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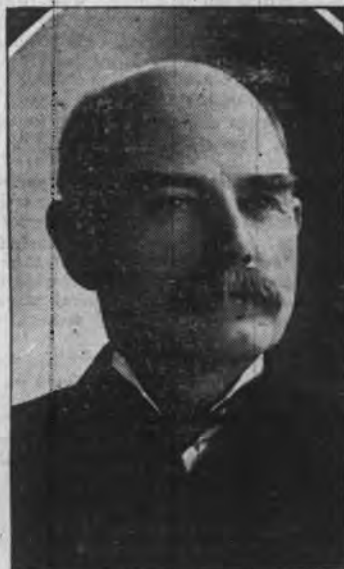
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A PAGE OF INTERESTING CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS

It was certainly gratifying to see such a large number of laymen present.

T. U. Crumpton, of Maplesville, was drinking in the good things. Tom is a great worker in our Baptist Zion.

Sam Carroll, of Troy, is getting the state convention habit. We do not want him to abate his interest in Sunday school work, but are glad to have him take up the state convention work.

Tom Garner, one of Dr. Dawson's right hand men at Tuscaloosa, visited the convention. This good brother probably knows more young men in Alabama than any other man of his age in the state.

Dr. Blake, of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, spoke on several topics and greatly pleased the brethren by the enthusiastic way in which he has taken hold of the denominational work in Alabama.

The report of the centennial committee was made by Dr. C. A. Stakely, of Montgomery. The report set forth the fact that the minutes of the convention were in shape and asked that they be printed in the minutes of the state convention.

The report on memorials was read by M. M. Wood. It conveyed the sad intelligence of the following deaths: A. E. Burns, W. M. DeLoach, J. W. Sandlin, John P. Shaffer. The report was adopted with order to the clerk to give a page in the minutes to each. These faithful men of God were greatly missed.

George Miles, our valiant champion of the Law and Order League of Montgomery, was present, and as usual was a force in the convention. The sympathy of the Baptists went out to him in the loss of his dear wife and their prayers are with him in his fight for civic righteousness.

Dr. J. E. Cox, of Mobile, read the Scripture before the convention sermon from John xii chapter. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. L. Yates, the popular and successful pastor of the Central Baptist church, New Decatur. His text was Mathew v, 13, "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is, therefore, good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of men."

It was a sermon of power and helpfulness.

The report of the board of ministerial education was read by J. M. Shelburne. The average assistance given to the student is \$29. The treasurer's report showed \$2,830.83, from which there is a balance on hand of \$114.02. The report will have further discussion later.

The normal work for Sunday schools was presented by J. T. McKee, who is under the employ of the state board. Mr. McKee's work bids fair to greatly improve the conditions of church and Sunday school life of the state.

The reports of Rev. J. W. O'Hara, the consecrated pastor of Clayton Street Baptist church, Montgomery, for the secular press, were full and greatly appreciated. He is one of our best convention reporters.

Dr. Prestidge was on hand to represent the Baptist World, and Dr. Bow was looking out for the Western Recorder. We are always glad to have our brother editors present at the convention.

Dr. B. D. Gray was very much at home. We are always sure that this level headed secretary of home missions is going to stir and instruct the brethren.

Dr. T. B. Ray arrived early to help present foreign missions. He is doing a great educational work.

Ernest Lamar, of Selma, one of Pastor Rosser's great helpers, was at the convention.

Brother G. W. Howell, of the W. E. Baptist church, Birmingham, was in Andalusia at the convention on a visit to his mother.

Brother W. M. Wood is a great secretary and his re-election gave genuine pleasure to all who care to have first class minutes.

As usual, the American Baptist Publication Society had a fine collection of books on display. Brother Blanton has many friends among the Baptists of Alabama.

The Andalusia saints may well be proud of their beautiful new church. The church proper and the Sunday school annex are in every way in keeping with the progressive spirit of Andalusia Baptists.

It seemed just and right to have Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry with us. He is a great-hearted brother who carries all of the denominational interests on his heart. The seminary has in him a valiant worker for the endowment.

The work of Professor Macon has been of a very high type and has presented old truths in fresh, vigorous forms. The series has been of the most practical nature, yet eminently applicable to the lives of his hearers. They will inevitably be greatly helped and abundantly profited by them.—Daily Press.

The committee to name trustees for the aged and infirm ministers' board named the following: For three years, H. B. Foster, D. H. Marbury, T. G. Bush, J. W. Minor. For two years, G. M. Morrow, George W. Macon, W. H. McKleroy, W. W. Campbell. For one year, Ernest Lamar, W. J. E. Cox, H. J. Willingham, C. A. O'Neal.

38TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

In our last report we had to record the death of one of our oldest and most faithful members, Brother J. G. Harris. Before that report was read at Roanoke, another one of our members, Brother M. B. Wharton, was called from labor to rest.

We now mourn the loss of another, Brother A. E. Burns.

For years these brethren have been among the trusted and tried, and in every place they have proven themselves worthy. We shall miss their wise counsel. May heaven deal gently with their families.

Since our last report we have made a very pleasant change in the location of the office. We are now on the 11th floor of the Bell Building. We are free from the noise and dust and heat of the city, with more room and at little more, if any, cost. The rent may be more in future, but the office expenses will be less.

As a denomination, the Baptists of Alabama should thank God and take courage, for, in spite of the most adverse circumstances, we have closed a most prosperous year.

The committee into whose hands was committed the celebration of our 100th anniversary will make its report, but we cannot refrain from calling attention to the unprecedented increase in our membership the past year—12,963 by baptism. That is 2,670 more than in any year of our history. This is equal to nearly 130 churches of 100 members each. May it not be that the celebration of our 100th anniversary of the planting of Baptist principles in our state had much to do with it?

While many did not observe it, we feel sure that more Baptist doctrine and more historical sermons were preached than ever before in our history. Naturally enough, a revival of doctrine preaching is always followed by revivals of the most lasting character.

Never in all our history as a denomination was there such an era of church building and enlargement as now. Probably \$500,000 would not cover the cost of the church buildings now in course of construction in Alabama. This shows that our people have money and they are willing to use it for God.

There is much to be thankful for in our financial showing, also. The receipts for the year are as follows:

For State Missions.....	\$23,038.45
For Home Missions.....	19,520.00
For Foreign Missions.....	26,930.33

Total for Missions.....\$69,488.78
which exceeds our greatest year \$2,604.

The receipts for State Missions go beyond our most prosperous year \$2,265. In spite of this advance we are sorry to have to report again a debt. Cutting off all the appropriations we possibly could and putting forth our best energies to increase our contributions, we hoped to be able to report no debt; but the financial panic continuing, with the disaster to crops and other causes, have conspired to prevent us attaining to the consummation of our hopes.

The need of a financial system, so often discussed in our reports is emphasized when disasters come upon the country. The church with no system in its finances is quick to take alarm and become panic-stricken when disaster seems to be impending, while the steady-going machinery of the well-organized church runs it smoothly on, gliding it over the rough places without noise or friction.

We present to the convention for its consideration and approval, if it deems wise,

A Plan of Systematic Beneficence.

We suggest—

1. That the state be divided by counties into twelve parts, and each part be numbered, beginning with one.
 2. That collections be taken each month, according to the schedule in all the churches.
 3. The use of the pledge cards and envelopes.
- As a help for keeping run of the changing times and objects, we recommend—

1. The Collection Calendar, a device gotten up by your State Secretary.

To illustrate its use: While the churches in section marked No. 1 are taking collections for Ministerial Education, in January, the churches in Section No. 2 would be taking for State Missions; No. 3 for Home Missions; No. 4 for Foreign Missions; No. 5 for Associational Missions; No. 6, State Missions; No. 7, Bible and Colportage; No. 8, Aged and Infirm Ministers; No. 9, Denominational Education; No. 10, Home Missions; No. 11, Orphanage; No. 12, Foreign Missions.

When the wheel turns on February, all the objects are changed with it.

As a further help, we recommend the use of

2. The Wall Cards.

They should be at some conspicuous place on the wall, in easy view of the whole congregation. They

should be printed in letters large enough to be easily read from every part of the building.

The first card, to be permanently put in place, would read:

"OFFERINGS THIS MONTH FOR"

The card next below would name the object for that month. This card would be changed every month by the Mission Committee.

Lest the Wall Cards be misplaced, torn or soiled, a neat frame should be provided for them.

We mention some of the advantages of the scheme: The Wall Card is an educator. The fewest number of our people know what we are trying to do or the interests we are fostering. The cards, in a prominent place, spelling in large letters these objects, right before one's eyes, photograph on the memory the names of the different interests, provoke inquiry, and impress the thought that we are doing things add that every one is expected to help in the great work.

The division of the state into twelve parts, according to the scheme suggested, would be exactly in line with the resolution of the Southern Baptist convention at Hot Springs, creating a commission on systematic beneficence. A system would thus "be devised whereby funds for the boards should flow into the treasuries in a steady stream throughout the whole year," each object getting something every month.

A further advantage would be: The agent for each object could concentrate his efforts on his particular section. The territory being smaller, it could be more thoroughly and systematically worked.

The pledge cards and envelopes are in general use. It is hardly necessary to say anything of them. In addition to their being useful and convenient for bringing in the money in a systematic way, their distribution and collection furnish a great opportunity for usefulness to the young people of the congregation; so they are a double benefit.

This plan relieves the boards of the most embarrassing features of the present methods. We learn from the Home Board that \$119,651—42 per cent. of the year's work—were received in the last two days of April, and the Foreign Board received \$163,966.71—more than 30 per cent. of the total receipts—in the last two days. The interest debt of the Foreign Board was \$3,462, and that of the Home Board, \$3,290; total, \$11,752, enough to have paid the salaries of twenty-three missionaries.

This is an unnecessary and shameful waste which ought to be stopped. The boards are not to blame. The missionaries and workers must be paid and the work go on, even if money has to be borrowed from the banks. The remedy lies with the pastors and churches. All through the year, not in the last few days, the money ought to flow steadily into the treasuries.

The scheme suggested, if well worked, will go far towards making this possible.

The State Board's two months, according to the plan now in vogue, are February and June. The first is often attended by bad weather and that always affects the collections, especially in the country. June is so soon after the great effort for Home and Foreign Missions in March and April, it seems impossible to arouse interest again; besides it is the month of all when the farmers have the least money. Some we are sorry to say, do not help in either month.

It is not disloyal to the Foreign Board to say the neglect of missions at home means, later on, the ruin of Foreign Missions. The policy of the State Board has always been to foster interest in all the enterprises of the denomination. Every church helped by the board pledges itself to take collections regularly for all the objects. Every evangelist or missionary sent out is expected to be loyal to every interest. A policy narrower than that would work confusion in our ranks.

This policy of helpfulness to every interest, we believe, is responsible in large measure for the growth of interest and contribution to Home and Foreign Missions and other interests as well. In 1871, the year when this board came into being, the contributions from Alabama for Home Missions were \$5,482, and for Foreign Missions, \$1,720; total, \$7,202. In this, our thirty-eighth report, we show for Home Missions, \$19,524; for Foreign Missions, \$26,930. We ask all to seriously ponder this question: Is it right for the board which works along these broad lines, entirely loyal to every interest, to be neglected or ignored when its special time for collection comes? The answer to that question ought to be easy.

If the pastors can be brought to see the value of system and if they will loyally adhere to the one suggested, it will work a great revolution in the giving in Alabama. If they will not heartily approve of it and join in making it a success, maybe we had just as well drift along on the present basis; but it will be unfortunate not to make the change.

