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The expulsion of 2,500 Jewish families from Kieff, Russia, was begun recently by the direct orders of Premier Stolypin.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, representing the seminary, recently secured \$2,000 for that institution from San Angelo Baptist church, Texas.

The Quarterly Review of the Baptist church and Sunday school at Tupelo, Miss., shows that our Alabama preacher who crossed the border is doing a fine work. We congratulate Bro. A. J. Preston.

We congratulate Georgia Baptists because J. L. Bass, of Rome, has donated to Shorter college his home and thirty acres of land, and the college is to be moved to this new site, where new buildings will be erected.

There are now twelve lines of steamers engaged in carrying immigrants from Italy to this country. A steamship left Italy with immigrants every day of the month of April. This means work for the home board.

The commission plan of city government has now been adopted in more than seventy cities of the United States. The legislatures of several states have passed enabling acts, and the number of cities preparing to adopt it exceeds two hundred.

The twenty-three Baptist churches of Toronto, Canada, from the new impetus given through the laymen's missionary conference in that city, gave over \$55,000 in 1908 as compared with some \$23,000 of the previous year, making an increase of 138 per cent.

Bro. H. H. Shell, of Lake Charles, La., is happy. It is announced that the new church building was to be dedicated last Sunday, April 24. Bro. J. B. Lawrence, of New Orleans, was to preach the sermon. At 3 p. m. there was to be a meeting to hear addresses from pastors of other denominations.—South Texas Baptist.

This is real suggestive, says the New York Christian Advocate: "One Methodist church in Toronto undertakes to place a copy of the 'Christian Guardian' in every family. Two laymen bear half the cost, and the remainder comes from the current expense fund."

We wouldn't mind having the laymen contribute, but we would object to having the current expense fund "tapped."

The Standard says: "The captain of the steamer on which Dr. Johnston Myers sailed for Glasgow, on his way to Africa, declares that no passenger of his ever had so many steamer letters as the pastor of Immanuel church. There were 585 of them stacked up in the cabin."

We thought he went abroad for rest. We would like to come down some morning and find 585 letters containing remittances from delinquents or checks for new subscriptions.



Beautiful New Church, Florence, Ala., J. W. Willis, Pastor.

Hon. E. W. Stephens, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has put into book form his letters of travel published during the year in the Central Baptist. The book, which is entitled "Around the World," is said to be a fine piece of book-making. We know that its contents are interesting and that this Christian layman has magnified his Master in the story of his travels.

Commander Robert E. Peary sailed from New York on the Kronprinzessin Cecile April 25 for a lecture tour of England and the continent. He is accompanied by Mrs. Peary and their two children and by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, the Newfoundland skipper, who commanded the Arctic ship Roosevelt on the trip to the north pole. "I shall be away only about six weeks," he said just before sailing. "I expect to be back in New York harbor on June 10. I shall deliver my first lecture in London on May 4." His London address was delivered before the Royal Geographical Society.

The social-democratic party took charge of the affairs of Milwaukee on the afternoon of April 19. There seems to be a general interest throughout the country in the work of the new administration. Mayor Seidel will find that he has a job on his hands before he is in office many moons.

We learn that Emperor William declines to have anything to do with the new duke of Talleyrand and Sagan, the second husband of Anna Gould. The latter's title is German, although he has lived in France and been regarded as a Frenchman. He has been expelled from his family organization, which is the greatest disgrace that can happen to a man by its standards. This action and that of the emperor's will prevent his entering the German upper house of parliament, and exclude him from the official and social privileges of the German nobility, which he and his wife would otherwise have enjoyed. This will be a sad blow to Anna.

Jacksonville Next Year

So strong was the appeal made by the Jacksonville exhibit and by the warm hospitality shown by the representatives from that city, that the Committee on Time and Place, to which was referred the question of selecting the next place of meeting of the Baptist Convention, did not consider any other invitation.

The Baptist Convention will meet in the chief city of Florida about the middle of next May. The time was set forward a week in order to accommodate the city, as it will have another convention there during the second week of May. The report, which was unanimously adopted, reads as follows:

"We recommend that the next session of the convention be held in Jacksonville, Fla., on Wednesday, May 17, 1911, at 3 p. m., the sermon to be preached by Dr. Charles S. Gardner, D. D., of Kentucky, or his alternate, Dr. Lee Scarborough, of Texas."

We congratulate Mr. Hobson and know that the Florida Baptists are going to stand by him.

Rev. John A. Wray, of the First church, Miami, Fla., recently held a successful meeting with the First church of Bainbridge, Ga.

The charges that Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, was elected by bribery are to be investigated by the grand jury. One member of the legislature has confessed that he received a bribe of \$1,000, the election being close.

Dr. George W. McDaniel, of the First church, Richmond, Va., recently closed a great revival at the Calvary Baptist church, Roanoke, Va., with fifty-three additions, forty-three of which were by baptism. Dr. McDaniel is a great pastor-evangelist.

Dr. F. B. Meyer, the great London preacher and president of the World's Sunday School Association, who is now making a four months' tour of the principal cities of the United States, is being greeted by thousands who are uplifted by his stirring addresses.

Two editors have been called into service by the Hall-Moody institute—Dr. W. P. Throgmorton, editor of the Illinois Baptist, will preach the commencement sermon, and Dr. J. W. Porter, editor of the Western Recorder, will deliver the literary address.

The White Temple church, Portland, Ore., where Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher was for some years the successful pastor, after leaving Chattanooga, Tenn., has been supplied by Dr. W. B. Hinson, of San Diego, Cal., who has been called to fill his place.

According to figures recently published in Munsey's magazine, the salaries of ministers in the various Protestant denominations of the United States are as follows: Methodists, \$480; Baptists, about \$500; Episcopal, \$600; Presbyterians, \$700; Congregational, \$930. The price of living has increased faster than the raise in salary.

At the close of the address before the Baptist Woman's Missionary Conference at Mexico, Mo., by Dr. J. W. Lowe, of China, twenty-two mothers arose and publicly offered their children to the Lord for service on foreign fields. Following this there were five young women who signified their willingness and desire to go to China. This does not look like dear old "John" is dead, but is much alive and being greatly blessed by the Lord.

A remarkable gathering has just been held in London, having for its object the suppression of the "white slave" traffic. For many years Jewish societies throughout the world have taken an active and leading part in the efforts made to wipe out this terrible blot on modern civilization. With a view to consolidating the work of the various bodies in this direction, a Jewish international conference was held in London under the auspices of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, of which Lady Rothschild is president.

BOARD REPORTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

EXTRACTS FROM NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE, MD.



J. M. FROST,
Corresponding Secretary, Nashville Tenn.

The Publication Interest.

The Sunday School Board as an institution is the publishing house of the Baptists of the South, as they federate and co-operate in the Southern Baptist Convention. Through this institution of their own creation and control, they direct their affairs under denominational ownership and purpose, caring for their Sunday school cause, their Bible work and their publishing interests—all under one management and combined to one end.

The business is a publishing business, and the output consists of tracts, and of the Convention Series of Sunday School Periodicals, and of books chiefly of denominational character. And in addition the board handles in the way of merchandise the books of other publishers, also Bibles of every kind, ranging from the lowest to the highest price; also supplies for the full equipment of the Sunday school and of Sunday school workers.

New Books Added to List.

"The Convention Normal Manual," by Spilman, Leavell and Moore. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents.

"The Heart of the Old Testament," J. R. Sampey, D.D., LL.D. Leatherette; pages, 283; 50 cents, postpaid.

"Our Church Life: Serving God on God's Plan," J. M. Frost. Cloth, 12mo.; pages, 269; 90 cents, postpaid.

"Baptist Principles—Letters from a Father to His Son," E. E. Folk, D.D. Cloth, 12mo.; pages, 208; \$1, postpaid.

"The B. Y. P. U. Manual" (revised and enlarged), L. P. Leavell. Cloth, 12mo.; pages, 175; 50 cents, postpaid.

There is also in press and will be issued during the summer a book called "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions." It will be a 12mo. in size, with nearly three hundred pages. It is prepared by Rev. T. B. Ray, D.D., Educational Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, with the help of the missionaries on the field. It is a book of value and will be used in the educational training classes. It presents the history of foreign missions in England and America and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Appropriations for the Year.

The Home Mission Board	\$ 5,000.00
The Foreign Mission Board	5,000.00
State Boards for Sunday School Work	3,250.00
The Building Fund	10,000.00
The Sunday School Lectureship	250.00
Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy	1,250.00
The Board's Field Work	20,913.21
The W. M. U. Expense Fund	400.00
Special for Seminary Endowment	5,000.00
Other Denominational work	892.00

Total cash gifts for the year.....\$51,955.27

In addition to these gifts, other liberal donations have been made in the way of colportage supplies. These have consisted in periodicals for mission

schools, in books, Bibles and tracts, and have aggregated about \$9,000.00. These gifts are made to mission Sunday schools in destitute places and largely through the State Mission Boards and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

For Chinese Baptist Society.

We would specially point out that the gift made to the Foreign Mission Board was for the Chinese Baptist Publication Society at Canton, to be used for the printing of the Scriptures in the language of China, that the people may read in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. The gift to the Home Mission Board was given to the permanent church building fund of the board, and will assist many weak churches in building houses of worship.

Co-operating with Others in Like Business.

On the withdrawal of the American Baptist Publication Society from the South, the wish has been expressed in many quarters that the Sunday School Board establish branch houses in various points. But this does not seem to be needful, at least for the present, and is hardly justified by the experience of older denominational houses.

The Normal Course for Teacher Training.

The normal course of the Sunday School Board, which is the standard and method of all our efforts in teacher training, requires the completion of eight books. This course may be taken either by individuals or in classes; the latter is proving for many reasons more effective. The board's diploma is awarded for the completion and successful examination on one book, viz., the Convention Normal Manual, consisting of three parts, the Sunday School, the Pupil and the Bible. Then a seal is added to the diploma for every other book that is completed; and a red seal is added when four books are completed, and a blue seal is added when the entire eight books, or full course, has been finished. To win this diploma with its full and honorable significance requires hard and patient work, but amply pays in what it brings.

Those who are taking the normal course, whether by individual study or in classes, are registered in the office at Nashville, and their progress marked from time to time.

The Sunday School Board and the B. Y. P. U.

The Sunday School Board, in the prosecution of this work as entrusted to it by the convention, is in thorough co-operation with the B. Y. P. U. of the South. Our field secretaries are giving much time to advancing the B. Y. P. U. interest, and literature is being prepared by the board as the demands may require from time to time. Also B. Y. P. U. work and Sunday school work are being combined in our training schools already mentioned, and in Baptist encampments, many of which have lately come into existence in the several states. The B. Y. P. U., therefore, in the hands of the convention, being fostered and carried forward by the Sunday School Board, is becoming a living power in the churches of our Southern Zion.

Denominational Asset.

We present the Sunday School Board, and ask that its work be considered as a distinct denominational asset. Its value for education, its far-reaching power for denominational betterment, its helpfulness to all other denominational interests, all combine to make it an asset of immense value. And this asset has been created and brought to its large proportions within these nineteen years which close this report. The whole work of the board may be said to center in this: The training of a better church membership, a better training with individual men and women saved by the grace of God, better training in the organic life of the individual church, better training of the denomination taken in the aggregate. Herein lie immense possibilities for building the kingdom of God among men. In His wonderful providence God has brought the Baptists of the South to an open door of opportunity, and is calling them to possibilities that are enough to awaken the song of the angels. He has opened the door, and it is ours as a great people to enter in and possess the fullness of its fruitage.

J. M. FROST.

EXTRACTS FROM FOREIGN MISSION BOARD'S SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.



R. J. WILLINGHAM,
Secretary.

We praise God for His manifold blessings which have been bestowed during the past year upon the work which He has committed to us. The cause has been strengthened and developed in the homeland and in the far distant foreign lands. New workers have joyfully gone out to the fields. Our missionaries have pressed forward in the work. Some sick and exhausted have had to return home, and others have laid down their lives.

We have never in our history reported so many baptisms (3,223) for one year, and never before have our people given such a large amount (\$51,958.84) to the work. We praise God and take courage. Though there have been manifold difficulties, yet in the strength of God we have gone forward. The very success of the work is an additional call to renewed effort and more sincere devotion. Our God is calling to us. We must go forward.

Hard to Understand.

It is hard for us to realize what it means to go and to spend thirty, forty or fifty years in the midst of untold difficulties, and continually press forward carrying the Bread of Life to those in heathen darkness. On the other hand, when the day breaks from the gloom of heathen darkness, and the foe gives way before the army of the King, it is difficult for the missionary who has worked faithfully at the front to understand why the people at home are so indifferent to his pleadings for reinforcement, and why so many of them regard the whole situation with apathy. However, we praise God that thousands upon thousands are awakening to the situation, and that a new era has dawned upon us. Southern Baptists who a few years ago were giving \$110,000, this past year have given over \$500,000, and in a few years we believe that they will be giving \$2,000,000 or more. God meant it when He told us to "go into all the world and tell the glad news to every creature."

Some Pressing Needs.

We need men and women for important places. Some of our older workers have died. A number of our brethren and sisters have broken down under the strain of the work. New fields are opening to us in which we should put active new workers. We could well place at once fifty to seventy-five men and women and thereby greatly strengthen our work. We have a number of applications.

It is wrong to send out consecrated, well-trained brethren and sisters and put them in unsanitary places of abode. It may seem very heroic to some people for a man and his wife and children to move into a cold, windowless, floorless mud-house on the foreign field in order to carry God's truth, but it is a reproach to the people at home who live in their comfortable, well-furnished, beautiful homes to allow this state of things on the part of the persons who represent them. Our people ought to consider the needs of the workers at the front in order that these may keep in health and strength to do the work of the Lord to which they have given their lives.

