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Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander, at 2 p. m. July 12, Felix, Ala., Mr. Julian Lee Stroud, of Marion, Ala., to Miss Lila Mae Alexander.—L. M. Bradley.

The pastor, Bro. J. B. Byrd, assisted by Bro. L. L. Gwaltney, has just closed a very successful meeting here. There were three added to the church and the entire membership greatly blessed. With best wishes for the Baptist and its readers—W. C. Reeves, Chapman.

Enclosed you will find check to pay subscription for the Alabama Baptist for 1911. I did not send it in time to help you out with the coal man, but perhaps it will help pacify the ice man. Wishing you success, I am yours truly—H. C. Greenhill.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find postoffice money order for \$1, for which please send me the Alabama Baptist for one year. Send at present to Marbury, Ala. Fraternal yours—Frank Moody Purser.

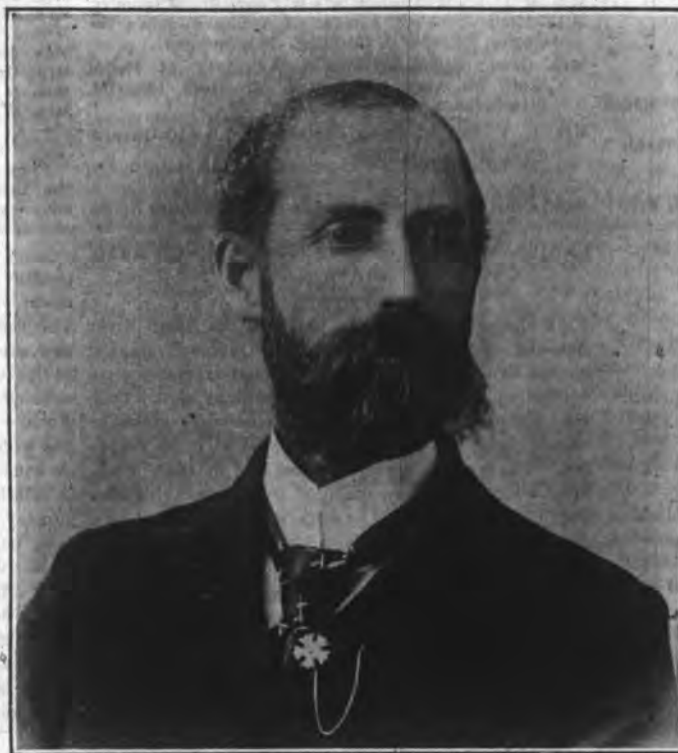
(Glad to know he is at work in Alabama.)

Please move my subscription up to January 1, 1912. When I am paid ahead the paper is just splendid and I read it with interest, but when I get behind with my subscription then I lose interest in it, and the "old thing ain't worth the price" and "there ain't nothing in it." See? Long live the Baptist. Your brother—W. T. Hardy.

Please publish the following notice: Autauga county fifth Sunday meeting. Place, Prattville Baptist church; time, Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30; desire, every Baptist church in the county represented; purpose, advancement of the Baptist cause in Autauga. Program will be published later. Yours truly—E. T. Smith.

The revival at Midway closed last night (Wednesday, July 13). We had indeed a great meeting. The crowds and the interest increased to the last. The meeting resulted in 14 accessions to the church, 12 by experience and baptism. The church gave about \$90 for evangelism. Bro. Foster is a fine man and doing a good work at Midway.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist.

The B. Y. P. U. of Boyles met on Wednesday, June 28, and the following officers were elected: Miss Eunice Jordan, president; Miss Bessie Murphree, vice-president; Miss Gertrude Murphree, secretary; Miss Nellie Frith, corresponding secretary; Miss Rosa Humphrey, librarian. Committees: Devotional, Miss Bessie Murphree, Miss Gertrude Murphree, Miss Beatrice Graham; membership, Mr. C. Gilbert, Mr. Clyde Moore, Miss Ella Mangrum; social, Miss Nellie Frith, Miss Ella March, Miss Rosa Humphrey. Yours in Christ—Miss Nellie Frith, Corresponding Secretary.



HON. R. E. PETTUS, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

Unanimously Re-elected President of the State Convention at Greenville.

We are glad to hear from Mrs. J. E. Davis that her sister, Mrs. B. Pleasant Roach, together with her husband and two children, will reach Birmingham by the middle of August. They are our missionaries in Yintak, South China, and are returning home via England. This will be good news to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roach.

I was reared in Alabama, but have been in Arkansas since 1891. I am 35 years old. I am pastor of a fine little church of 200 members located at Gentry, Ark., the land of "big red apples," in the heart of the Ozark mountains. The altitude is too great for me, causing me to have rheumatism, so I think I shall go south before winter. As your state is my old home, no other place would suit me better. Sincerely yours—J. R. Barnett.

(Hope some church in Alabama will call Bro. Barnett.)

Last fifth Sunday we ordained two deacons, Brethren Key and Windsor, at Mt. Arat church. Brother Daniel Burdeshaw, of Kinsey, assisted me. The second Sunday night in May we ordained at Kinsey Brother Wm. Maddox. The other brother was sick. Will ordain him later. The third Sunday in May we ordained four at Pleasant Hill—Brethren William and Julius Parish, also Brethren Frank Hoffman and Albert Jordan. Am glad to say that they have gone to work in good earnest. Brother Zack Williams helped me at Pleasant Hill. On the second Sunday night in this month I assisted Brother Daniel Burdeshaw to ordain four deacons at Ebenezer church,

three miles from here—Brethren Carroll, Spiers, Ready and Ward. Wishing you much success—W. H. Stewart, Ashford, Ala.

Dear Brother Barnett Since completing my course in law at the University of Alabama I have located here in Gadsden. Through the good graces of a good father "back at home" your paper, together with the Baptist World, comes to me each week. Have been immensely enjoying the last issues, in that they have been full of the good things that were had at the late meeting of the Baptist World's Alliance. May the good things ever come our way. Most respectfully—Chas. S. Bentley, Gadsden.

Dear Brother Barnett: Am now beginning my summer's work. Will be at Steele's next week (week after the fourth Sunday). This is one of my churches. Brother Stodghill will be with me to do the preaching. He will have one of his members, Bro. Springfield, to do the singing. Will go from there to Mt. Hebron, on Sand Mountain, another one of my churches. Rev. J. Ed Lowery will do the preaching. We have been organizing and praying that our Lord would do great things through us at the two last mentioned places. Bro. Lowery and I will come to Altoona to complete my revival work on my own field. We are looking forward to a great time here. I will be with Bro. D. D. Head at Oneonta the last of August; also with Bro. Head at Village Springs the 1st of September. May the Lord bless you and the paper. Fraternal—L. L. Hearn, Altoona.

State Convention minutes wanted to complete file in office at Montgomery for 1874 and 1876.—W. B. Crumpton.

Gordon Poteat, son of Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., has entered the ministry.

Rev. J. W. Partridge left Saturday for Vina, where he is assisting in a revival meeting at that place this week.—Russellville Times.

I enjoy reading the Baptist more and more, and wish every Baptist would take the paper. Wishing you happiness and success, I remain yours for the work of Christ—Mrs. J. S. Poole.

A series of meetings closed at Notasulga last Sunday night. Rev. Chas. H. German, pastor, did the preaching. His sermons were strong and earnest. Good congregations attended the services, and much good was accomplished. Two were baptized. Fraternal—R. L. Jackson.

Seventy-five children took part in our annual children's service at Bethel on the fourth Sunday. The sermon delivered by Rev. D. F. Funderburg, our pastor, was an excellent one for the occasion. There was spirit all through the services. I want to praise Bro. R. M. Hunter on his good write-up of the hard-to-please church.—John F. Courson, Odenville, Ala.

We are going to have A. A. Walker with us at Crudup after the third Sunday for a ten days meeting. Crudup is a mining town owned by the Sloss Iron and Steel Company of about 400 population. Very few Christians. Pray for us that Bro. Walker may be a success here in the salvation of souls. Will tell you later about the meeting.—J. S. Brock, Pastor.

Rev. I. G. Murray, formerly pastor at Lafayette, is supplying the First Baptist church, Hot Springs, until Pastor-elect Rev. C. F. J. Tate, of Dayton, Ohio, arrives. Bro. Murray will be ready for permanent work on August 1. Here is a chance for some Baptist church in Alabama to get a good man.

I have just closed two great meetings. At Mt. Enon, near Dothan, we had 23 additions. At this church Rev. W. C. Kirkland is pastor. A good pastor and preacher, too, is he. The people love him. At Pleasant Grove we had seven additions. This is a great church, with Rev. J. H. Gunter as pastor. Bro. Gunter is a most lovable pastor to work with. Our meeting at Goshen is now in progress. Rev. W. R. Riggell, one of Howard College's best and most lovable preachers, is helping me in the meeting. The meeting bids fair to be a good one. My time is engaged in meetings till October. Pray for us. Your brother—J. L. Hand.

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Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.—John 2:5.

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Y. W. A. Watchword:

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.—Daniel 12:3.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

I tread no-path in life to Him unknown;
I lift no burden, bear no pain alone,
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found;
The "Everlasting Arms," my life surround.
—Edith Hickman Divall.

DURING JULY.

We study about evangelism and church building.
We give to Home Missions; as women's societies, to immigrant and frontier work; as Y. W. A.'s, to mountain schools; as R. A. and S. B. B.'s, to Home Mission Board schools and Indians.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Southern District. In this district we have eight associations, five of which are organized.