The debts we owe are distributed as follows:

To the missionaries for June salaries.....	\$1,755.86
To the Bible and Colportage fund.....	654.61
Total	\$2,410.47

Our indebtedness to publishers and the outstanding accounts due us are about equal.

Our Bible and Colportage fund needs enlarging. If we had a \$10,000 fund on which to operate, we could easily have a colporteur doing a fine business in every association in the state. We do not try to make a profit on the books sold to colporters or to pastors who wish to keep a small stock on hand for sale to their people. Usually we indulge them a short time for payment. Maybe this is unwise. It is troublesome, and sometimes-good men neglect to pay small bills. Giving the sixty days' time, the small fund we now have is soon exhausted, where the books are rapidly sold. There is no question about the wisdom of distributing Bibles and books and tracts among the people. We can never enlighten the mass of our membership otherwise. The man could easily have a colporteur doing a fine business in the mass of ourHILNhhk1Bwfl,r;th.F hrdu puaua engaged in this sort of work goes from home to home and if he be tactful and industrious, can do a world of good, especially among the stay-at-homes and the children. Every sort of ism is preying upon our country Bap- of literature to combat the unsound teachings.

The Sunday school secretaryship was surrendered by Brother Crossland soon after the Roanoke convention, on account of a broader field opening for him. Brother J. T. McKee, after a marvelously successful career as a teacher in the Newton Collegiate Institute, began June 1 as superintendent of this department and B. Y. P. U. organizer. He needs but to be heard to be endorsed. He cannot answer near all the calls made upon him. He is making a rapid tour of the state, seeing the pastors and superintendents and teachers.

We believe the Sunday Schools, by giving one collection each quarter, can easily support this department. The superintendents and schools, wherever Brother McKee has gone, have cheerfully agreed to the suggestion.

Complaint is often made that we are spending all the State Mission money in the towns, to the neglect of the country. This is no new charge, but is repeated over and over again, generally, without investigation. It never was true. The facts are these:

At our annual meeting the latter part of November, after all the associational meetings are over, the bulk of the appropriations are made for the year. Those made after that time are belated applications and emergency calls. These, the local board takes care of as best it can. The November meeting is advertised in every address before the associations he attends, by the Corresponding Secretary and, six weeks before the time, notice is given in the Alabama Baptist of the meeting and parties desiring aid asked to write for applications.

The town people who wish help, see the notice in the paper, and are quick to respond; but very few applications are in hand from the country districts at the annual meeting. Applications from the country are never ignored, and they are seldom rejected. The fear of increasing appropriations beyond our ability to meet them is ever present with the board. The debt which we have reported for these several years is largely because of our desire to answer, in some favorable way, the belated calls for help. Almost all the requests for help in the country fields are among the belated. The board is not averse, nor has it ever been, to doing work in the country. On the other hand, we are anxious to do it, if a proper showing is made in time, before our prospective means are exhausted. Our Corresponding Secretary, at the last annual meeting, suggested that at least one-half of the appropriations be devoted to country work, in the face of the well-known fact that the country churches contribute only a small part of the money given for State Missions.

The suggestion of the secretary was not adopted, because it was deemed unwise to encourage the distinction so often made between the needs of country and town. Your board is for the best interests of the whole state of Alabama.

It is surprising how many brethren seem to feel that the State Mission funds ought to be divided out among the needy preachers; that the board is doing this, lavishing its gifts on its favorites to the neglect of worthy men who are more needy. After all these years doing mission work in Alabama, it is humiliating to have to explain to men who have so far missed the mark. An hour's study and reflection ought to convince any man of intelligence of the error of such a view.

Years ago, it was the custom of the board, by direction of the convention, to publish each month the receipts for the different objects. It took much time

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and labor and occupied valuable space in the paper, and was not considered edifying reading. Because of all these things the publications were discontinued.

We have made a painful discovery. Many times those who are entrusted with the forwarding of funds do not perform the duty, often from carelessness. Sometimes it is needed elsewhere, and it is diverted, while the people are in blissful ignorance of what has become of it. Those entrusted with funds, if they knew the receipts would be acknowledged in the paper and would pass under the eye of the contributors, would be more prompt and careful. Besides this, the publication would have a stimulating effect on the denomination. So we are ready, if the convention so orders, and the editor will grant the space, to begin August 1 with the monthly or weekly publication of receipts.

The Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund has grown a little. It ought to be larger, and would be larger if pastors would bring it before their people. The month of August is the month assigned to this cause by the present schedule. We have had ten beneficiaries on our list the past year.

Brethren Gardner and Burns have passed away. The little monthly stipend of \$8.33 was a great help to them in their last days, and the thought that they were remembered by the denomination they had faithfully served, brought added comfort to their hearts.

The fund is shamefully small. Other denominations are outstripping us in this department of Christian endeavor. If the new schedule is adopted, it is confidently expected the contributions will more than double the amount given heretofore to these old soldiers of the Cross.

We have eight beneficiaries on our list now, and two others making application.

The Tract Fund has been completely exhausted for several years, though there never was such a demand for tracts as now. They are sent out literally by the bushel and everywhere eagerly taken. But for the constant supply furnished by the Home and Foreign Boards, we could not begin to meet the demands. The little leaflet filled with information can be easily and quickly read, when a book or newspaper would not be noticed. One of them slipped into the pocket of a busy man will, at a spare moment, be profitably read.

We cannot emphasize too much the value of tracts to the work. We have printed 20,000 tracts, which have gone into thousands of homes in Alabama to inform, instruct and bless.

The apportionment will be reported by the committee on co-operation. They have done wisely to do their work before, rather than after the convention. It would be well if some time could be given to its discussion before the convention. Few realize the importance of having something definite before the churches to work to. If Moderators appoint carefully the committees in the associations to apportion the amounts among the churches, and if pastors will take the interest they should, every cent asked of the churches will be given.

The Woman's Missionary Union, as in the past, is a real auxiliary to the work. Of the \$69,000 given by the Baptists of Alabama for missions, they and the Sunbeams have given \$12,941, distributed as follows: State Missions, \$2,483; Home Missions, \$4,335, and Foreign Missions, \$6,123, or more than one-fifth of the amount given by the state for all missions. Their purpose is to do more the next than in the last year for State Missions. Like some of the pastors and churches, they have done considerably less for State Missions than for the other Mission Boards. This they propose to remedy, and it is an example worthy of imitation. We have generously helped in the support of the woman's work. We believe it is money well spent. Their work is growing and will continue to grow. As it grows, by the dissemination of information, the whole denomination feels the stimulating effect and is permanently benefited.

For faithful service to all the denominational interests, the Alabama Baptist excels any paper in the South. Some may boast a better reading paper, but none are so conspicuous for their service to the state work. But for the kindly interest of its editor and the able support of the paper, your board would soon be put out of business. It deserves the earnest support of the denomination and the preachers ought cheerfully to lend their aid in putting it in the homes of their members.

The boards of the Southern Baptist convention and your board work in perfect harmony. Their vice-presidents in the state, by correspondence and otherwise, are rendering great service in the way of distributing information among the people.

Since the last convention, two of our evangelists, J. V. Dickinson and W. D. Hubbard, resigned. They did faithful work, which will be felt for years to come. Brother W. J. Ray continues. He has been constantly employed and makes a fine report. The churches have paid him more than enough to cover all his expenses. There is no doubt about the good accomplished by the evangelists, or of the great need of that kind of work; but the most of the churches are inclined to drive a bargain in the employment of

the board's evangelists. They are not willing to remunerate him for his services, as they would an independent evangelist. Some, where they are liberally with him, charge it up against State Missions and cut out the collection for that object when the regular time comes. Treatment like this is another cause of our debt the last two years. There is no money so easily raised as for evangelistic services, and the pastors could easily make it a source of revenue for the board if they would. At least it ought to very nearly pay its own way.

Rev. C. O. Booth, a man well known and highly esteemed by his white brethren, is the instructor of the colored preachers who attend the Seema University. He had under his instruction the past year 63. So far as we can gather, the school is well conducted, presided over by competent Christian teachers. The attendance the past year was 612. We assisted in the support of Brother Booth only, paying \$200 annually on his salary.

Our Secondary Schools.

We have good reports from the schools at Bridgeport, Eldridge, Gaylesville and the Beeson Academy. These are owned and controlled by the Home Mission Board. Rev. A. E. Brown, who has charge of the Mountain School work of the Home Board, writes as follows of the four schools in Alabama:

"Eldridge—Enrolled 145 students. The dormitory for boys was completed. We now have plans for the erection of another dormitory this year. The school was a great success and made a splendid impression.

"Gaylesville Academy—Enrolled 115, built a new dormitory and greatly improved the school property. The outlook is quite favorable.

"Bridgeport Academy—Enrolled 107. Here we came in possession, through the generosity of the Bridgeport people, of \$20,000 worth of property. We are to build dormitories.

"Beeson Academy—Enrolled 79. The building is not yet completed, but will be finished in time for the opening of the fall session."

It is most gratifying to learn of the great success, especially of the schools at Bridgeport and Pisgah, the Beeson Academy. These are the two schools we have in Jackson county, in the place of the one at Scottsboro. In our last report we recommended that the \$3,000 paid to us in the sale of the Scottsboro property be loaned for two years to the Home Board, without interest. In view of the splendid success attending the two schools reported, we now recommend that this sum be given to the Home Mission Board, for prosecuting its educational work in Alabama. The only expense we have incurred for these schools the past year is \$150 to J. N. Webb and \$350 for A. H. Reeves. These brethren act as agents for the schools at Gaylesville and Eldridge, and do much incidental mission and educational work. Brother Reeves reports in two years having raised for the school \$2,650, besides the personal service he rendered in the erection of the dormitories. Brother Webb has raised, all told, from the beginning of the work at Gaylesville, \$5,579.

As the trustees of Healing Springs and Newton schools will make their reports, we make no mention of them.

Vacancies on the Board.

The time of the following members expired with this convention: A. E. Burns, deceased; D. F. Ogen, W. B. Davidson, L. O. Dawson, G. J. Sorrell, R. B. Wood and A. P. Smith.

Accompanying this report will be found the Financial Statement with the Auditor's certificate and a summary of work for the year. The latter does not show up as well as usual, because we have been cutting down to try to get rid of our debt, but still we think the showing is very good.

A Few Words Historical.

At our 100th anniversary meeting in November, one of the speakers closed his paper with the words following:

"In 1870 we had no paper. The Southwestern Baptist had been merged with the Christian Index at Atlanta. Dr. Samuel Henderson, its long time able editor, edited an Alabama department. Some felt we must have a State Mission Board and a paper. For several years it was a battle royal at each convention over these two propositions.

The friends of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist convention, which had been at Marion for years, led by Dr. E. T. Winkler, opposed the movement of a State Mission Board, and not a few joined with the Georgia brethren, who regularly attended our annual meeting to defeat the movement for a new paper. J. J. D. Renfro, one of our bravest and most beloved Alabamians, was the leader in favor of both movements.

A compromise was reached on the board question in 1871. The new board was to be called the Sunday School Board, to be located at Talladega. T. C. Boykin was its first secretary. After two years it was moved to Marion, its name changed to the State Mission and Sunday School Board, and T. M. Bailey became the secretary. This change was made without friction.

After a year or two the need for a state paper

was so apparent the convention took the matter in hand seriously.

