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"Where is Frank?"

Is the question asked by every one. Many brethren wanted to see him. The answer was: "He is sitting up with his DELINQUENTS." Uncle Sam got into the game and said: "Look here, young man, we are carrying a lot of mail for you. Get out that list and let me look over it." Poor Frank had to make a showing, knowing full well that it meant every subscriber who was not paid to May, 1911, must be cut off. It was the law and there was no way to get around it. One hundred of the leading pastors of the state, and hundreds of others, men and women perfectly able to pay, had to be dropped.



"FRANK A MIGHTY BUSY MAN"

He is back home spending busy hours writing letters to his subscribers, trying to get them to pay up and renew. He wanted to be out here, but it meant a heavy loss to him unless he could get those dropped to renew at once.

"UNCLE SAM WAS IN A HURRY"

It looks like the postoffice authorities might have waited a little while, but the government is "no respecter of persons." Baptist papers and all the others look alike to it.



"SOME BOUND TO GET MAD"

Frank says: "Some of the subscribers are certain to get mad," but I think he must be mistaken. Surely no man with good sense will fail to understand. (Many did, and even a few preachers.)

"THE GOVERNMENT EXACTLY RIGHT"

I once knew an insignificant Baptist paper that boasted it had 20,000 subscribers. Any one could get on the subscription list without paying for it. The paper got its money out of advertisements, and what little came from subscriptions was just velvet. It was a fraud on the government, but the jobbery went on for years. (It can't be done now.—Ed.)

W. B. CRUMPTON.



BACCALAUREATE SERMON, MAY 12, 1912.

By Rev. J. W. Phillips, D. D., Mobile, Ala.

Text: Eighth chapter of Hebrews, part of the fifth verse: "See, said he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount."

Our God displays the divine genius for details. There is nothing trivial in His kingdom. When God makes the petal of a wild flower He makes it as beautiful as the fringe of an angel's robe. The tabernacle of the wilderness must be as perfect as the limitless tabernacle of all the universes of God. Moses was God's workman. God told him how the tabernacle ought to be; that it must be built according to a divine pattern that should be revealed to him in the mount. Thus God's pattern for the tabernacle saved the builder from the perplexities, the bewilderments naturally involved in such a variety of detail, the conflicting advice of friends and the building of faulty construction. He could build calmly and confidently so long as he followed out the divine purpose.

This is true in the realm of things. God supplies the patterns; man is the builder. God is the architect of all houses. Every wheel or other mechanical appliance must be constructed according to a divine pattern before it accomplishes that for which it was intended. We call some men inventors—people who find out things and discover things. Discoveries are God's self-revelations. These men have been in the altitudes and solitudes with God and have carried out the divine plan. No one can work successfully without finding out how God is doing things. It is impossible to paint a picture without consulting a divine artist, or to sing a great song without knowing God's law of the harmony and melody.

There are two things that God never allows man to do. He never permits any man to make a law, and He never permits any man to break a law. Those who go to the capital of the state and nation are called lawmakers. No man has ever yet made a law. They formulate the rules and regulations and affix penalties. God is the only lawmaker. We say that the prisons and penitentiaries are filled with lawbreakers. There is no lawbreaker. No man has ever broken a law; the law always breaks him.

One modern writer has said: "The law of morality is not the same as the law of gravitation." The law of morality is as the law of gravitation. You will break your own neck in attempting to break the law of gravity.

I have a great respect for babies. But as sweet and divine as every baby is, he comes as a pirate on the high seas. His hand is against every man, though every man's hand is in favor of him. He proposes to run things his own way and to enforce all laws. There are two laws he will obey—the laws of eating and sleeping; the latter he keeps in abeyance at critical times. He defies God. He defies the law of fire; he throws himself in the flame. He defies water; he throws himself in the stream. He defies poison and eats it as though it were sugar. He defies the law of gravity; he will throw himself out of bed or down the stairs. He is against the universe until bruises, tears and aches cause him to find out for the first time that God has put His love in the expression of law, and that the conditions of happiness and success is to learn God's way of running His own universe, and come to harmonize with it. Thus some reach their second childhood before they learn the lesson, though it is the lesson of our lives. It is a lesson that will abide with us until we have thoroughly learned it and know that God's way is the wiest and the best.

God supplies patterns for character and conduct. Man is a great builder. He builds great structures, bridges and monuments. When it comes to the building of himself he approaches the supreme task. How to form the embodiment of a great character is the supreme test.

What is the pattern and ideal? The true measure of a man is the measure of an angel. God is the only true measurement that man has. God presents His own excellencies and glories when you ask Him what He wants you to be and whispers: "I am the one toward whom you are pressing, and whom you must resemble. Be you perfect, rounded and complete, even as your Father in heaven is complete."

Is God a possible ideal? Yes. He is a pattern for

man, not for the mole. He has created him potentially in His own image, and to be like God is the normal fulfillment of your destiny. The Bible teaches that every man is a god in the making. The potential life of God is there, and under the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit is ready to spring to the likeness of God. As seed will spring from the ground on account of its identity with the sun, so the soul will do it because of its own identity with God. "As the heart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after thee, O God." We put the sea shell to our ear and hear the roar of our own blood and imagine we hear the voice of the sea, remembering its own origin. Every holy longing and uplift of the soul and mind, after sacred ambition and outreach, is simply the call of the soul, remembering the infinite depths and heights, recalling its divine origin and longing to find its resting place from whence it came. When we think of God as the pattern of our lives Jesus steps into the range of our vision. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." We believe that Christ has humanized God and brought Him within our reach. The hymn of our childhood, "I Want to Be Like Jesus," becomes more and more the passion of our maturer years. We can be, because Christ is imitable.

I cannot be like the great genius of the world, the



REV. J. W. PHILLIPS, D. D.,

Who Preached Baccalaureate Sermon at the Judson.

genius of music, the genius of colors, with the marvelous revelations, or as the genius of commerce and trade. I am absolutely shut out from the kingdom of these and from the glory that constitutes the halo about their heads. But the wonder of it! I can be like Him who is the mightiest of the mighty, the holiest of the holy.

We can be like Him, because He is imitable. One says of course we could be like Him in His humanity, but not in His divinity. Why not in His divinity? Jesus did not come to tell us how much better God is than we are, but to lead us in the likeness of the Father, that we might be like Him. The divinity of Christ is not a wall to separate us from God, but as a bridge over which we might walk to God.

The divinity of Jesus is the divinity of unshakeable goodness. He brings God to us and us to God. Jesus manifested the glory of God. When He knew that He came from God and was going to God, how did He manifest it? He took a towel and girded himself about and began to wash the disciples' feet. Then one morning amid the mist of the early dawn He gathered sticks of wood and cooked some fish. Then called to the men in the boat: "Children, come; it is time for breakfast." In the sepulchre he had grappled with death until He beat him down to the bottom of the grave and stepped triumphantly upon his prostrate form, and came back to celebrate

His own glory, the glory of His resurrection power by cooking a few fish for His hungry disciples. He turned water into wine, opened the blind man's eyes, He raised the dead to life, but He was never more transcendent than when He took a little child into His arms; never more radiant in glory than when He washed His disciples' feet; never more God-like than when He forgave His enemies.

It is greater to be good than to work a miracle, to have a spiritual character like Jesus than to raise the dead from the grave. He spoke kind words always. Men smote Him with their fists, and He did not return the blows. They thrust thorns into His brow. Cruel men nailed Him to the accursed tree, and with hideous, diabolical laughter they told Him to come down and save Himself. Jesus said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." God never did a greater or diviner thing than that.

You and I can be like Him. The pattern shown us in the mount is the pattern in the range of our possibility. As a growing ideal nothing lower than this is worthy of the children of God. To be like Jesus we must live a life like Jesus, subject ourselves to the same moral and spiritual conditions. Jesus' character came not down upon Him like a finished garment. "He grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man." Jesus was a man of faith, a man of unselfishness. He went about doing good, and whatever else may be said about Jesus that is the supreme thing. If you take away His goodness the world has lost the divinity of its Christ. We can be like Him, the pattern of God.

I congratulate most heartily the young ladies who are permitted to attend this institution. It is for the mind, the body and for the heart. I have seen a tablet of some lady who has reached in some superlative degree the ideals of this institution. This is the mount of opportunity. It is here that God comes down, not amidst the terrors of Mount Sinai, but here on this holy mount He gives you the pattern for beautiful and useful lives.

Society has its patterns, likewise business and politics, but on the mount Christ says: "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him." And God grant that there may ever float before you the supreme, the divine, the most beautiful presence that you and I have ever gazed upon—God's own pattern of Jesus that He has shown to you in the mount.

The Powdery church called in council Brethren M. K. Thornton, W. M. Blackwelder, W. R. Miller, J. F. Parker and A. A. Walker to assist in the ordination and the setting apart to the full work of the gospel ministry J. W. Southerland, one of their number, whom they have called to their pastorate. The presbytery met with the church last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and after a satisfactory examination of the young pastor Evangelist A. A. Walker preached on "Christ, the Preacher's Ideal," and Rev. Parker led to ordination prayer. Dr. Thornton delivered the charge. Brother Southerland is a man of sterling qualities, and we predict for him a life of usefulness and fruitfulness as well. The Lord bless both pastor and people and make them a blessing to the world.

Rejoice with us as God is wonderfully blessing us in our meeting with Brother L. C. DeWitt at the Second Baptist church in Selma. The congregations are large and the interest real good. There have been 21 additions the first week. Our meeting for men Sunday afternoon was extra good. Some 50 men asked for prayer and many were deeply moved. —E. B. Farrar.

I ask that you be so kind as to change my name on your mailing list from Hwangnien, China, to Selma, Ga. I have greatly appreciated the Baptist, and thank you for it. I have been brought home by a serious illness of Mrs. Ayers, and we are now with our daughter, Mrs. E. J. Lyman, and will be glad to hear from any of our Alabama friends. In love, sincerely—T. W. Ayers. We welcome them home and pray that the change of home and climate will restore Sister Ayers.)

A Journey Through Palestine During 1912, With Rev. Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, D. D.

Last week we were at Bethlehem, and now we are to go 14 miles farther south until we come to Hebron, among the mountains of Judah. We shall look at the city first from the east. See the number 41, with its lines branching west, on our map of Southeastern Judea.

Position 41. Hebron from the East.

That tree with dark leaves near us on the left is a fig tree. In the shallow valley farther away we can see a grove of olive trees, with their little gray leaves casting afternoon shadows on the ground beneath. Beyond the olive grove, rising terrace-like on the gently rising hillside, we look upon one of the three or four oldest cities in the world. It was standing in the days of Abraham, nearly 4,000 years ago, and has maintained an existence ever since.

Do you notice on the right a building somewhat like a castle, with a tower at the corner nearest to us, and another tower, not quite so high, at the further corner? That is a building which we should like to visit above almost every other place in this land, for without a doubt it contains the tomb of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Gen. 23:1-20; Gen. 49:29-31). But none save Mohammedans are allowed to enter it; and even to approach it will expose us to some risk of our lives. The Moslems in this city are the most bigoted and fierce in all Palestine. No Christian visitor ever sleeps within the city walls. Some friends of mine who entered the city and went as near as they were able to go to the mosque were pelted with stones and dirt and filth, and on their return to camp found their clothes covered with the saliva that had been spat on their backs! Those boys watching us on the fence would stone us out of the region if they dared.

At this very place Abraham pitched his tent and built his altar, for the altar is prominent in every encampment of that grand old patriarch (Gen. 13:18). Here he received news that his nephew, Lot, had been carried away a captive by the marauding kings from the east; and from this place he led his little army on a swift march far northward, "even unto Dan," where he made a night attack, scattered the invaders and recaptured their prisoners and booty (Gen. 14:1-16). More than any other place, Hebron seems to have been the home of Abraham. How strange it seems, and yet we know he walked up and down these very slopes!

Step across the gulf of a thousand years, and you find David's capital here, while he reigned for seven years as king of Judah, before the throne of Israel was tendered to him (II Sam. 2:14-11). Absalom's conspiracy against David was matured in this city (II Sam. 15:7-12; 18:9-17), and here he was crowned for a brief, inglorious reign, ending in an ignoble death across the Jordan. Another thousand years, and at the opening of the New Testament story we find Zachariah and Elizabeth living in a suburb of this city, for it was a city of the priests (Luke 1:5, 6, 39, 40). Perhaps John the Baptist as a boy climbed these hills and gathered figs and olives from trees like these, and stood with awe at the tomb of his great ancestor, Abraham. Three great men, you see—Abraham, David and John the Baptist—stand before us as we look on this ancient city.

