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The Pastor's Union of Birmingham which went on Record Against Sunday Picture Shows (Posed for the Ledger)

President Yuan Shi Kai, of China, has given assurance of religious liberty in the new republic.

The bankers of the powers have offered to lend China \$50,000,000 against treasury bills redeemable within a year, against a larger loan which is in contemplation.

Rev. Henry Alford Porter, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., and Prof. B. H. Dement, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, arrived in Smyrna, Asia Minor, on April 19, 1912, after a delightful trip in Palestine.

The total income of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for the year ending April 1 was \$1,151,977.37, and the disbursements \$1,163,183.35. The deficit, \$17,205.98, increases the debt of the society to \$78,659.43.

Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper will be preacher during the month of August in Boston and other nearby cities, and may be secured as supply during July also, as he will spend his vacation in New England.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and his evangelistic helpers have been holding great meetings in New Zealand and Australia, and they have been most heartily welcomed.

Rev. E. E. Bomar, D. D., who for over five years has been pastor of the Pritchard Memorial church, Charlotte, N. C., resigns to accept the call extended by the First church, Owensboro, Ky. The resignation takes effect May 31.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie is a gracious woman, of much personal charm and continually occupied with good deeds. Before sailing for their summer home Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie invited all the Chinese, Japanese and Ottoman and Hindu students in the various New York universities to spend an evening in their home.

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS CONDEMNED

Following the stand taken by the Baptist ministers' conference at a recent called meeting of the Pastors' Union at the First Methodist church resolutions were adopted expressing the disapproval of the practice of operating picture shows on the Sabbath day, and Dr. L. C. Branscomb and Rev. J. D. Ray were appointed to confer with the city commissioners in regard to suppressing these Sunday performances. The introduction of the resolution was the signal for a spirited discussion by Drs. Moore, Steele, Branscomb, Dickinson and others. It was suggested that the resolution be referred to the standing committee on the observance of the Sabbath, but it was decided that the foregoing plan would be productive of more immediate results.

The resolutions adopted reads as follows: "Whereas, we understand that moving picture shows are being operated on the Sabbath day, resolved that we, the members of the Pastors' Union, record our disapproval of this form of desecrating the Sabbath day,

The government is planning to spend \$1,000,000 on wireless telegraph stations in Panama for the safety of ships and for relaying messages. It will take absolute control of all wireless apparatus, and the silly girl with a little money or the bright boy will not be permitted to interfere with messages or to use wireless in any way.

By any aye and nay vote of 446 to 305 delegates to the Methodist general conference voted not to accept the minority report of the committee on state of church, which provided for elimination of that paragraph of the discipline which prohibits dancing and kindred amusements. The majority report, which favored the retention of the paragraph, then was adopted.

for reasons even of charity."

We are glad to note that a petition to the commission to operate the pictures on a recent Sunday was refused. The Birmingham Ledger in an editorial well says:

"The proposition for picture shows to keep open on Sundays is impractical and should not be granted. There is no more reason why the picture shows should be allowed to do business on Sundays than the other theatres, the baseball and amusements generally. So far as concerns any donations to charitable moves, pretty much any of the amusement features would be willing to do the same for the privilege of continuing to do business on Sundays. The Sunday laws must be enforced as a general proposition for the moral good of the community, and it would be bad public policy to show special favors in this respect. The picture shows should be required to observe the Sunday laws just as other amusement features referred to. Any other policy would be an impractical move that would tend towards harm."

Some very plain talk was indulged in at the general quadrennial Methodist conference just held at Minneapolis. First, the board of bishops criticised the churches because in a world "drunk with vain philosophies and sated with gluttonous indulgences," a gain in Methodist membership of less than 2 per cent was shown as the result of the activities for the year. Heavy losses were reported to be due to the process of "dropping" members from the rolls.

The New York board of charities reports that the aggregate state expenditures of public and private charity under its supervision now amount to more than \$24,000,000 and are increasing at the rate of over \$1,000,000 annually.