Dr. William W. Wilkerson, one of our wisest laymen, settled the whole matter by starting the Alabama Baptist at Marion. Dr. E. T. Winkler, the pastor of Old Siloam church, was its first editor. By carefully watching after its finances for two years, Dr. Wilkerson got back all the money he put into it and turned the paper over to the convention as a gracious gift. The struggle was not over by any means; but from the day the State Board was organized, with T. M. Bailey, secretary, and the Alabama Baptist began to visit the home of the people, and Jonathan Haralson, the incomparable parliamentarian, was made president of the convention, the Baptist cause has moved gloriously forward.

This brings me to the period I know most of and about which I could write most freely, but this paper has reached the limit.

Alabama Baptists should be proud of the heroic men who lived and labored in the long ago and brought us to this glorious day. We turn our faces now to the opening of a new century. None can foresee or guess the great things God has in store for our people.

One thing we must know—God help us to realize it—we have much to do with the future. But for the true-hearted men and women who wrought bravely and wisely through the long years; we would not be lifting our banner so proudly today.

Ours is a glorious heritage. Let us see to it that no unwisdom of ours shall be the regret of the generations that follow us.

"Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever." W. B. C.

There was also action taken looking towards putting the aged and infirm ministers' fund on a better basis.)

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Board of Trustees of Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama.

Perhaps no interest fostered by this convention more generally appeals to our people than the Orphanage located at Evergreen.

Our Property

consisting of about 80 acres is partially located within the town limits of Evergreen and is a fine tract of land. We have five good sized buildings, sufficient, we think, for the work of the institution for years to come. All of these buildings need painting and some general repairs, and on account of defects in construction of the largest building a considerable outlay will be necessary to put it in good condition, just what amount we are unable to say (not having been able to get an estimate from the architect), but we suggest the sum of \$2000.00 as being something like the amount necessary for all of this work.

Our Children.

By reference to the report of 1907, it will be seen there were 172 children in the Home; in 1908 this number had been decreased to 154, and at this time there are 118 children. During the past year we have returned quite a large number of children to their parents, relatives or guardians; in some instances at their request, at others at our request, where we felt sure it was their duty to remove them from the Orphanage.

Securing Homes For Children.

It has also been the policy of this board, when suitable homes were offered to place children in them, believing that God's plan of the home life was better for the child than any institution could possibly be, and feeling also that there are many childless homes throughout the state which these children could brighten with their presence. We hope to see this policy continued and the number still further reduced.

The Number Received.

Has been small as compared to the past two years. It has been our earnest endeavor to open the doors of this institution to the helpless orphan, for we think that you so intended it. At the same time we have tried by carefully investigating all applications to see that only such were admitted. It is a sad commentary on human nature, that people should attempt to impose upon an institution of this kind, but it is even so, and sometimes those from whom we should expect better treatment are consciously or unconsciously parties to the attempt.

Our Pastors.

Are not always as careful in these matters as they might be, some of them allowing their zeal in behalf of certain children in their neighborhood to run away with their judgment. We beg for their assistance in these difficult matters, and assure them that in cases where we have acted adversely to their recommendations it was only where we were sure that they had been misinformed as to the real facts, which we often obtain only by persistent investigation.

The Health of the Children

Generally has been very good, but we have had the misfortune to have some fourteen cases of typhoid

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fever, the source of contagion being confined to the girls' building. Thanks to the skill and faithfulness of our physician, Dr. E. L. Stallworth and the efficient services of our trained nurse, all of these children have fully recovered. These cases covered a period of about four months and has been a source of quite an expense. Our recent experience along this line has demonstrated the need of hospital equipment. We have the building, but practically no equipment. Five hundred dollars will do the work and we feel sure that some of our generous brethren would be glad to supply this need.

Permanent Improvements and Repairs.
With the number of buildings we have the matter of repairs is always an item, among them we mention putting a new furnace in the boys building, repairing furnace in Scott cottage, quite a large outlay for sanitary improvements, rebuilding laundry which was destroyed by fire, screening several buildings and those many minor items of general repair, small in themselves, but aggregating quite a large sum.

Financial Support.
A careful study of the receipts for the past year reveals the fact that the interest in this work is general throughout the state. While the sum total has been large and generous, it has in the main made up of small amounts, coming as it has, largely from the weaker churches, as noted in our last report. The churches in the larger towns and cities are still to a great extent indifferent to this work—a notable exception however has been the St. Frances Church of Mobile, which came nobly to our assistance with about \$700, for which we make grateful acknowledgment.

We have been greatly encouraged at the growing interest in this work exhibited by the Sunday schools, some 150 of them agreeing to give us one collection each month, affording regular help to this work, and what we deem of equal importance, training our young people in the grace of giving to our denominational work.

Valuable assistance has been rendered by the Ladies' Societies, both in gifts of money and in clothing and household necessities. We are indebted also to the Sunbeam Bands, B. Y. P. U. and some other organizations, as well as to individuals for assistance rendered. We also wish to make mention of that car of corn from the Tennessee River Association, which they sent this year, as they have done in the past.

Change of Schedule Proposed.
We hail with pleasure the prospect for monthly offerings for this work, as proposed in the new financial plan of our worthy Secretary of State Missions. The old plan has accomplished much, but we think the proposed plan will do very much more, all our boards finding it more or less difficult to meet their bills with only one or two collections in a year. This board has been forced to borrow money at an exorbitant rate of interest each summer in order to keep things going. We are pleased to report that the credit of the institution with the business world is A1, and that we are now buying our supplies at whole sale rates, thus affecting a saving in our expenses.

That Debt.
We take pleasure in reporting a decrease in our outstanding indebtedness (see financial statement.) Assuming that we will continue to receive the same generous support as in the past, we trust to be able to report the entire indebtedness paid at our next convention.

Of the Work Generally.
We are frank to confess that it is not ideal; there are many difficult problems constantly arising, difficulties along the line of consecrated, efficient workers, and in other directions, and yet we see no particular reason for discouragement. Other institutions of like character have these same troubles to deal with. It is our purpose to do all in our power to raise the standard of work so that as far as possible children going out from us shall be equipped for life's duties and responsibilities. We desire greatly to have the necessary funds to inaugurate a real industrial training among them—a thing much talked about but never accomplished except in a very limited degree. We are thoroughly convinced that money can be well invested along this line.

Religious Opportunities.
Of the best character have been furnished the children in that they have attended the Sunday school and other services of the Evergreen Church, whose pastor is Dr. Richard Hall, a man of scholarly attainments and much beloved. Twelve children have been added to this church from our number the past year. This number is not as large as has been reported for the past two years, but is easily accounted for in that the number coming to us has been smaller, and the further fact that the usual protracted services have not been held during this year.

Our Financial Secretary.
On January 1 Brother John W. Stewart, so long connected with this work, severed his connection with us as financial secretary, and Bro. S. O. Y. Ray was chosen to succeed him. Bro. Ray entered the work on February 1—a work for which we think he is especially fitted, and the results we feel sure have demonstrated the wisdom of his election.

Our New Superintendent.

We report with pleasure that Rev. J. W. Dunaway, of Gadsden, has accepted the position of Superintendent. We feel sure under his wise management the Orphanage is destined to still greater usefulness.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. C. REYNOLDS,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Number of children in Home last report... 154
Number received since then..... 11

Decrease—
By number returned to relatives and guardians 87
By number sent out by adoption..... 7
By irregular discharge (ran away)..... 3

Number in Home present time..... 118
There are 12 children between the ages of 2 and 5.
There are 31 children between the ages of 5 and 10.
There are 53 children between the ages of 10 and 13.
There are 22 children between the ages of 13 and 18.

WOMAN'S WORK

State Executive Board.

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ALABAMA SUNBEAMS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR SYSTEMATIC REPORTING AND FOR GENEROUS OFFERINGS TO MISSIONS.

My Dear Sunbeams: I am sending to you the certificate for reporting during the year and for raising \$10 for the chapels in Cuba and Canton. You will find the bands listed accordingly. The gold star certificates are given for reporting the four quarters during the year, or for raising \$10 (and some bands have raised much more than the \$10 asked of each band) for mission chapels. Note that the reporting regularly is classed along with general gifts, for we wish you to learn to give SYSTEMATICALLY (that's a long word for little people, I beg you excuse me for using it. Do you see the five bands heading the list and marked HONORABLE MENTION? THEY GAVE THE \$10 AND MORE IN SOME INSTANCES, AND REPORTED EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR. They deserve the honor, don't they? And each band can get on that list another year, if you will only try. I do hope it will be longer in 1909-1910 than ever before.

If there should be any mistakes in the certificates, write me and we will try to make it all right. We have a new treasurer and you must all send your money to her now. Her name is Mrs. Charles Burris, Watts Building, Birmingham.

Here are some figures that you will like to read about your work this past year: Amount raised by Alabama Sunbeams for foreign missions, \$582.90; amount raised for home missions, \$329.04; band giving largest amount for foreign missions, Gadsden, First church; band giving largest amount for home missions, Selma, First church.

Lovingly,

MRS. HAMILTON.

Bands receiving GOLD STAR CERTIFICATES, having raised \$10 for missions and reporting the four quarters of the year:

Honorable Mention.

Auburn, Montgomery, Highland avenue.
Columbia, Birmingham, West End.
Cuba, Union.

Gold Star Certificates—Bands Reporting \$10.

Gold Star—Montgomery, First church; Brewton, Alexander City, Alexander City, R. A., Grove Hill, Seale, Lanette, W. Gadsden, Florida, Talladega, Holt, Marion, Billingsley, Jacksonville, Selma, First church; Selma, R. A.; Selma, Second church; Montgomery, Castleberry, Anniston, Ft. Deposit, Orrville, Monroeville, Roanoke, Ensley, Gadsden, First church; Thomasville, Greenville, Dothan, Phoenix City, Jordan, Coatopa, Northport, Dadeville, Linden, Sixty-sixth street, Birmingham, Anniston King's Sons.

Silver Star Certificates—Bands Reporting Three Quarters.

Elba, Woodlawn, Hartseffe, Belmont, Helena.
Blue Star Certificates—Bands Reporting Two Quarters.

Enterprise, Lafayette, New Decatur, Repton, Pine Apple, Bessemer, Mobile, Boaz, Fayette, Montgomery (South Side Baptist church), Geneva, Bay Minette, Eclectic, Jackson, Sheffield, Camp Hill, Evergreen, Bermuda.

Red Star Certificates—Bands Reporting One Quarter.

Atmore, Tunnell Springs, Thomaston, MonteVelo, Birmingham, Birmingham (Pratt City), Florence (First church), Flomaton, Cecil, Marvin, Newton, Montgomery (Clayton Street), Huntsville (West), Cowarts, Tuscaloosa, Quinton, Birmingham (Shades Mt.), Dora, Carrollton, Camden, Alexander City, Trussville, Louisville, Birmingham, Green Springs, Collirene, River View (R. A.), Birmingham (Cavalry Street), Furman, Andalusia, Opelika, Wetumpka, Scottsboro, Greensboro, Allenton, Birmingham (Shades Valley).

Dr. Arch C. Cree, of Nashville, Tenn., is supplying the Grace church, of Spokane, Wash., for a month.

Dr. H. Allen Tupper has been pastor of Calvary church; Brooklyn, for nine years. His church shows a net gain of five hundred in membership during that time.

Rev. Dr. James T. Dickinson, pastor of the First church, Rochester, New York, is spending the summer with his family at Hawthorne Inn, East Gloucester, Massachusetts.

If the Baptist position is right, and we believe with all our heart it is, then education under Baptist control is the best, and it is our duty to do our best to give it to all the world.—Baptist Banner.