Our people who sit in their comfortable churches at home cannot realize what it means on the foreign field to have to conduct services in little, cramped rooms opening right on the narrow streets, or in a room of a residence in which the missionary or the native helper lives, or in a chapel without windows, poorly ventilated and not large enough to hold the

people who wish to attend services. We could easily spend today \$100,000 in putting up suitable church edifices in connection with our work on the foreign fields.

Our Hospital Work.

Last year in our hospital work over 43,000 people were treated. This hospital work is reaching the rich and poor, high and low, and is breaking down the barriers of opposition to the work of the gospel preacher. We have during the past year built two new hospitals and enlarged two others, and yet with all of this we are not beginning to reach the multitudes who need treatment.

Our Schools and Seminaries.

Our schools and theological seminaries are accomplishing great good. The boys and girls who are being trained today in our schools in a few years will make some of our strongest church members, whether they be in the pastorate or in the pew.

We note with special interest that there are in our theological training schools 227 young men preparing for the gospel ministry. Over 200 of these are from our own church membership. No one can estimate what it will mean five years from now to have several hundred well-trained native preachers in the churches on the foreign fields. Among Southern Baptists one of the mightiest powers for good has been our beloved seminary at Louisville. Its influence reaches out all through our church life. We are doing well to put it on a firmer basis than ever, and we hope that every dollar of the needed endowment will be speedily raised for this great institution. Our appreciation of the necessity of equipping our seminary here should teach us to consider the great importance of equipping our theological schools on the foreign fields, which today have over 200 students and which in a few years from now will have 400 or 500, or even more.

Proud of Our Mission Compounds.

A marvelous change has come in a number of our foreign fields in the last ten years. We have now some of the best mission compounds which can be found on any foreign field. We refer with joy to our plants at Canton, Yingtak, Shanghai, Yangchow, Pingtu, Laichowfo, Hwanghien, Chengchow, in China, and at Ogbomoso, Africa. These are not equipped even yet as we hope that they will be in the future, but they are excellent plants.

Union of Forces.

During the past year arrangements satisfactory to all concerned were made for the brethren and sisters who have been working in and around Macao, South China (in what was known as the Bible Mission), to join our work. On January 1, 1910, they became members of our South China Mission. Soon after the union they, with other missionaries in South China, held a meeting which was very enjoyable, and all seemed to enter heartily into the plans for future united work.

We give below the names of those who thus became missionaries of our board:

C. J. Lowe, Mrs. Lowe, J. L. Galloway, Mrs. S. C. Todd, Miss C. E. Brown, D. H. Owings, John Sundstrom, Mrs. Sundstrom.

New Missionaries.

During the year we have appointed and sent out the brethren and sisters whose names are given below. Others have applied for appointment, but the board has to be very careful. We need men and women who are thoroughly converted, deeply consecrated, and who in answer to God's call have laid their lives on the altar for His holy service. Quite a number are now applying to be sent, and we are waiting for instruction from the convention as to what to do about appointing them:

China—Rev. H. F. Buckner (Texas), Yingtak; Mrs. Bertha Ashton Buckner (Texas), Yingtak; Miss Janie W. Lide (S. C.), Tengchow; Miss Floy White (Ala.), (Mrs. Adams) Tengchow; Miss Lettie Spainhour (N. C.), Soochow; Miss Jewell Leggett (Texas), Pingtu; Dr. R. E. Beddoe (Texas), Yingtak; Miss Annie M. Sandlin (Ga.), Yingtak; Rev. J. V. Turner (Ark.), Tengchow; Miss Louella Houston (Ky.), Chefoo; Mrs. Bonnie Tatum Turner (Ark.), Tengchow; Mrs. Mary Bryson Tipton (N. C.), Wuchow.

Japan—Rev. John Moncure (Va.), Fukuowa.
Brazil—Rev. A. B. Langston (S. C.), Rio; Rev. C. F. Stapp (Texas), Bahia; Mrs. Mary Shannon Stapp (Texas), Bahia; Mrs. Louise Diuguid Langston (Ky.), Rio.

Mexico—Miss Linnie Hopkins (Tenn.), Juarez; Rev. V. B. Clark (Texas), Leon.

Argentina—Rev. Logan (Ireland), Buenos Ayres; Mrs. Rebecca Adams Logan (Ireland), Buenos Ayres. Teacher.

Mr. C. N. Hartwell, son of our noble veteran, Dr. J. B. Hartwell, has been appointed as a teacher to look after the Boys' School in Hwanghien, North China. He has had good preparation, and having been for a number of years in his early life in China, he had good use of the language, and so went to work immediately on reaching the field. He was appointed September 9, 1909, and sailed from Vancouver October 6, 1909.

Returned to Foreign Fields.

China (Via San Francisco)—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Miss Anna B. Hartwell, Rev. C. W. Pruitt and wife, Miss Willie Kelly, Miss J. L. Pettigrew, Rev. J. C. Owen and wife, Rev. T. C. Britton and wife, Rev. R. E. Chambers and wife, Dr. P. S. Eyras and wife, Rev. T. F. McCrea and wife, Rev. C. G. McDaniel and wife.

Africa (Via St. John)—Rev. L. M. Duval (came home May 17, 1909); Mrs. L. M. Duval.

Missionaries at Home.

Mexico—Mrs. J. G. Chastain.
Japan—Rev. E. N. Walne and wife.
China—Rev. J. R. Saunders and wife, Miss Lula Whilden, Dr. C. A. Hayes and wife, Rev. W. Carey Newton and wife, Miss Mary Dr. Willeford, Miss Era Jeter, Mrs. S. C. Todd, Rev. Peyton Stephens and wife, Miss Mary E. Moorman, Rev. J. W. Lowe, Rev. G. W. Greene and wife.

Brazil—Rev. E. A. Jackson and wife, Rev. E. A. Nelson and wife, Rev. Z. C. Taylor, Rev. L. M. Reno and wife, Rev. W. H. Cannada and wife, Mrs. Z. C. Taylor.

Argentina—Rev. J. L. Hart and wife.
Africa—Rev. J. S. Compere and wife.

Retired Missionaries.

Rev. C. E. Smith and wife, Africa; Rev. J. W. McCollum and wife, Japan; Mrs. T. E. Ward, Africa; Miss Linnie Hopkins, Mexico; Rev. Nathan Maynard and wife, Japan.

Marriages.

Rev. W. H. Tipton and Miss Mary G. Bryson, of Bryson City, N. C., were married August 3, 1909, and sailed for their home in China August 16, 1909.

Rev. John Lake and Miss Carrie Bostick, Canton, China, were married July 1, 1909.

Rev. W. W. Adams and Miss Floy White were united in marriage at Tengchow, China, October 28, 1909.

Rev. P. H. Anderson and Miss Pansy Greene were married at Canton, China, December 2, 1909.

Dr. R. T. Bryan and Miss Mame Sallee, Shanghai, China, were married at Shanghai, China, December 30, 1909.

Deaths.

With sad hearts we report the deaths of several of our noble workers during the year. We do not here speak much of their excellent lives and earnest work. In the Foreign Mission Journal we have written of them, but we here also add a tribute of love to their memory.

On July 15, 1909, at Tengchow, China, Rev. W. D. King, a consecrated, beloved brother, after a noble work for the Lord, went to rest. Many hearts will sympathize with his wife and children who were left behind.

On October 10, 1909, Miss Eula Hensley, an excellent young woman, who had been on the field but a short time, fell on sleep. She wanted to give her bright young life to God in China, but in His mysterious providence He saw best to take her to Himself.

On December 14, 1909, Rev. T. E. Ward, of Ogbomoso, Africa, died at Plymouth, England. He was accompanying his family as far as England on their way home. He expected to return at once to Africa and continue in the work, but he was stricken at sea on the vessel, and was put off at Plymouth, and died soon thereafter. He did not work in Africa long, but was earnest and faithful. We sympathize with his wife and children.

In addition to those who were numbered at the time of their death among our missionaries, we mention the death of Rev. J. W. McCollum, the noble and brilliant missionary who opened our work in Japan and labored there for many years. He had returned to this country and resigned on account of

poor health. He was living in Seattle, Wash. On January 23 he was taken away. Loving hearts sympathize with his bereaved wife and children.

We also note the death of Mrs. T. Willingham, who went out about eight years ago to Japan, but had to return home after a few years on account of her continued feeble health. She died in Battle Creek, Mich., March 19, 1910. She planned to give her life in mission work, but her body gave way in the struggle. God knows best. We bow in submission to His will.

Editorial Department.

The Foreign Mission Journal has enjoyed a very prosperous year. Its income has been sufficient to pay all expenses and leave a small balance notwithstanding the improvements that have been made in the printing and material used. Our subscription list has made a gratifying increase. A host of kind friends have been diligent in sending us long lists of subscribers. We record our gratitude to all of them. They are doing a good work for missions. The Journal ought to go into every Baptist home in the South.

Throughout the year a great deal of matter has been sent to the denominational papers. The editors have shown a willingness to publish not only what we have sent but more than we have been able to prepare, and have themselves gathered information from many sources and given it to their readers. These editors are among the most valuable and powerful promoters of our foreign mission work.

THE MOST PROSPEROUS OF ALL YEARS FOR HOME MISSIONS.



B. D. Gray, Secretary

The Home Board report shows that the work committed to its hands has this year had unprecedented prosperity. It also shows an increase of 16 per cent over contributions received from the churches last year. Receipts last year were \$283,436; this year they were \$329,475. The increase amounts to \$46,039. The board has been able to meet all its obligations and has a small balance of less than \$2,000.

Last year the board reported 25,109 baptisms by the missionaries maintained wholly or in part through this agency. It was the largest report the board has ever made in this respect. It shows results more than twice as large as have ever been attained by a similar agency of any denomination in America, or, as far as we can find out, in the whole world.

This year the baptisms reported are 27,325. So that there is a substantial increase even as compared with the unmatched results of last year.

In practically every department of the board's activities there has been during the year gratifying increase of results. There are about five thousand students in the mountain schools, an increase of more than 600 over last year. In Cuba the net increase in the membership in our churches by baptism has been 22 per cent, and five churches have been organized this year.

In the Canal Zone the net increase during the year by baptism has been 32 per cent, and the average of the contributions per member has been \$7.15, almost twice as much as the average contributions per member in the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention! This growth on the Canal Zone has taken place notwithstanding the open opposition of the Y. M. C. A. representatives there, who with powerful backing have labored openly for the breaking down of all denominational lines in the zone and the forming of a "Union church."

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

The Indian mission work has prospered this year as never before, and the evangelistic department of the board, while it has labored under the disadvantage of our not having a general evangelist for the larger part of the year, yet has been so blessed in its efforts that more baptisms are reported from this department than for the preceding year.

Dr. Weston Bruner, has assumed charge of this department as general evangelist, and the board is greatly gratified at his coming into this great and important sphere of service and also at the general favor with which his coming to this work has been signalized throughout the whole brotherhood.

The report lays much stress on the church building loan work, and insists that the time has come when Southern Baptists must do a greater work in helping to erect houses of worship in new communities and in other places where there is special need. It is the purpose of the board to immediately enter upon a campaign throughout the South, as it has already been instructed by the convention to do, to raise a building loan fund of \$500,000.

The report expresses the belief that Southern Baptists are now ready to enter heartily upon this work; that there are certain far-seeing men of means in each state who will be ready to give liberally to this cause. In addition to the Tichenor Memorial fund of \$20,000, the board has received two gifts of \$5,000 each during the year. One of these is from Rev. W. C. Jones, of Louisville, Ky., and the other is from our Sunday School Board at Nashville. Also it received \$15,000 a year ago from the Woman's Missionary Union.

In addition to these two large gifts the board has received a gift of \$5,000 for its general work from Bro. W. W. Brooks, of Rome, Ga.

The report recommends that the convention should instruct our two general mission boards to confer together and agree upon a reasonable budget of expenses for the Southern Baptist Laymen's Movement for the coming year, and asks that this expense be divided equally between the Home and the Foreign Mission Boards, and that the laymen's committee be requested to press the work of the missions substantially and on the lines marked out by the Southern Baptist Convention at the inauguration of this special movement.

The report calls attention to the New Mexico situation. It recites the present status between the Home Board and the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the following words, closing, as will be noted, with the request for instructions from the convention as to the future action in the premises of the Home Board:

"A year ago the convention unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Washington conference between representatives of the Home Board and the American Home Mission Society, of New York, concerning mission work in New Mexico. The Home Mission Society declined to approve the recommendations of the Washington conference and they referred the matter back to their executive committee for such further consideration as they might deem wise.

"Our Home Mission Board has heard nothing further concerning the matter. In the meantime various churches from New Mexico have asked co-operation with our Home Mission Board. The Southern Baptist Convention is approving the agreements of the Washington conference, in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the right of local churches and associations to make such alignments as they deem proper, accompanying the endorsement of the recommendation with this statement:

"We recommend that the agreement of said conference be approved, with the understanding that nothing in the agreement shall be so construed as to limit any church, association or other Baptist body in the free exercise of the inalienable right to make such alignments for co-operation as will, in its judgment, be for its own good and for the furtherance of the work it is in."

"A number of New Mexico churches are asking co-operation with our Home Mission Board. Ever anxious, as we are, to follow the wishes of the convention, we request instructions from the convention as to what reply we shall make to these New Mexico churches, and would recommend the appointment of a special committee who shall report with recom-

mendations to the convention during its present session."