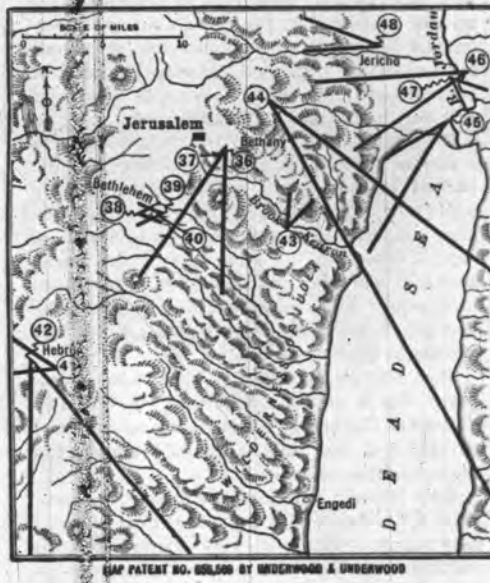
Now let us walk around to the other side of the town and look down upon the mosque. See the lines numbered 42 on our map.

Position 42. The Mosque of Machpelah, the Burial Place of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

From this elevated point we get a fine prospect over the rounded hills of Judea toward the southeast. We almost believe we can catch a glimpse through that distant valley of the mountains of Edom, beyond the south end of the Dead Sea. This was indeed a familiar prospect to Abraham and his family, as well as for hundreds of those who came after him, for we can be assured that the outline of those distant hills were practically the same as now. How many times they turned their eyes down this valley in early morning and at noon time beneath the same sun that casts its shadows here. But notice more closely this wall, for it is all that you will ever see of the building, even though you should journey half way

around the world to visit it. There is no cave on all the earth that the archaeologist and the Bible student so greatly long to explore as the cave that lies within these walls; for while we may be doubtful about many sites, we can be certain that the cave beneath this mosque contains the tombs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Not more than half a dozen Europeans in many centuries have been able to penetrate within those walls. As you can see, the upper tiers of masonry are very different from the lower. You can scarcely see that those lower stones are dressed along the edges, as we saw them in the wall of the temple (Position 25). The upper wall is modern, built since the Mohammedan occupation; the lower is very ancient, perhaps of the Herodian age. They tell us that the monuments over the tombs of the patriarch are not under yonder pointed roof, but the court in front of it. The real sepulchres are below in the cave under the tombs that are shown, just as in our cemeteries the square sarcophagi stand above the graves which they represent.

How far back into the world's annals this old tomb takes us! More than a thousand years before Homer sang, or before Rome was founded; a time when Babylon even was young, when Egypt only of the nations was old. Then it was that Abraham bought this hill and buried in its cave his wife, Sarah (Gen. 23:1-20). The stone was rolled away again and again, when Abraham himself was buried here by Isaac and Ishmael (Gen. 25:7-10), when Isaac was laid here by Jacob and Esau (Gen. 35:29), and for the last time when Jacob was placed here by his 12 sons (Gen. 1:1-13). The old wanderer was laid here at his own dying request (Gen. 49:28-32).



"Not where the Pharaohs lie with incense wreathed
Round awful galleries grim with shapes of wrath,
Hawk-headed, vulture-pinioned, serpent wreathed,
Hued like an Indian moth.

"But lo! where from forest or green slope
To Mamre's cave the low wind breatheth balm,
Chanted a litany of immortal hope,
Sings a funeral psalm.

"Bear him, ye bearers, lay him down at last
In still Machpelah, down by Leah's side.
On the pale bridegroom shimmering light is cast
Laid by that awful bride."

—W. Alexander.

To visit Hebron yourself and to see the ancient tomb, see the stereograph (41) "Hebron from the East" and (42) "The Mosque Machpelah, the Burial Place of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Editorial Note.—In this department Dr. Hurlbut will take his readers to 100 places in Palestine, two each week. By means of remarkable stereoscopic photographs you cannot only see for yourself each of these 100 places in life-size proportions, but also

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STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The annual report of Dr. Lansing Burrows, the statistical secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, is one of unusual interest. It shows that there are in the world today 6,515,878 Baptists. Of these 5,484,304 are in the United States, while 2,421,203 of that number are in the south.

In Canada there are 131,937; in Mexico there are 3,134; in the West Indies and Central America there are 52,374; in South America, 9,181; in Europe, 605,694; in Asia, 186,002; in Africa, 15,017, and in Australia there are 28,199. These are the white Baptists. In the south careful estimates place the number of negro Baptists at 1,908,464.

There has been an increase in the number of Baptists in the south since last year of 80,739. The Baptists of the south report church property this year valued at \$46,843,987. This is an increase of \$3,449,598 over the previous year, showing that much church building has been going on in the denomination.

Big Mission Fund.

The Baptists of the south gave this past year for missions, which includes State, Home and Foreign Missions, as well as city missions, the sum of \$1,520,422, which is an increase over last year of \$16,678.

The sum contributed for all purposes is given at \$10,921,406, an increase of \$497,021.

The different churches reported 132,396 baptisms, a decrease of 2,000 from what was reported the previous year. This is something unusual among Southern Baptists.

During the past year 26,845 people have been turned out of Baptist churches in the south, 1,997 more than were excluded the year before. To offset this there were 9,543 who were restored to the churches after they had been turned out. This was 352 less than the number restored the previous year.

We had a fine meeting Sunday. The church was full. Three joined the church—one by profession and two by letter. We have an old sainted pastor, Rev. H. H. Shell. We will send him to the Southern Baptist Convention. He leaves this evening on the L. & N. train. Brother Barnett, I think if ever there was a pure man our Brother Shell is one. Oh, he has done so much for the uplifting of our church. I hope you and all of our good Baptists will pray for us. Hoping this will find you and yours all well, I remain yours in Christ Jesus—Geo. H. Clancy, Mobile.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following invitation: "The trustees, the faculties, the alumni and the graduating classes of the University of Alabama invite you to be present at the eighty-first annual commencement exercises of the University, May 26 to 29, 1912, Tuscaloosa, Ala."

Our church (Unity) has paid up on Foreign and Home Missions. Hope we can come up with State Missions. Wishing you and yours the best, I am sincerely—S. D. Denton.

ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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W. M. U. Watchword: Our sufficiency is from God.—II Cor. 3:5.

Send contributions for this page to the Mission Room.

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 TOWARD NEW YEAR'S WORK.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

DURING MAY.

We study about South America and our work for our aged and infirm ministers.
We give to Foreign Missions and to the relief fund for the aged and infirm ministers.
We made ready for State Mission Day in June.

A STATEMENT.

The work in the office just before leaving for the convention was such that it was impossible for your treasurer to get ready the final report of the receipts for April. This is to be deplored, of course, for it is always more stimulating to get the financial statements made promptly. But they will be given soon, and are worthy of the closest study, for April was the most wonderful month we have had in the past two years.

OUR NEW APPORTIONMENT.

At the closing session of the Oklahoma City W. M. U. convention the appointment for the various states were given. The ratio adopted is 4 to 6 for Home and Foreign Missions, the increase being 10 per cent over the total given to those two objects during the year just ended. The amounts asked for the Margaret Home, Bible fund and the Training School enlargement and support are the same as last year. Our figures for Alabama for Home and Foreign Missions are:

	Home.	Foreign.	Total.
W. M. S. -----	\$6,286	\$ 8,902	\$15,188
Y. W. A. -----	202	440	642
R. A. B. -----	7	9	16
S. B. B. -----	305	899	1,204
Total -----	\$6,800	\$10,250	\$17,050

As soon as possible there will be mailed to each society from the Montgomery Mission Room an apportionment card, asking its members to raise their share of the amount requested of the state.

MUSCLE SHOALS MEETING AT FALKVILLE.

The Woman's Missionary Union met at the Falkville Baptist church on the 17th of April. Although the weather was very unfavorable, quite a number of visiting young ladies were present, and a most delightful day was spent. The morning program was as follows:

- Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour."
- "Joy in Service"—Mrs. J. L. Barber, Falkville.
- Address of welcome—Miss Lottie Patterson.
- Response—Mrs. Simpson, Decatur.
- Song, "Serving."
- Roll called and minutes of last all-day meeting read by Mrs. Fruit, of Hartselle.

Talk by Miss Kathleen Mallory, showing what the Muscle Shoals Association may safely hope to do in the next three months.

Paper, "Bible Conception of Missions"—Mrs. Lindsay, of Hartselle.

MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY RECEIVES APPOINTMENT.

Selma, Ala., May 20.—Miss Kathleen Mallory, daughter of Col. and Mrs. H. S. D. Mallory, has been appointed general secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist denomination, with headquarters in Baltimore. The appointment was made during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention Saturday at Oklahoma City, and is a distinguished honor which was conferred upon this gifted and talented young Selma woman.

Under the appointment which she received from the convention Miss Mallory will have jurisdiction in her work over the entire southern states. She has devoted her life work to the cause of missions and has been signally successful in this endeavor, and her friends are greatly pleased that the great convention recognized her ability in that direction by elevating her to the high and important position of general secretary, which she will fill in an able and most creditable manner.

For the past two years Miss Mallory has held a similar position as general secretary of the Baptist Mission Board in Alabama. She has made her headquarters in Montgomery, and the state association will give her up with sincere regret, though at the same time it will recognize that her sphere of usefulness in the cause of missions will be enlarged and increased by her appointment as general secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Mallory is a graduate of Dallas Academy. She is also a graduate of the Woman's College at Baltimore. Dallas Academy is proud of the fact that she is courted among the alumni of that institution.

Miss Mallory will probably leave Montgomery for Baltimore within the next few weeks to take charge of her new office. Before going to Baltimore she will visit her parents and will receive the sincere congratulations of her many friends.

(The above special to the Age-Herald robs Alabama Baptists of a gifted and efficient worker, whose talents will now be employed in a larger field.—Ed.)

"God is Calling Us"—Talk by Miss Patrick.

Reports were given from the various societies.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess society.

The afternoon services, led by the pastor, J. A. Huff, opened at 2 o'clock with the song "God Will Take Care of You."

"ing Us How We May Easily and Joyfully Tithe"—"The Bible and Other Witnesses on Tithing, Show, Mrs. S. L. Sherrill, Hartselle.

Talk by Miss Mallory. Subject: "Words Spoken in Time Are Like Apples of Gold, Set in Pictures of Silver."

Paper, "How We Should and May Use the Literature Sent to Our Societies"—Mrs. Simpson, Decatur.

Recitation—Malone Brindley.

Recitation—Ethel Clark.

Paper, "What We Women May Do to Increase the Missionary Spirit in Our Society"—Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Lacon.

Song, "Serving."

"What the Celebration of the Fiftieth Year of Foreign Mission Work by the Women of America May Mean to the Cause of Missions"—Mrs. W. H. Simpson, Decatur.

Miss Mabel Beason, of Decatur, was unanimously elected associational superintendent, and Miss Stella Rowe, of Falkville, secretary of the quarterly meetings.

No definite place was decided upon for the July meeting.

The meeting was dismissed by Miss Mallory.

QUARTERLY ALL-DAY MEETING OF CULLMAN ASSOCIATION.

On April 18, 1912, the W. M. U. at Hanceville held its first all-day meeting, with a fairly good attendance considering the fact that only three churches were represented. The union at Hanceville wishes to extend regrets in behalf of those who failed to come, as they may never realize how much they missed.

The meeting was opened by singing "Work, for the Night Is Coming." Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. B. E. Styles, president of the Hanceville Society. An address of welcome was read by Miss Dicie Taylor, which was responded to by Mrs. John Shannon, of Cullman. Mrs. Shannon served as secretary also.

The associational superintendent being absent, Mrs. Fuller, of Cullman, told what the association may safely hope to do in the next three months, reading a splendid report of the work done by the Cullman society in the past three months.

"The Bible Conception of Missions" was beautifully portrayed by Miss Laura Lee Patrick.

Then a most inspiring talk was given by Miss Mallory, in which she paid a beautiful tribute to the cause of aged and infirm ministers, and told of the many opportunities open to the women whereby they may become "ladies all."

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Where He Leads Me," followed by a solo by Miss Patrick. The young ladies of the Hanceville church gave a responsive praise service, and a recitation and song was given by the little girls. A paper on tithing was read by Miss Nettie Linton, and Mrs. Gladney read a paper on "How We May Use the Literature Sent to Our Society."

Miss Patrick's talk to the young people was enjoyed by all, and a number of the little girls joined the Sunbeam band which she organized.