Our work in the Judson Association, of which Mrs. J. H. Norton, of Abbeville, is superintendent. We have three out of the 26 churches with societies.

Our missionary to Shaghai—Miss Willie Kelly. The reaching of the year's apportionment.

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Mobile Association at Prichard on Thursday.

MONROEVILLE MEETING, JUNE 27.

The meeting was called to order by the associational superintendent, Mrs. B. B. Finklea, who extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. On call of the roll fairly good reports were made by the different societies.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Knight. Several inspiring talks were given by Mesdames Finklea, Gilmore and Nettles, who attended the Jacksonville convention. All present were filled with enthusiasm and felt the inspiration of their earnestness.

Lunch was served on the grounds, after which the institute reconvened with singing and repeating of scripture verses.

Mrs. F. P. Cunningham gave an interesting talk on our state work and its appeal to us. No society could hear this talk without feeling that they would enter upon a new era of labor and achievement in the building up of Christ's kingdom in our state.

We deemed it quite a privilege to have with us Miss Mallory, whose heart was aglow with enthusiasm as she told us of the work for the new year as outlined at Jacksonville. She led us to see the great need of meeting our apportionment and the plan for reaching it.

"God's Tenth" was ably discussed in a paper by Mrs. Julia Betts, who led us to realize that if we would only give one-tenth of what the Lord is entrusting to us we could send our millions to carry the gospel, while as it now is we Southern Baptists do not average 2 cents a month to give the gospel to the dying in foreign lands.

After Miss Mallory's half hour with the Sunbeams the institute closed with singing "Saved to Serve" and repeating in concert the 8th verse of the 121st Psalm.
MISS CALLIE FAULK.

LADIES' MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

An all-day meeting of the ladies of the North River Association was held with the Oakman Baptist church Friday, July 7. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. I. Odum, president of the Oakman society. The words of welcome were given by Miss Crump, and responded to by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton. The various societies then told of their work, after which taks were made on the Jacksonville convention by Mrs. J. H. Longcler, of Jasper; Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Kathleen Mallory, who also spoke of the new apportionment.

After lunch the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. D. W. Morgan, those present repeating memory verses of Scripture and offering sentence prayers. The minutes of the last all-day meeting at Jasper were then read by Miss Virda Baker. Mrs. Della Wingo discussed the "Standard of Excellence," after which Miss Mallory outlined the work for the new year. The blessings of the summer encampment were told by Mrs. Hamilton, who also made a talk to the Sunbeams.
MRS. JOSIE ODOM, President.

MISS VIRDA BAKER, Secretary.

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TO US.

The following articles on "The Gospel of Missions," "The Personal Touch" and "Prayer and Missions" were written to our Southern Baptist ministers by Dr. S. J. Porter, but in essentially every particular they may also be applied to our work as presidents of the missionary societies. Let us gratefully read them and practically apply them as best we can:

"The Gospel of Missions."

The Bible is a missionary book. The sublimest passages of the prophets were inspired by the mis-

sionary vision. The gospels contain the missionary charter and program. The Book of Acts is an account of missionary operations trials and triumphs. The Epistles of Paul are the product of a missionary pen wielded in a missionary atmosphere. The Book of Revelation tells of the glorious missionary consummation. All preaching ought to bear on the world's conquest. In fact, we fall utterly to touch the wider circles of the gospel unless our horizon is as wide as the world. The great theme of the gospel is missions, and if the pastor is ablaze with its missionary subject and spirit, his church will likewise soon be kindled. In the words of Charles Cubbert Hall, "Without the missionary passion they are not able ministers of the New Testament; they are disabled, deficient, half equipped; they lack the fullness of the spirit of Christ."

Alexander, the greatest warrior of ancient times, if not indeed of all times, used to carry with him in his campaigns a copy of Homer's Iliad, which he called "a portable treasure of military knowledge." This book he read on his marches, memorizing much of it while in camp, and slept with it under his pillow with his sword. Thus he imbibed the spirit of Homer's daring hero warriors. He made real the poetic ideals of war found in the Iliad and so took the world by surprise and became its conqueror. When our pastors incarnate in their ministry the missionary ideals of the Old and New Testaments we may confidently look for the speedy evangelization of the whole world.

"The Personal Touch."

On the night before the battle of Salamis the Greek general went from ship to ship among their soldiers appealing to their patriotism and urging them to the highest valor. So must the pastor approach his people individually and lay the command of the Lord and the interests of the Kingdom immediately on their ears, if he is to prove himself the worthy director-general of the Christian forces entrusted to his leadership.

Hundreds of business men could be approached privately by their pastors on the subject of giving the gospel to all the world. In the quiet of the home, in the office, or on a hunting trip, by bringing these questions face to face with the Christian business men, the pastor could induce some who are now giving one dollar to give ten, some who give ten could be led to give a hundred and some who give hundreds could be influenced to give thousands. This thing has been done repeatedly. The time has come for us to quit the shallows and begin to "do business in great waters." It is time for the leaders of God's people to think in world-embracing terms and to press the crown rights of the King in a vigorous and commanding way. When rightly presented the dignity and grandeur of the enterprise appeal to far-sighted, big-brained business men. Men love to follow a leader who has seen a large vision and who goes ahead sure of his ground.

Many young people become greatly interested in missions when approached with tact and earnestness. The pastor who neglects to have a mission study class of young people is missing one of the greatest opportunities for which it is worth while to live. If he cannot go to the foreign field himself, he ought to consider himself a recruiting agent to get others to go. Dr. H. C. Mable, of the Baptist Missionary Union, during a tour through Asia, met twelve differ-

ent persons either on the fields or the route to the fields, who had been influenced by himself as their former pastor to become missionaries.

"Prayer and Missions."

So closely linked are prayer and missions that it may be said that the history of missions is a history of prayer. Every conspicuous step of missionary progress seems to have been the outcome of expectant, believing prayer, and in many striking instances it is possible to trace the connection between the prayer and its answer. So often has this been the case that we may accept it as true that throughout the history of missions progress has seemed to wait on prayer.

We are not praying enough for the coming of the Kingdom. It is not an easy thing to pray. Our Lord agonized in prayer. A holy privilege of the pastor is to lead his people in this sacred exercise. It is not enough that he pray in secret; he should lead his church to become mighty in intercession for the salvation of the whole world. To lead in this is to lead into the holy place of power. Johannes Gossner, founder of the Gossner Missionary Society, relied on prayer more than any other force. Of him it has been said, "He prayed mission stations into being, and missionaries into faith; he prayed open the hearts of the rich and gold from the most distant lands." Before his death he had sent out 140 missionaries, and usually had not less than 20 of them depending entirely on him for support. How sorely we need more such prayer leaders today.

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THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

In second Corinthians nine fifteen, Paul gives utterance to the inexpressible: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Paul, the inspired penman, was not only versed in Scriptural knowledge, but he spent much time in profound meditation upon the mystery of godliness. For the enrichment of the soul there is nothing better. An illustration of this is found in the First Psalm.

As recipients, people are generally concerned about gifts. And he who has the information that will enable an individual to come into possession of rich gifts, has the undivided attention of such an one. In the truest sense of the word Christians are in possession of this information; though many of them seem to be like the man, who on his inherited estate, thought himself poor, for he had not learned that he was the owner of a rich but undeveloped gold mine.

How much time have you spent in meditation upon this truth, "The unspeakable gift of God?" It is profitable both for knowledge and growth.

The giver is Jehovah himself who is adored by the angels of heaven: but unworshipped, unserved, and unloved by the creatures for whom the gift was made. Furthermore, man had transgressed His law, and sin as a thick cloud separated between God and man. "Heaven is love, not that he loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins.

The gift is a free one. God was in no way compelled or obligated by man. He needed the priceless boon but there was no ground upon which he might claim such a gift. It was not only free, it was undeserved. For by sin man had fallen from his first estate, having transgressed the law of God—and this is sin. And in the eye of God sin not only deserves but must receive punishment. Hence man's desert is condemnation. Therefore the gift is free, undeserved, and voluntary; being prompted by divine compassion. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The gift was voluntary on the part of Christ, who says in John 10:18, speaking of his life, "No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of myself."

This unspeakable gift is a continuous one; and nothing could be of more importance. The beggar is highly fed today by some generous hand, but before the week is gone he is again hungry. Men have received large gifts, in a material way, and before reaching the end of life's journey they have come to want. Not so with those who receive God's unspeakable gift. They possess an everlasting inheritance—having become heirs of that which is imperishable and passeth not away. This enables man to more nearly appreciate the value of the gift; which cannot be expressed either in words or in figures. Ten thousand worlds, as a gift, would in no way approximate the value of God's gift to man. He impoverished heaven, that through his poverty men might become rich.

This gift is unspeakable in its efficacious effect. Through it and by its acceptance on the part of man, pardon comes to the otherwise hopeless sinner. In things spiritual man is a pauper without power or merit, for sin must be punished. The vicarious suffering of Christ has made it possible for man, by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, to stand before God as just. But God does not stop where the governor of a state is compelled to stop—with pardoning the transgressor. "The unspeakable gift of God, 'the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'" Having been adopted into the family of God, the mind is directed toward that continuous process—sanctification; becoming less like self and more like Christ; growing in grace and knowledge of the truth—striving with reverent fear to work out the inborn principle, the hidden life. And prompted by the supreme motive, glorifying God, to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling as it is in Christ Jesus; knowing that when the last battle has been fought, the course has been finished, with faith unwavering; the pardoned, cleansed, and sanctified being shall be glorified with Christ.