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The report shows that two of the mountain mission schools have become self-supporting during the year, and it is proposed to take up two more schools during the next year, one in South Carolina and one in Tennessee.

The report shows fine success in the co-operative work between the Home Board and the Home Board of the National Baptist Convention (negro). At the expense of less than \$10,000 there have been throughout this work employed evangelists and superintendents of mission work among the negroes in practically all of the Southern States. Large success has characterized this work.

The literature department of the board has grown in extent and efficiency during the year. The circulation of the Home Field has increased substantially, and the demand for tracts has doubled, and the set of six Home Mission Charts, which has been prepared, has met with pronounced favor and popularity. The board proposes right away to publish several modest volumes on phases of Home Mission work. It uses the interdenominational books, but wishes to prepare for Southern Baptists information on phases of the work that cannot be suitably prepared for our people by an interdenominational agency.

In connection with the Cuban work, the report calls attention to the fact that it has declined to enter the interdenominational Sunday school movement on that island, and has taken steps in co-operation with the Sunday School Board toward a higher class of Sunday school activities among our mission churches in the island.

The report expresses the joy of the board at being out of debt, and at the substantial increase in contributions in nearly all of the states, with the exception of two states only. It earnestly presents its conviction of the urgency, complexity and magnitude of Home Mission problems, and calls on Southern Baptists to rally their splendid resources for a greater campaign than ever to enlist the ten thousand unenlisted Baptist churches in the South, and to reach out in a mighty effort to save and keep this country for Christ.

HOME MISSION SUCCESSES AND IDEALS.

By Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary.

Who saves his country saves all things; and all things saved, bless him. Who lets his country die, lets all things die; and all things dying, curse him.—United States Senator Benjamin H. Hill.

The introductory article in the report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention at Baltimore presents such an attractive general survey of the Southern Baptist Home Mission work and the needs and ideals of Southern Baptists in this activity, that I take pleasure in offering it in full to the readers of the Alabama Baptist. The introductory article is as follows:

Southern Baptists have so rallied to the Home Mission Board this year and God has so graciously blessed the labors of its missionaries, that we present the best report in all our history. That we are able to do so, fills us with unspeakable joy and with gratitude to God.

Through the labors of the missionaries, supported entirely or in part by the Home Board, there have been this year more than 27,000 persons received by baptism in the churches where they have labored, and a total of 52,000 persons have been added to the membership of these churches. No Mission Board that operates in America has ever made a report showing such remarkable results as these. So far as we can discover, no board has ever reported results one-half so large.

The financial increase is also exceedingly gratifying. The report of the treasurer of the Home Board shows that \$329,475 has been raised from the churches during the year. This is an increase of 144 per cent over the amount raised six years ago, and 16 per cent over last year.

We rejoice greatly that the work fares forward thus, both in results and in the support given. We are in the midst of a crisis in the religious life of our country. Forces of demoralization and disinte-

gration are pressing upon the denominations from every quarter. The stress is so great that it has been very difficult for the conservatism normal to constituted Christianity rightly to measure these forces, and with sufficient readiness to adapt to their needs the story of the gospel which is founded on the everlasting Rock of Ages, and has the only true message of salvation for men and nations.

It would be calamitous in the extreme for the religious activities to lag behind that must cleanse and save the national life as well as individual souls in this day when the centrifugal pull of materialism and the selfish love of pleasure are stronger than they have ever been before in our country.

The decay of a nation is imminent just so soon as its moral forces lose the power to dominate and direct to spiritual ends its spiritual and intellectual forces. In the Southland as never before material wealth abounds. The only safety for our institutions is in so building up the conscience and spiritual receptivity of the people that grace shall much more abound.

Machinery and transportation facilities have doubled the city population of the country within a generation. They have also brought the whole land into one neighborhood. No section is any longer insulated against evil influences that exist in any other section.

The machine and the railway have made possible the present wealth of the country, and from them and the effects directly and indirectly traceable to them have come the breaking up of the wonderful simplicity and individual independence of the life of the former South. We now have in substitution a complex economic and civic life that have created problems of social righteousness and justice such as our fathers never knew.

Southern Baptists must grapple with these problems in the name of Christ, even as the pioneer fathers grappled with the wilderness, and out of the conflict that ensued developed a rugged manhood and reverence. We can best prove ourselves the worthy offsprings of such sires by grappling with the lost souls of our time, and with the new devices that ensnare them, and by leading the country to bring its new trials of which the fathers did not know to the feet of the Lord Jesus, where alone they can find the wisdom and courage of heart that can deliver a nation from the troubles and dangers.

Such considerations as these have brought about among the people of God the quickening of interest in Home Mission problems, which is one of the most encouraging omens in the present religious thought in America.

Southern Presbyterians have gone forward \$16,000 in their Home Mission work this year. They have more than doubled their contributions to this cause within five years.

Our Southern Methodist brethren, now in session in their quadrennial general conference at Asheville, N. C., it is predicted will at once institute a separate board for Home Mission work, instead of depending longer on their general Board of Missions, which devoted nearly all of its attention to Foreign Missions. It is safe to predict that the Methodists will multiply their Home Mission activities by three or four within the single year.

Northern Baptists last year raised about \$900,000 for Home Missions. Northern Methodists are seeking to raise one million and a half, each, for Home and Foreign Missions this year. Northern Presbyterians are raising \$1,000,000 for Home Missions this year, and have received for this work a bequest for two and a half million dollars.

This growth of conscience for the primal importance of domestic missions has received striking instance in the increase for the last ten years of State Mission work among the Southern Baptists. Ten years ago \$125,000 was raised in all the states of our convention. Last year we had increased this amount 242 per cent. The state of Texas alone last year gave \$7,000 more for Home Missions than was given to this work by the Southern Baptists throughout the South ten years ago.

In this quickening of the conscience for domestic missions we have a thermometer of the spiritual purpose and discernment of God's people. It registers a warmth of Christian patriotism and of compassion for the lost that means more in national

safety than do the army and navy of the republic.

And this growth also betokens good for the cause of missions in other lands. Foreign Missions sends its glow of reflex to stimulate Home Missions, and Home Missions not only saves the lost of our land, for whom we are primarily and unceasingly responsible, and affords the future seed-bed for future Foreign Mission forces, but in addition, its wonderful prosecution is our only hope of ever showing to the unsaved world what Christianity can do to uplift the nation where it has had its best opportunity. Without such an example to which we may point the peoples that lie in spiritual darkness, what reasonable hope can we have that the heathen nations will ever become Christian?

In the face of the urgent needs that confront us, the Home Mission Board dares not stand still. In the face of the strength and strategic position of Southern Baptists, who have an opportunity such as is possessed by no denomination of Christians in the country, we dare not stand still. In the face of the quickening of our people to the crucial importance of the questions that are at stake, we cannot be worthy servants administering their liberality without beckoning them forward to even greater endeavors.

And in the face of the liberal way in which churches have shown their interest in this work in this present year by coming up to the support of their board and wiping out a debt which threatened to call a halt of forces that should press forward, we cannot do less than call upon the Southern Baptist Convention and the brethren throughout the South to give us their commands to advance to larger things still, in taking and holding for Christ and for pure and high ideals the fair land in which God has made us a numerous people.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S. B. C., TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, APRIL 20, 1909, TO APRIL 20, 1910.

Steady progress marks the twenty-second year of the Woman's Missionary Union. The effort has been forward intensive as well as extensive development of women's mission work, and each department shows growth in numbers and efficiency. The women's societies have made an increase in numbers of more than 700, while 256 new Young Women's Auxiliaries have been organized during the year. Nearly 500 new Sunbeam Bands and over 100 new Royal Ambassador chapters (boys' bands) are reported by state officers. The total number of societies of all grades is not far from 10,000.

The calls for literature on all the lines of the work of the boards of the convention and the union have increased, and there have been more free leaflets sent out than in any previous year of the union's history. Our Mission Fields, the quarterly publication of the union, has now reached the number of 15,000 copies for each issue.

The two departments, especially maintained by the union are as before, the Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children and the Mission Training School. Both have had a satisfactory year. The Margaret Home building is in excellent repair, and the funds for its maintenance have been abundantly supplied by the societies.

The training school has been taxed almost to its uttermost capacity, having at the present time thirty-nine young women as students. The quality of the work done seems even better than before. About seven of the students have applied this spring to the Foreign Board, and a few more than that number expect to go into mission work in this country. Mrs. McLure continues as the able and efficient head, to the satisfaction and pleasure of all concerned with its work.

The Board of Managers of the union report the property in their hands in a satisfactory condition—the Margaret Home, the training school, and the property at 15 West Franklin street, Baltimore. The latter represents the investment of \$13,100, a part of the endowment fund of the training school. Competent men of business and real estate agents pronounce this a good investment. It has netted for the school this year 6 per cent. The union rents the whole first floor for its headquarters, while the upper floors are sublet. It is a pleasure to report to the

Sunday School Board, whose generous gift of the training school building will not soon be forgotten, that the union, beside giving \$3,000 each year for the current expenses of the school, has spent \$6,000 on improvement and equipment, and including the property above named, has very nearly completed the first \$20,000 for permanent endowment.

It is a singular pleasure to the officers and executive committee of the W. M. W. to have the convention and the union meet in the city of our headquarters. May it be the best meeting of both, and the starting point for a more tireless, efficient and unselfish service for us all in God's great world plan.

Respectfully submitted,
FANNIE E. S. HECK, President.
MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.
MISS EDITH CAMPBELL CRANE,
 Corresponding Secretary.

CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS.

Strong indorsement of the policy of the Southern Baptist Convention of having no "entangling alliance" with other Christian bodies that can in any way endanger the purity of Baptist doctrines and practices as Baptists was made at the third day's session by the Board of Home Missions of the convention.

The report, though not stating specifically, was aimed at the Young Men's Christian Association, according to a statement made by Dr. Dargan. After the session he said: "In Cuba and Panama the Y. M. C. A. stands for the undenominational presentation of Christ; the Baptist church has always and will always stand for the Baptist presentation. We can not surrender the integrity of our church in the interest of any unorganized body. We are Baptists and we will act as Baptists. I do not mean to speak disparagingly of the Y. M. C. A. I only mean that the Baptist church ought not to merge with anybody in work among the missions."

In the report on Cuba and Panama Dr. Dargan read to the convention that the work was progressing rapidly, but that difficulties in the way of the work in both the Sunday schools and other phases have developed in the trend toward "so-called church union efforts and the obliteration or disregard of denominational lines. But our workers are making a firm stand for our distinctive principles and the prosecution of our work on that basis."

Wednesday night for the first time the brilliant lights brought out the beauty of the hall. The stage was lined with flowers and plants that seemed to grow out of the footlights with true Southern luxuriance. Back of the president's table there was a row of benches. Looking out from the stage, the faces were in regular lines back to the door, and the three sides of the gallery, stretched from wall to wall, one solid mass of men and women, the visitors being augmented by many local Baptists. Rev. W. C. Tyree read from the Scripture and Rev. S. Y. Jameson prayed that the preacher of the evening might have divine help in delivering his message. Then in a silence as absolute as tense moments can make it Dr. Pickard stepped out. He is hailed as one of the best preachers in the South, and all eyes turned to greet the tall, black-clothed figure that came forward to the pulpit built out from the platform. Dr. Pickard has black hair, and black eyes gleam from behind gold-rimmed glasses. When he grows interested his voice deepens and thrills out its volume. He delivered a scathing rebuke to those who doubt the divinity of Christ, and the convention sat with never a sound breaking the stillness but the soft and penetrating tones of the speaker.—Baltimore Sun.

Prof. J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the South, pointed out that the home and foreign mission boards must operate along parallel lines. He suggested that a missionary pastor might make a good head for the movement. "We should all have more sympathy with the movement," he said. "The laymen's opportunity is the democracy, that is, the layman and the preacher working together on an equal footing. This movement will lift some burdens off the pastor's shoulders. It will teach the laymen who can well afford it in the churches to come forward and raise the deficits the church is laboring under instead of having them hem and haw over it."

The Ladies' Rest Room was greatly appreciated by them.

A request to have the ladies remove their hats was cheered. A few complied.

Thursday was a cold, disagreeable day, and yet the attendance was good in spite of the temperature and the rain.

Don't forget that 880,000,000 people live in heathen lands, was one of the striking signs of the Foreign Mission Board.

We know of few cities where it is harder to find one's way about in than is Baltimore. Of course we except Boston.

We were glad to see Brother and Sister Al Crossland, from East Lake, at the convention. The American had a good picture of Clayton and his father.

Each year the president of the convention tries to suppress the applause, but "cheering" seems to be on the increase.

A large number of delegates and visitors went down to see a vessel bearing nearly 2,000 immigrants unladen.

A 50-foot sign with the following striking words was strung alongside the rails of one of the balconies: "The Compass of Universal Missions Pivots in America."

We were sorry to learn that Drs. Montague and Patrick were hindered from being present at the convention by pressing duties brought about by the commencement season.

We spent an hour in the office of a great modern newspaper, the Baltimore American, and saw at work the men who make the paper. A daily newspaper is a busy place.

The selection of Dr. W. J. E. Cox, Mobile; L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa, and J. B. Ellis, Selma, to fill vacancies on the Board of Seminary Trustees, will meet with the approval of Alabama Baptists.

"Is this a Christian nation? Total population, 90,000,000; in evangelical churches, 20,000,000; in other sects, 12,000,000; professing no religion, 28,000,000."

It seems to us that each year the editors of the Baptist papers are doing less canvassing at the convention, but are giving themselves to fellowshiping with the brethren.