The Baptist Year Book should be in the hands of every pastor, and also of every layman interested in the affairs of our denomination. It is only fifty cents, gotten out by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Dr. P. H. Mell, president of Clemson College, has placed his resignation as president in the hands of the trustees, and it is announced that the resignation will be considered at a called meeting of the board to be held August 13.

The house of worship and parsonage of the First Baptist church, Florence, Ala., were entirely consumed by fire last week. We extend sympathy to Pastor Spencer Tunnell and his people. We hope that they may soon be able to rise and rebuild.—Baptist and Reflector.

Rev. John A. Wray, of the First church, Live Oak, Fla., is holding an open air meeting in Pensacola. He is being assisted by Rev. T. M. Callaway, of Macon. The Pensacola Journal speaks very highly of the work being done.—Christian Index.

The Alabama Baptist did us the honor to copy several paragraphs from the Baptist and Reflector last week. One of these paragraphs, however, it credited to the Baptist Reporter.

(We wrote it Baptist and Reflector, but the machine man couldn't read our handwriting.)

The First National Conservation Congress of the United States is to be held in Seattle, Washington, August 26, 27, 28, 29, 1909. Arrangements for the congress are being made by the Washington State Conservation Association, an organization comprising many of the prominent men and women of the State. It is planned to make of the meetings the most instructive and educational sessions for advanced students in conservation of any convocation since the conference of governors at the White House in Washington, D. C., when President Theodore Roosevelt launched his great campaign for conserving and utilizing the natural resources of our country. Sessions will be held in the Auditorium of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition, where many practical object lessons in the various branches of conservation will enliven the extensive program.

Conservation covers a broad field, which calls for active workers in every department. It includes the subjects of irrigation, mining, good roads, forestry, transportation, public health and morals, and all the fundamental principles of practical home building. It commands the attention of students in schools and churches and civic and commercial organizations. Every avenue of legitimate human endeavor in which the good of all the people are considered comes under the head of conservation. It means the working out of problems wherein the ways and means of obtaining the greatest good to the greatest number are presented for immediate action. How best to conserve the natural resources for the benefit of the present and future generations is worthy of careful investigation in the home, the church and the school.

Waste is one of the greatest enemies of prosperity. It enters into the affairs of the home and of the nation. Extravagance in the use of the gifts of nature produces undesirable results. A campaign of education is necessary to relieve the situation in order to insure individual happiness and national prosperity.

Poverty among the people means a loss of interest in educational and religious affairs and consequent human depravity. The man with something to give is always more willing to help the needy than the man who has nothing, and this serves to bring more forcibly to mind the fact that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

It is not enough for us to say to the hungry—Go thy way and be fed, when only the actual necessities of life will fill the demands.

The church is interested in conservation because it lies at the root of educational and moral advancement. The time for conserving our natural resources is now, when there is something to hold in place. In a few years the forests will have been cut away, the soil exhausted and the mainstays of progression taken from the foundation of happiness. We must work for our children and those who may come after in order to hand down to posterity a clear title and a perfect abstract to the ownership of things material.

The conservation movement has the indorsement of thinking men and women in every station of life. It promises to bring returns that will repay the laborers many fold.

FORMER GOVERNOR FOLK DECLARES "NECESSARY EVILS" IN GOVERNMENT ARE MYTHS.

"There are no 'necessary evils' in government," declared former Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, in a stirring address delivered before the Englewood Baptist church, Chicago, some while back, and on continuing he declared: "That those who profited by abuses would shout the loudest in the denunciation of those who pointed out abuses."

Other striking assertions were:

"Criminal wealth when assailed always tries to hide behind the skirts of legitimate business."

"The highest civic virtue is the overthrow of depravity."

"One of the obstacles to the progress of righteousness is the mistaken view that it injures a city or state to prosecute wrong doing."

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"That the enforcement of laws against gambling and liquor lawlessness injures the state is false."

"If patriotism could be made as aggressive as rottenness, the problem of good government would be solved."

"If corruption exist anywhere the people are to blame."

"If corruption is to be eradicated the people alone can do it. What is needed is more of the sort of patriotism that fights for city, state and country every day, that will go into battles of peace as well as battles of war."

"The most conspicuous municipal governments in the United States today are governments by the few and not by the people. Bosses usually are men of strong mentality, but feeble morality, who have behind them the public service corporation and the saloon. They are the connecting links between the criminal rich and the criminal poor. They rule because the people do not rule."

EMIGRANTS VERSUS IMMIGRANTS

Recently we read an illuminating article in the Review of Reviews, by Edward Steiner, "How Returning Emigrants are Americanizing Europe." We have been so accustomed to look on the question, "How Immigrants are Europeanizing America," that we have had little time to think of the reflex action of the migratory hordes who come to and who leave our shores. Mr. Steiner's article only covers four pages and yet sets forth facts that ought to be in the possession of every thoughtful man and woman who cares for the uplift of society, both at home and abroad.

In the literature and addresses on the subject of immigration, we think too much has been said about the "problem" and too little about the opportunity.

Mr. Steiner makes this observation, which is worthy of thought: "The less developed and the more uncultured this mass of immigrants, moreover, the greater is our opportunity, the less difficult is our problem."

We had thought otherwise, and most speakers have drawn frightful pictures of the ignorant immigrant as a menace to our American institutions.

It is an inspiring story to hear him tell how the emigrant on his return home becomes an inspiration to his fellows not only in a business, but also in a moral way, especially among men who had come in contact with the better class of American mechanics he found a tendency to treat their wives with more consideration.

When we stop to think that in the spring of 1907 nearly 800,000 emigrants returned home, after having been domiciled in America, it shows how strenuous we should be in reforming our institutions if we hope to leave the old world with our ideas. And here is another thing which we should ponder well, for if it be true, then it is a terrible indictment against our cultured class who visit Europe.

Mr. Steiner says: "The immigrant of the last fifteen or twenty years, it may be truly said, has not influenced our social life to any marked degree. The cosmopolitan character of our cities, even, is due not so much to the presence of the immigrant as to the effect which European life has had upon the vast number of our countrymen for whom a journey to the Old World forms part of the annual program. The foreign restaurants and "rathskellers" on this side of the Atlantic, with their effect upon the eating and drinking habits of our people, were not established for the immigrant, but for the American people, who are certainly their most numerous and profitable customers."

Christ said to His disciples: "Ye are the light of the world." This was a great saying, at a time when the general world was shadowed in dense moral darkness. How little did it then seem that a comparatively few and obscure followers of Christ could radiate a spiritual light that would have any perceptible effect in dissipating the vast darkness around them! But Christ's saying was prophetic in its significance and possibilities. As the disciple multiplied the light, increased and spread abroad, blessedly affecting society and leading thousands in darkness to the Lord of heavenly light and life. Churches were organized, and they were the spiritual lampstands, centers of light, from which went out radiating influences that pervaded society. So long as those churches were true to Christ, and therefore loyal to all of His doctrines and ordinances, they were continually replenished with the light of God, and prospered. But the church that ceased to keep in vital union with Christ was forsaken by God, and hence the light went out.

The celebrated Dr. A. Maclaren, of England, says: "The fate of the golden lampstand of the Temple carries a solemn lesson as to the fatal effect of neglecting the office of being the light of the world. Where is it now? No one knows. We see it pictured on that sad panel on the triumphal arch in the Roman forum, as a trophy of the conqueror. According to one account, it lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean; at all events, it has vanished, and Israel has never, since it rejected the Christ, had a ray of light to shed on the world. Where are the 'seven lampstands' in the midst of which Christ walked? Where they stood, the mosque is reared, and from its minaret rings out, not the Name above every name, but the proclamation 'There is no God but God, and Mahomet is his prophet.'"

God's light was withdrawn from those churches because they refused to so use His light as to be a luminary to the world around them. And today the professedly Christian Church that departs from truthness to Christ's gospel, and substitutes rationalism and evolution in its place, is sure to be left in the darkness of its own folly. Take heed to the warnings of history.

HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN BREAK WITH THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND STILL PAY ITS BILLS.

"The liquor apologists may prove too much. They prove that the revenues of the federal government are all the time falling in arrears, because dependent in a large measure upon the taxation of liquors and that relying upon that source there will be delay to public improvements in every direction and other burdensome war taxes will have to be resorted to. An equitable graduated and inheritance tax would give to the federal government abundant means to at once take up and push to completion every feasible river and harbor improvement; trans-Mississippian project, a ship canal through to the Great Lakes, a coast canal, coast projects and all matters falling clearly within the powers and duties of the federal government. That would mean more supplies bought at good prices, more men at work under the most favorable conditions, more money disbursed through the channels of trade and a general revival and maintenance of industrial conditions which would not be dependent upon the fluctuations of Wall street in any sense. While such a tax would fall heaviest upon the rich, the general development of the country would more than compensate them for the taxes paid, and they would have the knowledge of patriotically contributing to their country's need. And it would be a kind of poetic justice that the millionaire brewers and distillers who are boasting all the time of the taxes they do not pay would really have a chance to do that of which they are so loud to boast as long as somebody else fulfills."

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LETTER NO. 20.

A Bit of Correspondence Between a Lady and Myself, Provoked by the Former's Determination to Join the Methodist Church to be With Her Husband.

My Dear Pastor:

After prayerful consideration I have decided to join the Methodist church with my husband. It is a great sacrifice to give up my mother's church, but under existing circumstances it is my duty, as the move is not for myself. I have felt that it would be a sin to unite myself to another church when, at the same time, I am such a strong Baptist. But circumstances alter cases, and I want you to pray for me that my sacrifice may bear good fruit. If you can not give me a letter to a church of different faith and order, will you grant me an "honorable discharge"? Always believe me to be a heartfelt well-wisher of the dear old Baptist cause, and one of my many regrets of leaving the church is there will be one less of the denomination. I write you because my heart is too full to talk to you on the subject.

Sincerely,

The above letter bears the signature of one of the truest women I have ever known. She is pure gold. My readers can not appreciate the letter as I can because they do not know the woman who wrote it as I know her. In her devotion to what she believes to be her duty she reminds me of those loyal Galatians, of whom Paul said they were willing to pluck out their own eyes and give them to him. (Gal. 4:15). When she said, "The move is not for myself," she gave expression to the whole tenor of her life. In conversation with me after I had received this letter she stressed the point that not for herself but for the betterment of others she had decided to go from the Baptists to the Methodists, and those others were none other than her husband and her husband's children by his first wife. She represents a class—both men and women. Those who go to the other denominations, hoping thereby to have a united household, but who, even as they go, do not hesitate to say that they are Baptist still. And this "Baptist still" class of Baptists is coming to be quite a multitude. But, my readers, don't blame them. They don't need censure. They need sympathy.

In their emphatic claim that they are Baptists still they are trying, as best they can, to work up some sort of a compromise with conscience as touching their duty to be loyal to the Baptist faith, and that for which the Baptists stand. "Once a Baptist always a Baptist" is as true as gospel.