"What We Women May Do to Increase the Missionary Spirit in the Church to Which We Belong" was discussed by Mrs. L. T. Reeves and others.

Miss Mallory's talk on "Apples of Gold" was the diamond setting for the occasion.

An invitation was extended by Mrs. Henderson to meet with Hopewell church in July, and the same was accepted.

After prayer and singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" the meeting came to a close with all feeling that they had been richly blessed.

DICIE F. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ALUMNAE DAY AT JUDSON COLLEGE

Rallying of the Classes of the "Two's," Preparing the Way for a Great Celebration for Judson's Diamond Jubilee in 1913.

Perhaps the most interesting event of Judson's commencement this year is the "home coming" for the classes of the decades.

On January 7, 1839, Judson Institute was founded. In June, 1841, she graduated her first class—one young woman, Miss Caroline Frances Smith, who became Mrs. George M. Gilner. She passed to the beyond some years ago. In 1842 three young ladies were graduated. These, too, have all passed over the river. There has not been a year since 1841 in which this oldest of all institutions of learning for women has not sent forth young women trained in mind and heart to take their places in the world of work.

This year it was decided to have a reunion of the decade of the 2's. The class of 1852 has three members out of the twelve still living; one was heard from, and it was hoped that she would be present—Miss Olivia Fagan, of Anniston. Of the 62's one member was present—Mrs. Amanda Cunningham Craig, of Sunflower, Miss. '72 had Mrs. Corrie Fowlkes Hogue, of Marion; Mrs. Jessie Lide Martin, of Marion; Mrs. Mattie McCreary Massey, of Turnbull, Ala. The class of '82 had four present—Mrs. Julia Murfee Lovelace, of Marion; Mrs. Kate Lamar Reese, of Selma; Mrs. Lucy A. Fox Dickie, of Atlanta, and Miss Olive Rushton, of Montgomery. The representatives of '92 were: Mrs. Laura Parker Brown, of Dothan; Mrs. Corrie Finklea Fuller, of Marion Junction; Miss Ada Robertson, of Cropwell, Ala.; Mrs. Josie Lovelace Scott, of Atlanta, Ga. Of the 1902 there was only Mrs. Corinne Smith Wilbourne. These, with the 25 members of the class of 1912, made an interesting gathering of "Sisters of the Years."

At 9:45 on Friday morning, May 10, 1912, the alumni business meeting of the local alumnae was held in their room in Carnegie Library. The vice-president, Mrs. Bates, was in the chair, and cordially welcomed the visitors. Her opening address on the organization of the alumnae on June 30, 1868, and of its work since that time was most interesting history. They had embodied their devotion and their labors in a new music building when the Judson was burned on November 24, 1888. Mrs. Bates said: "The flames that destroyed the dear old Judson seemed to kindle anew the fire of devotion to alma mater, and with renewed zeal and enthusiasm they labored, until today we look with pride upon her magnificent building, in the erection of which the alumnae have had part."

The report of the treasurer was encouraging, but how much more we should be able to do if every graduate could remember to send her annual dues. Won't all resolve to do this henceforth?

Miss Dawson's presentation of the diamond jubilee was most happily and enthusiastically received.

It was unanimously agreed that there should be a paid secretary for the work of organizing the classes and soliciting co-operation for the celebration of the diamond jubilee. The first aim of the secretary being to get the names and addresses of all former graduates, pupils, teachers, trustees and benefactors.

At 11 o'clock a public meeting was held in Alumnae Auditorium. After a piano solo by Miss Mittie Lou Edwards and a welcome by Mrs. Bates, vice-president, Mrs. Corinne Smith Wilbourne gave a cordial welcome to the classes of the "two's." Mrs. John R. Hogue was invited to welcome the classes of the decades, but on account of recent illness was unable to do so. Mrs. Wilbourne's welcome was most gracious. To her decades were but days. "Yesterday the class of 1902, 32 in all, though one has passed away, thrilled with joy as Dr. Patrick handed to us the evidence of our success. The day before it was 1892. A full class of 34 walked promptly forward, when Dr. Averett read their names." And so she took us back through the "days" to 1842, when "three slim girls in white were seated on the stage and amid enthusiastic applause Dr. Jewett presented diplomas to Judson's largest class."

"Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the "girls of other days," after which Mrs. Dickey, of Atlanta, Ga., class

of '82, had a most interesting paper on "What the Alumnae Are Doing for One Woman's College." She told of the great forward movement, financially, at Agnes Scott, and of the part which her alumnae had in the good work. Her appeal to Judson's more than 1,500 graduates should cause every loyal daughter to a share in the great forward movement which will be inaugurated during the jubilee year.

Miss Georgia Dawson, 1911, charmed the audience with a group of songs so artistically rendered as to call forth heartiest applause.

Next on the program came Dr. Dickinson fresh from the meeting of the board of trustees. Dr. Dickinson said: "There are three reasons why next year should be the greatest in the history of Judson College. First, 100 years ago Adoniram Judson sailed for India; second, it is Judson College diamond jubilee year; third, in all her history her need has never been greater. Her course of study has been raised to that of a standard college. She must now have the necessary endowment and other equipment to enable her to take rank among the first colleges of the south." Dr. Dickinson made a strong appeal to her students, past and present, for advertisement, and offered himself, his family and his church to aid in the great work which should be undertaken—the raising of \$50,000, besides that which the state has pledged to raise in the immediate future.

Miss Bertha Trotter, 1912, spoke on "Our Part in the Work" and suggested workable plans for classes,



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groups of former students and local alumnae to follow in aiding the work.

The program closed with a song, "Judson Days," by the school.

The crowning event of Alumnae Day was the banquet, which took place in the Judson dining room from 5:30 to 8:30. The tables were arranged in the form of a "triangle" in the center of the room. The decorations were in the old college colors and could be most effectively carried out with pink and white carnations and draped bunting.

Mrs. Patrick was a charming toast mistress: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. The latter has happened to me this evening. It seemed that some loyal daughter should have done the honors on this happy occasion. From the number who have declined the honor one would judge that in the days gone by modesty and self-depreciation were taught as the cardinal virtues. For days we have thought of nothing but the home coming of the children. We are indeed glad to see so many around this festive board. The class of '42 have joined the choir invisible. Three of '52 have sent greetings and messages of loving loyalty. They are Mrs. A. W. Prewett, Texas; Mrs. Mary Talbert, Evanston, Ill., and Miss Mary Fagan, Anniston, Ala. Only a few of the class of '62 remain. We drink tonight to those who celebrate their golden jubilee."

Mrs. Craig, of Sunflower, Miss., responded for the

class of '62. In introducing Mrs. Mattie McCreary Massey, Mrs. Patrick said: "While each member of the class of '72 has graced her position in life, one of its members has had the proud distinction of presiding over a governor's mansion in one of our oldest and greatest states. Alabama loaned her to Virginia. We rejoice to have her with us again—Mrs. Ex-Gov. Massey."

Mrs. Patrick in proposing a toast to the class of '82 said: "Loyalty seems to have been a distinguishing characteristic of the class. They have a habit of responding. Long may they gladden and bless the world, while the heart of Mother Judson continues to swell with pride as she thinks of her class of '82." Miss Rushton graciously responded to this toast.

In proposing a toast to the class of '92 a most beautiful tribute to the peerless characters, Dr. and Mrs. Averitt, Mrs. Patrick said: "Perhaps no class is so widely scattered, but I am sure all are here in spirit. I can wish for them nothing greater than that they may realize the beautiful ideas set before them in their Judson days." Mrs. Laura Parker Brown was happy in her response for this class.

And so we have come down the decades until we have reached the class of 1902. Concerning them Mrs. Patrick said: "I cannot trust myself to speak of 1902. They are our own children. We love them. We recall their childish pranks with indeed great pride and watch their progress with keenest interest. They are too busy in the world of work to respond to the call of alma mater, but Cupid captured one for Marion—Mrs. Corinne Smith Wilbourne."

"And now to our baby—always the pet and pride of the household. Great things are expected of her. May they all be realized. We drink to the class of 1912."

Miss Vida Sanders in her response said: "Our toast mistress, that was the most unkind cut of all—to call us babies, just as we were thinking we were young ladies. Pardon me if I say 'we thought we were there.' I am reminded of a story which runs something like this: Two French Canadians were sailing up a river in Montana in a house boat. One night they anchored on a bar. Their craft broke loose and floated down the stream some distance. The motion awakened one of the occupants, and he hurried to the window. The landscape was unfamiliar, and he called in amazement to his friend: 'Batiste, Baptiste, after all our comin' here and all our gettin' here we ain't here.' Unlike the Frenchman, we feel that we are here body and soul. And all that we hope to be we wish to give to alma mater."

Mrs. Dickey responded to that toast, "Our Girls in the Front of the Firing Line." The venerable Mrs. Crawford, Dru Collins, Attie Bostwick, Annie May Cox, Lois Davie, Daisy W. Pettus, Floy White, Alice Huey and Ella Ward are held in loving thought as we thanked God for such as they.

Toasts were proposed to "Our absent ones," "To the Judson girls of 1925 and the babies who kept their mothers at home tonight."

Mrs. Josephine Lovelace responded to "The Greater Judson." Mrs. Mattie Ellis Sutton graciously responded with some very helpful suggestions.

The day was rich in happy associations, memories of other days and newly created enthusiasms for "Dear Old Judson," and none will fail to work and plan for 1913—Judson College's diamond jubilee.

FUNERAL TUESDAY.

The funeral and burial of little Mary Kathryn Shelton will take place from the residence of Rev. and Mrs. John Bass Shelton, on South Decatur street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral will be conducted by Dr. W. P. Neilson, of the Central Presbyterian church.—Montgomery Advertiser, May 14.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following invitation: "Mr. Marshall Mendenhall Welch will give in marriage his daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, to Mr. Wm. Otis Ham, Wednesday evening, June 5, 1912, at 8:30 o'clock, Second Baptist church, Atlanta. The honor of your presence is requested."

A SYNOPSIS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

This has been the greatest year in the 67 years' history of the Foreign Mission Board. The work has gone forward in the face of many unusual difficulties. Our people have given nobly, making an advance in contributions of over \$70,000 for this year, a total of \$530,408. The board started the year with a heavy debt of nearly \$90,000, but in spite of the hard conditions in many parts of the south a large part of this debt has been wiped away, and now, with a debt of only \$56,000, the board is in much better condition to start the new year.

We have lost four of our strongest and best missionaries by death. Many others have broken down from overwork. We have been able to appoint only four new missionaries, but the working forces have been increased by quite a number of trained native workers.

On all the fields the outlook is bright and the missionaries are the most hopeful. The revolution in China, one of the most marvelous movements in human history, while hindering the work temporarily, will result in one of the greatest opportunities for giving the gospel to that mighty empire. In Brazil marvelous progress has been made. Over 2,000 baptisms are reported for the year. The war in Mexico, religious indifference in Italy, the forces of skepticism in Japan, the aggressiveness of Mohammedanism in Africa and the hard conditions caused by Romanism in Argentina are some of the difficulties against which our workers have labored, but in spite of all these things there has been a total for the year of 4,300 baptisms, an increase of about 700 over any former year. We have on the fields 342 churches, with a membership of 24,698. We have 268 missionaries and 577 native workers, making a total force of 845 engaged in the work. One of the most hopeful signs for the future is this large number of native workers. And we rejoice to report 245 men in our theological seminaries and 312 students in the women's training schools. Another most encouraging feature is the growth of self-support among the churches on the foreign fields. In North and South China native home mission boards have been organized and are doing excellent work. In Brazil both Home and Foreign Mission Boards are reaching out to the people in Brazil and in the regions beyond.

The board gratefully acknowledges the immense help which has been rendered to the work at home by our denominational papers. Their influence and aid have been incalculable. They deserve the honor and gratitude of the entire denomination.

The Foreign Mission Journal has had one of the most successful years in its history, and our pastors and other workers have distributed more than 5,000,000 of pages of tracts, leaflets and other forms of mission literature.

The educational department of the board has had a most gratifying growth. The mission study class enrollment made an increase of over 50 per cent above that of last year. There has been an increase of one-third in the volume of business in this department. Mission study has become a valuable asset among Southern Baptists.

The year has been unusually strenuous and perplexing, but God has marvelously blessed the work, and the board faces the future full of hope and enthusiasm, looking to the time, near at hand, when we shall hear of hundreds of thousands—yea, millions—of people turning to the Lord.

Argentina.