Gomez, who proclaimed himself provisional president of a new government and began to form a cabinet, has been repudiated by Orozco and has fled to Texas.

The bill increasing pensions to veterans of the civil war was passed and promptly signed by the president. It increases the expenditures for pensions by about \$35,000,000 yearly.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, has been pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian church, New York City, 32 years.

Few people realize the extent of the flood disaster in the south and west. Estimates of the losses range from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. This is greater than the losses caused by noted earthquakes and fires. It represents the assessed valuation of some states and of many cities.

Dear Brother Barnett: We are moving along very well at Edgewater. We will begin a meeting there the first Sunday in June. Brother R. L. Durant, of Wylam, will do the preaching. We ask the prayers of all who read these lines, that God may give us a great meeting. May God's blessing be upon you and yours and the readers of the dear old Alabama Baptist. Sincerely—J. W. Jones, East Lake.

Rev. C. R. Miller, of this city, is an evangelical preacher, and any church wanting a pastor or any pastor wanting help in a revival can get his services by corresponding with him. Address him at 3731 Fifth avenue, North Birmingham, Ala. Brother Miller is a deep gospel preacher. I have known him for 15 years, and he has been faithful to the Lord's cause all these years. No one will make a mistake to get him either as pastor or helper in meetings.—B. C. Hughes.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CONVENTION NOTES

Shall Alabama Try for the Convention in 1913?

I hoped the Birmingham delegation would come armed with such assurances that we might reasonably hope to make an impression. I haven't heard a Birmingham man speak about it, and suppose the matter will not be named. If we get the convention in the next five years we must get Birmingham in the race. I want to see it done. The greatest uplift that could come to the Baptists of Alabama would be for this great convention to hold a session on the soil of our state.

Help the Delegates to Go to the Convention.

Every church should pay the expenses of its pastor and every association should pay the expenses of its delegate. Almost every pastor in Alabama would have been here if their expenses had been provided for. How many poor fellows are now at home wishing they were here. Their churches will be great losers by their neglect to provide the necessary means to send them. Most any preacher could bring the convention back to his people in a way to make it very real.

The Organization of the Convention

Occupied only a few minutes. The names had all been handed in to the secretaries. Every one of them had been listed. The number was announced and a motion made that these be declared the messengers of the convention, and we were ready for business. The officers were elected in less than ten minutes. Why cannot our associations do likewise? They have only a little while to transact their business, but many times it takes from one to three hours to organize. Every word of every letter, with the statistics, is usually read and valuable time wasted.

The order of business prepared beforehand—and submitted by a committee and the promptness of the president in holding the convention to the order saved much valuable time. The 15 minutes given at 11 o'clock each day to devotional exercises by Dr. Poteat, of South Carolina, was a feature that was most impressive and profitable. He read no scripture, but quoted a passage or two, added a few pointed comments, and the balance of the period was given to voluntary short prayers. This solemn, prayerful service, right in the midst of the rush of business, was the best 15 minutes of the day. So far as I can I shall try to see these valuable features introduced into our State Convention.

The Seminary.

I sat for the first time with the trustees of the seminary as a member. Glancing over the body, I saw I was out of my class. Every preacher on the board is a graduate of the seminary except myself. I hope I may be of some service, but it would have been better to have elected from Alabama either a good layman or one of the numerous graduates of the institution. One thing impressed me; the student fund is in danger of collapse! That would be a calamity. God sees fit to call into His ministry men of little means. If they are to be educated, somebody must help them. They get some help at the colleges; they must be helped in the seminary, too. A new plan will be inaugurated. The needed amount for the student's fund will be apportioned to the states.

I have suggested \$1,500 for Alabama. We must raise it, with the full amount asked for ministerial education in Howard College. At one time this was the easiest money to raise in Alabama. Why is it hard now? We must find out the cause and remove it. It was announced that the pledges from the states for the students' fund failed of collection by 26 per cent. One-fourth of those who promise on such occasions do not pay. I tried to find how Alabama's pledges were, but the data was not at hand. If the apportionment plan is fallen on we hope the call for pledges will be discontinued and the results more satisfactory.