And generally, when they of this "Baptist-still" class go to the other denominations for the sake of family union, and sometimes for family harmony, one of two things happens: either they come back home, sooner or later, or else they settle down in the ruts and waste their lives. The reason for that is not far to find: A member of any denomination can unite with the Baptists without violating a single principle, but a Baptist can not unite with any other denomination without violating a great principle. And Baptists who are baptistic had rather die than violate principle. I wish I could send this little message to every "Baptist still" in all the denominations in this country. I wish they could know as well as I know it, that the reason they are not out-and-out what they would have been had they not "gone off after strange" cults, is to be found in the fact that their adopted creed is as great a misfit as Saul's armor was when David tried to put it on. The difference between Baptist harness and the harness of all other denominations is that the Baptist harness will fit anybody in Christendom except Catholics, while the harness of all the other denominations will fit only the members of the particular denomination for which any given set of harness was made. I have in mind a dear, good woman who married into a Presbyterian family. If she had sacrificed principle and joined the Presbyterians I suppose all would have been well. But she didn't change, and so all was anything but well. She kept her letter for years. At last she decided she would join the church of which I was pastor. And she did. She began attending the ladies' society. One afternoon the husband came to the

door of the church and ordered her home. I don't think she has been back since. They have literally taken her children from her control, and carry them to the Presbyterian Sunday school. And the husband and his sisters will not so much as speak to me. If that isn't persecution, what is it? To say the least, it is religious intolerance. The dear woman's life is practically lost to the Baptists. I do not hesitate to say that no genuine Baptist can be happy or even contented outside of a consistent, working connection with a Baptist church.

To the letter quoted at the beginning of this article I made the following reply:

Dear Mrs. ———: Your letter came this morning like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky. I am wondering if it is really so, or if it is a horrid dream. I would not, if I could, place one straw between you and the conscientious discharge of your duty. I can easily see how one can come from the Methodists to the Baptists; but just how one can go from the Baptists to the Methodists is farther than I can see. For instance, your husband can and does endorse your baptism, the first act of obedience you performed after becoming a Christian; but if you are a Baptist, you can not really say that sprinkling is baptism. I am sending you a little tract which I hope you may read prayerfully (I sent her one of my own little tracts, "The Language of the Two Ordinances"). The church you contemplate joining says that the teachings of this little tract, in the main, are all right as far as they go. But said church goes farther and says that most anything else than what this little book teaches will do just as well.

In joining that church you must, at least tacitly, say so yourself. I am wondering how you can reconcile your conscience and your new creed.

You say that you have felt that it would be a sin for you to join another church when you are such a strong Baptist, but circumstances alter cases. Now, in matters religious there are no circumstances below heaven that alter cases, or that can justify one in going counter to what she believes to be the teachings of the word of God. If you believe the Baptists are right you can not believe the Methodists are right also. And I would not let any circumstances whatever influence me to run counter to my conscience. You say it is a great sacrifice for you to give up your mother's church. I know it is; but isn't it more than a mere sacrifice to lay your conscientious convictions on the altar of local circumstances?

This is a crucial time with you. I hope you may enter as much as you can into the spirit of Paul. He did not allow any sort of circumstances to shape his Christian course. Religion is a personal matter. Every one of us must for himself give account to God. Your husband, I suppose, is satisfied in his church, and the children in your home are with him. They are satisfied. I do not suppose they have ever thought that circumstances demanded that they quit the church of their choice. And even if they did, they were mistaken about it; that's all. And I think I may as safely say of you what I say of them. If you think circumstances demand that you sever your connection with the church of your choice, why, then, you are mistaken about it. You say the move you contemplate is not for yourself. But remember in matters religious we can not move for anybody except for ourself. Get your Bible and read on your knees Matt. 10:37 and Luke 14:26, and remember that you look for your duty not to circumstances, but to Him who uttered these words.

The world is full of Baptists (and heaven is fuller of them) who have had more trying circumstances brought to bear upon them than you have ever had, and yet they did not waver. See what Paul says about how we ought to act under all circumstances in First Cor. 15:58.

I have written you thus plainly because I am your friend and your pastor. I am exceedingly anxious for the best things possible to come into your life. I don't want you to make a mistake. In trying to get away from certain circumstances you are sure to place yourself in others which, in some respects, will be more trying than the ones you are seeking to rid yourself of. Be careful and prayerful lest in your efforts to miss the dreaded rock of Scylla you do not go

down into the more-to-be-dreaded whirlpool Charybdis. If you think it worth while, I shall be glad to have a reply to this letter. If, however, you are determined to take your contemplated step, then no reply is really necessary. The Methodists will take you as readily without our letter as with it. They know that we do not grant letters to other denominations. And after you have joined the Methodists, if you do so, then the church of your girlhood and the church of your mother will, with regret, erase your name. May God bless you. Yours sincerely,

R. S. GAVIN.

She joined the Methodists. But about six months later I received another letter which I regard as too sacred to be put in cold type even for a religious paper. And not long after the writing of this second letter she came to the church and asked to be reinstated. Today she is not only a "Baptist still," but a Baptist very busy and very happy in the church and the work of her choice.

Not long since I was in a meeting with Magill at Attalla, when the last chapter in another instance, very similar to the one noted above, was enacted. A lady had gone from the Baptists to be with her husband. But she found that so far as church membership is concerned she was more happy when she was not with him than when with him. "The last night of the meeting she did just what every "Baptist-still" in all the other denominations ought to do, and what they must do if they would be happy and useful—come back where they belong. Yours sincerely,

R. S. GAVIN.

Huntsville, Ala.

The unrest in India was brought home to Britons in startling fashion on July 1, when Lieutenant Colonel Sir William Hutt Curzon Wylie and a Hindoo savant of Shanghai were assassinated at a public meeting in the Imperial Institute in London by Madar Lelof Dhingari, a Hindoo student. The tragedy was all the more shocking in that it was enacted at a gathering held under the auspices of the National Indian Association, which seeks to promote harmony between the governing and the governed in India.

President Taft makes his summer home in New England in the ancient town of Beverly, Mass.

MESMERIZED.

A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.

Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip, even when one realizes its injurious effects.

A lady in Baraboo, writes: "I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source, I would soon be a physical wreck.

"I was weak and nervous, had sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls of dry bread.

"We concluded that coffee was slowly poisoning us, and stopped it and used hot water. We felt somewhat better, but it wasn't satisfactory.

"Finally we saw Postum advertised, and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, allowing it to boil twenty minutes after it came to the boiling point, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich-looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since.

"I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left him and he can now eat anything." "There's a Reason."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

INTERVIEW WITH FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

Echoes of the Baptist State convention at Andalusia were heard in various churches yesterday. Nearly every Baptist minister had something to say about the big movements started. Laymen who never have the privilege of attending the conventions always look forward to the accounts of the preachers and the lay delegates who attend every year.

Something like fifty ministers and business men went to Andalusia from the Birmingham district and they have been busy telling their friends about prohibition, the big Baptist hospital and other things proposed. The Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, had the following to say:

"Anyone who thinks that the temperance sentiment in Alabama is on the wane will have all doubts removed after mingling with delegates from all parts of the state and listening to the addresses and resolutions before the convention on this important question now before the state. I was agreeably surprised to find the sentiment for the constitutional amendment almost unanimous.

"The convention gave the friends of prohibition an opportunity for reaching every part of the state for the men and women who were present went back to their homes with a firm determination to do everything in their power to take the question out of politics and fix it so that the people of Alabama might have real peace.

"When Dr. W. B. Crumpton finished his report on state missions the convention gave him an ovation, perhaps, greater than that ever received by any man which was a testimony not merely for his zeal in missions, but for his fearless fight for temperance.

"The work of Dr. Riley for temperance work among the negroes received a commendation and the hearty support of the convention.

"The convention heard with rapt attention the story of the work of the Law and Order League in Montgomery as told by George G. Miles, its president and head of the State Board of Missions.

Missions Discussed.

"While the temperance was to the forefront, all of the denomination received careful attention and the reports of the various boards were most encouraging. One of the helpful features of the convention was the study course in missions conducted each morning by Mr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Another feature was that all of the devotional exercises were conducted by one man, Prof. Macon, of Howard College, in a manner which was highly spiritual, and Drs. Montague and Patrick were given a great hearing by the convention, showing that the love for Howard and Judson in Alabama is growing. The other schools of the denominations were brought forward. The Baptist Institute at Newton succeeded in placing nearly \$5,000 worth of bonds.

"Dr. J. M. Shelburne, of East Lake, made a powerful speech in presenting the report of the Board of Ministerial Education.

"The work of the Orphanage was put on a firm business basis. The report of Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, the financial secretary, was gratifying and the selection of Jud Dunaway as superintendent means that the little ones in the home and the management of the property are in safe hands.

For Aged Preachers.

"The convention, after hearing the eloquent plea of Mrs. E. Wilkinson, of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, created a special board to look after the interests of the aged and infirm ministers.

"The Sunday school work in Alabama will be sure to feel a thrill under the active and aggressive leadership of J. T. McKee, the new superintendent.

Laymen Present.

"The most notable feature of the convention was the large number of the active laymen present. It was in a sense a preachers' gathering, and the number of women present was not as great as heretofore, from the fact that they are now going to hold a separate convention in which their work will be discussed.

"The size of Andalusia was a surprise to the vis-

itors and delegates. The beautiful church, the handsome homes and the hospitality, together with the gulf breeze, made it one of the pleasantest conventions one could find.—Birmingham Ledger.

Rev. F. H. Farrington, lately pastor of Calvary church, Portsmouth, has returned from his visit to Battle Creek, Mich., very much improved. He is at present at Brandenburg, Ky., but his physicians instruct him not to return to full employment for a month or two. We sincerely wish we might bring him back to the old State. He has done an excellent work here, making only one mistake, namely, that of working too hard, too intensely, for his strength. He had to learn his lesson on this line, and nothing short of personal experience would have taught him. We fell in love with him while he was here, and hope sincerely we may manage to bring him back. Let Virginia churches keep a close eye on him.—Religious Herald.

The Divinity School of the University of Chicago has an unusually strong list of lecturers from other institutions of learning on its faculty for the summer quarter. Among the more prominent are: George Adam Smith, A. M., D. D., LL. D., professor of Old Testament Language, Literature and Theology in the United Free Church College, Glasgow; Edgar Young Mullins, D. D., LL. D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Francis Albert Christie, A. B., professor of Church History and the Theology of the New Testament, Meadville Theological School, and Cornelius Woelfkin, D. D., professor of Homiletics, Rochester Theological Seminary.—Examiner.

A well known English surgeon was imparting some clinical instruction to a half dozen students who accompanied him on his rounds the other day. Pausing at the bedside of a doubtful case, he said: "Now, gentlemen, do you think this is or is not a case for operation?" One by one the students made their diagnosis, and all of them answered in the negative. "Well, gentlemen, you are all wrong," said the wielder of the free and flashing scalpel, "and I shall operate tomorrow." "No you won't," said the patient, as he rose in his bed; "six to one is a good majority; gimme my clothes."—St. James Gazette.

At the International Christian Endeavor convention held in St. Paul, Minn., July 7 to 12, the following prominent Baptist leaders were heard: Dr. Howard B. Grose, of the Home Mission Society, delivered four lectures and presided at two of the sessions; Rev. John M. Moore was heard twice; Rev. Henry F. Cope spoke upon "How Should Young People Express Their Religious Life?" Dr. George T. Webb gave an address and Dr. Avery A. Shaw, of Winnipeg, Minn., spoke upon "The Principles of the Kingdom Applied to Life."

Rev. Lamar Jones, who has recently taken charge of the Second Baptist church, Macon, falls into line by subscribing at once for the Index. He is a native Georgian, but has been doing work in Alabama for seven years past. We welcome him here.

(We are sorry he got home-sick. He is greatly beloved in Alabama.)

Mrs. Gotham: "Isn't your husband awfully tired when he gets home at night?" Mrs. Church: "No." Mrs. Gotham: "Why, he has to stand up, doesn't he?" Mrs. Church: "Oh, yes, he never gets a seat on the cars, but he's a Christian Scientist, and he imagines he does."—Ram's Horn.