In view of all this what are the recipients to do? They are to realize that the body is the Holy Spirit's temple, and therefore not defile it; and that the body and mind as well as the soul, have been purchased with a price; and that not with gold or silver or corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ. To become doers of the word, and no hearers only. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Those who have experienced hunger of soul and have fed upon the Bread of Heaven are blessed indeed. In like manner they are to go forth and bless others. And one of the deeper meanings of the word "bless" is "to stoop to serve." God said to Abram, "I will bless thee, . . . and thou shalt be a blessing." Which means, "I will stoop to serve thee, and thou shalt stoop to serve the race. "Verily, verily, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his lord, nor one that is sent greater than he who sent him."

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

"Love so amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

C. N. JAMES.

Oxford, Alabama.

AUGUST THE HARD MONTH.

Let the country and town churches be diligent to keep up their gifts for August, since it is certain the city churches will give nothing in that month. All the interests on the calendar will have needs in August, just as in any other month.

Some pastors will be tempted to put off the collection because the meeting is going on. I beg that this be not done. It will not interfere in the least with the meeting. It ought to help rather than hinder.

The New Year

now begins. If we are to do the great work laid out at Greenville we must begin right now. The 200,000 Baptists are going to be asked to give for missions alone \$100,000. Shall we do it? What do the pastors say? If they answer in the affirmative and begin right now it will be done. To let up in August means to surrender at the very start.

I have some notes of the convention for next week. The outlook is glorious, is all I need say now.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

COLLINSVILLE.

On Sunday, July 16, it was my privilege to be at Collinsville, in DeKalb county. Brother J. M. Rogers, who was graduated from Howard College at the close of the last session and who expects to go to the seminary in fall, is supplying this church, and has made a fine impression on the church and the community in general. The church regrets that he has not finished his education, as they would be glad to make him a proposition to become their permanent pastor. Brother Rogers was engaged in a protracted meeting at one of his other churches and was not at the service on Sunday morning.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather we had a good congregation in the morning. The Collinsville brethren made more than one effort to arrange an appointment for me at Fort Payne for the night service, but could get no reply to their communications. The Fort Payne saints are without a pastor and are apparently indifferent about having preaching, or, at least, indifferent to the visit of a secretary.

The ladies of the Collinsville church are anxious to build a pastor's home in order to locate a minister in their community. They have bought and paid for a lot costing \$400 and have secured plans for a very attractive and comfortable house. Collinsville, with a pastor's home and two country churches, would make an attractive field for a strong young man. The opportunities for usefulness in the surrounding territory are great and promising. With such a man to lead them the church would, I believe, support a pastor for all his time after a year or two.

No appointment having been made for me at Fort Payne I was announced to preach at Collinsville again at night, but had the same experience that Prof. Macon and Brother Strickland had there several weeks ago—that is, the service was prevented by a hard rain.

I was entertained in the homes of Brethren G. Y.

Newman and J. L. Reeves, and was most cordially and kindly treated. I have promised to return some time this summer and lecture for the ladies on "A Journey Around the World."

W. J. E. COX.

In Harper's for January is printed a newly discovered account of an Englishman's visit to Elba which gives an interesting view of Napoleon's life there: Madame Varitini said he took no care of himself, going frequently about his grounds without hat in the rain, standing in the cold, half dressed, regardless of currents of air. They upbraided him for such carelessness, but he does not pay the least attention to them. She said that in August last she went to his hermitage near Marciana with other ladies to spend the day with him. In the course of it, the weather being very hot, he stepped into a stream of limpid water above his knees, and leaning forward amused himself for some time in opposing the current with his hands and beating the water about. He seemed absorbed in thought, laid himself on the bank and slept for two hours. When he awoke he seemed dull and uneasy in his mind, noticing no one. They urged him to change his dress, but he refused. At six o'clock the evening air was cool and induced him to put on a dry suit.

The will of Mrs. Carrie Nation, who died recently at Leavenworth, Kans., has been probated in Washington. It was executed in 1907, and in it Mrs. Nation declared herself to be a resident of Washington. The estate disposed of is valued at about \$10,000, consisting of houses and lots in Guthrie and Shawnee, Oklahoma; an account of \$100 in an Alexandria, Va., bank and a life insurance policy. To the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas, Mrs. Nation bequeathed her book of "My Life" and all rights thereunder. She leaves \$50 a month to Mrs. Carlton A. McNabb, an only child. Mrs. McNabb's children are to receive \$500 each. The remainder of the estate is to be given to the Carrie Nation Home for Drunkard's Wives and Widows, at Kansas City, for a home for children 12 years old and under.—Exchange.

Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts. None of us yet know, for none of us have been taught in early youth, what fairy palaces we may build of beautiful thought,—proof against all adversity. Bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful savings, treasure-houses of precious and restful thoughts, which care cannot disturb, nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take away from us,—houses built without hands, for our souls to live in.—J. Ruskin.

One of the results of the revivals which took place in the Boer prison camps during the South African war was the foundation of the Boer Missionary Institute at Worcester, South Africa. One hundred and fifty-five young people have already passed through the course, sixty of them being on the field, while the rest are engaged in further study in the Wellington Seminary and elsewhere. The Institute purposes also to provide school teachers for the Boer people.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children, who has filled his niche, has accomplished his task, who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or rescued soul, who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had, whose life is an inspiration, whose money a benediction."

The mother of John Wesley gave him for a rule of life the following:

"Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things—in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind—that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself."

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It has been our blessed privilege to have Rev. J. N. Vandiver, who is the Butler County Association evangelist, to preach to us a week at Garland Baptist church. We had a good meeting and feel that Bro. Vandiver accomplished great and lasting good in our town. God bless him as he goes preaching to the churches of our association.—G. D. Bragan.

I am now at Tuscumbia on a visit to my daughter, Mrs. W. L. Stanley. Will go Hillsboro tomorrow and preach there next Sunday. I served the church at Hillsboro for a number of years as pastor. I will preach at Moulton on the fourth Sunday. This is another church I served before and after the civil war for a number of years. Will spend a while at Decatur and near Trinity, my former home. I expect to preach at Trinity Baptist church on the fifth Sunday. I hope you will have a good convention.—Josephus Shackelford.

It has been more than two month since we left Alabama and our Alabama friends to go to Broughton's Infirmary to have a most serious operation performed. We are profoundly grateful to God for His mercy and love in affliction. "He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved." We wish to say to our inquiring friends that we hope to return to Gurley and to our Alabama friends about the first of August. May the blessings of God abide upon you and the Alabama Baptist.—J. L. McKenney, Gurley, Ala.

The revival which we held at the "Pipe Works" began very unfavorable; people indifferent and content with no church or Sunday school, but by the grace of God we succeeded in organizing a Baptist church with eight members and the prospect of several more. This place, with Fossil, gives the Baptists two fairly good churches and Sabath schools, which we hope will be looked after and kept alive by our old stand-bys, the Howard boys. Pipe Works brethren want to build a home now. So anything any good brother may do to help them will be helping the only church organization in this place. May God add His blessings to the little branches and help them to grow into mighty trees.—M. W. Mis, F. M. Matthews.

I have accepted a call to the Abbeville, Ala., Baptist church, and will take charge the 1st of September. You will remember that I was pastor there three years ago, and left there to come here. Now they have called me back, and I am going. I believe that the hand of the Lord is in it, and that I am in a better position to serve them now than I was before, for I am better acquainted with the situation; besides my health is so much better than it was when I was there last. I hope to do the very best work of my life at Abbeville. The Lord blessed me signally before, and the people of the church and community treated us royally. No pastor was ever treated with more consideration and more kindly than they treated us. With best wishes for you and the success of the Alabama Baptist, I am sincerely yours —Ed S. Atkinson.

(We welcome Bro. Atkinson back to Alabama.)

The B. Y. P. U. at Richmond Place Baptist church held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, July 11. After the regular program was carried out the following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Miss Maude Strother; first vice-president, Miss Pearl Strother; second vice-president, Mr. Braxton Hodge; secretary, Miss Alma Lee Blackwell; corresponding secretary, Miss Lillian Robinson. All the members are very much enthused and expect to make this term count more for the upbuilding of the work than any other in the past.—Corresponding Secretary.

Quite a few of the members of the Baptist Young People's Union gathered in the lecture room of the Clayton Street Baptist church Tuesday evening for a social and election of officers for the next six months. The ballot box was open from 8 to 9:30 p. m. The first part of the evening was spent in a social way, which the members used in forming the acquaintance of all strangers and enrolling new members. At 9:30 the ballot box was opened and the votes counted and canvassed. Messrs. Albert Winterath and W. D. Peabworth were in charge of this part of the program. The next on the program was the Bible drill, which greatly reminded the old-fashioned spelling bee. All the questions were simple, but soon both sides were getting down. Refreshments were then in order, after which every one went home feeling happy and with a firm resolution to attend all B. Y. P. U. social ever afterwards. Those elected to serve the next six months are as follows: President, Mr. Otto Hake; secretary, Miss Mary White; treasurer, Miss Mary Lee Jones; organist, Miss Hettie Toole; Librarian, Mr. Guy Shannon.

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PARAGRAPHS

Greenville's main street is well paved, and on all sides were evidences of enterprise.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, who was selected as secretary of the ministers' meeting, understands how to report a meeting.