In this, the youngest of our missions, the work has advanced as never before. For the first time more than 100 baptisms are reported, and there is a large increase in the contributions of the native churches. A most hopeful step forward has been the beginning of the Theological Training School in Buenos Ayres, with nine students. The missionaries have printed and sent out a half million pages of religious literature, and our Baptist paper has increased its circulation and enlarged its size from eight to twelve pages. The statistics for the Argentine mission show a notable increase along all lines. A new work has been started in Montevideo, Uruguay, with bright prospects.

Brazil.

This year in Brazil has been one of great progress along several lines. At the Brazilian convention, held

last June in Campos, a vigorous evangelistic campaign was planned, and later on there was held a Bible institute in connection with the Bahia State Convention, which gave additional emphasis to this evangelistic effort. The men in that state set as a goal the winning of 1,000 souls to Christ in that one state. They seem to have won as many as 1,000, but they actually baptized 861. In the other mission stations, in both the Northern and Southern missions, the evangelistic work was pressed vigorously, with the result that 2,169 were baptized into the fellowship of our churches during the year. This is almost half the entire number of baptisms performed by all the missionaries of our board, the total baptisms in our missions in all lands being 4,300. The Brazilian churches increased in membership last year almost 25 per cent. This is a magnificent showing. Their total membership now is 9,939.

The greatest feature, educationally, was the remarkable progress made by the Rio Baptist College and Seminary. This school is only four years old, and yet it enrolled 237 students last year. It was forced to rent additional rooms, and during the year a lot was bought 196x131 feet, which is a good beginning made on the new campus that must be acquired in the near future. If we could give to this college the grounds adjacent to the lot it has recently acquired we would soon have a self-supporting institution, which would serve in a far-reaching way our cause in Brazil. The equipment of this school is one of our most urgent needs.

The Bagy school at Sao Paulo, the Nova Friburgo, Bahia and Pernambuco schools have had a splendid year.

The Pernambuco school has also developed a critical situation. It has outgrown its quarters, and a change in the state government has given the school great favor in the community. Both of these facts have helped to bring upon us the necessity of equipping this school as soon as possible. The property should be bought and the school set upon its feet for its larger work. Certainly it has come into the day of wonderful opportunity.

Two other great needs in Brazil are a new building for the First Baptist church in Rio and the proper equipment of the publishing house. We should have a suitable house of worship for our central church, which will set the standard for our work in Brazil and for the way outsiders will estimate us. And there is no agency which will count for more than the good literature that our publishing house should furnish the people.

So, along with our wonderful triumphs in Brazil come some of the most pressing calls for help. We thank God for the success that has visited us, and we should also be just as willing to thank Him for the larger obligations our successes are thrusting upon us.

The Work in Mexico.

Mexico is divided into two missions—the North Mexican Mission and the South Mexican Mission.

The North Mexican Mission covers the territory which was the battleground of the Madero revolution. In many parts the work suffered severely, but on the whole the missionaries report great blessings and progress. The number of baptisms has not been quite as large as last year, but the increase has been gratifying when the political condition of the country is taken into consideration. Both missionaries and native workers have gone through severe trials and dangers, and while some of them have made narrow escapes, they are still alive and ready to press bravely forward with the work.

In the South Mexican Mission much of the country has been in a state of anarchy, but the missionaries have suffered no harm except in the way of mental strain and anxiety. Here again the number of baptisms has not been as large as it was last year, but a good work has been accomplished. The schools have been especially successful when all adverse conditions are taken into consideration. Our Baptist publishing house at Leon is worthy of commendation, both for the quality and quantity of its work. It is sending Sunday school literature to all Spanish speaking countries in the world, and publishes books and tracts which are to have a mighty influence in

Mexico. Dr. Hooker and Dr. Halle Garrett Neal have both been successful in their medical work.

The missionaries are hopeful for the future. They believe that when the country has been restored to peace and a stable government is once more inaugurated the people will be open to the gospel as never before. Some of the missionaries are even expecting a great religious awakening in Mexico.

Our Italian Work.

The work in Italy is divided into three parts, each under the charge of one of our missionaries—the North Italian Mission under Dr. Everette Gill, the educational work under Dr. D. G. Whittinghill and the South Italian Mission under Rev. J. P. Stuart.

Dr. Gill reports the year as a reconstruction period. Many difficulties have to be met in North Italy, especially the indifference and skepticism of the people. The last year has been especially difficult, but the work is on a far better basis, and there is blessed hope for the future. There have not been quite as many baptisms as were reported last year. The work has reached over into Trieste, Austria, and Dr. Gill made a visit up into the continent, visiting our struggling Baptist brethren in Prague, Brunn and Budapest. It is the hope of our North Italian Mission to be able to help the struggling churches in that section of Europe. It is a great and needy field.

Dr. Whittinghill looks especially after our theological school in Rome, which reports one of the best years in its history. While the students have numbered only 13, it is the best class of students that have ever attended the school. Dr. Whittinghill is also leading in publishing a number of books and periodicals which are making a profound impression upon Italy and all Italian people everywhere, and this great work is only at its beginning.

Rev. J. P. Stuart reports a good increase in the number of baptisms for the South Italian Mission and a general condition of progress throughout its territory. There has been some persecution, but less than formerly, and he feels that the days of persecution are practically over. There have been and are still many difficult problems on this field, but the year closes with progress and the new year begins in a spirit of hope and enthusiasm.

Our Mission in Africa.

Our work in Africa is in Southern Nigeria, West Africa. It is one of the most difficult fields, and yet a very important field. It is at this point that we must meet the advance of Mohammedanism, which threatens to sweep over the whole continent.

Dr. George Green reports good progress in Ogbomoshaw. There have been 44 baptisms and other indications of advance in the work. The medical work has been especially gratifying and has proven a valuable auxiliary to the preaching of the gospel. Dr. Green has planned to build two large grass sheds, one to be used as a chapel and the other as a hospital. Of course, these are only temporary arrangements, and Dr. Green still pleads for much needed buildings.

Rev. S. G. Pinnock, who has been with Dr. Green in the Ogbomoshaw work, reports many hopeful indications. He lays special emphasis upon the workers' conference, which was held in July. The training school, the school for girls and the day schools have all had encouraging results.

At Abeokuta there has been a 50 per cent increase in baptisms, and the work is in every other way encouraging. In this important center, which is becoming rapidly a modern city as compared with other points in Africa, the school has done good work, and Dr. Lockett's medical work has started successfully.

Rev. L. M. Duval reports the work at Saki as making progress. At this point a strong work needs to be carried on to meet the advance of Mohammedanism and reach out into a great open country to the north. The industrial school under Dr. McLean has been the means of accomplishing great good among the young men.

China.

This is today one of the greatest mission fields on earth. The recent revolutions has brought about conditions which open before Southern Baptists by far the greatest opportunity they have ever had, and thus lays upon them an immense obligation. Our work is pressing forward in four great sections—South, Central, North and Interior China. Notwith-

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standing war, pestilence and famine there have been 1,534 baptisms in China, a slight increase over last year.

South China.

The South China Mission reports a steady growth and efficiency in evangelistic work of the better type. The native institution and agencies are all in fine condition notwithstanding the revolution and war. A home board, composed of 19 Chinese pastors and laymen, together with six foreign missionaries, has undertaken the propagation of the gospel in the vast territory of two Kwangs Association. The board has 12 workers, including a corresponding secretary and a general evangelist. It has in charge 13 stations and reports 65 baptisms for the year. This activity of the Chinese churches is an immense step forward.

The China Baptist Publication Society has had a great year. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of putting up a new building and installing much new machinery, the output of the presses has been large. For example, in the month of October more than 2,000,000 pages of Christian literature were printed. This society furnishes the literature and periodicals for all our Chinese work. It has a glorious future and is earnestly begging for an endowment fund for the printing and distribution of God's word.

The medical work in South China has had a successful year, and in addition to its other work has assisted by having a Red Cross corps working with the armies. This latter work has made a profound impression upon the Chinese.

The Graves Theological Seminary has had an enrollment of 58 students and reports a year of satisfactory work, although hindered to some extent by the revolution. All our schools report gratifying progress. Our educational work in South China is not only an evangelizing agency, but our 54 schools, with nearly 2,000 students, are laying a foundation for glorious progress in the near future.

The South China Mission begins the new year with bright prospects. Rev. W. H. Tipton closes his report with this enthusiastic sentiment: "Never before in the history of mission has the Christian world faced such opportunities and responsibilities as now confront us in the Chinese republic. It is for us to decide whether China shall become a nation of atheists, corrupted by all the sins and vices, a menace to the rest of the world, or become our allies in establishing the universal reign of the Prince of Peace."

The Central China Mission.

The year of 1911, according to Rev. C. G. McDaniel, who makes this report, will ever be memorable in the annals of China. He believes that the changes which have been wrought will hasten the coming of the people of China into the kingdom of God. This mission, in spite of wars and rumors of wars, has gone on with its work with but little interruption. There has been a gracious ingathering of the lost and a noticeable deepening of spiritual life of the church members and taking on of responsibility on the part of Chinese Christians of conducting the work of their churches. The past year has been one of gratifying progress, and the future promises a great time of reaping this year.

All the departments of the work have been gratifying, but especially so the work of the Shanghai College and Seminary. Twelve students will graduate from the seminary, and six women will graduate from the school carried on for the wives of the students. There have been 39 students in and seminary and 67 in the college. The other schools in Central China have all done good work. The medical work, under Drs. Evans and Taylor, has shown large growth in all branches.

The North China Mission.

The revolution has hindered to some extent the work in this mission on account of forcing the missionaries to seek protection in Chefoo, but the work has been left in the hands of the Chinese brethren and has been a blessing to them, and the work has made gratifying progress. The efforts of Pastor Li, of Pingtu, are worthy of special mention. He baptized 444 converts during the year. The revolution has not been the only hindrance. There has been floods, plague and famine, but notwithstanding this,

progress has been made at every station, and there is much cause for rejoicing.

The medical work at Hwanghien, Latchowfu and Pingtu has been especially successful. The medical missionaries have made a deep impression on the Chinese by their activity in suppressing the plague and the Red Cross work.

The educational work is flourishing throughout the entire mission. The Bush Theological Seminary reports the best year in its history. Notwithstanding some interruptions by plague and war all the other schools have done well.

A heavy burden on the missionaries has been the famine relief work in the Pingtu section of North China, but it has proved a blessing to the people. They listen to the preaching of the Word as never before, and there have been 351 baptisms in connection with the Pingtu work.

The Interior China Mission.

This difficult field reports a year of blessings and a bright outlook for the future. The schools have prospered, and the evangelistic work, though hindered by war and famine, has been successful, and the medical and relief work has opened the way to the hearts of the people. The Chinese workers are worthy of special mention because of their heroic efforts.

Our Japan Mission.

The year 1911 has been in many respects the best year in the history of the Japan Mission. The churches are in excellent condition and are looking hopefully toward the future. While the number of baptisms has not been large, only 68, it shows a slight increase over last year. Some elements that have been causing friction have been eliminated and



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the churches are gradually, though slowly, moving towards independence. The Sunday school work has had much consideration, and the workers have hope for great advance in this important department.

The seminary at Tokyo has had a year of prosperity, and six men graduated last June. There is a bright future before this school, and it is to be a mighty factor in the evangelization of Japan.

Our missionaries have taken up this year two new forms of work. The night school, in which there have been 120 students enrolled, affords an excellent opportunity to reach the young men of Fukuoka. In addition to this, Mrs. Walne and Mrs. Dozier has organized classes to teach girls in English, which have been largely attended and have opened the way to the hearts and homes of the people. The girls come direct from their schools in the afternoons and also attend meetings in the homes of the missionaries on Saturday. It is hoped by this means to bring many girls into the churches who cannot be reached in any other way.

There is a great need of literary work among a reading people such as the Japanese, and a beginning has been made toward furnishing religious literature through the Gospel Book Store at Nagasaki. This is an important part of the work and greatly needs help in order that it may be effective. The report for the year closes with these words: "As we look back over the work of the past year our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many evidences we have had of our Father's presence and favor, and we turn to face our new year with buoyant joy and hope, because we believe that we are about to realize some plans for which we have striven and prayed."

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The great field of the Woman's Missionary Union leaves always larger room for expansion, and in our twenty-fifth year we have broadened our borders by enlisting many new members in old and forming many new missionary societies.

Perhaps the greatest emphasis has been placed upon the necessity of gathering and training the young women and children in missions. To neglect this is to build without fastening foundation. To avoid this fatal mistake the union has now a graded system of missionary societies and prepares special literature for each grade. Beginning with the Sunbeams, which include boys and girls from 6 to 12, we pass to the Junior Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors, the boys and girls at about 12 being separated into these two orders. The girls are "promoted" at 16 into the Young Woman's Auxiliary, but no other society is arranged for boys, it being hoped that after they outgrow the Royal Ambassadors they will find all necessary mission training and expression in the life of the church.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary leads naturally to the Woman's Missionary Society, where to a ripe old age those who came into it as young women still work and pray and give.