As a result of an investigation made by District Attorney Jerome of New York city he announces that charges made by Charles R. Mabee, of Detroit, that the officers of the Anti-Saloon League had misused the funds of the society are entirely unsupported.

Rev. Johnston Myers, D. D., recently entered upon the fifteenth year of his pastorate of the Emmanuel church, Chicago, Ill.

SIDELIGHTS ON BAPTIST MEETING.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett returned last night from the Alabama Baptist State convention at Andalusia. "The number of delegates and visitors," said Dr. Barnett, "exceeded the expectation of the leaders, but the handsome church recently built by the Baptists of Andalusia housed comfortably the crowds. It was a working session, beginning at 9 a. m. and closing at 11 p. m., with intermissions for dinner and supper. The reports of various boards showed progress along all denominational lines. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., state secretary of missions, received an ovation at the hands of the Baptists so spontaneous as to cause even this faithful leader to almost break down. Drs. Montague and Patrick were greatly encouraged by the hearty support given to their respective institutions. The Board of Ministerial Education was ably represented by Dr. James Shelburne, of East Lake, who made a speech of great power in its behalf. The work of Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society, so ably managed by Dr. J. W. Elliott, of Montgomery, was placed on a better footing. One of the features of the convention was a stirring appeal made by Mrs. E. Wilkinson, of Birmingham, in behalf of the fund for aged and infirm ministers. The Baptist orphanage at Evergreen is now in a position to do a great work for the fatherless and motherless children throughout the state."—Birmingham News.

We have secured the services of Rev. J. O. Colley, one of the leading young Baptist ministers of the State of Alabama, for field secretary work during the summer. Brother Colley has been the successful pastor of the Baptist church at Tusculum, at 27th Street, Birmingham, and is favorably known all over the State as one of the most consecrated Christian workers and his unusual qualifications for Anti-Saloon League work has led him to enter this field during the vacation period. Mr. Colley will return to the Seminary at Louisville in the fall, but we are glad for his help during the summer months. We bespeak for him the heartiest co-operation of all our Christian people, as he is in every way worthy of their confidence and co-operation.—Alabama Citizen.

The First Baptist church of Beaumont announces the following striking Summer Sunday Evening themes by Brother C. A. Ridley, its pastor: "The Sinners Who Are in the Church and the Christians Who Are Out of It," "Wherein Does the Church Fail to Adequately Represent Christ?" "What Habits Should a Young Man Form?" "The Sort of a Woman Twenty Young Men Say They Want for a Wife," "The Only Sort of Man or Woman that Can be Depended Upon in a Crisis," "Marriage—Divorce and Socialism."—The Baptist Standard.

Rev. M. W. Gordon has done a fine work at Decatur, Ala. His church recently completed a beautiful house of worship. He spent a number of years in this state, and he is a fine preacher and lovable brother. He will come back to South Carolina as soon as the way opens. We hope to see him a pastor again in our State.—Baptist Courier.

(We do not blame the South Carolina Baptists for coveting him, but we need him in Alabama.)

The salutatory of Dr. J. W. Porter as editor of the Western Recorder, is telegraphic in its brevity. He says: "By the help of God, with the co-operation of the brethren, honestly desiring to commend the right and condemn the wrong, we shall earnestly strive to be good, do good and make good. Amen!"

(We welcome him to the editor's easy chair.)

Dr. M. Ashby Jones will supply the pulpit of the Citadel Square church, Charleston, S. C., in the absence of his brother, the pastor, Dr. Howard Lee Jones, during the month of August.

Broadway church, Louisville, Ky., has a deaf mute Sunday school class which meets Sunday afternoons.

CONVENTION NOTES---Continued

George Ellis, the faithful Montgomery layman, was an interested onlooker.

Mayor Joiner, of Talladega, was present. He is always at home among Baptists.

Rev. J. J. Hagood, the host of the convention, acted his part with a graciousness that won him many new friends.

Judge Foster is becoming one of the regulars at the convention. He still has the aged and infirm ministers' fund at heart.

The arrangement committee at Andalusia handled the delegates and visitors with great ease and impressed each one with the fact that they were welcome.

The re-election of Judge N. D. Denson assures all that the rulings in the body would be just, and that the convention's business would be handled expeditiously.

We spent Monday night in Montgomery on our way to the convention and saw the great new sign which was erected to advertise the city turned on. It is truly a thing of electric beauty.

Brother W. A. Davis, of Anniston, has quite a record as a convention goer in Alabama. For twenty-five years he has never missed a state convention. We hope he will live to make it at least fifty.

The report of Healing Springs Academy was made by W. B. Crumpton, and that of the Newton Collegiate Institute was read by A. W. Tate, the president of the institute. Both schools have had a successful year. The reports will be discussed Thursday.

The report on woman's work was read by A. G. Mosely, Enterprise. He spoke in highest terms of the work of the women and bade them God speed in their work. The contributions of the Southern W. M. U. the past year was \$197,162.63.

The officers were greatly missed, but we know they are getting ready for their great convention in the fall.

Dr. R. G. Patrick, the president of the Judson, spoke of his ten years' service, of the growth in value to \$250,000, but said this was but a beginning, that he hoped to see a plant worth \$500,000, with as much for endowment. Dr. Cox offered a resolution that the board of trustees take under consideration plans for an organized movement looking to the securing of funds to enlarge the plant sufficiently to meet the demands of the denomination.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. J. M. Frost, Nashville, the Sunday school board; Rev. J. N. Prestridge, The Baptist World; Rev. J. G. Bow, The Western Recorder; Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, The Seminary Endowment Fund; Rev. T. B. Ray, the Foreign Mission Board; Rev. B. F. Riley, D. D., the Anti-Saloon League among the negroes, and others. The following new pastors were introduced: J. N. Vandiver, Phoenix; J. A. Beal, Dadeville; O. A. Bamber, Jasper.

The report of the committee on co-operation was made by W. M. Blackwelder, of Greenville. It recommends the following apportionment: State missions, \$30,000; home missions, \$25,000; chapel building home board, \$5,000; foreign missions, \$35,000; chapel building foreign mission board, \$5,000; orphanage, \$15,000; denominational education, \$7,000; ministerial education, \$5,000; Bible and colportage, \$2,000; aged and infirm ministers, \$2,000 at least; total, \$136,000.

D. W. Sims, the general secretary of the Alabama Sunday School Association, told briefly of the work as among Baptists. He used many illustrations setting forth what can be done in any school. He said the prime need in Sunday school work was a teacher training class.

The time between the afternoon and evening sessions on Thursday was spent in conferences. Dr. B. D. Gray had a conference of home mission vice-presidents. Dr. W. H. Smith held one with the foreign mission vice-president, J. T. Henderson with the laymen in their work and Mrs. Wilkerson held one with the women on the aged and infirm ministers' fund.

The committee on relation of the convention to the Alabama Central Female college reported that the relation was that of moral support and recommended that the convention appoint five trustees to the institution. The property is valued at \$100,000 and the Baptists have a lease for forty-nine years with power of renewal. Professor B. F. Giles is president of the college and under his wise administration and great personality a splendid work is being done. The president appointed the following as members of that board of trustees: J. B. Ellis, Selma; J. D. Murphy, Troy; Tom Hart, Livingston; H. J. Willingham, Wetumpka; J. B. Gibson, Birmingham.

The report of the Howard College endowment fund was read by W. A. Davis. It shows for the year \$15,362.66, of which the general education board paid \$2,240. There has been invested during the year \$10,450 and \$2,469.66 paid for treasurers bond and to the college treasurer. The fund now has \$45,156.35 which included interest for the year. The total investment now is \$38,808.33, leaving in the bank \$2,443. However, were all bonds paid to date the fund would be about \$60,000.

The regular annual session of the Alabama Baptist convention has closed. It has been attended with deep spirituality, unswerving devotion, most tender fellowship, perfect co-operation. It has opened larger fields, produced wider visions, lifted up higher ideals and planned for greater things.—Rev. J. W. O'Hara.

The work of the Healing Springs Institute was discussed by W. L. Brumbelor. The school has bright prospects. T. U. Crumpton, Maplesville, spoke feelingly for this and other struggling schools and the work they are doing for poor boys and girls.

Ernest Lamar, Selma, read the report of Judson College. Two hundred and sixty have been enrolled during the year, and a very successful year has been recorded. The number of trustees has been increased from fourteen to sixteen.

The services of Robert G. Jolly, Louisville, Ky., as leader of the music and soloist, was much appreciated. His solo "Does Jesus Care" struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, as did many of his other selections.

The report of Howard College trustees was made by J. B. Ellis. There has been a very successful year, 175 have been enrolled, first class work done, all debts paid, and a strong faculty directing the affairs of the college.

J. B. Ellis, of Selma, was on the convention train which left Montgomery on Tuesday morning. He was quite a busy man. He has a subject of vital interest which he never loses a chance to push.

Drs. Patrick and Montague were on hand early. Alabama Baptists are fortunate in having these talented and consecrated brethren to lead the young women and young men of the state.

D. W. Sims, the great Sunday school specialist, was on hand.

We missed Hon. R. E. Pettus, that sterling layman from Huntsville.

Hon. C. S. Rabb, of Evergreen, is one of the regular convention goers.

We greatly missed Pastor Gwaltney, of Talladega, who was out of the state recuperating.

R. F. Manly, the treasurer of the convention and one of Dr. Dickinson's trusted lieutenants, was on hand.

D. F. Green, that wide-awake layman from New Decatur, was on hand to hear his pastor preach that great convention sermon.

Mayor Park Nichols, of Roanoke, who did so much for the pleasure of the delegates and visitors to the convention last year, was present.

J. W. Minor, that business layman from the Birmingham district, took in the convention and did some good work in board meetings.

Dr. J. M. Frost was another secretary who was thoroughly at home at an Alabama Baptist State convention. Dr. Frost is one of truly wise men.

The report of the directors of the convention was read by Judge N. D. Denson. It chronicled the action of the board in reference to the collegiate institute at Newton.

The Ministerial Benefit Society met and elected the same officers, W. B. Crumpton, president; W. J. Elliott, treasurer. With W. B. Crumpton, W. J. Elliott, J. W. O'Hara, J. H. Bush as executive committee.

The report of the board of trustees of Healing Springs Academy was read by W. B. Crumpton, and that of Newton Collegiate Institute by A. W. Tate, the principal of the school. Both schools have had a good year and accomplished much good.

Hon. H. S. D. Mallory, Selma, addressed the convention on the work of the laymen's movement. His superb address was both a warning and a plea. It clearly set forth the needs on the field and the duty of laymen, who are stewards of God. The address was forceful and made its appeal to the hearts and consciences of those present. He is one of our trusted laymen. He can stand trust.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and hereby tendered to the Andalusia Baptist church and community for their beautiful entertainment and splendid hospitality, the loving fellowship and sympathetic interest in the Master's Kingdom. Also to the various railroads for reduced fares, and especially to the L. and N. railroad for a special train and to the newspapers for the full proceedings of the convention.

Rev. W. W. Lee, of Montevallo, read the report which recommended the adoption of the calendar of Systematic Benevolence, that the \$3,000 now used by the Home Board be given to the board for the prosecution of its educational work in the state and that the board publish its monthly receipts if it thought best. The discussion was participated in by W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery; J. N. Prestridge, Louisville, Ky.; B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.; G. G. Miles, Montgomery; C. W. Hare, Tuskegee; J. M. Thomas, Union Springs; O. A. Bamber, Jasper; J. O. Bledsoe, Tyler; J. W. Minor, Ensley; J. B. Ellis, Selma; J. A. French, Eufaula; W. J. Elliott, Eufaula, and others.