Dr. J. W. McGlothlin, who came to represent the seminary, is one of the ablest thinkers in the faculty of that great school of the Baptists.

Rev. A. T. Sims was unanimously elected to preside at the ministers' meeting, and he did it well. He is one of our most dependable and able pastors.

Dr. W. F. Yarborough, of Anniston, is one of the pastors in Alabama who believes that the minister should be in close touch with the Sunday school. He magnifies his office as pastor.

Rev. S. A. Cowan had a delicate subject, "The Minister and Church Finances," but he tackled it and brought out some telling points against some modern methods.

Pastor L. L. Gwaltney, the host of the convention, had the heartfelt sympathy of the delegates because of the death of his lovely little baby girl.

Rev. Eldred M. Stewart made a short, but stirring, talk on "The Minister and His Prayer Meeting." A subject well worth being prayed over.

Tuesday afternoon during the ministers' meeting there was such a great downpour of rain as to make it hard to hear the speakers.

Rev. R. S. Gavin, pastor, historian and evangelist, made a strong talk on "Reaching the Masses With the Gospel."

Rev. T. O. Reese, the Home Board evangelist, was present, getting pleasure out of meeting a number of his old South Alabama friends.

Rev. A. T. Sims, an ideal pastor, was a fitting one to lead a discussion on "The Minister and Pastoral Work." To shepherd a flock is no easy task.

The devotional services of the ministers' meeting were conducted by Rev. J. G. Dobbins, who gave an illuminating talk on the 23rd Psalm.

H. L. Strickland, our wide-awake Sunday school expert in Alabama, conducted a teachers' training class each day from 8 to 9 o'clock, which proved most interesting and helpful.

Dr. W. H. Smith, editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, an old Alabama boy, who has put the Foreign Mission Journal to the front, was present, much to the pleasure of his many friends.

Rev. P. L. Moseley, who preached the sermon on Monday night, upheld the saying which is current in his home association, "That he is the out-preaching-est feller for his looks in Alabama." He is truly a strong and vigorous gospel preacher.

Greenville Baptists have a most home-like church. Its interior is decorated with taste, and its memorial windows are artistic and the subjects well selected. The pipe organ is melodious and the floor is well carpeted. During the convention the flowers and palms evidenced the fact that the Baptists of Greenville loved flowers.

The hospitality of the Greenville Baptists is proverbial, but even it was strained to entertain the convention, but the other denominations with true Christian spirit came to the rescue and opened wide their homes to the delegates and visitors. Ye editor was delightfully entertained by Bro. W. J. Beeland and his charming wife.

Greenville is a city overflowing with milk, honey and figs, a heavenly diet. P. S.—Fried chickens were ripe during the convention.

Rev. Arnold S. Smith is well posted on the "Minister and Woman's Work," as was shown by his talk to the pastors.

The homes of Greenville are, as a rule, well kept, and the yards are filled with flowers, and the lawns are green and well cut. The trees are beautiful.

Dr. J. L. Rosser, who spends much time with books, spoke eloquently, yet forcefully, on "The Minister in His Study." The necessity of preparation was emphasized.

Dr. Richard Hall was well chosen to speak on the "Minister and Missions," as he not only knows the needs, but has his heart in mission work.

The sermon Tuesday morning by Dr. W. J. E. Cox to ministers well repaid every busy pastor for getting to the convention a day before its convening. He presented facts in a forceful way.

Rev. W. J. Elliott had a fine selection of books on hand for the convenience of the brethren. He is doing a good work as superintendent of the Alabama Bible Society.

This present session of the convention was the third time the convention has met in Greenville since its organization, the first time being in 1883, the second in 1897.

The topic on "Prayer Meetings" proved one of the liveliest subjects at the ministers' meeting. A number of pastors made interesting talks. We believe the discussion will do good.

Dr. P. T. Hale, who was present shaking hands with old friends, is yet remembered for the great ten years' work done by him at the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham.

Dr. B. D. Gray is always welcome at an Alabama Baptist convention, for we do not forget that this great Home Board Secretary once labored in the state and through his efforts helped us to save Howard College.

Tuesday morning the ministers meeting opened with over 50 pastors present, which was encouraging, as for several years the meeting had been dispensed with on account of the convention taking four days instead of three.

Bro. Crumpton had his "tracks" arranged in pigeonholes at the front door. One of the placards read, "Help Bro. Crumpton make 'Tracks.' Drop something into the treasury," the "treasury" being a tin box. Another placard read: "A brother wrote, 'Send me some of Bro. Crumpton's 'Tracks.' I need a Track. Take one—a Track.' He keeps 'everlastingly at it.'"

On Tuesday night Dr. A. J. Dickinson and Dr. C. A. Stakeley delivered addresses commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the English Bible. Dr. Dickinson's talk was on the "Translation Prior to Authorized Version," and Dr. Stakeley spoke on the "Authorized and Subsequent Versions." Despite the rain they had a large audience out to hear them.

The First Baptist church of Huntsville had a gavel made of wood taken from the root of a walnut tree that stood in the yard of the first Baptist church organized in Alabama. The Flint River church was organized near Brownsboro October 2, 1808, and it was the first church of that denomination in the state. An old walnut tree stood in the yard for many years. In cleaning up the land a few weeks ago a live root of the tree was dug up. It made a beautiful gavel, and was presented to the presiding officer of the convention.

No editor likes to publish poems or articles which can interest only one reader in a hundred.—Christian Register.

PARAGRAPHS

"Do you believe in using words of one syllable?" asked the student of politics. "Certainly not," replied Senator Sorghum. "Every real gentleman says 'perquisites' instead of 'graft.'"

"O living Church, thine errand speed,
Fulfill thy task sublime;
With bread of life earth's hunger feed;
Redeem the evil time!"

"Dear Clara," wrote the young man, "pardon me, but I'm getting so forgetful. I proposed to you last night, but forget whether you said yes or no."

"Dear Will," she replied by note, "so glad to hear from you. I know I said 'no' to some one last night but I had forgotten just who it was."

The University of Wisconsin will have an 80-year-old "co-ed" enrolled among its students in the fall. She is a Mrs. Winshipp, who was a friend of Abraham Lincoln. She has been studying for two years in the arts course of the Ohio state university.

James M. Buckley, editor Christian Advocate:

The Baptists have had something definite and distinctive in their doctrines and they have preached it with vigor and wonderfully lived up to it. Should they vaporize their principles in the manner of Dr. Aked on these subjects their strength will diminish; their very name, Baptist, will become a misnomer.

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"How can you say so? Didn't he give you that beautiful memorial window?"

"He did. And why? So he could be gazing at it with a benevolent and rapt expression when we are passing the contribution plate!"

It is said that some of the students in Paris, when perusing ancient books in the National Library, protect themselves with muzzles. This is done to prevent the inhalation of dangerous microbes, said to infest old volumes. Readers of a good many modern books also need to protect themselves against dangerous microbes. The latter are not inhaled. They enter the system through the eye, and their effect (which is not always immediate, but may cover a period of months or possibly years), is eventually to completely paralyze the morals of a man.—Exchange.

For the first time since the introduction of the automobile, a speedway or motor parkway of magnitude has been successfully established. It runs through the heart of Long Island and is 40 miles long. The remarkable project of building a Long Island Motor Parkway which would give the motorist an opportunity to indulge in any speed that might suit him, without fear of interruption or accident, originated with W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., of the New York Central railroad. Three million dollars have been spent on the project. It has been established as a business proposition, for the parkway can only be entered through one of the numerous pretty little lodges along the route, and an admission fee of one dollar is charged for every automobile.

Mr. Moody was exactly right when speaking of the kind of men needed. He said: "Some men are afraid of being too religious. What we need today is men who believe deep down in their souls what they profess. The world is tired and sick of sham. Let your whole heart be given up to God's service. Aim high. God wants us all to be his ambassadors. It is a position higher than that of any monarch on earth to be a herald of the cross, but you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic. Fox said that every Quaker ought to shake the country ten miles around. What does the Scripture say? "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight."

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In this, our fortieth report, we are able to make some comparisons which are most gratifying. We submit for publication with this report the receipts for Missions with the membership, so far as could be gathered, for each year of the forty-one of our history.

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Total for 41 years.....	\$369,732	\$256,967	\$383,454	\$1,010,139

A study of these figures will show a steady increase in membership every year since the statistics have been kept with any degree of accuracy. The receipts for Missions were fluctuating until 1900, since which time, with only a few exceptions, they have increased each year.

While our growth in numbers and contributions is gratifying, our gifts are not commensurate with our growth in material resources. Mr. Edmonds, of the Manufacturers' Record, probably as fine statistician as our country knows, who is also a working member of a Baptist church, said only a little while ago: "The south is increasing its wealth at the rate of seven million dollars a day, and twenty per cent of this wealth is coming into the hands of the Baptists." If this is so, what a mighty responsibility is coming upon the Baptists of Alabama, and all the south!

The contributions for this year include \$10,000 to each of the three Mission Boards from the estate of Brother J. C. Bush. We should endeavor to make an advance that will more than make up for the \$30,000 bequests, so that there may be no falling back another year. The committee on co-operation in its suggestions, have gone upon this idea. If an all-pervading ambition could dominate the preachers and churches to do something heroic, we would fix the figures at \$100,000 for Missions as suggested by the committee, \$25,000 for Home-Missions, which is the amount apportioned by the southern Baptist convention, and \$3,000 additional for chapel building; \$26,000 for Foreign Missions, the amount apportioned and, \$4,000 additional on the debt, with \$32,000 for State Missions. This would be something worthy of the great cause. We cannot afford to give one cent less than \$32,000 for State Missions. This would be almost double what we have given in either of the two last years; but the demand is upon us and we will be recreant to the great trust committed to us, unless we undertake it.