To maintain the interest give programs, send out material for special occasions, and continually keep in touch with more than 10,000 societies, entails sending out a vast amount of free literature. Besides this, the literature department keeps for sale the largest and most varied collection of mission leaflets on "all fields and phases of mission work" to be found in the south, or perhaps in any other part of our country. Maintained on an entirely separate foundation from the general work of the union, the ever-increasing demand for such missionary literature makes it at once self-supporting and able to minister to a very real need.

The Bible fund of the Sunday School Board is brought before the societies, each state agreeing to hold before them the raising of a stated amount for this purpose. This is done largely through the Sunbeams, who widely observe Bible Day in June, the program for this day being prepared by the union and distributed by your board to missionary societies and Sunday schools.

In connection with our young people's work, the union would again make grateful acknowledgement of the great assistance rendered by the generous space given us in "Kind Words." Societies continually testify to the help received from this source.

Turning to the different departments of activity, we find the Missionary Training School in a most prosperous condition; the Margaret Home fulfilling its mission to the children entrusted to its care; the executive committee in Baltimore well housed as the tenant of property held as part of an endowment for the Training School, and each state union active and aggressive, reaching out to a larger number of Southern Baptist women.

It is with much regret that we report the resignation of our very efficient corresponding secretary, Miss Edith Campbell Crane, her health making it impossible for her to hold the office until the completion of the year. Every effort has been put forth to so maintain the course of work at headquarters that the societies should experience no lack from this lamented resignation.

The total contributions for the year are:

Foreign Missions	\$156,846.41
Home Missions	97,557.17
Sunday School Board Bible Fund	1,574.87
Margaret Home	1,253.81
Training School maintenance	3,000.00
Training School endowment	4,787.83
Training School Scholarship Fund	2,937.16

Total ----- \$267,957.25

With determined purpose we press forward to larger things.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK, President,
MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CONVENTION NOTES.

Our Trip

Lay along the L. & N. to St. Louis, thence over the Frisco. Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma were all touched, but we went through without a hitch. We had a sleeper full of Alabamians, besides a goodly number in the day coaches—39 in all.

The Convention.

Nearly 1,000 delegates were reported at the beginning. Out of the 242 Alabama is entitled to we have only 57. Doubtless there will be more, but the number from east of the river will not be large. Texas reported 289 at the start. The west is in the majority, and I predict that San Antonio will get the next convention. The First church is a great building, but it is entirely inadequate for a meeting place. The announcement was made before the first session was over that no one would be admitted tomorrow except by badge. That means that all visitors will be barred. Hundreds of men and women are here, having journeyed hundreds of miles to realize the hope of a lifetime, to look in on the great convention. Imagine their disappointment when the door is shut in their faces! The convention is imposed upon almost every year. Great promises are made of ample room, but when the convention is assembled it is crowded into a church building or some other building with insufficient room. It is a shame. A mass meeting is no place for deciding a question like this.

The boards of trade of the contesting places, made up of shrewd business men, seeking only the advancement of business interests, can touch so many influences the mass meeting is swept along and away from the best interests of the convention. We all love Carter Helm Jones and all his people and we are glad we are here, but we deeply sympathize with the hundreds of visitors who must wander up and down the streets because they can find no place in the building.

The Ex-Alabamians

Are here in droves. Some of them are not natives, but we claim them because they passed through Alabama to eminence. There is J. M. Frost, the great secretary of our Sunday School Board. Who ever heard of Frost until Alabama put her stamp upon him? Likewise B. D. Gray, the great secretary of the Home Board, and John Purser, the president of that board. J. J. Taylor sits near me as I write, and looks like he longs to get back to Alabama, where he got his start. George B. Eager, too, is here—now a professor in our great theological seminary. John Prestridge, the editor of the Baptist World, is one of our boys, for he was born in Selma. He comes every year and brings his Kentucky wife with him. Cal Smith, J. E. McClurkin, J. W. O'Hara, C. T. Starkey, A. A. Hutto, Fred Hale and P. T. Hale, Joe Howard, A. J. Preston, T. V. Neal, W. A. Parker (just lately struck the grit of Texas), W. B. Earnest, H. E. Harris, Charles Brewer and I know not how many more of the native Alabamians who have wandered away, mere men who had the good fortune to pass through Alabama to greatness, I see at every turn. J. V. Dickinson is here whooping San Antonio for 1913 just like the other Texans. J. M. Sheburne, who slipped the bridle and cantered off to Bristol, and has never ceased to regret it; Lawrence, of Louisiana, one time pastor in Montgomery; J. C. Kendrick and many more.

Discussing the Sunday School Board

Dr. Green says: "Loyalty to Jesus is what makes us Baptists." Just before him came E. P. Burrows, of the Sunday School Board, on the "Baptist Teacher Creed," and before him came McConnell.

All these were pronouncedly Baptist talks. The revival of denominationalism is evidently on in this convention. Undenominationalism has been rife for some years. Our preachers have ceased to preach our doctrines. We are losing our children. When a Baptist boy or girl marries into the family of another denomination nine times in ten, if a change is made in the young family in church relation, it will be the Baptist that changes.

The rightness of that sort of thing goes unquestioned often by the Baptist fathers and mothers, and is often accepted as a matter of course by the Baptist pastors.

It is good that we are calling a halt on this miser-

EDITORIAL

(We have at last gone through our list name by name and have made affidavit that every one a year or more behind has been cut off. It grieved us sorely to drop the names of friend after friend, but we complied with the law. The test has come and soon we will know who are our real friends.)

A GREAT YEAR'S WORK.

We are giving large space to the reports of our secretaries, all of whom we heartily congratulate upon their splendid showings.

The Home Mission Board received \$366,050.51, an increase of \$32,516.08 over last year's receipts. This gives a balance of \$14,502 to the credit side of the ledger. It means a new day, and a glorious one, for Home Missions and all the work of Southern Baptists.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$580,408, an increase of over \$70,000 for the year, leaving a debt of only \$56,000, which means the new year will be planned on broader lines.

The Sunday School Board received \$300,276, an increase over last year of \$21,819—celebrating its twenty-first anniversary with a great history behind and a glorious future before it.

The W. M. U. received \$267,957.25, an amount which redounds to the glory of Southern Baptist women.

The seminaries' report was gratifying. During the year \$129,000 was raised on the endowment fund, 312 preachers were enrolled and 53 young women in the Training School.

It was truly a great year for Southern Baptists.

able tendency to liberalism and going back to emphasize the doctrines which distinguish us from other people. The Sunday School Board is the agency we look to to emphasize and lead this movement. Brother Virgin, of Tennessee, made a fine point in the discussion: "If one wants literature Millennial Dawnism he can get all the literature, he wants free. So of Christian Science and every other false system. Our literature on Baptists is often out of date, and it is always high priced. We need more up-to-date literature at a less price." And Virgin is right. Our boards ought to have bushels of denominational literature, to be sold at nominal prices or to be sent out entirely free. Our Sunday School Board is more and more doing just this thing.

The Denominational Press

Has a committee now before the convention. It is well. More depends upon our papers than any of us have ever dreamed. Everybody has an opinion on this subject. There are plenty of skeptics and fault-finders, but they will never build up or help a paper. One sentence in the report is: "Anybody can edit a paper, but it takes a genius to finance it." There you are. Mr. Critt, put that sentence in your pipe and smoke it. For my part, I am grateful to any man who will finance a paper for the Baptists. I do not envy him his job, and if he can make money out of it I will be one who will vote him a blue ribbon. Truly he is a genius. A religious paper in a home brings good tidings of great joy to every member of the family and to all the neighbors in the community.

Cranfl, of Texas, says: "The very mud sills of all of our interests are the Baptist papers of our several states." I say "amen" to that sentiment. When the test was made for those pastors who have in the past year canvassed their membership for their state paper to show their hands about 10 per cent responded.

Gambrill said: "You can't enlist people until you enlighten them. They must get the enlightenment from our papers. The denominational paper should be true to every denominational interest, and if the paper is true to denominational interests should have the support of every denominational man."

This was the most spirited discussion ever had in the convention on the subject of the press. It was well that the committee was continued for another year.

CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS.

The nominees from Alabama to fill the vacancies on the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are: Rev. Paul V. Bomar, D. D., Marion; Hon. R. E. Pettus, Huntsville, and W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee.

Prof. John T. Henderson, of Bristol, Tenn., read the report on the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The committee spent during the year \$1,638.38, of which the Sunday School Board paid \$123.64, and \$199.17 was raised by field contributions.

The Sunday School Board in its teacher training department has awarded this year to Alabama teachers 311 diplomas.

The following Alabamians have been appointed on committees: Pagan fields, Rev. Preston Blake, Birmingham; Mountain Mission School, Rev. S. A. Cowan, Montgomery; nominations, Rev. A. G. Mosley, Wetumpka; cities and foreigners, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Roanoke.

On the ground that any efforts towards church unity will be useless, as the Baptists must insist on defending their ideas against all differences of religious belief existing in other religious bodies, the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on church unity reported unfavorably towards the movement for an organized union of churches. This committee was headed by President C. E. Dargin, of Macon, Ga., and was appointed to consider the proposition made by the other Protestant churches to meet in a general session and agree upon tenets which would be acceptable to all of them. According to the report of the committee the Baptists will do anything in their power to promote a greater unity of action among the denominations, but the belief is expressed that there is no possibility of any organic union.

One of the principal events of the convention was the preaching of the annual convention sermon by Dr. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, S. C. Dr. Cody's theme was "The Call of the Cross," and the sermon was a powerful one.

The Rev. W. F. Yarborough, of Anniston, Ala., is among the most successful pastors operating under the jurisdiction of the Southern Baptist Convention. During a ten years' pastorate of the First Baptist church, Jackson, Miss., Dr. Yarborough succeeded in doubling its membership and missionary offerings. For the past three years he has been pastor of the First Baptist church, Anniston, Ala., and his Sunday school is on the "Blue Seal" honor roll this year.—Daily Oklahoman.

Dr. Preston Blake in discussing his report upon Foreign Missions in pagan fields declared that China since the establishment of the republic was a peculiarly fruitful field of immediate possibilities. He urged that prompt action, though, be taken in that the country is now in a formative period and will either become at once a mighty influence of paganism or else converted to Christianity. Speaking of Japan, he described the people as restless and ambitious to acquire the civilization of Christianity, but without the Christianity.

Rev. S. H. Campbell, well beloved in Alabama, but now of Little Rock, made a report on women's work. In the address following the detailed report he declared the women's societies were bringing the church politics to a higher and better standard of excellence and purity, and that they were destined to even greater accomplishments. During the 24 years of women's organizations \$2,607,900.65 had been contributed through those channels. There were 1,515 new societies organized during the year, and indications suggest a larger increase for 1913.

The report of the committee on time and place of next meeting as heard Saturday morning and St. Louis recommended. The date for the 1913 convention was set to begin May 14, with Dr. T. W. Okelley, of North Carolina, to deliver the annual sermon, and the Rev. J. E. Cross, of Texas, alternate.

YEAR'S WORK OF THE HOME BOARD.

The apportionment of the Home Board authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention for the fiscal year which has just closed was \$400,000. The board has received for its work \$366,050. The board has always accepted the convention apportionment as the amount it was to undertake to raise. It has always sought to keep a substantial margin between its actual appropriations and this apportionment. It has meant that it must actually spend every dollar apportioned, but that it may seek to raise this amount and use its best judgment in how far it may go in appropriations.

During the past year the actual appropriations of the board were about \$380,000, but a number of these appropriations were conditional. For example, they were so made that the failure of a church or of a mountain school to comply with the prescribed conditions would operate to delay the paying of the appropriation until the conditions should be complied with. The board cannot know in advance whether all conditions will be complied with. This explains how with a total of \$366,050 receipts the board closes the year's work with a small balance to its credit. The Home Board could wisely expend twice its receipts on work in the south, and will gladly do it just as soon as the convention instructs it by its enlarged apportionment to increase the appropriations.

The number of workers of the board this year has been 1,309. They have preached the gospel in 2,368 communities. Of these workers 269 are employed by the board independently of other Southern Baptist agencies, and 1,140 are employed in co-operation with these agencies. The agencies referred to are in almost every case State Mission Boards.