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Pastor Hagood has a fine working library in his study at the church.

Dave Marbury, the great pastors' helper, from Birmingham, was on hand, ready for service.

The mission classes conducted by Dr. Ray were well attended and proved a great success.

H. J. Willingham, one of our live Baptist laymen, was greeting old friends and making new ones.

How we did miss Dr. Shaffer and Brethren Burns and Sandlin. Faithful workers gone to their heavenly home.

Prof. J. T. McKee had quite a fine collection of books on Sunday school work in the basement for sale.

J. T. Henderson said that in his work among the laymen he had had the hearty co-operation of the lawyers.

Professor J. T. Henderson, of Bristol, came down on Tuesday morning to stir the brethren about the laymen's work.

John Dunaway, the new superintendent of the orphanage, was going in and out among the brethren, making friends for the institution.

Dr. C. S. Gardner, who represented the seminary, is one of our most thoughtful men. We were glad to have him visit Alabama.

Rev. J. W. Elliott is doing a great work for the Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Association. The brethren ought to help him.

The president appointed as the educational commission Austin Crouch, J. M. Shelburne, T. W. Palmer, H. J. Willingham, A. P. Montague.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, the financial secretary of the orphanage, was busy shaking hands and looking after the interests he represents.

Hon. B. F. Ellis, that royal layman from Orrville, was present. He has been a great tower of strength to Alabama Baptists.

How we missed Dawson and how our hearts went out to him. The brethren were rejoiced to hear of his continued improvement.

The Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton had a fine report and much interest was manifested in the work. Nearly \$5,000 worth of bonds were subscribed for.

J. Morgan Prestwood, of Andalusia, gave the welcome address. He called attention to the rapid growth of the city and the Southeast, to what the Baptists stand for and how glad every one was to have this great body in Andalusia. With old-time hospitality the hearts and homes of the city were opened to the Baptist hosts of Alabama.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, the financial agent of the Orphans' Home; J. E. Hughes, Florida; M. C. Reynolds, Evergreen, the president of the board, and C. S. Rabb, Evergreen; W. J. E. Cox, Mobile; R. H. Schramm, Sampson, and John W. Stewart, spoke on the report. A collection was taken amounting to \$42.69.

H. L. Martin, of Ozark, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the State Baptist convention, in annual session, express its approval of the governor's action in favor of constitutional prohibition, and this convention pledges its hearty support to the effort to get this provision embodied in the organic law of the state."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Now is the time for effective work in the cause of temperance. Today is the day of our salvation from the liquor demon. What is done now or left undone will tell for good or ill during future generations."

"Therefore, be it resolved by the convention of representatives of Alabama Baptist churches, That we request all pastors of the convention to preach on some phase of the temperance question next Sunday, and that we would greatly appreciate it if the ministers of all denominations would do likewise."

The president appointed the following committees to report at Andalusia:

On Recommendation of Newton Institute—Paul V. Bomar, J. E. Herring, G. G. Britton, George, C. W. Hare, J. L. Thompson, S. Carrol, Miles, H. J. Willingham, H. L. Martin, W. B. Shell.

On Nomination—J. L. Thompson, R. Gavin, J. D. Ray, S. W. Clements, D. F. Green.

Time and Place—Preston Blake, D. W. Ramsey, Austin Crouch, J. N. Creighton; J. H. Langerier, O. A. Bamber, C. N. James.

On State Board Report—W. W. Lee, A. A. Hutto, A. S. Smith, Ernest Lamar, Eugene Ballard.

Prohibition Resolution.

The State Baptist convention, after the reading of the temperance report by George O. Brewer, passed the following resolutions:

"In the fear and favor of God and our love for His cause and our beloved state the following preamble and resolutions are offered:

"Whereas, the liquor dealers in certain centers have persistently violated the law many times, unchecked by the authorities and encouraged by certain newspapers, and

"Whereas, the governor has called the legislature to make the prohibition law more effective.

"Therefore, be it Resolved, By the Alabama Baptist convention representing a membership of 175,000 white Baptists and a constituency four times as many we declare our unalterable opposition to the liquor traffic.

"Second, that as between the question of regulation of the traffic, which never did and never would regulate, and a prohibition of the traffic which the liquor people declare can never prohibit, we favor the latter. We pledge ourselves to our influence with our senators and representatives to put in the statute books all the laws and amendments named in the governor's call which are intended to protect the morals of the people; that as Baptists and as citizens we stand for law enforcement everywhere, and that we frown upon the newspapers which use their columns for the encouragement of the violations of the law, and that carry in their columns advertisements of the goods when sold, is prohibited by law in our state; that we endorse the Anti-Saloon league which has done so much for the suppression of the liquor traffic in our state, and recommend that our churches open their doors to its superintendents or authorized agents; that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and given to the press."

The proposal of Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Birmingham, for Alabama Baptists to build and operate a hospital and sanitarium in Birmingham, met with such favor that the following committee was named to take the matter in charge: Rev. J. Dickinson, Rev. Preston Blake, P. C. Ratliff, J. B. Gibson and Col. T. G. Bush, all of Birmingham.

The Baptists of Alabama need such an institution.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolutions commending the work of Dr. B. F. Riley:

Whereas, Our honored brother, Dr. B. F. Riley, has recently surrendered the superintendency of the anti-saloon work of Texas, and assumed the superintendency of the Negro Anti-Saloon Federation of America, with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, and

Whereas, The work he has in hand is of far-reaching significance, and for many reasons it is of

importance that a representative white man should lead this movement, and

Whereas, The sanity and wisdom of Dr. Riley in every position that he has occupied guarantees in advance the wise administration of this work; therefore

Resolved, That the Alabama Baptist State convention most earnestly endorses the work undertaken by our brother in behalf of the millions of negroes of the South, and that we pledge ourselves to cooperate with him in his earnest effort to accomplish a purpose which lies vitally at the very basis of our civilization.

Dr. B. F. Riley made a strong plea for the Anti-Saloon League work among the negroes and the convention endorsed with strong resolutions his work.

The report of the committee on co-operation made the following recommendations:

Finances as follows:	
State Missions	\$ 30,000
Home Missions	25,000
Chapel Building, Home Board	5,000
Foreign Missions	35,000
Chapel Building, Foreign Mission Board	5,000
Orphanage	15,000
Denominational Education	7,000
Ministerial Education	5,000
Bible and Colportage	2,000
Aged and Infirm Ministers (at least)	2,000
Total	\$136,000

It is also recommended that the moderators appoint good business men to apportion in associations; that the report be printed; that the calendar be used, and that pastors speak hopefully.

The convention decided to hold its meeting next year in Albertville. This will give the Baptists of Alabama an opportunity to visit Sand mountain. Pastor Metcalf will make a great host and John L. Ray will be an able assistant.

The First Baptist church and its many friends of other churches and denominations gave Dr. C. W. Daniel a glad welcome service on Sunday afternoon last. Dr. Daniel has taken good hold on his people and on his work and good things are confidently looked for from this union of pastor and people. Among the welcoming friends were Dr. Lee, of Trinity Methodist church and Dr. Ogden of the Central Presbyterian. And by the way, Deacon H. H. Cabanis made one of the best addresses of the occasion—Christian Index.

Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness—these cost very little, but they are priceless in their value. Are they not almost the staple of our daily happiness? From hour to hour, from moment to moment, we are supported, blessed by small kindnesses.—Robertson.

The Arkansas Democrat recently stated that Rev. D. A. Hipps resigned the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Paragould because he "contended that infant baptism was unscriptural and that as long as he was pastor of a church no infants would be baptized."

The honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago and of the Northern Baptist convention, by the Western Reserve University at its last commencement exercises.

Seven of the Baptist pastorates of Atlanta are filled by the following North Carolinians: John E. White, L. G. Broughton, C. J. Thompson, J. W. Millard, J. E. Briggs, B. P. Robertson and J. T. Edmondson.

Somebody once asked Samuel Taylor Coleridge, "Can you give me in two words a satisfactory proof of the truth of Christianity?" "Yes," said Coleridge, "Try it."

CASWELL C. HUCKABEE.

By J. H. Foster.

To me the name of Caswell C. Huckabee has always been the synonym for loyalty to Christ. This brief sketch of his life is not written because it is the fashion, nor even needed that those who knew him might rightly appreciate his character; but with the hope that some young man reading these lines might become impressed with the beauty of a long life of piety, devotion to principal, self-sacrificing zeal, and be inspired to loftier aims and led to enter upon a career honorable to himself and beneficial to humanity.

Brother Huckabee was born near Raleigh, N. C., on February 8, 1818. At Holly Springs, N. C., in the year 1832, he was born again. On the 16th day of April, 1909, he died at the home of his daughter in Birmingham.

He was a man of culture, of refined sensibilities, of liberal education. Up to the time of his death he was the oldest graduate of the University of Alabama. In the year 1851 he was married to Harriet B. Hendon, of Newberne, Ala. After twenty-three years of married life his wife, who had had so much to do with his success and his happiness, went to her reward. Four children were born of this union, of whom only one is still living—Mrs. R. L. McCauley, of Birmingham.

In 1832 he was married to Rachel Brown, of Louisville, Ky. His love for a wife much younger than himself and her unselfish and loving devotion to him was something beautiful to behold.

The earlier part of Brother Huckabee's life was spent on the farm. He was one of the most extensive and successful planters in Alabama and accumulated quite a snug little fortune. He never forgot that this belonged to the Lord, and he gave largely to all Christian and benevolent enterprises. Later when reverses came it was hard for him to accommodate himself to new conditions, and often when he was giving beyond his means I have heard him regret that he could not do more. He was recognized both in political and religious circles as a man of good judgment. As a member of the legislature he soon became a leader, his ability being of a superior kind.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention held but few sessions which he did not attend until age prevented. He was always given prominent positions on important committees and was for many years trustee of the Judson and of Howard college. His practical interest in these institutions in the days when they were struggling for existence helped in no small degree to make them what they are today.

A man of stronger will power it has never been my lot to meet. When he was eighty-two or three years of age he had a severe spell of sickness. The physicians felt that there was no hope for him and it was generally believed that he would not live through Sunday. On Monday morning I went to the house expecting to make arrangements for the funeral, but to my astonishment, saw Bro. Huckabee clothed and in his right mind, sitting on the front porch. When I expressed

my surprise, he said: "Well, I told my wife I had been in bed long enough and I was going to get up." Many a man would have laid there and died. He got up by sheer force of will.

He was possessed of a strong personality. No one could be in his presence long, even after he had passed his four score years, without being impressed with the fact that he was above the ordinary man. Once a stranger waited to speak with me after the services. He said: "Who was that old man that sat on that bench?" pointing to the seat. I told him it was Brother Huckabee. He replied, "I make a study of men's heads, and I seldom see one to compare with that." He had a rich fund of anecdotes from which he drew to illustrate almost any situation that happened to arise. Even now we often hear people say, "As Mr. Huckabee used to say." Better than all he was a man who made his religion first. He used to love to talk of the churches where he had been a member and of his old pastors. They were all "the best." Not once have I ever heard him say a harsh word about one of his pastors. This charity extended toward all men. When others were finding fault he could always find some redeeming quality. I loved him as few men love those twice their age. How I did miss him when he first left Anniston! Cold or hot, rain or sunshine, he was always in his place at church. On Wednesday and Sunday nights, moonshine or pitch black dark, just about five minutes before time for service his lantern could be seen moving down toward the church. Whenever the church doors were open for worship he was sure to be there on time if not confined to his bed by illness. I count it one of the privileges of my ministry to have had in my church and to have known intimately this man—to have received the inspiration of his high-mindedness, of his devout Christian manhood.