There are numbers of places along the railroads, to say nothing of the needs of the country, where the Baptists must take hold vigorously or lose the ground. Some of the points are in the midst of territory which is all our own now, but unfortunately our people on the ground, are undeveloped and do not see the importance of seizing the situation. The next winter will witness such a flood of new settlers in the state as we have never seen before. Aggressive work only, will hold what we have, and meet the new demands coming upon us. Now, with the finest crop that ever grew out of the ground, giving promise of such a harvest as we have never known, we should attempt great things for God, since we are expecting great things from his bountiful hand.

We began the year with a debt of \$3,900. It has continued with us; it is now \$5,275; a part of this \$2,090, is due the Bible and Colportage Fund, so that we owe outside parties, including the missionaries, \$3,184.

It is distressing to have to report a debt every year. It can be avoided; either by decreasing appropriations, or by the churches increasing contributions. The latter is the remedy we recommend to the convention.

In 1909, the financial system suggested by the board was formally adopted by the convention and recommended to the churches. It has been in use for two years. Only a few of the large churches

use it. Most of the town and village churches and many in the country, work it successfully.

It was to be expected in the beginning, there would be a falling off in contributions because of the introduction of the new plan. That was true for the three boards in 1910. But in 1911 we are in advance for all the boards over 1910. There would have been no falling off at all, but a large advance, if the leading churches had taken hold of the plan from the start.

Pastors had as well face the situation now: The prize, or high pressure, collection, has gone out never to return. That the pastors are conscious of this, is shown by their reluctance and, in many instances, by their flat refusal to make appeals to their churches. It is the sign of the dawning of sane Scriptural methods. But to give up the old and not introduce the new method means financial ruin to the churches and every denominational interest.

Experience and observation confirm us in the opinion that we should adhere to our financial scheme. The envelope system used with the wall cards and every member book, if persisted in, will solve all the financial troubles from which our churches have been suffering.

The Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., has helped us generously in our work, giving \$500 to the support of our state superintendent, and \$152 worth of Bibles, which was another contribution to our Sunday school department.

The Home Board, besides a generous appropriation to our general work, made liberal provision to the expense of the office. Besides this, it takes care of four mountain schools, aids the Swedish church in Baldwin county, and helps liberally on church building in Alabama.

The Foreign Board provided generously its share of the expense of prosecuting the campaign of Education in Alabama.

We are spending much for postage, printing, and extra clerk hire, in the effort to reach our people by every agency possible. The rural mail delivery is a great blessing, making it easier to reach more people in their homes; this we are doing by circular letters, tracts and books.

Brother W. J. Ray, after several years of successful evangelistic work, resigned to take work in Texas. Brother Curtis S. Shugart is the only man we have employed now in the state work. He has met with gratifying success thus far. Brother A. A. Walker, a very efficient evangelist, we have employed in the Birmingham association.

The choice of H. L. Strickland, as state Sunday school superintendent, we regard as most fortunate. He is eminently fitted for the place. Having been a business man, he knows men and easily fits into the public life he has to lead and his long experience as superintendent of a large up-to-date, Sunday school, eminently fits him for the training work our teachers so much need, we append herewith his report. The Sunday school department could be entirely supported by the Sunday schools, if the pastors would keep it before the superintendents and teachers. This they should do, not only to support the work, but to train the pupils in the grace of giving.

We have done little with the Colportage this year. Our fund is too small on which to operate successfully. The churches do well to make contributions to this cause in regular order. If the large churches would take hold of it and do as well in proportion, as the small ones, we would soon have something in hand with which to work.

We received from the estate of Brother J. C. Bush, a check for \$10,000 to be used as endowment. The following action was taken by the board:

First: That for the present, the money be lent out, to be secured by first mortgage on real estate. That the interest be accumulated and held as part of the endowment fund, the last recommendation being made in view of a possible investment of the fund in a home for the board.

Second: That the lending of said money and the management thereof, be placed in the hands of G. G. Miles, Geo. W. Ellis, L. Lasseter and W. B. Davidson, one of whom shall be made treasurer to be named by the board."

G. G. Miles was made treasurer. The committee reports that the money was loaned

for a term of years on the best security at eight per cent interest, the interest and \$1,000 of the principal to be paid each year.

Doubtless there are many persons who would remember the Lord in their wills, if they only knew how to frame the paper. We therefore, recommend a simple form to be printed on one page of the minutes, from year to year. We urge the pastors to call the attention of their people to it and encourage them to make bequests to worthy objects. If we are "Only remembered by what we have done," how comfortable it must be to the dying to feel that they have projected their lives into centuries to come, by leaving some of the means God has given into their keeping, for the benefit of His Kingdom.

The corresponding secretary attended the great Baptist World's Alliance in Philadelphia. A movement was launched there, for the establishment of a Baptist Theological Seminary in Europe. Young men, called of God into the ministry, many of them from countries where the Baptists are cruelly persecuted, greatly need such a school. The plan fallen upon was for the English Baptists to furnish the site and the Baptists from the other parts of the world to erect the building. One hundred thousand dollars was the amount named. The effort is to raise this amount in three years. Our secretary, very properly, we think, pledged Alabama for one thousand dollars. It might be well for the convention, in recognition of the great movement, to put its approval on the action of the secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Union have had a record breaking year. They raised \$4,093 for state missions, a considerable advance over last year, and \$18,000 for all purpose. They are pressing the work of organization all over the state. This is cause of thanksgiving for every interest fostered by the convention, for through the societies will flow a steady stream of information, enlightenment, and blessing into every section. We cannot praise too highly the modest, enthusiastic efforts of Miss Kathleen Mallory, the corresponding secretary of the Union, and her assistant, Miss Mary Rhodes. Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, true and tried through years of service, has been diligent in institute work all over the state. Mrs. D. M. Malone's services are invaluable during the associational period.

We are pained to chronicle the untimely death of one of our most consecrated preachers and missionaries, H. R. Schramm. He was at the time of his death doing missionary service at Warrior, Corey and Mine 13.

Brother George G. Miles, after twelve years of faithful service as President of the board, surrendered the charge, much to the regret of every member of the board.

Miss Maud Merritt, the efficient stenographer and bookkeeper of the office, after nine years of faithful service, becomes Mrs. C. W. Johnston, and retires from her position. She was watchful of every interest of the board, keeping up with every detail of the office, and was an invaluable helper. She retires with the confidence and good wishes of every member of the board. Miss Alpha Tucker of Montgomery takes her place.

We continue aid in maintaining the Theological department of the Selma University, colored. Brother S. T. Clanton, who has charge of that department has done a good work. He has the confidence both of white and colored brethren who know him. He has given instruction to sixty-six preachers, some of them pastors, besides conducting a correspondence course for those who could not attend the school.

The terms of the following brethren expire this year and their places are to be filled at this session: W. J. E. Cox, W. J. Elliott, W. M. Anderson, H. S. D. Mallory, G. G. Miles, R. E. Pettus and Chas. A. Stakeley. Besides these, the place of S. H. Campbell, removed from the state, whose time expires in 1912, needs to be filled.

We submit with this a summary of the work done by the missionaries and the financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. ELLIS, President.
W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor-Sec'y.

Convention Paragraphs

We got to love and know Captain Reynolds and his household during our stay in Greenville.

Hon. G. L. Comer was present making a warm canvass for Eufaula. He is moderator of the Eufaula association.

The little boys and girls who came up from the orphans' home under the care of Brother and Sister Mize sang a sweet song which went to the hearts of the visitors and the delegates.

W. D. Upshaw, of the Golden Age, is a man of indomitable energy, who has done great things in the face of grave difficulties. He is a wonder worker in many fields.

Hon. C. S. Rabb, of Evergreen, hardly ever misses a convention. If you want to see his face light up with joy, just watch him when the orphans' home is having the right of way in the convention.

Rev. M. M. Wood is one of the best secretaries in the south and deserves the thanks of the brethren for the painstaking way in which he does his work.

Brooks Lawrence spoke under difficulties on Friday afternoon. The crowd was just back from dinner and it was very warm, but he presented his work with vim and power.

It is hard to believe, yet Dr. Frost gave the convention the go-by. Somehow he seems as much a part of the convention as any of its officers and we do not think he ought to remain away.

G. G. Miles, of Montgomery, for years the efficient president of the State Board of Missions and a constant attendant at the convention, wired his love and regrets from Denver. We surely missed "George".

We spent a few delightful hours beneath the roof of Editor Stanley, who in our mind has one of the loveliest homes of any editor in Alabama. With such a wife, with such sons and such a daughter-in-law, no wonder that Brother Stanley has been happily anchored in Greenville for over two score years.

We had the pleasure of dining with Mr. and Mrs. A. Lehman while in Greenville. Mr. Lehman is the editor of Living Truth and his charming wife, who was a Miss Gaston, is an old Eufaula friend. It was a great pleasure to be in their home and meet their two charming young daughters. Dr. J. A. French and Hon. G. L. Comer were housed under their hospitable roof during the convention.