Some of the delegates and even officers of the convention were seen to nod, but who could blame them when we knew how tired out they were from much hearing and the exacting duties of committee work.

A motion made by Dr. Truett, of Texas, to invite Dr. F. B. Meyer, of London, to speak to the convention at some convenient hour on Saturday, was adopted. Dr. Meyer is a distinguished Baptist preacher.

Some brother said the delegates and visitors had wonderful "forgetteries." Many bring this faculty into play when collections are taken and we know a few in Alabama who exercise this falling in paying for the paper.

Secretary Crumpton told us that next year Alabama Baptists were going to be asked to raise the sums requested by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards last year. We failed this year, but next year we expect to succeed.

We had the pleasure of greeting Bro. McCormick, his wife and daughter, who after several years' absence abroad have returned to this country. They gave us a pressing invitation to visit them in their Virginia home, but business will prevent our acceptance.

NOTES FROM THE CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE

We registered about a half hour before the convention opened and got delegate's card No. 1024.

The first report was a short but loud one. There was no trouble to hear it. The photographer's snapshot was a success.

We noted a few old-timers at the press tables, but the majority of the faces were new to us, and yet we have been reporting only since 1902.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Wednesday, May 11, President Joshua Levering called the convention to order, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. Weston Bruner, general evangelist of the Home Board.

In all of our years of reporting Southern Baptist Conventions, we found the Lyric and the arrangements provided for delegates, visitors and the press the best suited for the purposes of the convention and its work.

The interior of the Lyric was pleasing to the eye, and the decorations on the platform were beautiful and in good taste. The window box effect, with the geraniums and ferns, was most artistic and the odor of the lilies fragrant.

We wish to heartily congratulate the various committees at Baltimore for their excellent team work, which did much to prevent confusion and expedite the registering of delegates.

The singing of the quartette of Baltimore Baptist pastors was quite a feature of the convention. It certainly was fortunate that Baltimore's pastors were blessed with such musical ability. It was unique.

We noted with pleasure the absence of "The Midway" from the main floor, which was beginning to become a nuisance at the convention. It was in the basement.

Drs. Burrows and Gregory were very busy men before and during the convention. They are past masters in the work and were unanimously re-elected.

The absence of many of the "platformers" was noted with pleasure, although some of the old offenders would mount it whether they had any business to be on it or not.

At the opening of the convention there were enrolled 1,093 delegates. Under Class A (financial) 3,297 would have been the number if all had come who were entitled. Five hundred and nineteen associational delegates also could have reported.

Hon. Joshua Levering was unanimously re-elected President. He was put in nomination by Dr. E. Y. Mullins in a short and graceful speech. Bro. Levering responded in a brief but strong address.

When Dr. Mullins put Hon. Joshua Levering in nomination for the Presidency, there being no Vice-President present to put the motion, it fell to Dr. Burrows' lot to do it.

We want to congratulate the Maryland Baptist on its handsome convention number, which was an artistic triumph and filled with much valuable information.

We were glad that Bro. Upshaw, the editor of the Golden Age, was sufficiently recovered from his accident to be present and at work for his excellent paper.

We left Birmingham by the Seaboard with Drs. Dickinson, Blake, Stodghill, the Bentleys and some good friends from other parts of the state, and reached Baltimore without accident after a pleasant trip.

An unidentified member of the reception committee of the Baptist convention, apparently about 25 years old, dropped dead on Charles street, near Union Station, Wednesday night from an attack of vertigo. Patrolman Clarence Bull, of the Central district, who was nearby, was called to the scene by a citizen. In the meantime Dr. William F. Schallenger, one of the resident physicians of the Hospital for the Women of Maryland, passed by. After making an examination he pronounced the man dead. A careful examination of the man's clothing was made by the police, but nothing by which he could be identified was found. A membership card of the Baraca Bible class, of Huntingdon Baptist church, but bearing no name, was in one of his pockets. Several pins, among them one bearing the word "Baraca," were found, besides a silver watch and gold chain and \$1 in money.

We were greatly pleased on entering the sleeper at Atlanta to find that Dr. and Mrs. Crumpton were aboard. Just before we reached Baltimore, I. A. White, Preston Blake and others came in and serenaded Bro. Crumpton. The song they sang was that famous one dedicated to Dr. Gambrell, of Texas, "When the Collection is Taken We Will Be There." It seemed to cheer and bring him pleasant memories. This reminds us of the good woman who asked a friend, "What does 'W. B. C.' mean at the end of all these articles in the Alabama Baptist?" She was told that W. B. C. stood for "Want Big Collections."

On the train we had a long talk with Dr. Broughton, who is seriously considering the call to Christ church, London, which has had such a marvelous record in the past and is still doing such a great work. We sincerely hope that he will stay in Atlanta, for his going to England would be a distinct loss to the South.

We sat and watched Dr. Gambrell in a new roll to us, and yet not a new one to him, for he retired from religious journalism before we entered it. With great interest we looked over his way as he sat at a reporter's table taking notes for the Baptist Standard. We wish we knew one-half that this wise brother has forgotten.

Hon. Richard H. Edmonds, a friend of the South and a Baptist layman of influence and power, not only in his home city of Baltimore but throughout the bounds of the convention, welcomed the delegates and visitors in the name of 8,000 Baltimore Baptists in a thoughtful but hearty way, dwelling upon the city problem of the South.

The following names were put in nomination for Vice-Presidents: William Ellison, Virginia; L. G. Hardeman, Georgia; J. J. Darlington, District of Columbia; S. P. Brooks, Texas; P. C. Barton, Arkansas; J. W. Porter, Kentucky.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray was full of his work at Newton for the Baptist Collegiate Institute. He has done a great work in helping to raise funds for the new building.

Dr. John E. White, of the Second church, Atlanta, was on the special and gave good accounts of his church, which is one of the great churches of the South.

What a joy it was to have so many of our friends from all parts of the state on the "Seaboard Special." We had a chance to talk with all.

The Baptists of the United States raised last year for church work \$22,813,864. This does not include their gifts to education.

Dr. John Purser was on the Seaboard special and as solid as ever. It is hard for us to think of him as a Georgia Baptist.

An American flag draped the stand on which the speakers who delivered the set addresses stood.

Baltimore is a city of beautiful homes, and it was hard to find much evidence of the great fire.

The Central Y. M. C. A. building at Baltimore is one of the handsomest ones we have ever seen.

Baltimore is predominantly a Catholic city, but we thank God for the 8,000 Baptists among the 700,000 people.

The opening attendance was fine. The ground floor was filled with delegates and the two balconies with visitors.

The convention opened on a dreary, drizzling day, but the enthusiasm on the inside made the delegates forget the gloom on the outside.

A number of striking signs and charts were displayed in the Lyric auditorium by the Sunday School and Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt, of Arkansas, responded in a brief but appropriate way to the address of welcome. His use of Kipling's verse of the East and West was telling.

In your enthusiasm over the convention and in the uplift you got for Home and Foreign Missions, don't forget that State Missions must be pushed until June 30 or our cause in Alabama will suffer.

One of the features of the convention was the daily "shop talks" which were given throughout the city to the business men. The speakers invaded the offices, shops and factories and held forth with as much earnestness as if they were in the finest churches in the city.

Baptists are great letter writers. On the second floor of the Lyric all the space was devoted to writing tables and materials, and every chair was generally occupied by delegates and visitors, who wrote incessantly and blotted, folded, enveloped, sealed and stamped baskets full of letters to their home folks. We saw many Alabamians who were sending letters home.

The influence of the convention extends far beyond the hall. At the Garage there is a persuasive notice on the front door that a whole set of tables has been reserved for Baptists; and at all the hotels and restaurants in the neighborhood there are special Baptist dishes, Baptist menus, Baptist toothpicks and Baptist finger bowls. In the lobby of the Belvedere, which is hotel headquarters, there is a thoroughly Baptist atmosphere.—Evening Sun.

The morning session on Thursday was replete with important questions, one in particular, which is of interest to practically all the Baptists of the world. Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the convention, created a sensation by introducing a resolution calling for the convention, as the representative of the Baptists of the South, to divorce itself from the graded system of lessons used in Sunday schools all over the world.

Here are some encouraging figures on Baptist growth: In the year 1800 there were 50,000 Baptists in the United States. On January 1, 1909, there were 5,145,143 Baptists in good standing in the United States. The 15 Southern States, comprising the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, have within their borders 2,139,080 Baptists. There are 48,302 Baptist churches and 34,132 ordained ministers of this denomination in the United States. There were 295,000 people baptized in the United States last year. When George Washington took the oath of office as the first President of the United States, one man out of every 94 was a Baptist. In this year of our Lord, 1910, one man out of every 17 you meet is a member of the Baptist church. Their growth since 1880 is almost incredible—twice as fast as the population.

Each board asked for more funds. Why? Because the work of each needed to be enlarged.

Win or lose, Jacksonville put up a great fight for the convention. The souvenirs were much in evidence.

When the \$700,000 is raised for the Seminary it may move beyond the city limits of Louisville. Nearly 500,000 has been raised.

The following Alabamians were put on committees: W. E. Pettus, Preston Blake, W. A. Davis, Richard Hall and Frank Willis Barnett.

Up to this writing (Thursday) no breeze has fluttered the convention over the seating of the Illinois delegation, and unless some one introduces a resolution to change the rules the incident is closed.

Following the announcement of the election of vice-presidents, Dr. Burrows read telegrams from Dr. R. C. Buckner, of Texas, and Rev. J. W. Millard, formerly pastor of Eutaw Place Baptist church, Baltimore. It was from Jerusalem, where Dr. Millard, Dr. E. E. Folk and a party of thirty are now visiting.

Here is something to be proud of: Baptists own and control 16 theological seminaries, valued at \$1,327,000, with an endowment fund of \$4,000,000. They own and control 94 universities and colleges, valued at \$28,846,085, with an endowment of \$28,212,869. They have 36,000 students in their colleges and universities. This means that about one-seventh of all the university and college students in the United States are in Baptist institutions. They own about one-eighth of all the college and university property in the United States, and control one-ninth of the endowment funds. Besides their universities and colleges, the Baptists own and control 84 secondary schools, valued at \$4,245,407, with an endowment fund of \$1,684,094. They have in these schools 14,453 students. The Baptists of the United States have nearly \$75,000,000 invested in educational work.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, took the collection for the Seminary on Thursday morning. "I have just received a contribution of \$5,000," said Mr. Hatcher. "I won't mention any names, but the man who gave it is president of this convention." This subscription was followed shortly after by another of \$5,000 from Mr. Eugene Levering, while a few minutes later another \$5,000 came in from "A Friend." The subscriptions came in slowly at first, then picked up considerably, coming in in sums from \$2.50 to \$1,000. There were about five donations made in \$500 sums, a like number of \$100, and the remainder in lesser sums. The entire total made from a rapid calculation was \$20,537.50, to which will be added a substantial contribution from a Japanese who would not allow his name to be used nor the amount. He made it upon this condition and Dr. Hatcher said that a twenty-mule team could not pull the information out of him. This fund is a part of the \$700,000 which the seminary hopes to raise as an endowment.

Casual inquiry developed an interesting condition of affairs as to family devotion to the cause. For instance, out in the lobby two brothers chatted together—J. D. Moore, State Sunday School Superintendent for South Carolina, and Hight C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder at Raleigh, N. C. There are in the convention numerous instances of two or three brothers, all preachers or church workers. But perhaps the most unusual case is that of the twin brothers, J. T. and T. J. Watts. T. J. Watts is financial representative of the Theological Seminary, and his twin brother State Sunday School Secretary for Virginia. T. J.'s name is Thomas Jefferson and J. T.'s name is Jefferson Thomas, so that there is no danger of the basic principles of democracy being lost in that family. To keep favored names in the family, it was necessary for Thomas Jefferson Watts to be the father of twin girls, and their names are, respectively, May Emily and Emily May. The parents of these elder twin Wattses were South Carolinians and had thirteen children—eight of them boys and four of those boys Baptist preachers.—Evening Sun.

Promptly at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, from behind a flower and palm decorated presiding table, Mr. Joshua Levering, as president of the last convention, arose. The crowded gallery, with its waving plumes on ladies' hats and bright, animated faces looking down, became still and the 1,200 or more delegates settled down for work. Mr. Levering said:

"The hour has arrived when the fifty-fifth convention of the Southern Baptists must be called to order, and before we start on the important work before us let us invoke the blessing of God."

Rev. Weston Bruner, general evangelist of the Home Mission Board, announced the hymn, old 168, "Love Divine" and the delegates and ladies in the gallery made the Lyric melodious with the strains of

Love Divine, all love excelling, joy of Heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love Thou art.

Mr. Bruner then read the 103d Psalm, and at its close every head was bowed as he spoke the convention invocation.

"Almighty God," he said, "we desire from the depths of our hearts to bless and praise Thy holy name, and we thank Thee for this glad hour in which we can gather to hear the inspiring reports of the work which during this year has been done in Thy name. We thank Thee for Thy blessings and the spread of the gospel, and we ask Thee to look down from Thy great white throne in Heaven and bless and keep us during this convention that in all things we may act as Thou wouldst have us do."