A Great Revival at Huntsville.

Our protracted meeting commenced the 25th of May and lasted fifteen days and nights. We had forty-three additions to our church. On the 24th of June I baptized twenty-four. There are several more to be baptized at our next meeting. The church was wonderfully built up; the entire town was greatly stirred up. Brother A. A. Walker, pastor of the Baptist church at Hartselle, did the preaching. Bro. Walker is a great revivalist and an up-to-date preacher. He is worthy of the confidence of any people that may secure his labor. We have two prayer meetings each week, Tuesday and Friday nights, the young men's Friday night. We licensed two men to preach during the meeting. The cause of Christ is moving up in this town. The Christian people stand organized against sin and the power of darkness. We would rejoice to see the day when Huntsville will be taken for Christ. Our membership now numbers about 170. With this number of saints we ought to do great things for Christ. Hope to meet the editor of the Alabama Baptist at our next association. With best wishes for you and yours and your great work.—J. D. McClanahan.

100 Members in 15 Months.

Dear Brother Barnett: You hardly ever hear from us, but we have thought some time to write you. We have been here at Second church nearly fifteen months. During that time our church, many of whose members have been out of work much of the time and all have drawn less wages than they were before accustomed to, has gone up from two Sundays a month to full time in a manner doubling the pastor's salary and have kept all expenses of every kind paid up and fostered all the mission causes. The six Sunday school rooms that were started and the work principally owed for have been finished and paid for as we went; also the debt for the starting almost paid. The Sunday school is more than triple what it was fifteen months ago and now thoroughly graded. A B. Y. P. U. has been organized and is doing excellent work. We are in a good spiritual condition, but the thing of which we are all the most proud the Lord has given us one hundred members to help us hold up the banner of the cross. God bless you and the paper and help the Baptists gain the world for Christ. Yours in His service, Judson M. Cook, Gadsden, Ala.

Kind Words for a Good Preacher.

Our pastor, Brother J. D. McClanahan, has tendered his resignation as pastor of Austinville Baptist church. I write this that the Baptists of Alabama may know what He has done for us during the four years he has been with us. When he was called to this church we had forty members and an unfinished church, no well. Now we have a \$1400 church, a membership of 165, a good well of water on church lot. In our last protracted meeting the Lord blessed us wonderfully. Bro. A. A. Walker did all the preaching. Brother McClanahan was present and did a wonderful altar work. There were 43 additions to the church; 24 have been baptized and more to be later on. Oh, how sad it makes us when we think of giving him up. Will say to any church that needs a pastor they can't get a better man or a man that knows more about the word of God. He never tires working for his people. With best wishes for you and your family, I am your brother in Christ. J. T. Weatherly.

Dear Brother Barnett: When I received your card whereon was the picture of "ye editor," I detached it and adorned our office wall with it. When I received the "third edition" of the picture postal it was placed just above on desk between Lincoln's and Cleveland's pictures. So these are the companions of your boys, presidents and preacher. Let them choose. I am wondering what will embellish the next card. It seems to me it lacks the "queen of the realm" to complete the circuit.—R. E. Pettus.

I don't see how I can do without it after having taken it so many years—25, perhaps, don't recollect just how long. Suffice it to say I have been so greatly blessed and strengthened and encouraged in reading the blessed old paper. Shall continue so long as I live if published.—Sam J. Knowles.

Good Meeting at Hartselle.

My Dear Brother Barnett: Our tent meeting, which lasted three weeks, was decidedly a success. We did not gather as many into the church as we had hoped for, but the town heard the gospel; we had as many as six or seven hundred people sometimes at the night service. Brother Bamber preached three sermons on regeneration, and the further he went the better he got. Our town needs regeneration—born again, born of the spirit—and this subject was handled in a masterly way, by our preacher.

Morality has crowded out spirituality here—church members in good standing are moral men, good men, pay their debts, support their families, never gamble, never drink, but sad to say, they are strangers to God. We have some as true and tried Christians here as any place on earth, but there are some who have been deluded and are resting their hope of eternal life on their "right living."

Professor Reynolds did splendid work with the choir—God bless him, he is not only a leader of the song service, but he is an effectual personal worker. These two young men, Bamber and Reynolds, are mighty weapons in God's hands, and I know their lives, I know they live the gospel on Monday that they preach on Sunday, and that counts a great deal with me. Oh, for more men in our pulpits who will allow God to reproduce the very life of the Master through their every day walks among men!

Last Sunday evening the writer buried fifteen precious souls with Christ in baptism, and more to follow. Since the first Sunday in March we have taken in forty-six members. Pray for us, brethren, that we may stay within the circle of God's plan and purpose in our life, and that He may get glory and honor out of our service.

I go next week to assist in a meeting at old Lebanon, the next at Mt. Nebo, then to Town Creek, then to Moulton Heights. I am a stranger in the state, but God has opened up quite a field of work for me and it is the consuming passion of my life to be used to the glory of my dear Savior. Yours in Him, A. A. Walker, pastor. Hartselle, Ala.

Revival at Bethel Baptist Church.

Dear Brother Barnett: The Baptist church at Bethel has had a series of meetings, beginning on the 10th inst and ending on Friday the 16th. Elder A. J. Rodgers assisted by Elder Jenkins, of Wetumpka, nearly all the time, and by Elder C. L. Elland part of the time. It was a great meeting and every person who was received, about eighteen in all, was received for baptism. Several of them were Sunday school students. Two of them were mothers of children. Brother Jenkins is a fine preacher and he seems to know his lessons well. He does not fail to call things by their right names. Brother Rodgers is a good preacher himself, but you know it is fashionable nowadays for our best pastors to call for help at the time of their "big meetings." Elder Ernest G. Fenn, pastor of the Baptist churches at the towns of Brantley, Glenwood and Goshen, will begin a se-



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Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Isabella Burns died at her home, Roxana, Ala., May 29th, 1909, of Bright's disease. Sister Burns was born at Roxana Springs, Columbia county, Georgia, January 24, 1830, but came to Alabama when quite a young girl. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Kimbal. One of her sisters married the late Congressman Dave Culbertson, of Texas; another married Dr. Jones, of Dadeville, Ala., also Mrs. Jones Johnson, of Dadeville. Sister Burns was first married to Mr. B. H. Walton, who was killed in the second battle of Manassas. Two sons and one daughter blessed this union. Later she was married to Mr. H. H. Burns. One son, Charlie, was born to them. The husband and son both went to their reward about two years ago. Miss Wyche Walton, of Dadeville, is the only surviving member of the family. Sister Burns was baptized by Rev. W. H. Bedell into the Fellowship of the Baptist church at Bethel, Lee county, Ala., August 17, 1853. She loved her Bible and read it through seven times in the last two years. I was her pastor for four years, during the same period her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Kimbal, retained membership in the old home church, and frequently worshipped with us. They were both as true to their friends as the needle to the pole.

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Kings and queens in mansions dwell here below

But must come at last to the grave; Loyal souls and faithful hearts surely go

To dwell in mansions of the brave. Life's pathway, always with roses strewn,

Gives no assurance of peace and love—

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Lot four (4), in J. D. Kirkpatrick's subdivision of a part of S E 1-4, Sec. 20, Tp 17, S R 2 W, as shown and designated on the duly recorded plat thereof in volume four (4), on page sixty-four (64), of map books in the office of Judge of Probate Jefferson county, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying all the notes and indebtedness secured by said mortgage, together with the cost of foreclosing same including a reasonable attorney's fee. JAMES F. SULZBY,

Assignee and Transferee of said mortgage and debt.
W. T. HILL, Attorney.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to the undersigned, W. S. Oglesby, on the 26th day of June, 1906, by Margaret C. Hubbard and husband, Thomas B. Hubbard, and recorded in the office of the probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in book 504 on page 142 of the records of mortgages therein, I, W. S. Oglesby, will sell under the power in said mortgage on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1909, at the court house door in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at the S E corner of the S E 1-4 of the S 1-4 of Section 9, Township 17, Range 2 West, run north three hundred and thirty (330) feet; thence run west sixty-six (66) feet; thence run south three hundred and thirty (330) feet; thence run east sixty-six (66) feet to the place of beginning, together with all the improvements thereon situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, in Chancery. Circuit Court of Jefferson County.
Louisa Tarver vs. Birmingham-Ensley Land and Improvement Co., a corporation.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court, in term time, by affidavit of Maud McLure Kelly, solicitor of complainant,

that the defendant, the Birmingham-Ensley Land and Improvement Co. is a domestic corporation of the State of Alabama, and that in her belief there is no person in its employ or doing business for it in this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in the city of Birmingham, Ala., once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Birmingham-Ensley Land and Improvement Co. to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 9th day of August, 1909, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against them. This 14th day of June, 1909.

A. H. ALSTON,
Judge Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Tom Jackson and wife, Senie Jackson, on the 24th day of November, 1908, and recorded in volume 513, record of deeds, at page 237, 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 16th day of August, 1909, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), in block "K," in said Griffith R. Harsh's plat of the northeast quarter of northwest quarter, of Sec. Twelve (12), Township Seventeen (17), Range Three (3) West, which plat is recorded on page Seventy (70) of map book four (4), in office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, but all minerals and mining rights in and upon said lots and said quarter section are reserved, provided that no right of way over the surface of said lots nor any right to build houses upon said lots is reserved. Also lot Six (6) in block "G," in said Griffith R. Harsh's plat of northeast quarter of northwest quarter, of Sec. Twelve (12), Township Seventeen (17), Range Three (3) West, recorded on page Seventy (70) of map book four (4), in office of Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, but all minerals and mining rights in, under and upon said lot and quarter section are hereby expressly reserved, provided that no right of way over the surface of said lot nor any right to build houses upon said lot is reserved.

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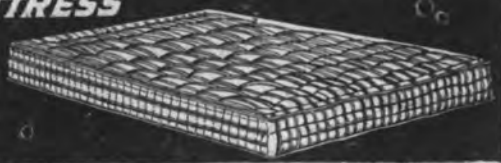
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Mrs. Emma Jester, wife of A. J. Jester, daughter of George Mulligan, died July 8th, 1909. She was born in Calhoun county, Alabama, April 19, 1871. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church at Steele, Ala., since 1894. Sister Jester was a good Christian woman, a loving wife, a good mother. She leaves a husband and three children, two boys and one girl, Ulysses S., Alto V. and Myrtle May, and besides, a father, mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss. She did not fear death, yet she loved her children and would like to have stayed and raised them, but her last words were she was ready to go, the way was bright, and wanted all to meet her beyond this vale of tears. She was loved by all who knew her. We, the writers, hope to meet her in the sweet by and by. To the bereaved loved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to God, who is able to heal all broken hearts. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of them who love her.—Mrs. Fannie Chandler, Mrs. Evie Chandler, committee, Springville, Ala.

Banks, Ala., July 12.

Resolutions from the Woman's Missionary Society of Banks church:

Whereas, God, in His supreme wisdom, has called our sister and friend, Miss Wilkie McDowell, to that home where sickness can not enter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in her death our church, our society and our community have lost a devoted friend and worker. The memory of her consecrated life soothes our grief and strengthens our determination to so live that we may meet her in heaven.

Resolved, further, That we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies and pray that an abundance of His grace will come to heal their sorrow.

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