The Laymen's Movement.

We look for this movement to take on new life since it is decided that J. T. Henderson, of Bristol,

will hereafter give all his time to the work. No movement can live without a head, and that head must give himself wholly to it.

Only one state has a laymen's secretary; that is South Carolina. Wilkins is the man. It will be interesting to many of our Baptist people in Alabama to know that he is a son-in-law of our beloved T. M. Bailey, the first secretary of State Missions in Alabama. Right well did the little South Carolina secretary present his cause. Carter Helm Jones in his felicitous words of welcome had referred to the "effete east." Wilkins pointed to the figures suspended on a streamer showing the gifts of his state for Home and Foreign Missions. There it was, South Carolina from the "effete east" standing far up towards the head of the list in its gifts, in spite of the small number of Baptists there as compared with the other states. Some of this comes from the splendid work of the Laymen's Movement.

Only a little while ago his state had 300 non-giving churches. The number has been reduced to 100, and the determination was expressed that these would be wheeled into line another year. "Every church in every state a contributing church" is the motto now. Duke, of Texas, a tithing layman, stirred the convention in a five-minute speech. He told of a committee of business men in a city who undertook to find out where the young men were on a certain Sunday. The result was: Seventeen hundred were in the Protestant churches and 35,000 in the gambling dens and the resorts of sin. What a demonstration of the need of the Laymen's Movement! They must go out after these young men. Duke was followed by young Dr. John L. Johnson, of Oxford, Miss., in a stirring, sensible speech. If time would have allowed this lately discovered gold mine would have been fully explored. Glorious things are ahead of us if our laymen can be aroused.

One of the best things a pastor can do for his church is to get his laymen to attend our conventions. This is the first thing to do if our laymen are to be enlisted. I wish the few laymen from Alabama might prepare an address to their brother laymen urging the benefits to be derived from the attendance on our convention.

Church Building Fund

Was discussed. John Vines, of South Carolina, stirred the convention as he pleaded for the recommendation of the committee that the Home Board undertake to increase the building fund to a million dollars. With our pitiful \$76,000, against the hundreds of thousands in the hands of the other denominations, we stand a sorry chance. Three thousand houseless churches in the west are calling loudly for help that must come now or disaster will follow.

Secretary McConnell, of Texas, said:

"The way to make a community Baptist is to first sow it down with Baptist literature. Then comes in the work of Bible and colportage. After this sowing down, then hold a Baptist meeting, and a church will be organized. That is glorious work, but a houseless church soon becomes a hopeless church. In just a little while it will be a helpless church. If the Home Board has this church building fund a small amount promised will stimulate the people to do their best."

Gambrell, in the "Functions and Finances of the Home Board," said: "The greatest question before us is: What shall the churches do to be saved? Let me say a word about that church building proposition before I go further. I am not afraid of those people who have great sums of money to build great houses, with nobody to put in them. A healthy terrapin will grow in a little while sufficient shell to protect himself, but an empty shell will never grow a terrapin. The supreme problem before this convention is the saving of our churches. The little churches all over our territory that were organized and left without development we must go after, tenderly and lovingly. Don't go after them with your carping criticism and your stuck-up-ness. If there is a crack in the bell they will detect it; they have a keen ear for the right sound of the bell. Baptists won't work with a blind bridle on, and I am glad of it. They

want to see and must see, or they will not go with you."

"Anybody has sense enough to be a Baptist; it is the easiest thing in the world to be a Baptist." In lines with the discussion, I quote from a streamer back of the pulpit: "It is at least as essential to save what we already have as to save that which is lost."—Hatcher.

In all our churches we have saved men who are lost, and we have hundreds of churches composed of saved people who are lost. There is a paradox for us to think over! Lost lives and lost churches! Can they be saved?