While the ballots were being distributed for the vote on the vice-presidents, Mr. Preston Blake, of Alabama, moved that Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows and Rev. Dr. Oliver F. Gregory be re-elected as secretaries. These two sturdy men have been acting as secretaries for thirty years. They each wear gold medals with twenty-five rubies and diamonds, significant of twenty-five years of consecutive service which they rounded out together at Chattanooga in 1906. Both smiled when the motion was made and unanimously carried. Dr. Burrows never stopped writing or looked up to see "how it was going." He never lost a scratch of the pen, and when the vote was announced he said "Humph!" Dr. Burrows and Dr. Gregory are jolly men, who smile and never get flustered. Mr. George W. Norton and Rev. Dr. William P. Harvey were re-elected treasurer and auditor, respectively.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, in nominating Mr. Levering for reelection to the presidency, said: "I wish to nominate a man who is a shining example of what a Christian ought to be as a churchman, as a neighbor and as a citizen. I nominate one who has for many years been at the front in every movement which has been started for the good of the Southern Baptist Convention and anything that was for the Christianizing of the people of this world. Not only with sympathy, but with gifts, has he helped, and as presiding officer of this body he has made a reputation for tact, fairness and skill which will make an admirable president of this body again. I nominate Mr. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore."

Dr. Preston Blake, of Birmingham, objected to the convention sermon scheduled to be delivered by Dr. Pickard Thursday night being placed after the report of the Laymen's Missionary Committee. He said that when a preacher had to wait until long reports were read the convention grew tired. Many agreed with him by saying aloud, "Amen," but after Dr. Willingham explained that the report would consume only a short time and that the committee desired that the members of the convention retire with the inspiration of Dr. Pickard's words, the motion to place it before the report was withdrawn.

It was under the shadow of a large sign bearing the following pertinent question that Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, read the report of that body in his own inimitable way:

The following were elected vice-presidents: William Ellyson, Virginia; L. G. Hardeman, Georgia; J. J. Darlington, District of Columbia; S. P. Brooks, Texas.

The Baptist quartette was composed of Revs. H. R. Byers, of Riverside church; K. A. Handy, of Hampden church; L. Elmer Dutton, of Fourth church, and Oscar Lee Owens, of Wilson Memorial church.

Southern Baptists have never before had a regular program of a convention until after its organization, but last year at Louisville a committee was appointed to arrange a tentative report to be presented as soon as this convention organized. This was presented by Rev. Dr. C. H. Ryland, of Virginia, and adopted by the convention.

The reading of the Laymen's report on Wednesday night by Prof. J. T. Henderson brought out the fact that he had made 150 addresses during the past year. In touching upon the interdenominational movement he said that it was the sense of the Executive Committee that the Southern Baptists could co-operate with the movement without any sacrifice of doctrinal loyalty.

The reading of the reports of the Home Board, the Sunday School Board and the Foreign Mission Board occupied the time on Wednesday afternoon. After the reports were read, Dr. Smith, editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, offered a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to provide ways and means to raise the \$37,000 deficit which the Foreign Board has at the end of the year just closed. This was carried.

With more than 300 delegates and nearly 1,000 visitors from all sections of the South present, the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Union opened Wednesday at Seventh church. An important feature was a report by the treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, which showed that the Baptist women have contributed \$237,000 to missions last year, an increase of \$40,000 over the contribution of the previous year. The account of this meeting will be given by the good women on their page, hence we forbear to try and give the story, but take time merely to congratulate them on their great work and to say that Alabama's Central Committee deserves great praise for the past year's work.

Here is the passage in the welcome address of Hon. R. H. Edmonds that caused Dr. Gray to say "Amen" and made Masters sit up and take notice:

"In the city-building period upon which the South has entered, sudden and wonderful changes will take place; the village of today will tomorrow be a busy town, and the town of today will soon be a great industrial or commercial center. As Christians we must be alert; as Baptists we must keep step with populations, or towns and cities will be lost forever to our cause. The Baptists of Baltimore are facing this city problem. In this center of population and growing wealth there are only 8,000 white Baptists. We needed your help. Therefore, we called you to our aid by holding this great convention here. We knew your coming would do us good."

Here is a gem from Hon. R. H. Edmonds' address of welcome: "You come from a land more fair than the vale of Cashmere; yea, the fairest land on earth. Throughout its length and breadth you can catch the rising strains of the music of progress; everywhere is heard the whirr of the spindle, the roar of the furnace, the buzz of the saw, the throb of the locomotive. You come from a land whose latent wealth defies all language to portray. All that we are doing in agriculture, in industry, in railroad development, even in immigration, is, however, but the revival of what the Old South was doing before it was destroyed by the disasters of war. The financial skill, the executive ability, the industrial life of the South today, and the business sagacity of Southern people living in the North and West, are inherited traits from ante-bellum days. In this is the assurance of the South becoming a master power in world affairs."

SOME BAPTIST STATISTICS.

The following figures are taken from the American Baptist Year Book:

In the United States we have 49,045 churches, 33,909 ordained ministers, and a total membership of 5,266,369. We have 33,633 Sunday schools with 245,836 officers and teachers, and 2,498,354 scholars.

Our church property is valued at \$133,528,647, and our total contributions last year for all objects amounted to \$24,122,911.35.

In our ten theological seminaries there are 1,349 students. In our eighty-six universities and colleges there are 32,496 students, of whom 2,251 are studying for the ministry. In our seventy-nine academies there are 13,751 students.

The Baptists in the world aggregate 57,960 churches, 38,606 ordained ministers, and 6,240,272 members. Of this membership, 5,450,634 are in North America; 6,094 in South America; 588,727 in Europe; 150,424 in Asia; 16,298 in Africa, and 27,195 in Australasia.

The following figures are out of the Southern Baptist Convention minutes: In Alabama—White Baptists, 173,655; number of churches, 1,963; value of church property, \$2,191,843; and our total contributions, \$597,005.75.

The Religious Herald says: "The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, and from that date to 1890, forty-five years, the annual gifts to Foreign Missions remained under the \$100,000 mark; from 1890 to 1903, thirteen years, the annual gifts of Southern Baptist churches to Foreign Missions lingered along between \$100,000 and \$200,000; then for three years, 1903 to 1906, they ranged between \$200,000 and \$300,000; then one year we went above \$300,000; then for three years we lingered between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Now in this good year of grace, 1910, we pass the half million mark. But Southern Baptists are not going to do anything half-way. They are coming swiftly and surely into a consciousness of their strength. Unless some great calamity befalls them, we confidently predict that it will not take them but a few years to go straight on from the half million mark to the million. We are not a 'half million' people. We are a 'million' people."

Yes, Southern Baptists are a mighty host, and some day will wake up to their greatness and under the Lord do great things in His name.

LIQUOR HOSTS IN NATIONAL COUNCILS.

The fiftieth annual convention of the United States Brewers' Association will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 7, 8 and 9, at Washington, D. C. Nor is the selection of the nation's capital unintentional. "The importance of the event is indicated by the fact that the board of trustees have chosen the political center of the country," declares the Brewer and Malster in its latest issue.

The official call for the Brewers' Association meet contains one of the most extraordinary sentences which ever appeared in journalism. Whether or not it was inspired by an overdose of the brewer's pet wares is not known for certain, but as a revelation of the new "ideals" of the liquor trade it deserves filing with the preachments of Editor Gilmore and former Mayor Rose.

After fifty years of misunderstood philanthropy we are now informed as to the real purpose in the minds of the founders of that great organization known as the United States Brewers' Association.

"For," declares the official call for their fiftieth convention, "the United States Brewers' Association was organized, more than half a century ago, for the purpose of protecting and advancing the economic, social, industrial and political interests of this great conservatory, moral and civilizatory force in the life of this great nation and promote the progress of its mission in this great conglomeration of human beings gathered from all countries of the globe, within the limits of these United States."

Great is the Schlitz, Anheuser-Busch, Pabst triumvirate, and powerful is the tongue of the official spell-binder oiled with the fluid extract of malt.

Fourteen days before the brewers, the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America meet at the Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, for their fifteenth annual convention.

EDITORIAL

CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION.

It is a fact of much import that all true civilization, in all past centuries, has been the product of pure Christianity. No pagan nation ever became civilized, even in a partial degree, by the agency of human religions. Pagan religions have ever been powerless to elevate their subjects from a low moral state to a higher one. There never were any elements in those religions which had power enough to change the moral qualities of the people who were ruled by them. And the same thing is true of those religions which, although assuming to be Christian, are devoid of the vital principles of true Christianity. Take, for example, the Roman Catholic religion. Some prominent Protestant men have lately been speaking favorably of the "great Roman Catholic church," and telling of the good that it has done. They call it a "Christian church." It is, in reality, a paganized institution, as political as it is religious. And what has it done for the introduction and advancement of Christian civilization? Nothing. Look at those countries where Catholicism has had complete sway for centuries, with no true Christianity in the same field of operation. In those countries there has been no Christian civilization as the result of such domination. Note how it was in Cuba, for centuries solely under the reign of Catholicism. Moral and social degradation prevailed on every hand. Ignorance, vice and criminality of all kinds were frightfully rampant. And note the vast improvements which have come to that country since its emancipation from Catholic supremacy, and the introduction of pure Christianity, with hundreds of Christian missionaries and teachers at work in various places. That country never knew what real Christian civilization was until the new order of things took place. That civilization has brought with it immense gains in respect to education, morality, social order and material wealth. And what has Mormonism done for those sections where it has ruled in full force? It never has produced Christian civilization, and it never will, because it is a false and fatal religion. Pure civilization is the product of pure Christianity.

REJOICE WITH OUR GREAT SECRETARIES.

We rejoice with Dr. Gray that the Home Board will go to the convention out of debt with a small balance in the treasury, and while Dr. Willingham will report a debt, yet it rejoices us to know that Southern Baptists gave more than a half million dollars for Foreign Missions. The report of Dr. Frost will show a wonderful work being done by the Sunday School Board. God bless these consecrated leaders, and let us not forget our own beloved Crumpton, who in the face of many difficulties led Alabama Baptists in the raising of \$18,787 for Home Missions and \$25,264.29 for Foreign Missions. We congratulate Georgia Baptists on making a new record in giving to missions, and we could almost hear the note of triumph when Dr. Bell closed his editorial in the Christian Index on "How The Boards Stand" with these significant words:

"In the face of fierce assaults on the mission work and workers, our noble old state has moved forward on all lines. And God's people are going to realize, more and more, the great obligation to give for the advancement of his cause, and experience the joy there is in doing so. The future is bright with promise, at home and abroad."

As the great convention gets down to work, surcharged with enthusiasm and purpose, the questions which will be deliberated upon during the time it is in session become clearer. The time before the opening of the convention and during the intervals of the sessions has been taken up with discussions among the leaders as to the plans that will be decided upon by the convention. One thing stands out above all others—it will be a convention of progress. Every department of church work will receive careful attention. The successes of last year have been great, but the high water mark then reached will not satisfy. The various boards want larger means in order to do greater work.

HE SCORES MODERNISM.

Dr. Pickard Defends Faith in Convention Sermon at Baltimore.

"The World Is Growing Better," was the optimistic theme of Rev. Dr. W. L. Pickard, pastor of the First Baptist church of Savannah, Ga., who preached the convention sermon.

"The Transfigured and Transfiguring Christ" was the text, and after scoring the critics and materialists who scoffed at the divinity of Christ, Dr. Pickard said that pagan lands were hearing of Christ, and even in the civilized countries where atheists had labored longest their efforts to discredit Christ had lost.

Dr. Pickard said that Jehovah made the world, its laws and its history "according to His own will, regardless of coming scientists and radical critics."

"This Pre-incarnate One and Moses," Dr. Pickard said, "had walked together in Egypt and the wilderness and had changed the history of Egypt, Israel and the world. By the power of this One, Moses had seen Egyptian magicians confounded, Egypt plagued, its fields laid waste, its cattle dead, its waters turned to blood and its first-born lying dead in fields, huts, tents and palaces."

"The confusion of those Egyptian magicians was not due merely to a cleverer magician, nor those plagues to natural causes, nor those locusts to certain atmospheric conditions that made them extraordinarily prolific that season, nor the plague of cattle to the condition of the grass of the pastures, nor the death of the first-born to cholera or fevers, nor the Red Sea passage to an extraordinary storm, nor the pillar of cloud by day to a rain cloud, nor the pillar of fire by night to an aurora borealis, nor the lightning, thunders, smoke and quaking of Sinai to the eruptions of a volcano, nor the giving of the laws to impressive, deceptive strategy on the part of Moses, nor the Tabernacle sacrifices to a ruse to appeal to the untutored nor the brazen serpent to necromancy, nor the death of Moses to his becoming lost in a wild mountain range, but it was all due to the great fore-planning of Him who was and is the God of Nature, law and grace, who was working in His own majestic way to confound sin-cursed nature and human nature, and, at last, to glorify both by redeeming them from the curse of the law by one like unto Moses, yet sinless."

"Christ's death," continued Dr. Pickard, "is a subject to which the entire book is the context. Could you understand Roman history with Caesar left out? Or the struggles and glory of the English people with Magna Charta left out? Or hell or heaven were there no guilt or purity? So, Or hell or heaven were there no guilt or purity? So, Abel's lamb, the offering of Isaac, the blood of the Passover, are all absolutely meaningless apart from Christ's death as the sacrifice for sin."

In our own generation infidelity has tried, by a restatement of its threadbare theories, to discredit the Bible. Opposition to Christ is ever trying to exalt creation without a creator and glorify this world without a Christ. But Christ still shouts to His increasing hosts: 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Satan reached the zenith of his power on the day of the crucifixion. He and his hosts have been constantly losing ground since that day. Many kings and great rulers of the earth are now studying to know and to do His will. Men and nations are seeing the arm of the Lord revealed. The angel chorus that heralded His advent has been swallowed up in the great volume of countless anthems on the tongues of the redeemed of every kindred tribe and nation. And one day, as sure as the fiat of Eternal Being stands, we shall hear the angels shout, 'Lift up your heads, oh ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye ever lasting doors, and let the King of glory come in.' Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory."