Resultant upon the work of the missionaries have been 26,899 baptisms and a total addition to the churches of 47,728. There have been 201 churches organized, or more than one in every two days. Houses of worship have been built or improved in 234 places. Eighty-two workers among people of foreign speech have been employed, 55 of whom have worked in the states of the convention and 21 in Cuba. Besides these, 18 missionaries have labored among the Indians, six being maintained entirely by the board and the other co-operative.

Twenty-nine mountain schools have been conducted, and in them there have been 4,636 students and 142 teachers. Seventy-five of the students are young preachers, and during the year 267 converts were baptized among the students of these schools, far the larger proportion of whom are already members of churches. The value of the mountain school property is approximately \$500,000. These schools are doing a great work to train the youth among the mountain population of 3,334,000, who live in an area of approximately 76,000 square miles in seven of our southern states. Half of the membership among the mountain people are Baptists, and the splendid system of schools of the Home Board is the most extensive and successful system of Christian schools in operation among the highland people, and may with all propriety be increased.

Thirty-seven negro missionaries have been employed in co-operation with other agencies, nearly all of them in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention of the negroes. These missionaries report 433 Bible conferences conducted and 2,461 baptisms.

The evangelistic department of the board has attained larger results this year than ever before. A number of successful city campaigns have been conducted, and 3,737 converts have been baptized and 683 volunteers for the ministry and mission work have been secured as one of the results of this gracious work. The evangelists have worked in the small towns and country places as well as in the cities. More attention is drawn to their city campaign work, but results equally blessed are secured in towns and in the country.

The number of baptisms that resulted upon the work of missionaries of the Home Board this year that were not in co-operation with agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention was 6,293. The proportion of baptisms creditable to the Home Board in the co-operative work on the basis of relative expendi-

tures was 6,294. This makes a total of 12,587 baptisms creditable to the work of the Home Board not in co-operation with other agencies of the denomination in the south. Counting out also one-half of the negro baptisms on account of the partial support given by the National Baptist Convention and other bodies, we have 11,257 Baptists that are directly and wholly creditable to the activities of the Home Board.

The board is not jealous of securing credit for results. In fact, its results are probably not more or less successful than those of the other activities put forth by the churches themselves and by state Mission Boards. But the board is glad to give such figures as the above with detail both because it is a splendid record and to disabuse the minds of any of the brethren who may possibly have a lingering impression that in co-operative work this agency would claim results to which it is not justly entitled.

In its report the Home Board sets forth the above facts with explicitness and in tabular form. It does this in a more detailed way than ever before. The report adds on this point: "We can assure the brethren that there are yet other large and significant results that are not reducible to tabular statement. But we are constrained to suggest that there is need that Southern Baptists should think still more than we have done about attaining those results that cannot be shown in a table of figures. We can count converts in figures, but we have no figures that adequately represent the value of trained church members or the weight of spiritual competency. We must do more to increase the weight in Christian service of the masses of our membership, while at the same time we spare nothing in our zeal to increase their numbers."

After calling attention to the laymen's work and woman's work and making a report upon the matter of Haiti that was submitted to the board for investigation by the last Southern Baptist Convention, the report takes up one after another the regular departments of work conducted by it. The report of the board does not encourage Southern Baptists to take hold of the work in Haiti, chiefly on the ground that other Baptist agencies are already there in Home Mission work and that Haiti is inaccessible and far removed from the other operations of the Home Board. It shows that the board has offered to employ Secretary J. T. Henderson, of the Laymen's Movement, in co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board, on condition that Secretary Henderson gives half of his time and attention to Home Missions.

Church Building, Cities and Foreigners, Mountain Schools, Missions East of the Mississippi, Missions West of the Mississippi, Publicity Department, Work Among Negroes, Evangelism and Cuba and Panama are the special departments covered by the rest of this large and gratifying annual report.

It sets forth the intention of the board, with the approval of the convention, at once to enter heartily and energetically upon the campaign to secure the balance of the proposed church building loan fund of \$500,000, employing for this work its regular agencies and if necessary special workers.

The report on publicity calls attention to the recent issuance by the board of a book on Home Missions, entitled "The Home Mission Task," edited by the editorial secretary of the board, and composed of timely and well-written chapters by various well-known Southern Baptist writers. Notice is also given that the board expects to issue other books during the next year.

The report warns Southern Baptists against trusting too largely to undenominational mission books. It says: "We are convinced of the necessity of Baptists themselves supplying the denomination with the leading books to be used in mission study classes and by other students of missions in our denomination. Many stimulating and suggestive mission study books are now to be had from undenominational sources. These are useful for supplementary study, but, as they prize denominational loyalty and conviction, Southern Baptists must supply the leading books for the study of our people."

"An examination of many of these undenominational books shows that a number of them not only minimize denominational loyalty, which is to be expected in such books, but that they frequently contain positive preachments that seem definitely in-

tended to break down the spirit of loyalty to one's own denominational group. In fact, some of them go out of their way to belittle scriptural principles indicated by that loyalty. For Southern Baptists to encourage their young people to get their missionary development and ideals of the religious life and interdenominational comity from such books is to court their own future undoing as a Christian body that stands for great distinctive scripture doctrines."

The report expresses hearty thanks for the ready helpfulness of the denomination's newspapers in setting forth Home Mission information and inspirational articles, and says: "We furnish material to 21 denominational papers. We try to make it informing and worth while, varying as often as possible from the formal, official pronouncements that inhere in the very nature of the work of a mission board, and furnishing something that sets forth Home Mission principles, ideals and activities. We wish we could use more adequately and with a more evident recognition of the desire of the editors to have original articles always, the courtesies they so freely extend to us."

The report calls attention, under the head of "Cities and Foreigners" and in its presentation about the mountain districts and negroes, to the efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to make inroads upon the denominations of evangelical religion in the south. It declares that the Catholics are beginning to build churches for negroes and among the mountain districts of the south, and suggests the wisdom of southern people scrutinizing with great care any agency outside of the south that proposes to send immigrants into this section. There are many evidences that Catholicism, in its announced attention of capturing America, is turning its attention to the business of breaking up in the south the greatest Baptist and Protestant stronghold in the world.

Very strongly does this report of the Home Board urge the importance of Southern Baptists giving their pronouncement for a program of mission activities in our country that shall embrace the training and enlistment of backward churches, while it abates nothing at all in the large and successful attention which we are giving to purely evangelistic work. It calls attention to the reproach of 11,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that are entirely unenlisted in mission work and are without the fellowship of sympathy and service with the constructive part of the denomination in bringing the kingdom of Christ.

It declares that, while Southern Baptists have outstripped all others in the successes of their extensive mission work, we are behind almost all other large denominations in intensive mission work. The report suggests the desirability of the Home Board, on the approval of and in co-operation with the denomination in the various states, enlarging its activities so as to do a substantial service in training and encouraging our very large number of backward country churches, and calls upon the convention and the denomination for an enlarged support of its work to enable it to conduct this additional and much needed department.

The report also declares that Southern Baptists are under a moral obligation to do larger things for the religious instruction of the negroes than are now being done. The board is doing all that the negro Baptist bodies are asking it to do under the present plan of conducting the negro work. Still its expenditures in this department are scarcely more than \$12,000 a year, truly a pitifully small sum for the largest Christian denomination among the whites of the south to contribute through that denomination among the negroes of the south, that is by far the largest, to the religious uplift of this weaker race group of 10,000,000 souls that live at our very doors.

The whole spirit of the report of the Home Board shows that this agency is alert in getting ready to lead forward for Southern Baptists, in this day of intense industrial life and of many and sundry new problems, in the inauguration of a denominational program that shall hold Southern Baptists true to the old paths and at the same time quicken them with a largeness of vision and a liberality of soul that shall make them a mighty and competent agency for the building up of righteousness and the saving of souls in America, for the training of forces and the releasing of patencies that shall reach in the Foreign Mission enterprise to the uttermost parts of the earth.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The report of the Sunday School Board, located at Nashville, a digest of which was read to the convention by Dr. J. M. Frost, the secretary, was very gratifying to all the delegates. This year the board becomes of age, this being its 21st report. It has been a financial success from the start. The report of the finances for this year show that it has been a year of remarkable success.

For the past year the board has received the sum of \$300,276, an advance over last year of \$21,819. It required the business of 13 years from the organization of the board, that is between the years 1891 and 1904, to reach the \$100,000 mark. It required only five years, from 1904 to 1909, to reach \$200,000, and it has required only three years for the \$300,000 mark to be reached.

It has been the policy of the board to look to the future, and with this end in view it has during the past year purchased a lot, which will be held for building purposes. The sum of \$60,000 was paid for this lot, part in cash and the balance in payments that will be met as they fall due.

Expenditures.

During the year the sum of \$68,849 has been given into the different departments of the denominational work. From the sale of periodicals and other sources the sum of \$2,503,015 has been received since the board was organized 21 years ago. Of this sum \$52,792 was received for the distribution of Bibles. Since the business was started the sum of \$426,082 has been put into the work of the convention.

Christian Union.

The board makes a very significant utterance that will create widespread interest in this day, when there is so much sentimentalism on the subject of Christian union. This utterance shows that Baptists and others feel that the time has come to work along denominational lines rather than to spend so much energy in seeking to cultivate the fraternal spirit.

Here is what is said on this subject:

There is marked unrest at present in the Sunday school world, both in this country and England. It may justly be called denominational unrest, and is true, more or less, with all the denominations, some feeling it more keenly than others. It is an awakening of the denominational consciousness, of the doctrinal conscience and the sense of denominational responsibility.

This unrest concerns four questions, which, without exaggeration, may be called storm centers of Sunday school thought and activity: (1) Lesson text and courses of study, both their substance and method of selection; (2) doctrinal questions, concerning especially such vital matters as the scriptures, child nature, sin and the redemptive work of Christ; (3) teacher training, and who shall have charge of it; (4) the denomination's management and direction of its own Sunday school affairs.

The situation is more pronounced at the north than in the south, and the unrest more acute among some other denominations than among our own people. In the January issue of the Pilgrim Teacher, Congregational Sunday School Journal of Boston, there was an editorial with the significant title, "The Value and Limitation of Associated Effort," with special emphasis on the hurtful limits necessitated by union effort. This article was a striking statement of the situation, and illustrated somewhat the scope and cause of the unrest. The several denominations throughout the world, we may say, have gone to great lengths for co-operation in Sunday school work, but with nearly all of them there is now a reaction and restlessness at the point where the denominational finds limitation and restriction by the inter-denominational.

The men in that Toronto meeting, who are entrusted with great interests in their several denominations, had a feeling, it was plain to see, which had come to conviction, that joint effort had reached its limit; that the highest denominational efficiency cannot come through inter-denominational Sunday school endeavor, whether in mass meeting or in efforts at organization. We simply record this as a present-day situation and trend of the times. We are not expressing an opinion, but reciting and recording a manifest condition. As has already been said, the

feeling is more pronounced at the north than at the south, is less acute with Baptists than with others. What was said in Toronto by an official of a large denomination at the north is not uncommon with many others: "The Sunday school cause of our people is 25 years behind what it would be had we kept in our own hands the direction of our own Sunday school affairs."

It is not easy to foresee what the outcome will be in this unrest and seething in the Sunday school world. It may result in making another lesson committee, which will be denominational in the sense of being chosen out of the council from the several denominations. Indeed, an effort was made to that end and was powerfully supported in the Toronto meeting. But there is no need for alarm or for any immediate specific action on the part of our people, though these questions disturb and possibly unsettle others. There is need, however, for alertness and aggressiveness, for clear vision and true loyalty to the things of the kingdom; need imperative that we lengthen the cord and strengthen the stakes in what we are doing.

There is no mistaking this trend. It brings on new problems, but for the most part problems of life, growth and possibilities of larger usefulness. There is not less of fraternity and good will, but also a feeling, general and becoming more acute with the denominations, that they have gone too far—at least far enough in associated effort—have delegated too much to the inter-denominational, that conditions require aggressiveness on the part of the denomination to meet its own needs; a growing sense of denominational responsibility and a purpose to care for the things which the denomination counts of value and most imperative.

This sentiment found concrete expression at Philadelphia two years ago, when the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations was organized, composed of only such persons as are connected officially with the Sunday school work of their denominations. Its purpose is to magnify the denomination and emphasize Sunday school work as done under denominational control and through organized effort, in contrast with the International Sunday School Association, which works its several agencies inter-denominationally, and yet, in its method and policies, gives the denominations in general much cause for complaint. This was plainly shown in the meeting of the council in Toronto last winter, and could not be mistaken in meaning and emphasis. That meeting was broadly representative, having an attendance of 130 persons from 30 denominations in their organized Sunday school work, and including practically all the denominational Sunday school interests of the United States and Canada. Good fellowship and the co-operative spirit were all that could be desired, and yet denominational assertiveness was the most manifest and determined single spirit in the meeting—aggressiveness for denominational need and responsibility.