Our young president of the B. Y. P. U. at Greenville in July said: "We have scores of young men with regenerated hearts whose lives are lost. It is the business of the B. Y. P. U. to try to save these lives." That was a great speech, and it put before us good and strong the work of every agency of the Baptists. Saving souls, the first part of the commission has been emphasized, to the neglect of saving the life, the last part of the commission. By the grace of the Lord we will do both from this time forth.

The Most Exciting Time

Of the convention came when the committee on time and place made its report. San Antonio, St. Louis, Asheville and New Orleans were all before the committee. The committee reported unanimously in favor of St. Louis. Under a call for the previous question, which was sustained, amendments were cut off, not a word allowed, and the report of the committee was adopted. This writer is unalterably opposed to the call for the previous question in our religious bodies, unless in extreme cases. No facts were put before the convention except that the committee had worked for nine hours to reach a conclusion. The places which were backed by boards of trade and city officials and everything on a guarantee were turned down by the committee and St. Louis favored, with no guarantee of any kind. The report would never have been adopted but for the call for the previous question.

Somebody could reply: "What do all the pledges made by the petitioning city amount to?" Frequently it amounts to but little; but the assurance of proper treatment ought to be required all the same.

Since this note was prepared the necessity for a pledge is reinforced by the conduct of the management of the headquarters hotel at Oklahoma City. The prices were not only raised on the convention guests, but they were required to pay for six days when they had been there only five. It was claimed that a letter had been sent to each; that the reservation was made from the 14th; but the facts are that the parties had first written that they would reach there on the 15th. Who dreamed that they would be charged with a room while they were yet 500 miles away? Of course we knew nothing of it until we were ready to leave. A protest was lodged with the local committee, but they seemed to have no power to prevent the robbery. No complaint is made of the service or of the rates, though they were higher than those printed on the bulletin board standing in the lobby. Complaint is only made for the extra day charged. It was a fraud, but the departing guests had no redress.

Just as we were ready to depart a streamer announcing the assembling of the Sons of Jove was stretched over the lobby from the windows above. On this was a picture of the devil. Some one remarked that maybe his satanic majesty concluded this as a suitable place for his throne in the city, since he had heard of that diabolical hold-up of the delegates just on the eve of their departure.

Hearing the Missionaries

Is an event which is more interesting to the convention than anything that comes before it, and yet nothing is more unsatisfactory. A missionary who has been away for years, traveled thousands of miles, anticipating most of all the pleasure of meeting the convention. The delegates and visitors are anxious to hear him tell about his work; but the committee on order of business, or somebody, crowds in the dry

reports and sometimes the drier speeches, to the exclusion of the news from the front. It is a short-sighted policy and a blunder, which the boards should correct, if they can.

Here are a few of the remarks made in the two or three-minute talks allowed: Roach told in a graphic way how the multitudes stood for hours and listened to the missionary. Then late in the afternoon they start for their homes, carrying what they had heard and the tracts they had received. He quoted Prof. Frank Lee, a high official, as saying: "Seven-tenths of the teachers of South China are Christians. If we had 100,000 trained teachers we could put them in positions in the schools."

D. L. Hamilton from Brazil:

The droves of beggars in Brazil furnish the most heart-rending scenes. A poor girl of 13, whose father is unknown to her, begs for a nickel to purchase some milk for her starving babe, whose father is likewise unknown to her. If you should give her \$5 she would immediately remember some ancestor whom the priest has told her was yet in purgatory and hasten with the money to him and pay him for his prayers. She would do this every day if you would continue to give her the \$5. The priests are robbers of these poor, ignorant and starving people.

Spight from Argentina:

A message from a native to the Baptists: "Tell the Baptists that the saving of my soul was worth as much as all the money spent on you these six years." The Baptists now have the right to preach anywhere. We could stand on the steps of a cathedral and preach under the protection of the police. Is it right to send a missionary, who gives his life and sacrifices everything to go to the foreign field, and compel him to preach in an old store? Surely the cry for equipment is very important for all our Foreign Mission fields.