In Greenville, in one of the show windows, is a sign which reads, "The Handy Man". This is a description of W. A. Davis, of Anniston. He surely is "A Handy Man" to have at a convention. He knows what and how to do. In the single matter of distributing the mail he placed many visitors and delegates under obligation.

Rev. Albert R. Bond, of Marietta, Ga., the distinguished author, was present much to the joy of many of his old Seminary friends. We hope he will like Alabama well enough to come and live in our midst. He is greatly beloved by those who know him. His book on Homiletics is not only having a wide sale, but is being adopted by several seminaries.

A young man in Greenville said he had heard a good deal in the convention about "enlistment", "enlightenment", and "enlargement". And while he had no means of knowing the number who had been enlisted, or even enlightened, yet if all the delegates were like the ones staying at his home, he felt sure that hundreds of them ought to have been "enlarged".

EDITORIAL

WHAT THE STATE CONVENTION MEANT TO ME.

Fresh from Greenville many memories surge through my brain. First and foremost is the recollection of the very best convention I have yet attended in Alabama. The spirit of the meeting was fine. The addresses would have done credit to the Southern Baptist Convention. There was no foolishness about it. The body got down to real work at once and pushed the various interests through in a business-like manner. The crank was not in evidence. The preachers and laymen were harnessed up and pulling together as never before. It seemed as if at last the Baptists of Alabama were coming into their own and meant to do great things all along the line of Christian endeavor. While all of the interests were well cared for, without question education got a boost as never before. Drs. Cox, Montague, Patrick, Giles and the heads of our secondary Baptist schools all felt the new power generated by Chairman J. C. Wright and the various trustees. Alabama Baptists have cause to rejoice that nearly \$50,000 was raised last year for educational purposes. This means no let up in missionary endeavor, but is a sign that all of the organized work will have a healthy growth.

It means for me an opportunity for greater service, and I came home resolved to do my utmost in carrying out the great constructive programs outlined in Greenville.

After ten years of service it was inexpressibly sweet to have the love and confidence of my brethren as was evidenced by them at Greenville. I was humbled and embarrassed by their expressions of sympathy and appreciation and pray that with their help the Alabama Baptist may grow in interest and power during the coming year.

Yours for genuine service,

Frank Willis Barnett

P. S.—Join the post card brigade and send in news items weekly.

A LIQUOR DEALER'S OPINION.

A Boston liquor dealer, speaking at one of the meetings in connection with the Convention of Charities, said: "I believe that the saloon should be abolished. The American type of saloon is a menace to the community, as the prime cause of excessive drinking and drunkenness. There is no reason for its existence, and no need of it in a community. After it has been put out of business for a while it will never be missed."

And yet here in Birmingham we have the spectacle of men whose names are on church rolls working to bring back saloons in Jefferson county, but we pray that on August 24 the good men and true will go to the polls and serve notice on the saloon advocates that the saloon is obsolete in this imperial county.



Convention Paragraphs

It was good to see Brethren H. B. Woodward and A. J. Johnson back in Alabama.

Where was Hamner? We had hoped to see him mingling with the brethren, even though he had quit religious for secular journalism.

J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Laymen's Movement, made one of his timely and informing speeches. He is a high type of the active layman at work for God.

Joe W. Hill was at the convention with a lot of good, cheap books representing the Baptist World Publishing Co. He is so good looking and clever, and we hope he did a satisfactory business.

President T. W. Palmer, of Montevallo, who was in attendance, had been present at the two former sessions of the convention held at Greenville. He and his charming wife added much to the social features of the gathering.

Rev. J. W. Elliott, of Montgomery, is doing a useful service as secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society. We hope all of our ministers will join this helpful organization. Send to him for information.

A fine lot of watermelons piled up in a country wagon caused ye editor to go out and hold counsel with the farmer, who stated that he had been offered only seven cents apiece for them. Just think of it, oh, ye city dwellers. Enough watermelon for a mess for seven cents. We told him if he just had them in Birmingham we would take 14 cents' worth if we had to pawn our editorial shears.

We missed Dr. J. N. Prestidge, the genial editor of the Baptist World. We had hoped he would be present with a message about the World's Alliance, and we wanted the convention to recognize the great work he did in making such a meeting possible. All honor to this Alabamian, who has seen some of his world sessions realized. We hope Alabama Baptists will aid him in his circulation plans.

What is fame? We pointed out Charley Hare to a newspaper friend and he asked, "Who is it"? We replied, "Hare". "What does he do"? was his next question. "He is the editor of the Tuskegee News", was our reply. "How do you spell his name"? was the next query, but before we could answer he said, "Is it Hair"? This was too much for a brother who was listening, for he "buted in" with "No, you spell it RABBIT". All of which reminds us that once upon a time a hare and tortoise had a race.

Thompson and Stanley, the two hard working young newspaper men who furnished the press reports for the leading Alabama papers, were thanked by the convention for their services. We greatly enjoyed loafing in their sanctums, for while we skinned the daily papers, they were "hitting" the news out of their typewriters. They made preachers out of every man who spoke, and if W. W. Campbell and W. A. Davis and other laymen get any calls from the outside churches it will be because these enterprising reporters ordained them.

There are in Alabama 2,002 Missionary Baptist churches, with 184,306 communicants. There are 1,204 Sunday schools, with 92,739 teachers and scholars. The churches gave for missions in 1910 the sum of \$68,060 and gave for all purposes \$676,306. They own \$2,900,000 worth of property in the State. The convention was organized at Greensboro in October, 1823, with Rev. Chas. Crowe as president. Twenty delegates went into the organization. On the present basis of representation there could have been 5,000 delegates in the convention at Greenville.

Join the post card brigade.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Mrs. Vivian McDonald and husband, D. N. McDonald, on the 3rd day of June, 1910, and recorded in volume 581, record of deeds, at page 335, in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 10, in block No. 6, of the Fairview Park Land Company's survey, a map of which said survey being recorded in map book 5, on page 115, map records of Jefferson county, Alabama, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
Mortgagee.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Mrs. M. E. Vinson and husband, T. C. Vinson, on the 25th day of October, 1909, and recorded in volume 550, record of deeds, at page 98, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 4, in block No. 44, south, in Smithfield, an addition to Birmingham. Said lot front 50 feet on the south side of Martha avenue and extends back of uniform width 140 feet to an alley, according to the survey made by J. C. Long, and a map of which is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
Mortgagee.

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How People Cured Themselves in Olden Times.

It is really remarkable how many new diseases of the human system are being brought to light in this twentieth century. We speak of them as "new diseases," but are they? Most assuredly not. It would be ridiculous and absurd to assume that our forefathers and ancestors were immune to these "twentieth century diseases." They suffered just as we do, but they were probably more discreet in the selection of their cures. They had none of the medicines of today, none of the skilled physicians and surgeons, none of the superb, handsomely equipped hospitals—they just "left it to nature" and got well and lived longer for it. That's just what you should do. When you get restless and can't sleep, lose your appetite and feel miserable, it is nothing but a disordered stomach, kidney, liver or bladder, and Harris Lithia Water will cure you—it is "Nature's Sovereign Remedy"—an infallible cure for all stomach disorders. Gives you a hearty, healthy appetite and produces sound, restful sleep. Tones up your system and makes you glad you are living and does away with the doctor's and drug bills. Cut out the medicine, and by drinking Harris Lithia Water get big and strong and healthy like your forefathers. Harris Lithia Water is for sale by your druggist; if not, write the Harris Lithia Springs Co., Harris Springs, S. C. Free booklet of testimonials and descriptive literature sent upon request. Hotel open from June 15th to September 15th.

GREAT MEETING AT FAYETTE.

We closed a great meeting at Fayette last night. The people say the greatest meeting that has been held here in years.

Our town, like many others, was needing a revival. A great deal had been said about the meeting before it began, so it was well advertised, and we had talked to the Lord a great deal about it in prayer.

We began the first Sunday morning in July. Brother Shugart, our State Board evangelist, reached us Sunday night in time to preach, and continued with us throughout the meeting.

It is a rule here when one church is holding a series of meetings for the others to have no service, and that rule was observed by the Methodist pastor and his people, who were with us throughout the meeting, including two Sunday.

There are several contractors in the town with their bricklayers, carpenters, etc., rebuilding the business section, which was burned in March. They were in the meeting from beginning to end.

Everybody seems to be living in an atmosphere today different from that in which they lived before the meeting. Men tired in body from work during the day were eager to get to the church at night. The gospel has not lost its power, and never will.

I don't know just how many were converted. We received 15 for baptism and 19 by letter, making 34 in all. One joined the Methodist church, and another, who is work here, will join the Baptist church at his home when he returns.

Brother Shugart is thoroughly consecrated to the work of the Lord. He has not been preaching very long, but it is remarkable to see how familiar he is with the Bible. He has a style of sermonizing and preaching that is peculiar to himself, but the Holy Spirit is in it. He uses no clap-trap methods to catch people. His only weapon is the word of God. Time after time he held the Bible up before the people, begging them to try their lives by it. He urged people in every service to get right with God and right with their fellow men, and emphasizing the thought that the only way to do that was the Bible way. He has been preaching less than two years, but I believe he can handle the situation in any church if the pastor will stand by him. Any pastor in the city or country who wants to see his people get on higher ground, will do well to get Curtis Shugart to spend a while with him in a meeting. The people voluntarily gave him \$123.30 before he left us.

The last night of the meeting my church unanimously asked me to give them full time instead of three-fourths time, which I will do the first of September. They also asked me to let them present me with a new suit of clothes and pay my way to the convention, and of course that was accepted, and of course that was accepted.