Dr. McDaniel, in speaking on the Laymen's Movement from the preachers' standpoint, said he had been a member of the convention only ten years, but in that time he had heard some very foolish things uttered from the platform and supposed that he himself had been guilty of the folly, and some brother said "Amen." George may occasionally say foolish things, but he generally utters wise ones.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES

If I am slow about my trip to
Opelika,

I am catching the spirit of the membership. They became pastorless months ago. I have just heard a rumor that they have called a pastor. All the same, Opelika is a fine town and the Baptist church is composed of as fine people as can anywhere be found. Bro. Tallaferra did a great work and they are devoted to him. They never cease to talk of John Purser and his noble wife. Whenever they become pastorless they waste a month or so trying to bring them back. I happen to know the admiration is mutual and some fine day, if they keep up the old habit, John will surprise and delight them by accepting.

Clayton

is a hard place to get to, but a delightful place to visit. On a week night, they got me up a fine congregation. Bro. B. S. Ralley is their new pastor. He and his wife have made a most favorable impression. Bro. J. S. Yarbrough did a fine work and retired leaving footprints all over the community. I spent a comfortable night in the delightful home he built "hard by the synagogue."

If the balance of us can wind up in the ministry at a ripe old age, retiring as gracefully as has Bro. Yarbrough, we will have great reason to be thankful. Brother Ralley has two other churches and I am sure they will all feel a quickening of interest with every visit he makes to them. Clayton should have preaching every Sunday. Like many another place in Alabama, they generously yield to the weaker churches in reach and spare their pastor for a part of the time, to the great detriment of the cause in the town. It is a short-sighted policy, but the spirit of it is admirable. They think the other church would suffer, but it is a mistake. God opened the red sea as his people advanced. He supplies the need only as we advance and trust Him. Many a church amply able to support a pastor for full time and many another capable of supporting for half time, pursuing the accommodating spirit, are "living at a poor dying rate," when they ought to be gloriously prosperous. "Putting forth the hand to steady the ark," the hand becomes paralyzed. Not a word in this is intended to indicate that the Clayton church and the others composing Bro. Ralley's field are not prospering; they are, but how much better they might do if they would put more money in the pastor and thus have more of his time in a more concentrated effort.

Who could go to Clayton and not say something about Bunyan Davie, the Sunday school apostle of these parts? He got all mashed up a few years back and his friends feared he would never be able to resume his old place, but I found him the same happy, trustful, enthusiastic worker as before the accident. To go his way is always a source of inspiration to this scribe.

At Louisville

Pastor Cumbee, leading his good women and the young people, invited "the original tramp" to spin his yarn and a good house of enthusiastic people greeted him. I didn't ask the pastor his age, but he is no spring chicken.

No matter about his age, his heart is young and warm and his people, of every age, love him. I love young preachers and am doing all I can to encourage them; but I regard as fortunate the church that has as its pastor such a man as Cumbee. He is plous and consecrated and full of wisdom; besides this, he is a number one preacher and a superb pastor.

The Newton Bible Institute has become a permanent thing, we hope. The last was one of the very best. Dr. Sampey, our Brother John, was the central figure, supported by the pastor, Brother Hunter, and a number of pastors from east Alabama. I could be there only one day, next to the last. The pastor was a young preacher in Howard years ago when the writer, then a farmer-preacher, at the request of the board of ministerial education, delivered to the young preachers in the church at Marion an address on "Some Practical Suggestions to Young Preachers."

Hunter, now pastor at Newton and chairman of the program committee, thought the same address would do good here. I had reserved the manuscript and was able to give it without change, with a few new suggestions at the last. Generally we drive down and dig up a good many pegs in twenty-eight years, but it was a surprise to me how few were the changes I could make in that time. The meeting thought well enough to ask for its publication in tract form, a thing I had already determined to do, "but was let hitherto."

Keep Your Eye on Newton.

The town is a good place for good people to live, convenient to one of the best schools in the land, where the moral sentiment dominates the whole community. The school under Prof. Tate continues to prosper. Since Bro. Ray became the field agent the prospect for the new building, so much needed, is brightening. The first story of the study and the chapel is nearing completion. What a pity we couldn't have the money to erect and complete the building as planned! If there is a better place anywhere to put money for the upbuilding of humanity, I do not know the place. In the years to come, men and women by the score who have come out of humble homes to catch their first inspiration at Newton Institute will rise up and call blessed the men and women who have made the school possible.

It is a long jump from Newton to

Bay Minette.

in Baldwin county, and involved a whole night's ride. Of course a preacher is in no fix for preaching after such a night. I have seldom stood before a better or more attractive congregation than the one that greeted me on Sunday morning. The Sunday school is full of life, the church is wide awake and liberal. They have settled on one of the most desirable lots in the town and will undertake the erection of a handsome house of worship. Brother J. D. Anderson, of Mobile, is the much loved pastor. This is another church that needs preaching all the time instead of half, as at present. I think they would readily come to it if they were encouraged to hope that the pastor could be moved to live among them. Bay

Minette is the county seat of the biggest county in the state. It is growing and the county is fast filling up with a thrifty white population, many of them from the north. On Sunday night I preached at

Foley,

the terminus of the branch of the L. and N. extending down toward Fort Morgan. I was there just after the September storm a few years ago. It was in the middle of the awful desolation. Such a destruction of timber I have never seen. How marvelously has the town improved! The Baptists are a plucky little band. They are worshipping in a neat little house, yet incomplete. Bro. John D. Wilkes has been the pastor from the beginning. He has done a good work in the lower end of the county. Foley needs a pastor living there, to give half time and look after the many new settlements springing up throughout that part of the county. What opportunities we are losing because of the delay, for the want of money and men! If the pastors could only realize the necessity, I know instead of a debt for state missions we would have the money to do the required work of

Kingdom Church.

Most of my readers have never heard. It is a strong old church in Shelby county. It is in one of the most fertile sections of the county. The farmers are all in good shape, living in comfortable homes. "Nobody knows the value of land there, for there is none to sell." So it is in many parts of Alabama. Bro. Smitherman is the pastor at Kingdom and is greatly beloved. He has to travel a long way, but he is doing a good work. I preached at Columbiana, the county seat, to a good congregation at night. "The finest in Alabama" is the way they talk about the court house. I had to frankly admit that I believed it was so. It is built of white marble and is a model as to style and convenience. A citizen explained it this way:

"We were everlastingly annoyed by the threat to move the court house to Calera. Every legislature that question was up. The commissioners very sensibly determined to put a stop to it by putting up this costly, durable and beautiful structure. It worked like magic. The question has never been once mentioned since." Bro. J. E. G. White has been the pastor of Georgiana, Shelby and Wilsonville. He has just resigned the two last. The former can support him for full time if they only believed it. He and his accomplished wife have a strong hold on the people. One brother said: "He is one of the best young preachers in the state."

"The Original Tramp"

told his story at Columbiana, Shelby and Montevallo to good crowds on spare nights. John and George Avery, two Dallas county boys, are leading merchants at Shelby and pillars in the church. Not soon will I forget the days spent with John and his wife years ago. I married them and maybe baptized them at Old Providence church. President W. T. Palmer and the Girls' school at Montevallo are worthy of special mention. He is a Wilcox county boy, whose father I knew well when I was a boy. What man in Alabama has on him a greater

responsibility than he? As I looked upon the four hundred girls in the dining room and afterwards looked into their eager, upturned faces in the chapel, I felt as never before the far-reaching influence of such a school. I am glad to write it. Pastor Lee and his people are at work on a fine brick structure for their church. The old building furnished ample accommodations for the church and the people of the community, but was entirely inadequate for the school, added to the town congregation. All told, the cost will be \$10,000. They pay this for the privilege of teaching and preaching to the two hundred Baptist girls who find their spiritual home with this church while they are in school. Let the Baptists who growl about the state mission funds being used to help the churches in the school towns remember this. The Baptists of Montevallo are making a great sacrifice of money to furnish a church home to the Baptist girls who attend there. W. B. C.

THE BALLAD OF THE COMFORT-ING.

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now why hast Thou left Thy place?"

"But to touch the hands with my hands, Mother,
Lest some time there come a day
When I may not close them within mine own."

Mary smiled on her little Son,
"Now blind wouldst Thou have me go,

That mine eyes Thou hast closed with kisses twain?"

"My mother I may not know,
But I fear a day when they look on pain,
And I may not close them so."

Mary smiled on her little Son,
Close, close in her arms pressed He,

"Oh, Mother, my Mother, my heart on thine,
Lest some time a day may be

When I may not comfort nor make it whole
Though to break for love of me."

Now think you that by Calvary's hill
Whereon her Son was slain,

She felt upon her eyes that touch,
That veiled them unto pain,

And filled her groping hands and bade
Her torn heart beat again?

—Theodosia Garrison, in Everybody's.

WORK, BUT DON'T WORRY.

Above all things do not worry, or you will lose your sleep, impair your health, and in the long run injure your cause. Remember that work will not hurt you, whereas worry will. It is not physical labor that kills men; it is anxiety of mind. Beecher said correctly: "Work is healthy; you can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. But worry is rust upon the blade. It is not movement that destroys the machinery, but friction."

The themes of the preaching services at Blotson next Sunday will be, for the morning service, "The Parting of the Ways," and for the evening service, "The Wise and the Unwise," with illustrations by comparisons.

FIETY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

Operetta.

The keynote of the commencement was struck with a beautiful chord on Friday evening, when the operetta, "The Egyptian Princess," was presented at the opera house by the Central girls.

The Auditorium was filled by an audience of culture, who listened attentively and gave marked evidence of appreciation and pleasure.

"The Egyptian Princess" is an attractive story of a little Hibernian princess who is stolen by pirates and sold into captivity. The music by Vincent is of merit and it was an ambitious undertaking to put it on with school girls.

The voice department was fortunate in the number of excellent voices, and the music was well sung and the chorus displayed much brilliancy.

The operetta as a whole spoke eloquently of the many hours of hard work given by Mr. E. D. Naff, director of music, and Miss M. M. Whitney, head piano teacher at the college.

The cast was exceedingly strong. Miss Francis Hinton looked particularly queenly and displayed her rich contralto charmingly.

Miss Ola Davis as Princess Alda carried out her part, a prominent one, delightfully. She has splendid vocal endowments.

Miss Beth Garner made a charming Alva. She has a clear, pure, high soprano voice of extremely pleasing quality.

Miss Willie McNaron as Princess Tabubu had the continued attention and applause of the audience.

Miss Lue Beth James as Nyssa and Miss Lois Reed as Phylla both had light comedy roles and appeared to great advantage.

The incantation scene with Princess Tabubu was a clever thing well sung and acted.

Miss Edith Foster, in two roles, did each with finish and artistic effect. She has a beautiful voice which she uses charmingly.

The chorus, one of the most attractive features of the performance, was composed of twelve girls who displayed a volume and quality of voice that was truly excellent. The chorus girls were Misses Nellie Mae Whitley, Maggie Malcomb, Sydney Blackburn, Lois Reed, Sue Beth James, Carrie Littlejohn, Anna Belle Pifer, Tom Collier, Ira Connell, Katie Belle Clements, Minnie and Lucy May Jones.

The messengers were Miss Frankie Deer and Miss Dotie McNeil and were all that could be desired.

The costuming of the play was very picturesque. The chorus girls wore characteristic Egyptian dresses and the principals were handsomely and picturesquely attired.

The whole production was distinctively creditable and spoke volumes for the ability of Mr. Naff, who had complete direction of the work, training the chorus and soloists and directing the stage as well.

He proved himself not only a splendid voice teacher, but a clever stage director and manager.

The operetta is a monument to his unflagging zeal and interest in his pupils.

The McDowell Concert.

Saturday evening, May 7, was de-

voted to a recital of Edward McDowell's compositions. It was a commendable loyalty to America's foremost composer to devote an evening of commencement to his compositions and showed an appreciation of the best in music as well as commendable ambition and zeal on the part of the music department. The program was of the very best and well rendered.

PROGRAM.

Edward McDowell, 1861-1908.

Piano, Novelette—Maggie Malcomb.
Piano, March Wind—Nellie May Whitley.

Song, (a) Sweet Blue-eyed Maid; (b) O Lovely Rose—Beth Garner.

Piano, (a) Song; (b) Autumn; (c) To a Water Lily—Susie Simms.

Song, (a) Folk Song; (b) Through the Meadow—Lois Reed.

Piano, Witches' Dance—Hester Norris.

Song, (a) Thy Beaming Eyes; (b) I Ask but This—Maude Englebert.

Piano, Concert Etude—Willie McNaron.

Piano, Polonaise—Ruth Dunn.

Song, (a) The West Wind Croons in the Cedar Trees; (b) The Sea—Ola Davis.

Piano, First movement of concerto in D minor—Willie McNaron. Miss Whiting at second piano.

The vocalists showed a rare appreciation of the composer's exquisite lyrical settings and they did Mr. Naff's training distinguished credit. Miss Whiting's pupils showed up splendidly. Rarely has there been heard more delightful young pianists. Each one played with technical excellence of a high degree and there was a deal of finish. Many of the performers showed intelligence and comprehension of the composer unusual in young girls.

Miss McNaron, one of the youngest of the performers, played her solo and the concerto with much brilliancy.

Mr. Naff made a few remarks at the beginning of the program, giving an interesting sketch of McDowell and paying him a high tribute, which added to the appreciation and pleasure of the large audience.

Commencement Sunday.