The feeling, as it found expression in that meeting without formal action, was that the International Sunday School Association, with headquarters in Chicago, had rendered the denominations good service and had greatly advanced their Sunday school cause so long as it followed legitimate lines and remained within its own prescribed sphere, but now in these latter years it has departed from its former policy and method; that its organization, so simple in former years, had developed into a powerful piece of machinery, with the management of a close corporation; that it looks to the denominations directly and indirectly for financial support, and is expensive in its operations, with no commensurate *quid pro quo*; that it is in no way amenable to the denominations, but is all the while making encroachment upon the denominational life, prerogative and work—especially in the matter of teacher training.

Baptists in South.

The Baptists of the south through their convention, with its lesson committee and Sunday School Board already in operation, have their equipment for taking care of their own Sunday school interests, to foster and promote them as they deem best. Certainly they will never delegate their teacher training to others or surrender their high prerogative in Sunday school

affairs. With aggressiveness in the future as in the past they will press on to larger and higher things, even marking out their own lesson courses, if need be, without asking leave, but standing by the truth for the truth's sake.

There are always larger things and a glorious future awaiting a true and courageous people. In the name of our God we lift up our banners as the insignia of conquest—the banner of New Testament truth, inscribed with the mighty principles as summarized by another, "The supremacy of the scriptures, the lordship of Jesus, the empire of conscience, the sanctity of the single church."

The past, so full of conflict and conquest, makes us bold for the future—cautious lest we run into blunders and defeat, but courageous lest we fail in our obligations and let another take our crown.

Attention is called to the upward tendency of the churches since the work of the Baptist Young People's Union was started, a work that is preparing young people for efficiency and laying broad and deep the foundations for the future.

General Book Store.

Last year it was suggested by a resolution that the board should add to its business a general book store, from which the Baptists of the south could secure their supplies. It reports that this is deemed unwise, since it would be a great risk, even hazardous as a business venture, very circumscribed and with little out look for usefulness. It will be comparatively easy, with slight risk and comparatively small outlay of capital, to maintain, as the board is now doing a growing order business with a complete line of Sunday school supplies other than those it publishes. The board is ready at any time to order at short notice any book that may be wanted, and many are already in stock.

The board has kept fully abreast of the times in its Sunday school publications, and has met all the demands made upon it for the best interests of the churches in their purpose to teach the Word of God and to instruct in the ways of the kingdom. The report says:

"In this way, more than ever before, it is essential—indeed the demand is imperative with pastors, superintendents and teachers—that they cultivate the sense of doctrinal responsibility and guard with zealous care the schools in our churches against propaganda in teaching, often under plausible and pleasing names but nevertheless wrong, hurtful, even deadly. The great word of the apostle to Timothy in behalf of 'sound doctrine according to the gospel, was never more needed than now. 'Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in so doing thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.' These words come with solemn meaning into our churches and their schools, bearing the emphasis of centuries and showing us the highway to safety, sufficiency and conquest in teaching."

The board has recognized the demands for adult Bible classes as one of the latest and most marked phases of Sunday school organization.

The Sunday School Board is fostering three classes and trying to unify them in a compact body with common purpose and spirit. They have a variety of names—Baraca for men, and Philathea for women, being the more common; Agoga and Amoma are also used as distinctive Baptist names; Fidells for classes of young ladies is one of the names proposed by the Sunday School Board, and is quite popular. It is much to be desired that these classes in Baptist churches of the south, whatever the class name shall be listed in some way with the Sunday School Board at Nashville, for example, as the Convention Adult Bible Class Department. Each class could retain its own preference in name and yet have a common designation which would at once mark them as Baptist and identify them with all the great interests fostered by the convention. This would be an immense gain and well deserve the attention and effort of all our Sunday school forces. It would give distinct rank in the Sunday school world, would give definiteness of character and standard of purpose and effort, and create an institution which would be felt from one end of the country to the other.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

BIBLE CLASS

Of County Officials, Bankers, Merchants, Professional and Business Men.

There is an organized Bible class of the Baptist Sunday school across the street from the Breeze office that ought to be of interest far and wide.

It is a good illustration of the fact that active and influential business men do sometimes unite in this work. The "organized class" is as follows: Teacher, Dr. C. H. Franklin; president, B. T. Eley; vice president, R. L. Prince; secretary, W. J. Cowart; treasurer, J. H. Rainey; committee on membership, Dr. T. J. Dean, J. M. Ellis, T. N. Cooper, A. W. Beverly and M. B. Long. The membership of the class includes the president of a railroad, head of the cotton mill, cotton warehouseman, two prominent bankers, the county assessor, the chancellor, county commissioner, head of a large store, a wholesale merchant, superintendent of hand factory, cotton merchant, contractor, two physicians, nominee for mayor, every man and planter, railroad auditor, salesman and an editor.

Our attention was called to all this by hearing a general lament that business men neglect the Sunday school. If there is a town or city anywhere that can make a better showing we would like to hear from them.—Bullock County Breeze, Union Springs.

A busy physician carries in his pocket a bit of verse written for children, and once in a while reads it to a patient, young or old:

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'Tis a thousand times better to laugh than to cry. What is tangled today will be smooth by and by.

"I wouldn't be cross, dear, with people at home, They love you so fondly, whatever may come, And since the fine gold far outweigheth the dross, I'd always be cheerful, I'd never be cross."

Our work in the Cleburne and Randolph associations is progressing fairly well where they have competent pulpits, but the great trouble is such a small per cent of our churches have prepared and progressive men in the pulpit, and those that have non-progressive preachers don't contribute anything to the material advancement of our Lord's kingdom. Ignorance is the greatest hindrance in the way of the progress of the church and state, and it is strange that our intelligent Baptists can't see that our state paper and other educational machinery is the very life blood of our denomination. Quite a number of our brethren have agreed to take the paper at an early date. We have missed so many meetings during the winter and spring on account of the inclemency of the weather that I am badly behind with my work. With prayers and best wishes I beg to remain your fellow laborer—G. L. Hicks.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court 6th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Lillie Newman, Deceased. This day came Carl A. Fox, administrator of the estate of Lillie Newman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 30th day of May, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS.

By Alex Bealer.

The Southern Baptist Convention, representing the co-operative work of the Missionary Baptists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Southern Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and parts of Missouri, Maryland, District of Columbia and New Mexico, assembled in the First Baptist church of Oklahoma City at 3 p. m. The actual voting body present was less than 2,000. The present meeting is the fifty-second session and the first time to be held in Oklahoma.

A recommendation was made that scholarships be offered in the seminary for young preachers who make high marks in their college work.

A party of Cheyenne Indians, delegates to the convention, occupied tepees on a vacant lot near the church during the sessions. They could have been provided with rooms, but preferred to live in their native way while in the city.

Rev. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church, where the convention was held, entertained his three brothers—Rev. Ashby Jones, of Augusta, Ga.; Rev. Howard Lee Jones, of Charleston, S. C., and Rev. Pendleton Jones, of Hampton, Va.

One of the interesting features of this Oklahoma City convention is that, although it is the Southern Baptist Convention, it is being entertained largely by northern men. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, the pastor, is a southern man, a native of Virginia, but it developed that out of the 16 men on the entertainment committee 12 were natives of the north and have been living only a few years in Oklahoma City.

Few people have any idea as to the number of Baptist pastors there are in the bounds of the convention. An examination of the convention annual shows that there are today 8,217 pastors. Alabama has 700 of them, Arkansas 481, Florida 214, Georgia 885, Kentucky 678, Louisiana 228, Mississippi 481, Missouri 714, North Carolina 621, South Carolina 358, Tennessee 549, Texas 1,269, Virginia 411, and in Illinois there are 201 who affiliate with the convention. After this session there will be quite a number of new ones who will come in when the Baptists of New Mexico will transfer their allegiance from the Northern Baptist Convention to that of the south.

It will be interesting to note, after this convention the Southern Baptists will have convened in every state in its territory. It met seven times in Kentucky, eight in Tennessee, eight in Georgia, twice in Louisiana, four times in Maryland, twice in Missouri, three times in North Carolina, four times in Alabama, four times in Texas, three times in South Carolina, six times in Virginia, once in Mississippi, twice in Arkansas, once in the District of Columbia, and once in the newest state in its territory, Oklahoma. That leaves out only a part of Illinois, which has not had the convention.

The ordinance of baptism was administered by Dr. Carter Helm Jones to five candidates in the presence of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. H. B. Strickland, wife of the Baptist pastor of Pan Handle, Tex., desiring to be baptized, was received into the church and baptized. This is the first time such a thing as this has occurred in the history of the convention.

The Woman's Missionary Union re-elected its officers with one exception. The new official is Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Alabama, in place of Miss Edith Crane, resigned. Miss Fannie E. S. Peck was elected president for the fourteenth time, and Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, of Maryland, was elected treasurer for the sixteenth time. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, of Maryland, was elected recording secretary, and Mrs. F. C. Wallis, of Georgia, assistant recording secretary.

St. Louis was selected as the next place of meeting, the time being 3 p. m., May 14, 1913.

T. W. O'Kelley, of North Carolina, was chosen to preach the convention sermon, with J. L. Gross, of Texas, as his alternate.

The report of the secretary shows that the 13 states east of the Mississippi gave for Foreign Missions last year \$467,074, and for Home Missions \$274,662, a total of \$741,736. These states sent 578 delegates to the convention. The five states west of the Mississippi gave \$113,332 for Foreign Missions and \$91,382 for Home Missions, a total of \$204,714. These states sent 650 delegates to the convention.

Among the new men appointed by the convention to serve on the boards were T. P. Bell, of Atlanta, for the Foreign Board; J. W. Millard, of Atlanta, for one of the managers of the Home Board; F. P. Provost, of Nashville, as one of the managers for the Sunday School Board.

On the Pacific Coast.

The foreign situation on the Pacific coast is beginning to impose itself upon the attention of thinking men. The opening of the Panama canal is of the utmost importance to Seattle and the whole Pacific coast. The canal will make the Pacific cities almost as accessible to the European emigrant as the Atlantic coast cities are now, and much more attractive.—Immigration.

Correct.

The man who expects to raise a crop of vegetables in his back yard by mid-summer without raising blisters in April never gave close study to the subject of scientific farming.—Times-Star.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 16th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of H. N. Tyler, Deceased. This day came L. A. Tyler, administratrix of the estate of H. N. Tyler, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 18th day of June, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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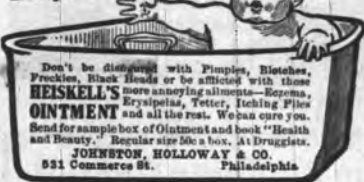
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SIZING UP THE SECRETARY.

When the portly form of Dr. Lansing Burrows, the secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, loomed up in the lobby of the Lee-Huckins the other day there was a flutter of interest among the negro bell boys. When the one who had piloted him into the clerk returned to where the others were sitting there was quite a discussion as to who the distinguished stranger might be.

"You reckon," said one, "dat he's one of dem guvment men come out here to look atter de 'lans?"

"Nah," was the reply, "you know a man what looks lak dat man ain't a gwinter fool er way his time a projickin' long with no injun."

"I speck he one of dem Baptists preachers," ventured another. "I hear tell dese mitey big fokes."

"What you talking 'bout, nigger; dat man a preacher!" He too ser-vigeous looking. Course he ain't no preacher."

"I know what he is," put in the one who had been awed by his presence as he led him to the desk. "He one er dese yere Yankee millionaires. You see dat hig gole press pin he got on his coat. Why, nigger, dar's a dozen dimunds in it. Dey dey fairly makes yo eyes git de razzle, dazbles when you put 'em on dat blasin' pin. Dat man sho is big rich."

"I bet chu he's a lawyer," suggested still another.

"He ain't no one hos lawyer ef he is," they all replied in chorus. "He got too much sense for dat."

"He muss be a jedger. Dess look at him how he rears back in dat chair. Look lak he's a fixin' 'er to say ten and costs. He sho is a big jedger an' don't you forgit it."

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REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 1912.

Apportionment for State Mis-	
sions	\$32,000
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W. B. CREAMPTON, Secretary.

CONVENTION NOTES.

By William H. Smith.