J. M. M'CORD,
Fayette, July 13, 1911.

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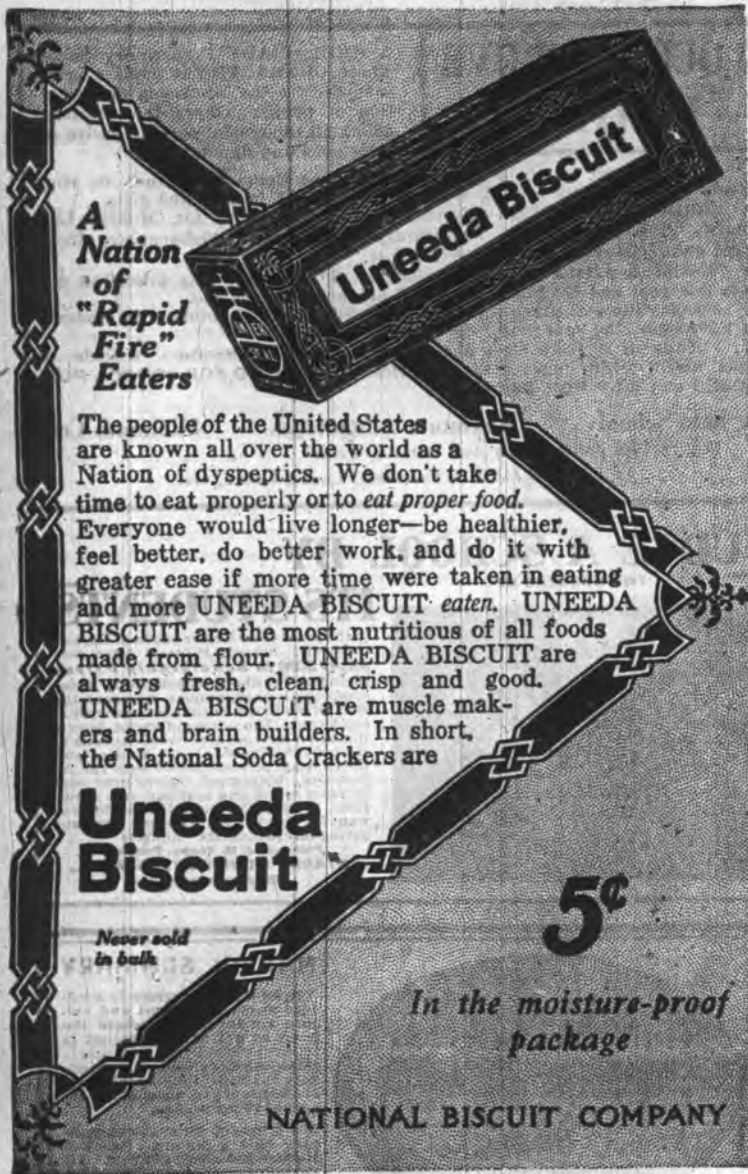
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCES REVISION OF ITS NORMAL COURSE.

P. E. Burroughs.

The reception accorded the Sunday School Board's normal course for officers and teachers has been altogether gratifying. A ready appreciation and a hearty co-operation have been manifest in all quarters. Pastors, superintendents, teachers in the great centers and in the remoter sections have nobly responded. Our schools and colleges have fallen into line in glorious fashion, most of them having introduced our courses into their curricula.

Baylor University, for instance, has so extended its courses in pedagogy, psychology and Bible and has so correlated these with the normal course offered by the board as to enable its students to secure our complete or blue seal diploma. In this matter Baylor moves up and takes its place along beside the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Others of our institutions are planning and working toward this same end. Upward of 5,000 Southern Baptist Sunday school teachers have completed the first standard course and have received the board's incomplete diploma, while 152 workers have completed the full course of eight sections, involving presumably some four years of work.

Conscious of its grave responsibility and resolved to offer our people the best possible lines of study, the board has seen fit to revise the normal course in five of its eight sections. The revision, let it be said with emphasis, involves no reversal of former policies. It takes account approvingly of these policies and widens the range of study by offering additional and optional courses.

It does not seem wise to undertake here to set forth these additions and alterations. We deem it worth while and sufficient to call the attention of our Sunday school forces to the fact that changes have been made, and we venture to suggest that our pupils and all who are interested in this work in any of its parts shall send to the board or to any field secretary for a pamphlet setting forth these changes. Nashville, Tenn.

Convention Normal Course as Revised.

(Books newly added are in black.)

1. "The Normal Manual" (General Studies).
2. "The Graded Sunday School" (Beauchamp) or "The Organized Sunday School" (Axtell).
3. "After the Primary, What?" (McKinney) or "Practical Primary Plans" (Black).
4. "Teaching and Teachers.. (Trumbull).
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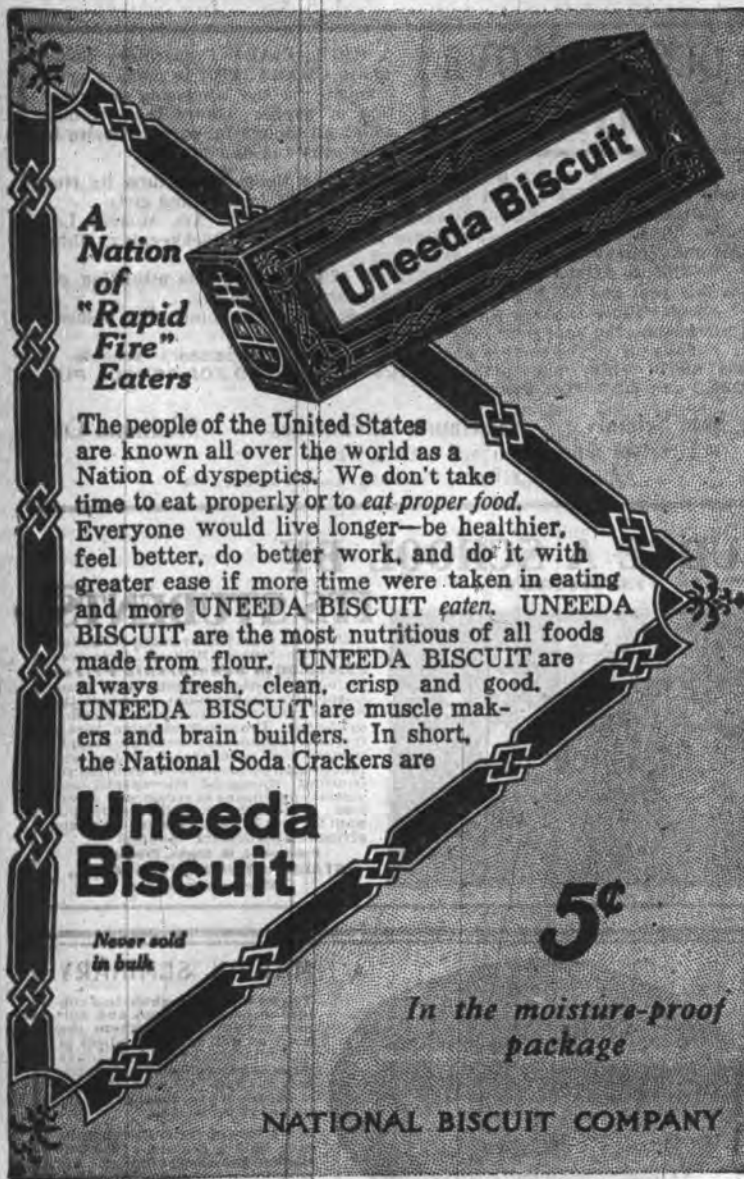
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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

This, the 10th day of July, 1911.

C. W. STREIT,

Mortgagee.

A. C. & H. R. Howze, Attorneys.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Frank Curry and wife, Annie Belle Curry, on the 7th day of March, 1911, and recorded in volume 556, record of deeds, at page 1, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 37 in J. D. Kirkpatrick's subdivision of the N. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of section 26, township 17, range 3 west, as shown and designated in the duly recorded plat thereof in volume 5, page 92, record of maps, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

Jly12-4t JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Frank Daniel and wife, Mollie Daniel, on the 5th day of January, 1911, and recorded in volume 610, record of deeds, at page 201, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 232 feet north and 475 1-4 feet west of the S. E. corner of the N. E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of section 20, township 17, range 3 west; thence run north 104 1-2 feet, thence east along the south line of Beatrice street 33 feet, thence south 104 1-2 feet to Hattie street, thence west along Hattie street 33 feet to the point of beginning.

Jly12-4t JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by John F. Harrington and wife, Hannah E. Harrington, on the 21st day of March, 1911, and recorded in volume 625, record of deeds, at page 29, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, in block 242, according to the Elyton Land Company's survey and plan of the city of Birmingham, Ala., said lots forming a rectangle on the southeast corner of the intersection of Avenue F and Twelfth street, fronting 100 feet on the south side of Avenue F and running back of uniform width along the east side of Twelfth street 100 feet, together with all improvements thereon, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama.

JOHN W. PRUDE,
Mortgagee.

Jly12-4t

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Susie E. Evans and Thos. A. E. Evans on the 30th day of August, 1910, and recorded in volume 584, records of deeds, at page 285, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Certain real estate situated in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, and known and described in the plan of said city as now surveyed and laid off at lot No. 1, in block No. 30, being a rectangle, fronting 45 feet on the west side of Twenty-fourth street and extending back along the north side of an alley 100 feet.