The annual commencement sermon was given at the Baptist church on Sunday morning. The commencement exercises of this old institution are always of great interest, and President Giles displayed particularly good judgment in his selection of Dr. David M. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Street Baptist church, Richmond, Va., for the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Ramsey is one of the leading ministers of the Baptist denomination in the south and an eloquent and inspiring preacher.

Dr. Ramsey took his text from Matthew 6:26: "Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them." Are ye not better than they? He said his subject was "Today's Duty vs. Tomorrow's Anxiety," and he gave a splendid exposition of the idea.

All through the masterly discourse the uplifting thoughts were clothed in choice language and were expressed in that dramatic, powerful style for which Dr. Ramsey was always noted.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the college glee club under direction of Mr. E. D. Naff. The cho-

rus sang with impressive style Mendelssohn's "I Waited for the Lord" and Smart's "There Was Joy in Heaven." Mr. Naff sang a solo in splendid style, his selection being Mendelssohn's "Lord at All Times I Will Bless Thee."

Miss Whiting was at the organ, which is sufficient to say that the prelude, offertory and postlude and accompaniments were skillfully and beautifully played.

Class Day.

The exercises of class day occurred on Monday at 10 o'clock in Alumnae Hall. The seniors in cap and gown presented a charming sight as they marched in bound together by a chain of ivy.

Miss Sadie Collier, president of the class, presided, and the following program was rendered:

College Song Senior Class
History Minnie Jones
Prophecy Melson Barfield
Solo Lois Reed
Poem Katie Bell Clements
Will Ruby Downs
Farewell Ethel Hodo
Class Song Senior Class

Campus exercises.
Planting of ivy.

After the last class song the ivy-bound chain of girls marched down stairs and out on the campus, where they planted the class ivy.

Alumnae Day.

A large and appreciative audience of the alumnae of the college and other friends assembled Tuesday morning and listened with decided pleasure to the helpful address of Dr. Ramsey, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. H. Prince, president of the Alumnae Association, gracefully introduced Dr. Ramsey. The speaker chose as his theme "The Art of Living Together," which he handled in a most interesting manner. He said solitude was not a success, as was proven by the first man's experience in the Garden of Eden.

The Greeks have a word meaning existing together and he wished there was such a word in the English language. He paid the highest tribute to the value of the home. He said many a man traced his worth to the influence of the home. He paid particular attention to the unity of love and duty, and it was not love but duty that really built the home. It was a practical discourse full of beauty and elevated thought.

The musical feature of the program was delightful. Miss Mamie Dorrohs sang "Loch Lomond" most sympathetically.

Mrs. W. F. Fetts gave a lovely rendition of "The Nightingale's Song." Miss McGahey closed the program with a piano number, "Rustle of Spring" given in beautiful style.

At 1 o'clock the impressive procession repaired to the reception hall, where the sumptuous banquet was spread. The decorations were in excellent taste. The reception hall has just been redecorated by the alumnae and it is an even more beautiful room than before. White fluted columns and wood work and the yellow tinted walls carried out the college colors, white and yellow, and the tables were a glowing picture in the same chaste tones. Cut glass vases of white primroses alternated with bowls of yellow



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The menu cards were daintily gotten up in folder form, printed in yellow and tied with yellow ribbons.

The alumnae have enjoyed many banquets, but never one more enjoyable than this. The toasts were unusually bright and interesting. Mrs. Roby made a most charming presiding officer. Her introductions were given a daintiness of touch that was delightful. All the responses were good and several were original rhymes and especially attractive.

Grand Concert.

Alumnae Hall was filled to overflowing on the evening of the commencement concert. The recitals given during the year had shown a number of very gifted students in the music department and the excellences of Mr. Naff and Miss Whiting had been so finely shown previously that all went expecting a musical treat. They were in no wise disappointed. Seldom do female college programs present so many excellent selections and certainly few could boast so much of finish in the renditions. Following was the program:

Piano, overture to Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendelssohn—Susie Simms and Ruth Dunn.

Song, Happy Days, Strelezki—Edith Foster.

Violin obligation—Mr. Naff.

Piano, Waltz, Op. 64, No. 1, Chopin—Daisy Parks.

Piano, Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 2, Chopin—Mary Lee Strickland.

Song, Song of the Coquette, Mattei—Ola Davis.

Piano, Il Trovatore, arranged by Melnotte—Hester Norris and Nina Foster.

Reading, The Going of the White Swan, Parker—Sydney Blackburn.

Piano, First Movement of Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven—Susie Simms.

Song, Hearst Thou? Mattei—Beth Garner.

Piano, Spinning Song Mendelssohn—Ruby Downs.

Song, Charming Marguerite, Old French—Mamie Donoho.

Piano duo, La Matin, Chaminade—Sue Beth James and Maggie Malcomb.

Piano, Gondola, Liszt—Willie McNaron.

Vocal Duet, Sunset, Root—Mande Englebert and Lois Reed. Willie McNaron and Ruth Dunn at the piano.

Two pianos, March from Leonore Symphony. First piano, Willie McNaron and Sue Beth James; second piano, Ruby Downs and Maggie Malcomb.

All the performers evidenced the care of an experienced and accomplished musician in charge of the piano department. The voice department has had excellent material this year and Mr. Naff has developed them along artistic lines.

The solos were all beautifully done and the concerted numbers were fine.

The splendid work of Miss Chanton, the teacher of expression, was done excellent credit by Miss Sydney Blackburn.

Art Exhibit.

Visitors to Central College yesterday and last evening found it a delightful recreation to spend some time in the art exhibit made by the clever art pupils. The teacher, Miss Fleetwood, is an artist of the most delightful.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

'Tis good to live! If but to dream
That even in the city street,
Above the highest building's top
God's answer and my prayer will
meet.If but to see amid the crowd
Two comrades meet and greeting
give;
A face the lovelight glorifies;
A laughing child—'tis good to live!
—Maude Ray Hartwell.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The proverbial big round apple of the little boy who said he could eat it all up if only he could once get started is certainly typical of the state of mind of one trying to describe our wonderful W. M. U. convention in Baltimore. On this, the third day, there are about two hundred and fifty enrolled delegates and over half a thousand out of town visitors. The meetings are being held in a very large Baptist church, the capacity of which is daily tested to accommodate the large crowds of regular delegates and visitors. If we would try to find a key word for the convention it would seem to us to be progress in the midst of peace. The minutest detail was thought out before the opening session so that the machinery incident to such a convention seems to move on soundless wheels. The result is a general calm and assurance which makes for peace as well as progress. Many important issues have been adopted and they will from time to time be brought before our state workers. A few are given you here to prepare the way for the others.

Recommendations of Executive Committee.

1910-1911 watchword: Whatsoever
He saith unto you, do it.—John 2:5.1. Forward Movement.—That we
adopt a general plan of advance to be
definitely pursued along the following
lines:—Membership: by falling in line with
the "every member" campaign of the
laymen's missionary movement and
endeavoring afresh to secure the co-
operation of every woman in the
church in the work of missions.Study: by emphasizing the study of
scripture, by following systematically
the monthly topics on the various
home and foreign fields in the regular
society meetings, and by continuing
and extending the formation of mis-
sion study classes.Gifts: by taking as our total monied
aim \$244,200, endeavoring to promote
among our societies the habit of givingnot less than one-tenth to Christian
work, and the systematic method of
contribution. We further recommend
that all treasurers be urged to forward
every month the funds received by
them.Personal service: by carrying on
mothers' meetings, cottage prayer
meetings, visitation of the sick and
prisoners, and other Christian activi-
ties that may be needed in our com-
munities.2. College Correspondent.—That the
Union endeavor to come in close touch
with our young women in the southern
colleges, and to this end we appoint at
this session a college correspondent,
whose duty it shall be to bring the
Baptist young women in our schools in
close touch with the missionary organ-
izations of their own denomination.Alabama has her full delegation, and
though we miss as only our loyal
hearts can miss several who for years
have faithfully represented us at the
annual meetings, we are nevertheless
proud of this year's representatives.
One of our number, Mrs. W. B. Crump-
ton, was appointed chairman of the
committee on "Plan of Work," which
is recognized to be the most important
chairmanship. In every way our state
has been duly honored at the conven-
tion.It will be of interest to many of you
to know that by the loving interest of
a number of the W. M. U. workers,
the way has been opened up for Miss
Crane to go to the Edinburgh confer-
ence in June. We all know that her
going will doubly bless "both those
who give and her who takes" this gra-
cious opportunity.

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(Birmingham Association) W. M. U., \$15; New Market L. A. S., \$1; Louisville L. M. S., \$7.85; Sumterville W. M. U., \$2; Elba W. M. U., \$5; Haleyville L. A. S., \$5.10; Greenville W. W., \$17.10; Flomaton W. M. U., \$2.50; Headland L. A. and M. S., \$2.35; Mobile (Government St.) W. M. U., \$10; Lapine W. M. S., \$2.50; Jasper W. M. S., \$10; Dothan (1st) W. M. S., \$100; Dadeville W. M. U., \$8.50; Uniontown L. A. and M. S., \$14; Ackerville L. A. and M. S., \$3.32; Shiloh (Central Association) W. M. S., \$1; Belleville W. M. U., \$1; Mobile friend, \$5; Bridgeport W. M. U., \$2; Samson L. A. S., \$15; Selma (1st) W. M. U., \$100; Luverne W. M. S., \$5; Mobile (Dauphin Way) W. M. U., \$10; Montgomery (S. S.) W. M. U., \$65.88. Total, \$1,219.64.
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SCRIPTURE THOUGHT.

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.—Rom. 12:12.

A MORAL FOR CHURCH MEMBERS.

Here is a very simple little news item from a Nashville daily paper: "A balky horse at the corner of Fourth avenue and Church street was responsible for stopping a long line of cars yesterday, requiring the efforts of several men to start him, and incidentally furnished a kind of free show for a few minutes. The driver was going east on Church street when the western horse took a notion that he would proceed no further. The driver tried to make him go ahead, but instead he moved backward. A street car coming along had to stop, and in time there was a long line of cars, which had to wait until his horshship was out of the way." Just think of it! That poor little horse could not have pulled a single street car, yet it stopped a whole line of them. As a helper in moving the traffic of a city, it was a very insignificant factor; as the hinderer of progress it was a howling success. The moral of this tale is for the benefit of a certain type of church members.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

But meditation, prayer, resolutions of consecration are but means to an end, that of true religious activity. The end of all religion is to bring forth the spirit of love which shows itself in loving service. Love is the fulfillment of the law and love is ever full of the spirit of rejoicing. Old Robert Herrick hit the nail squarely when he wrote of Lent:

"Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour

"No! 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

"It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate,—
To circumcise thy life."

We need not fear to heap our platter with meat nor to take all proper recreation during Lent, if we but use the strength thus found in deeds of self-sacrificing love. — Universalist Leader.

A WOMAN MUST WIN VICTORIES EVERY DAY.

The popular idea is that if a girl marries well, in the world's way of thinking, that settles her fate for life. Nothing could be further from the truth, writes Hilda Richmond in The Dellreator for April. The young woman who has that false idea in her mind had better root it out at once. She may have won a good husband, but that does not insure her a happy home life. Every day she must win her great and small victories, or the marriage will be a failure. There are some women who begin to let themselves down the day after the honeymoon ends, and after that it is easy to drift to the place where "anything is good enough for home."

It is safe to say that no woman ever won very much in the way of domestic happiness who is untidy, careless and unlovely in her home when strangers are not present. A weeping woman who confided her troubles to an old aunt, and thought nothing but threats of a divorce would bring her husband to a sense of his sins of neglect, was shocked beyond measure when the aged relative told her in plain, forcible English to clean up, and her husband would be all right. Of course, she was furiously angry, but when she combed the mussed hair, applied the soap and hot water to her dingy skin, got into a neat house dress and burned up the soiled house jackets and loose garments in which she had trilled about so long, a reformation took place at once. There was no difficulty in winning back the husband, and she has never lapsed into the old slouchy ways.

OBITUARY.

On the morning of May 7th the angel of death visited the home of our beloved brother, D. A. Price, and bore the spirit of his dear wife, our sister, to the spirit world. She was a sufferer for several years with tuberculosis, but when the end came she passed off peacefully and quietly to the great beyond. Sister Price was a consecrated Christian. She joined the Baptist church in early life and at the time of her death she was a member of Shiloh Baptist church, Dale county, Alabama.

On Sunday morning, May 8th, she was laid to rest beneath the beautiful grove near her home church to await the resurrection morning. Her funeral service was conducted by the writer.

She leaves a husband, three daughters and one son to mourn their loss. She has only paid the debt, dear reader, that you and I must shortly pay.
J. L. HAND.
Newton, Ala.

MEMORY MRS. C. SHAW.

Mrs. Caroline Shaw, the beloved wife of Jim Shaw, died on April 21st, 1910. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and Ladies' Aid.

Resolved, 1. That we have lost a good Christian worker and friend. May we live and die as she did. Our loss was her gain.

Resolved, 2. That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to her relatives and friends.

Done by order of Ladies' Aid Society.

THREE OBJECTIONABLE CHURCH MEMBERS.

1. The Big Baby Member. This member has a whole lot of religious ailments, requiring a sort of an ante-room fixed to the church house equipped with a cradle to rock him in, a whole lot of soothing syrup, and a suck bottle to feed him on; then he can never be kept from crying and fuss making generally, greatly to the interference of the peace and happiness of the church. A spanking board is always an efficient factor as a last resort, applied by a fearless pastor as the under-shepherd of the flock.

