting just like a sure enough sewing circle. Miss Bonner was helping the little ones to get started and teaching them how to do the work. It was a scene never to be forgotten.

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Dr. Fred D. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church, Wilmington, N. C., has accepted a call to the McKinney Avenue church, Dallas, Tex. The North Carolinians are sad, but the Texans are glad.

Rev. J. M. Anderson has been called to the pastorate of the Third Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn., and will begin his work there the first of June.

We told recently about how in intercollegiate contests the honors had been carried off by Baptist boys in Carson and Newman college, Union University, Wake Forest college and William Jewell college. It gives us much pleasure to add Richmond college to this list. In a recent discussion between the representatives of Richmond college and Randolph-Macon the representatives of Richmond came off victorious.

And now we must add Ouachita, which recently won over Hendrix college at Conway, Ark. We say again, hurrah for our Baptist boys! Evidently they can beat the world speaking. Baptist and Reflector.

Yes, and Howard college has won many laurels.