The opening session of the great Southern Baptist Convention was most gratifying and foreshadowed a splendid meeting. It was marked by rapid and pleasing action. The president was elected without a dissenting voice. Four vice-presidents were nominated, and the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the body for them. All other officers were elected in the same way. No tedious ballots. The welcome address, by Dr. Jones, and the reply by his classmate at the seminary, Dr. W. T. Lowery, were gems, bright, sparkling, strong and short.

The reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards proved more than ever the need of a system for collecting funds throughout the year. The former received \$120,000 on the evening of the closing day and the latter \$210,000. Surely Southern Baptists ought to find a better way. The every member canvass and the every Sunday offering, properly started and enthusiastically worked on the basis of one-tenth as a minimum, would solve the problem.

The Foreign Board made the greatest report in its history. The year's work was done in the face of the greatest difficulties both at home and abroad, but it was marked with splendid success everywhere. The greatest total contribution, \$580,408, and the greatest number of conversions on the fields, 4,300, tell only partially the results. Many of the best blessings cannot be expressed in figures.

An unusually large number of foreign missionaries are attending the convention. Many are at home just now because of the revolution in China and on account of the conditions in Mexico. They were given a most hearty welcome on all sides. Most of the speaking on Foreign Mis-

sions was done by them, and the people heard them gladly.

The convention sermon by Dr. Z. T. Cody on the "Call of the Cross" made a profound impression.

The Sunday School Board made a most gratifying report. Its work for the cause of Southern Baptists and the kingdom of the Lord is incalculable.

The committee on apportionment recommended that the amount for Home Missions for 1912-13 be \$412,000 and for Foreign Missions \$618,000. This is a good advance over last year.

The greatest hour in the history of the convention was at 11 o'clock on Saturday, when the report of the committee on the Judson centennial, appointed a year ago, made its report. It recommended that an equipment fund of \$1,250,000 be raised during the next three years.

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GEORGE G. MILES.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Trustees of Judson College Bearing on the Death of George G. Miles, One of Its Members.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, the spirit of George G. Miles left this world to be with his Maker, passing away in Birmingham at Davis' Infirmary, where he had gone for treatment for an acute attack of Bright's disease, from which he had suffered for months. Stricken in the prime of life, when the future held out for him its greatest opportunities in business and useful services in the Master's kingdom, it is hard to see how we can do without his valuable services in our denominational affairs.

In the death of George G. Miles the state, the Baptist denomination, and especially Judson College, lost one of its most useful citizens. He was loyal, true, honest, brave and faithful, one who could be depended upon to do his full share in the cause of righteousness and good government. He happily combined all the elements that go to make up true manhood, both in business and spiritual life.

He occupied many positions of honor

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 8th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Charles F. Enslin, Deceased. This day came Birmingham Trust and Savings Company, administrator of the estate of Laura C. Enslin, deceased, who during her life was the administratrix of the estate of Charles F. Enslin, deceased, and filed its account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 11th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Dr. S. M. Miller, Deceased. This day came W. C. Hudson, administrator of the estate of Dr. S. M. Miller, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 3rd Day of May, 1912.

Estate of Mary B. Bains, Deceased. This day came G. W. Bains, executor of the estate of Mary B. Bains, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 29th day of June, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

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conferred by his denomination and the Christian people of the state, also by benevolent institutions. Whether as president of the State Board of Missions, director of the Alabama State Baptist Convention, trustee of Judson College, as a member of the executive committee to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, member of the educational commission, moderator of the Montgomery Association, president of the State Sunday School Association or grand keeper of records and seals of the Knights of Pythias in Alabama, he always exemplified those rare characteristics necessary to a faithful performance of every duty, and his record in each of these capacities is a rich heritage to his children.

No man could truthfully charge George Miles with sitting on the fence or dodging an issue. In every matter touching the political, civic or religious life he was ever found true and battling for the right. Modest, yet aggressive, wise, but conservative, his every influence was felt for the good and an appeal to the best in man and for his social uplift. In every good word and work he placed himself squarely on the side of righteousness and the betterment of his fellowmen.

In his death Judson College and our board loses one of its most loyal friends and supporters. He always gave of his time, his means and of his services, as well as patronage, having committed his two daughters to our institution to be educated. In our board meetings we shall miss his presence, his wise counsel and faithful services, which were an inspiration to nobler effort. We shall also miss his presence in all of our denominational gatherings, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who has called him to a higher life of service.

In conclusion we extend to his family and relatives our sincerest sympathy and condolence, praying God's richest blessings upon each of them.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication and one copy sent to the family of our deceased brother.

Adopted by the board of trustees of Judson College this, the 10th day of May, 1912.

B. F. ELLIS,
- W. A. DAVIS,
S. V. WOODFIN,
Committee.

THE LIVING TABLET.

And, stooping down, he wrote upon the ground,

Nor all the centuries may fade away
The shining records of the words unknown

Eternal Mercy traced upon that day.

A million other precepts are no more,
Though carefully engraved with cunning art,

But lifeless records, they, on leaves or stone;

The Master wrote upon the human heart.

—Ellen Burns Sherman.

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SALE OF LANDS FOR DIVISION.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Chancery Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, rendered on the 25th day of April, 1912, I, D. H. Vann, executor of the estate of W. J. Gillespie, deceased, will, on the 25th day of May, 1912, beginning at the hour of noon, sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in front of the south door of the court house in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, the lands hereinafter described. Said sale being for the purpose of division among the owners thereof. At said sale the lands will be first offered in forty-acre tracts, and after receiving bids on such forty-acre tracts, the lands will then be offered in two bodies or tracts, one tract being in section 14 and the other being in sections 9 and 16. At such sale I will accept the bid or bids which in the aggregate amount to the greater sum. A complete abstract of the title to said lands will be found in the offices of Frank S. White & Sons. Said sale being made subject to confirmation by the court.

Said lands are described as follows: The E. 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4, the N. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4, the S. W. 1-4 of the N. W. 1-4, the N. E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 and all that part of the S. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 lying north of Tyler's branch, commencing where said branch crosses Tyler's lane and running east on line with said branch to a bluff at the east end of said lane, then with the original line to the east boundary of said land, all of said land being section 14, township 15, range 1 west. Also the south 10 acres of the N. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4, the west 10 acres of the N. E. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4 and the west 20 acres of the E. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4, and the S. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and the N. W. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4, all of said lands being in section 16, township 15, range 1 west. Also 1 1-2 acres off the south part of the S. E. 1-4, described as follows: Commence 10 rods east of the S. W. corner of S. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, run east 10 rods, then north to store near spring, then west 10 rods, then south to beginning. Also 1 1-2 acres described as follows: Begin at the S. W. corner of the S. E. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4, run east 165 feet, north 460 feet, west 165 feet, then south 460 feet to beginning; said last two parcels of land containing three acres, more or less, and situated in section 9, township 15, range 1 west, and all of said lands herein described being in Jefferson county, Alabama. D. H. VANN, Executor of the Estate of W. J. Gillespie, deceased.

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My flock of White Leghorns layers averaged nineteen eggs each during dreary December, and won ribbons at Montgomery show in January. Eggs for hatching, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per 15. GRAHAM MOSELEY, JR. Wetumpka, Ala.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ARGO.

Some time ago I wrote you about our memorial, which was to occur on the 11th instant, and I am delighted to inform you that it was a grand success. The program, which was carried out, was as follows:

9:30 a. m. Devotional, by Rev. W. F. White.

Welcome address by Rev. W. F. White.

"Somebody's Darling"—Miss Era Willet.

"How Far to the Grave"—Miss Lillian Micklewright.

"Memorial Day"—Miss Mariam Micklewright.

"Tommy's Prayer"—Miss Temple Weldon.

"The Last Hymn"—Miss Myrtle Turner.

Song, "Memories of Father"—Sarah, Clara and Lola Dispain.

Talk by Prof. Reese.

"Grown Ups"—Lansom Wadkins.

"Do a Kindness"—Miss Vada Mae Williams.

"Over the River"—Miss Myrtle Keith.

"My Mother's Hand"—Miss Clara Crow.

"Decorate the Graves"—Robert Willet.

"The Sun Is Sinking in the West"—Dwight Keith.

"The Day of Memory"—Earl Keith. 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. James E. Griffin.

12 m. March in honor of the dead soldiers of the civil war. 12:15 p. m. Lunch.

1:15 p. m. Devotional—Mr. E. E. Melton.

Song, "Our Father's Gone"—Miss Susie Jones.

"It Will Never Grow Old"—Miss Lillian Micklewright.

"Forever and a Little While"—Miss Mae Willet.

"To My Mother"—Miss Ollie Dispain.

Song, "Little Sunbeams"—Sarah, Clara and Lola Dispain.

"Death Is Coming"—Miss Pearl Micklewright.

"Oh, Ye Dead"—Miss Annie King.

"I Have Only One Friend"—Miss Mattie Willet.

"Three Little Graves"—Miss Lena Crow.

"Not Now"—Mattie Mapne.

"The Children Up in Heaven"—Miss Ersler Crow.

"Just Before the Battle Mother"—Miss Eva Keith.

"Mother's Gone to Heaven"—Miss Sarah Dispain.

"The Passing of the Soul"—Miss Matholine Crow.

"Friendship"—Miss Alice Liles.

"Gone Before"—Eola Clements.

"My Mother's Grave"—Miss Cora Glenn.

General invitation for speakers.

The above program was carried out nicely, and all seemed to enjoy the day. The sermon by Brother Griffin was elegant, and he had the undivided attention of the entire audience.

We also had an elegant sermon on Sunday by Brother White, and I'm glad to say that our prayer service and B. Y. P. U. are flourishing.

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Dr. Montague has a strong message on "Our Boys," and his services are at the disposal of our executive committee; as is also Dr. Preston Blanke Thornton, Wright, Blackwelder, Willis, Stewart, Anderson and many others.

We have followed up each campaign with a revival effort, and find that in every instance the results were even much more satisfactory than anticipated. Personally, I believe that we are on the right track and am increasingly convinced of the good results that will follow in the wake of these get-together rallies.

It is my intention to go into every church that so desires—of course we cannot force our way. We accept every invitation, and in the course of time we shall have visited every church in the association.

Yours very truly,

A. A. WALKER.

OBITUARY.

Harry Estes, son of Charles O. and Mary Belle Gantt, was born on the 2nd of July, 1908, and died March 23, 1912. Thus ended a brief, but a blessed life, for little Harry's presence always brought the sunshine of smile and gladness to his parents and a great joy to his grandparents. Although less than four years old, he possessed an unusually bright mind, which was quickly discerned by others. Many times did he ask his mother to get the Bible, read it to him, and then would ask her the meaning of the verses read.

To the father, mother, grandparents and all sorrowing ones: May the dark shadows be driven away by the memories of his precious life and in the glorious thought—

"We shall sleep, but not forever,
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part, no never,
On the resurrection morn."

W. R. ADAMS.

Dear Brother Barnett: Surely no one could get mad after you have taken the pains to explain the law in regard to delinquent subscribers. But surely you have failed to give me credit for the last dollar I paid on subscription. My subscription was paid up to November, 1911. I am sending you \$1, which pays me to November, 1912. This is correct, but if you do not understand it that way I will make it good and satisfy you according to your books. I know it is just a mistake of yours. So put me back on and send me the Baptist. I cannot get along without it as long as I can pay for it. With best wishes I am yours in Him—

(We put him to January, 1913. Will gladly correct errors.)

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Mr. Anderson.

"IT IS WORTH WHILE."

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, of Labrador, tells of his reverie one night as he sat watching beside a sick child. The cold, barren Labrador offered no comforts for the body; the missionary was worn out by long journeys and nightly vigils; the fight against greedy merchants in Newfoundland has only just begun; there were no sympathetic fellow-workers in whom he could confide; the Christians in Labrador were few and far between, and those in England and the states seemed to have forgotten the missionary existence. Efforts were being made by evil-doers to drive him out of the country. Was it any wonder that the thought came: "After all, is it worth while? Why not leave these people to themselves, and go home to England, where friends and comforts are waiting? What is this sick boy to me—one whom I never saw till yesterday? Is it worth while fighting out the battle in this great lone land of ice and snow?" Just then there was a stir in the cot, a little cough, and the sick boy's large eyes turned toward the doctor and a smile lighted up the pale face. A still, small voice seemed to say: "It is worth while. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these least, my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."



EVANGELIST T. O. REESE,
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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 11th Day of May, 1912.

Estate of John Rodvitch, alias John Zordic, Deceased.

This day came W. F. Bell, administrator of the estate of John Rodvitch, alias John Zordic, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, 1912, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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