2. The Goat Member. This member is characterized by his butting proclivities chiefly against the pastor of the church. It is impossible to fix the food the Lord left to "feed" the "sheep" on to suit him. The sheep will always eat the food, but the goat will not. In a ministry of twenty years I have struck a few of these animals, and the devil is not a match for them. In Matt. 10:14, 15, the Lord says it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gamorrah in the day of judgment than for them. I positively would not preach the gospel of a God, nor worship him, who would let these goat gospel fighters against a faithful ministry of mine go to heaven without a change of life from that relation to me.

3. The Snapperjack Member. This member lies still and does nothing till he is touched by somebody busy with church work, then he snaps and "flies up." He is very touchous indeed. In fact, his watching to be touched makes him snap and "fly up" before he is really touched. He is always in the way of everything and everybody amounting to anything. The way to serve him is to let him snap "for the fun of it" till he snaps his head off, and what little brains he has out, then go to the devil, where he belongs.

W. R. WHATLEY.

Frederic Starr, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Chicago, who has been conducting anthropological researches in Japan since last September, is expected to return to Chicago in the early part of June. He will offer courses during the summer quarter on "The Pueblos of New Mexico" and "American Prehistoric Architecture," and in the autumn quarter will lecture on the highly interesting results of his Japanese studies. Professor Starr writes that among other things he is engaged on the compilation of a book of Japanese proverbs, which is to be illustrated by Japanese artists.

The following invitation was recently sent out by Mrs. Watson Hollifield of Blocton: "Mrs. Watson Hollifield will entertain her Sunday school class at her home Saturday afternoon, May 7, from 3 to 5 o'clock, in honor of little Miss Tillie K. Thompson. Every boy and girl in town from 10 to 12 years old not in any Sunday school are cordially invited to come and enroll with Class No. 8. We will make you feel welcome and will be glad to have you." This is an excellent way to do it.

Rev. John L. Ray preached to his people at Blocton on Sunday on the following subjects: Morning service, "Making a Life and Not Simply Living," and at the evening service on "The Fading Life."

FROM BRIDGEPORT.

We are closing our year's work in Bridgeport academy with good results. In the revival held last fall by Bro. W. W. Lee a large number of our students were converted, and since that time some others have been saved. In all there have been about thirty conversions among our students during the year. Only three have come and gone without being saved, and they were impressed.

Mrs. Garrett has had a good class in mission study, which has studied "The How and Why of Foreign Missions" and "The Uplift of China" and is now studying "Missions Striking Home." Some members of the class have declared their intention of going to the foreign fields.

The prospects for the school for next year are splendid. Already parents are preparing to send their children and are conferring with us. We feel much encouraged over the outlook for the school.

We are getting board in our co-operative club at cost, ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per month. With our cheap rates of tuition we hope to have our boarding homes filled for next year.

We have had some important additions to our school library recently and also have a mission library started and a number of maps, charts, pictures and curios from mission fields collected and placed in our mission room.

Bro. W. W. Stout, the pastor of our church, goes to the Southern Baptist Convention and the Worlds Sunday School Convention this coming week.

We read the Alabama Baptist with a great deal of interest and through it are learning much about our denominational work in Alabama.

May God bless the paper, the editor and our noble secretary.

GLENMORE GARRETT.

FROM TEXAS.

I noticed your remarks in the Alabama Baptist about our Lufkin meeting and Alabamians sticking together. We had a fine meeting. Neal preached with the old time power and many were converted. As a result I baptized eight and received six by letter. The church is greatly encouraged and we face the future with hope and confidence.

Your stand for prohibition challenges the admiration of many. We are going to have a battle royal in Texas this year over the question of state-wide prohibition. Pray for us. Greetings to the good people in Alabama. I will spend August in the old state holding some meetings.

I. N. LANGSTON.

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Formerly the agriculturist knew little about business methods, but the farmer of the present time must be a good business man to succeed. The great development of the industries in this country has brought the manufacturer and the farmer into close business relationship. Saving time means much to the business man. That's why progressive farmers have telephones. Instead of going to town, they transact most of their business by phone. Rural telephone service costs as little as 5 cents per month. Write to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., 19 South Pryor St., Atlanta, Ga., for their free booklet of full information.

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ful type herself, and the work shown by some of her pupils indicates that she is a teacher of the most gifted description.

There is one diploma pupil this year, Miss Jennie Maxwell, a lovely and talented Tuscaloosa girl, and her work was universally admired. She had on exhibition several beautiful pictures, some water colors from nature, depicting scenes around Tuscaloosa, some oil paintings and a superb piece of tapestry representing Sir Galahad and his white charger. She also had on exhibition some of the most exquisite pieces of china seen in Tuscaloosa.

Once again was Alumnae Hall, the Central's fine auditorium, taxed to its utmost capacity, the occasion being the annual graduating exercises.

The baccalaureate address, delivered by Dr. Losey, was an eloquent appeal for real culture, and by its splendid thoughtfulness and his matchless delivery, he held the large audience in that close attention that betokens the most appreciative drinking in of the speaker's words.

The musical numbers on the program were gems of artistic merit.

The voice medal was won by Miss Carrie Littlejohn and to Miss Willie McNaron was presented the piano medal. Miss Jennie Maxwell won the art medal.

Dr. Dawson, in his usual delightful style, presented the prize given from Proficient Housekeeping to Miss Beulah Dean.

The presentation of diplomas came next. Dr. Giles presented them with his usual impressive style and his words to the seniors were full of feeling and love for all. He announced that this was the best year in many ways that he had ever had.

The pinning on of the alumnae badges followed, this graceful act being done by Mrs. W. L. Rosamond, of Birmingham.

The doxology was then sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. T. Bealle.

The following was the program:
Invocation.

Toreador's song, from Carmen, Dizez—Mr. E. D. Naff, Director of Music.

Baccalaureate Address—Dr. F. D. Losey.

Menuetto and Trio, from Sonata Op. 31, No. 3, Beethoven—Miss M. M. Whiting, head teacher of Piano Department.

Voice Medal—Dr. J. W. Abercrombie.

Piano Medal—Judge Jas. C. Brown.
Art Medal—Mr. E. L. Dodson.

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates—By the President.

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Graduates—Degrees.

Bachelor of Arts—Ruby Vaughn Downs, Lois Reed, Gertrude Tisdale, Mamie Killian, Anna Belle Phifer, Vera Jones.

Bachelor of Science—Elizabeth Avery, Ethel Mae Rodo, Melson Barfield, Minnie Seigel Jones, Sadie L. Callier, Lucy May Jones, Katie Bell Clements, Carrie Littlejohn, Mae Hasty, Viola Elizabeth Rose.

Bachelor of Literature—Winnie Davis Hodo, Mary Amason Dixon.

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PROGRAM

Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Central Baptist Association, to be held at Union Church, Central, Elmore County, Alabama, on May 28, 29.

SATURDAY.

10:00 a. m. Devotional Exercises—Rev. R. L. Estes.
 10:30 a. m. "What Constitutes a Good Church"—Rev. J. D. Hughes. Discussion: V. M. Harris and R. W. Stuckey.
 11:00 a. m. "The Supreme Mission of the Church"—Rev. R. F. Stuckey. Discussion: Revs. W. R. Whatley and R. M. Cooper.
 1:30 p. m. "The Deacon and His Duty"—Pastor of Goodwater church. Discussion: Rev. A. S. Smith and J. C. Maxwell.
 2:30 p. m. "What Constitutes a Good Church Member?"—Rev. D. S. Martin. Discussion: Revs. J. H. Singleton and J. W. Dunlap.
 3:00 p. m. "The Necessity for Cooperation Among the Churches"—Rev. C. H. German. Discussion: Revs. J. C. Thomas and J. W. Hamner.
 8:00 p. m. Laymen's meeting, led by J. C. Maxwell and J. P. Arant.

SUNDAY.

9:00 a. m. Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. C. Thomas.
 9:30 a. m. Sunday School Addresses—Judge A. D. Bentley, T. S. Christian, Jr., and J. A. Darden.
 11:00 a. m. Sermon—Rev. A. S. Smith.
 1:30 p. m. "The Work of the Woman's Missionary Union"—Mrs. A. S. Harlan and Mrs. N. S. Walker.
 2:30 p. m. Echoes from the Southern Baptist convention.
 We earnestly request all churches in the association to send representatives. All members of the executive committee are requested to be present on the first day's meeting.
 J. A. HOWLE,
 Chairman Ex. Com.

Commencement Program Baptist Collegiate Institute, Newton, Ala., 1910.

Tuesday, May 24, 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. James Allen Smith, Columbia, Ala.
 2:30 p. m., music recital and primary entertainment.
 7:30 p. m., anniversary of literary societies.
 Wednesday, May 25, 9:30 a. m., graduating exercises.
 2:30 p. m., Sunday school address and awarding certificates, etc., in Sunday school work.
 7:30 p. m., musical entertainment.
 Thursday, May 26, 7:30 p. m., meeting of alumni.
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Program of the Commencement Exercises of Bridgeport Academy, 1909-1910.

Saturday night, May 21, 8 o'clock, annual meeting of the board of trustees.
 Sunday morning, May 22, 11 o'clock, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. E. Brown, D. D., Asheville, N. C.
 Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the missionary sermon by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., Alabama state mission secretary.
 Monday evening, May 23, 8 o'clock, entertainment by the primary and intermediate departments.

Tuesday morning, May 24, 10 o'clock, entertainment by the literary societies.

Tuesday afternoon, reception by the literary societies.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock pay lecture by Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn.

Wednesday morning, May 25, 9:30 o'clock, academic recitations and essays.

Literary address by Dr. J. J. Taylor.

A GOOD MEETING.

We have just closed a great meeting at the East Florence Baptist church. For fifteen days the spirit of God did its great work of reproving men and women of sin. Some say this was the greatest meeting ever held at this church and as a result the church has been greatly revived—61 sinners saved and 12 or more backsliders reclaimed. It was a meeting of great power. There was good cooperation throughout the entire meeting. Our county missionary, Rev. W. R. Puckett, did the preaching. Bro. Puckett is a strong gospel preacher. There is no clap trap methods used by him to get men to confess. He is safe and sound, giving no uncertain sound to the gospel. One thing to be admired of him is this: every statement he makes he proves by the word of God. The pastor is happy, the community is happy and the angels in heaven are happy as a result of the power of God and the salvation of souls. There have been 23 additions and more yet to follow. Brethren, pray for this humble pastor and his flock that we may be able to do still greater things for God. God bless all you brethren all over the state and give you great meetings is my prayer. And let us pray for the editor, his family and our Alabama Baptist that its columns may be enriched and its circulation enlarged until our churches have awakened to the situation. Let us not study so much about the comet, and think more about souls that are not ready for the coming of the Lord.
 J. E. MERRELL.

IN MEMORIAM.

Miss E. N. Abernathy was born Nov. 18, 1841. She was married to Mr. H. W. Hammond Dec. 12, 1867. She united with the Baptist church at Rock Springs August, 1893. She passed from earth to heaven April 17, 1910.

Funeral services were conducted by her one time pastor, Dr. W. C. Bledsoe.

Mrs. Hammond leaves a heart-broken husband, one son and four daughters to mourn her loss.

She was a good woman and did with her might what her hands found to do.

She will be missed, not only by her immediate family, but by a large circle of other relatives and friends as well.

Farewell, precious one. We know that thou art "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

ELLEN HAMMOND NEWMAN.

When Mr. Rockefeller joined the church as a little boy a few other children joined, and some of the old members rejoiced, but said it was a pity that no financial strength had been added to the cause.—Baptist World.

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Two nice eighty-year-old ladies, twins, from Connecticut, were among those who shook hands with Roosevelt in Egypt the other day. They were travelling around for amusement and finding it. Age is not so much a matter of years as it is an attitude of mind. The mind that does not shut itself away from life is the one that progresses and keeps the body young.

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SOME FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST PRINCIPLES.

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That God has revealed in the Bible what men should believe concerning Himself and their relations to Him.

That the Bible, as a revelation from God, and especially the New Testament as the word of fulfillment, is the only safe rule of faith and practice for the Christian. Hence man-made creeds and confessions, though convenient as general statements of things believed, are not binding on the free Christian conscience.

That God is revealed in the Bible as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a mystery not definable in human speech, but to be received by faith.

That Jesus Christ, Son of man and Son of God, came into the world by supernatural generation, lived a perfectly sinless life, and by His sacrificial death upon the cross made atonement, or reconciliation to God, possible for a race under divine condemnation on account of sin.

That man is by nature sinful, and must be spiritually recreated before he can enter the kingdom of God. This recreation can be secured only by faith in Christ.

That all men are free to accept, or reject the salvation offered in Christ because it is written that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but may have everlasting life."

That inasmuch as the New Testament prescribes the terms of admission to membership in a church of Christ, no human authority has a right to modify or abrogate them.

That Jesus Christ is head over all to the church, whose law is his will and whose will it is the duty and the delight of his servants to obey.—The Examiner.

NOTICE.

To Those Who Expect to Come to the State Baptist Convention July 19, 20 and 21:

We want to request all who expect to come to the convention to send in their names as early as possible, so as to avoid rush at the very last in assigning homes.

If you will send us your name we will send you a card telling you who you will stop with during the convention. By adhering strictly to this request you will greatly help us in making the convention a success.

Our people are busying themselves getting everything ready for this great meeting, and we expect to have everything ready.

We want to have homes for everybody, and will, but by sending us your name before you come, you will greatly help us in carrying out our plans without confusion.

We have established Baptist headquarters, and from time to time until the convention assembles the entertainment committee will be in session there, and if we get your name you may know with whom you will stop long before the convention meets.

Address all your letters to myself as chairman of this committee or to J. W. Walker. A. B. METCALFE.

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