Jly12-4t JOHN W. PRUDE, Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Sarah T. Welch and husband, L. H. Welch, on the 20th day of October, 1910, and recorded in volume 597, record of deeds, at page 60, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Ala., on the 14th day of August, 1911, within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, situated in Jefferson county, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Certain real estate situated in said county and State and known and designated in the plan of the North Birmingham Land Company, as now surveyed and laid off, as Lot No. 9 and the west half of lot No. 10, in block No. 173, in the town of North Birmingham. Said property fronts fifty feet on the south side of Fourth avenue and extends back of uniform width along the east line of Fourteenth street 140 feet to an alley, being described according to the map of said survey on record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson county, Alabama.

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and we have the promise of Evangelist Curtis Shugart. Yours fraternally—J. E. Baines.

Despite the disagreeable, rainy weather on Sunday, July 9, the meeting the Second District Sunday School Convention at Village Farm was one of the best in the history of the county association. The speech of Prof. H. O. Murfee, president of the Marion Military Institute, on the subject of "In the Days of Thy Youth" was one of the ablest and most pleasing addresses ever made to a public gathering in the county, and all who had the pleasure of listening to his words were delighted.

Have just closed a meeting at Autaugaville, in which I was assisted by Bro. E. T. Smith, of Prattville. We had good services, the last being the best. Six joined by letter, two by experience. The writer served this church from 1886 to 1891. From October, 1891, to November, 1901, there were no services held in the Baptist church. I found two of the old members still faithful. Soon two others cast in their lot, and now these eight, with the prospect good. God in His goodness has blessed us. To Him be the glory.—W. J. Ruddick, Missionary in Unity Association.

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PROGRAM

For Fifth Sunday Meeting at Bethesda Church, Unity Association, July 29 and 30, 1911.

Saturday, July 29.

9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises—A. E. Davis.
 10 a. m. Organization.
 10:15 a. m. "How Do Baptists Work Together"—W. H. Conell.
 10:45 a. m. "The Christian's Duty to Give for Christ's Cause"—J. L. Long.
 11:15 a. m. "The Advantage of Attending Our General Meetings"—F. M. Wood.
 11:45 a. m. "The Relation of Confession to Salvation"—E. T. Smith.
 Dinner.
 1:30 p. m. Devotional exercises—A. E. Davis.
 1:45 p. m. "The Christian's Duty to the Lost"—W. M. Olive.
 2:15 p. m. "What is Done for Us in Regeneration"—R. H. Long.
 2:45 p. m. "The Baptist Message for the World"—M. J. Parrish.
 3:15 p. m. "The Reward of Faithful Service"—F. W. C. Bice.
 8 p. m. Preaching by J. S. Wood.

Sunday.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises—A. E. Davis.
 9:30 a. m. "Do We Need a Distinctive Sunday School Work?"—A. E. Davis.
 10 a. m. Sunday school.
 11 a. m. Sermon, "God's Rights in the World"—F. M. Woods.
 Dinner.
 1:30 p. m. Devotional exercises—A. E. Davis.
 1:45 p. m. "Baptism—Why Follow the Original Form?"—J. S. Wood.
 2:15 p. m. "The Lord's Supper; Its Design and Who Should Partake"—J. A. Cannon.
 2:45 p. m. "The Fruit of a Steadfast Life"—J. C. Abernathy, of Georgia.
 Adjourn.
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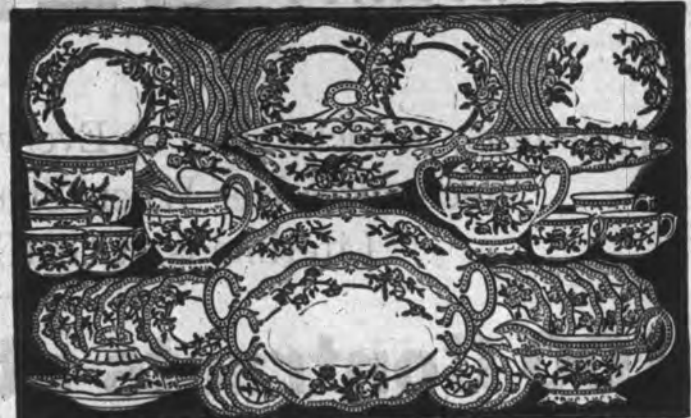
PROGRAM

Of Eighth Session of Harmony Grove Baptist Sunday School Convention, to Be Held at Guin, Ala., Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6.

Saturday.

11 a. m. Devotional service by the president.
 11:15 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Longcrier.
 Dismissal for dinner.
 2 p. m. Presentation and reading of letters.
 "What Are Our Rural Schools Doing?"—D. W. Dickerson, A. J. Mays, W. T. Candle and others.
 "Suggest Plans to Secure the Co-operation of Indifferent Pastors"—J. I. McCollum and W. L. Brumbelee.
 "How Can We Make Our Sunday Schools More Attractive than 'All-Day Singings'?"—W. S. Sparks and John Duncan.
 "How Can We Secure More Accurate Reports from Sunday Schools to Associations and Conventions"—R. W. Clark and J. H. Couch.
 8 p. m. "How Can We Win and

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"The Organized Class"—State Sunday School Secretary Harry L. Stricklin.

Sunday.

9 a. m. "Missions in the Sunday School"—H. O. Sargent and others.

"The Quarterly Temperance Lesson"—John Duncan and R. K. Shirey.

"Are Our Schools Winnig Their Pupils to Christ and the Church?"—J. I. McCollum and others.

Election of officers and selection of time and place of meeting.

11:15 a. m. Address by H. L. Stricklin.

Let every pastor and Sunday school worker in the association attend and be prepared to take part.

J. D. STUDDARD,
President.

PROGRAM.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Alabama Baptist Association will convene with Panola Church Friday, July 28, at 9 o'clock a. m.

11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Adjourn for dinner.

1 p. m. "What Relation Between Sabbath School and Church?"—T. E. Massey, C. H. Morgan, J. W. Taylor.

3 p. m. "Is Conscience a Safe Guide?"—T. L. S. Grace, T. J. Thrower and J. M. Dickinson.

Saturday.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. W. P. McQueen.

"The Power of Prayer"—J. A. Day, F. M. Sexton, E. M. Address.

2 p. m. "Evidences of a Future State of Existence"—J. E. Bishop, W. P. McQueen, R. P. Ellis, J. C. Fonville.

Sunday.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. E. Bishop.

A discussion of the mission cause—J. A. Day, W. P. McQueen, E. M. Address.

2 p. m. "What Power Has the Ministry in Converting a Sinner?"—W. H. Dean, J. E. Bishop, J. C. Fonville.

The speakers are requested to be prompt to attend. Everybody cordially invited to come.

J. A. DAY,
Committee.

Mr. Hunter has just returned from Wells, Ala., where he held a very successful meeting. Forty additions to the church, 28 by baptism. Unfortunately the pastor, Gunter, and the helper, Hunter, had to close just in the high tide of the meeting, but I pray God's blessings on them to continue to come into the work for our Master. I thank each one who has prayed for Mr. Hunter, and may you continue to hold up his hands with prayer. Wells is a fine town and country—many beautiful homes and a fine people. I visited there two years ago and organized a W. M. U. Mr. Hunter goes to Kelley today. Pray for him. Sincerely—Mrs. R. M. Hunter.

Please change the Baptist from Fort Gaines to Marion, Va., for next two months. I leave today with Mrs. Hash and baby, Rebekah, for that place. I will supply the Baptist church there. It's a delightful little city away up in the mountains. Kindest regards. Fraternally—Albert G. Hash.

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My Dear Brother Barnett: You gave us a splendid account of the World Alliance recently held in Philadelphia, which was very helpful to those of us who could not attend. The account of the passing before the audience of the exiles of other nations and the hearing of the tales of persecution sounded like the cause which our Baptist churches are set to defend is but reaching the battle line. Such reports ought to stir all the warm blood in the veins of those who espouse our cause. The committee appointed to secure subscribers for the Alabama Baptist in our congregation has succeeded in sending in a few names. Come out and look our people in the face, and see what effect your presence will have on the reading habits of our folks.—John W. Stewart.

We feel that we are still on the up grade at the Fifth Street church, although the weather has been so intensely hot that the crowds have not been as large as we usually have in cooler weather. We expect to go up to the association this year with a better report than ever before. Most of our new members are taking hold of the work and moving right along. Some of them are among the most faithful that we have. Our new house of worship is out of debt, and we expect to have the dedication the third Sunday. Wish you might be with us. I have just read Dr. Crumpton's letter on changing the date of the convention. I think he is right. It would be much better in the fall. Your brother—R. R. Brasher, Huntsville.

I have been thinking for some time I would write you about the Sunday school here at my home church (Cedar Springs). It died down in the winter, but at my earnest request it revived again, and we have the best ever had at this place. There are 127 on the roll, and interest keeps up, although the weather is so warm. Last Saturday we had Children's Day, with dinner on the ground, and a fine day we had, too, even if it did shower a little just after dinner. Had 120 speeches, songs and recitations on the program. All did well; some more than well. On our last preaching day here we ordained two deacons—Brethren Jolly Hudson and Jeff King, two excellent men. Bro. Britton, of Columbia, assisted me in the ordination. He is a good preacher, as well as a good man. Columbia is justly proud of him. May the Lord bless you and yours and help you in all your efforts for Him. Sincerely—W. P. Stewart, Ashford, Ala.

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