Leavell,

A brother of our I. P. Leavell, a medical missionary to China from Mississippi, said: "Where can you spend your life for the most? is the question. I believe I can spend my life for the most in China."

Chastain, of Mexico:

"When the Spanish came to Mexico 300 years ago they displaced this clay idol and put in its place this"—displaying a picture of the Virgin Mary—"and they worship her image now instead of the clay idol."

Another from Mexico:

"Live the virgin," was the word demanded to be said of a Christian. His reply was, "I can't say that, but I can die for Christ," and he did die. When one tells you the Catholics are not idolators and that their people are allowed to read the Bible you tell them it is not so.—B. B. Clark, of Mexico.

Bostic, Formerly a Gospel Missionary from China:

"When I go back to China our nearest English-speaking neighbor will be 50 miles away, and the means of travel will be a wheelbarrow."

Mahon, another former gospel missionary, made an earnest appeal for Mexico.

H. W. Provence, former pastor in Montgomery, now in China, could say only a word or two.

Questions to Willingham.

"What about these fellows going over the country saying they are from Syria, Macedonia or Japan, with recommendations from pastors all over the south?" The answer was: "They had no recommendation from me. Generally they are frauds, and should receive no favors." I want to beg our Alabama Baptists to beware of frauds like these. I could tell many things, and may do so later.

The Judson Centennial.

I doubt if the Southern Baptist Convention ever heard three greater speeches than those we listened to this morning from Poteat Gambrel and Truett. The effort to raise a million dollars for church building by the Home Board was approved yesterday. This morning, in one of the finest reports ever written, it was recommended that the Foreign Mission Board be entrusted with the work of raising one and a quarter million dollars to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Judson entering on mission work in Burmah. The money is to be raised in three years for educational purposes and equipment. Lansing Burrows was the author of the report, and he will never be able to write a better paper. The

convention was profoundly stirred by the discussion. I could but think as we were swept along by the eloquent words of the speakers: "Oh, that every Alabama pastor were here." As the work has been laid out for us for another year, always in advance of the past year's figures, I have thought how easy would be the work if the brethren at home were only here to hear what we have heard!

The Task Before Us.

Besides a million for Home and Foreign Missions in the regular work, we are to undertake \$1,000,000 in three years for church building for the Home Board, and the same amount, plus a quarter of a million, for education and equipment under the Foreign Board. Don't let anybody say: "It cannot be done." Let's rather say: "It must be done." The growing wealth of the south makes it easy if we can enlist the hitherto unenlisted.

Alabama's apportionment on the general fund is 10 per cent advance on what we have just done for Home and Foreign Missions, which is about \$28,000 for Home and \$38,000 for Foreign.

Failing to attend the night meetings, I lost much that would be interesting to the readers of the Alabama Baptist.

There remain only a few notes about Sunday and Monday. Dr. Poteat, at the First Presbyterian church, showed himself a great preacher. His sermon was scholarly, but made so simple that the humblest child of God could feed on it and find great comfort to his soul. It made a profound impression on his great audience.

The European Theological Seminary

Came up on Monday, when most of the messengers had gone. This is a matter of far-reaching importance, and deserved the earnest attention of the whole body. The land has been purchased in a beautiful residential section of St. Petersburg, adjoining one of the government schools. The convention appointed seven directors, to serve with a like number from the Northern Baptists, the Canadians and English. In a little while Alabama must furnish her \$2,000 to this important enterprise. It means an educated ministry for the persecuted Baptists of all Europe. I am sure a large number of our people want to be represented in this. Some have subscribed and some have already sent in their money.

In discussing the educational movement on foreign fields on Sunday I jotted down two remarks from missionaries that are worthy of comment. Salee, from China, probably our handsomest missionary, said: "I could not be housed in a four-wall room to preach to the people." He told of some of the costly churches where he had seen that, and contrasted that with the multitudes in China eager to hear the gospel. Another said: "We begin preaching at 7:30 in the morning. Our congregations are changing every few minutes, and we change preachers. As one gets tired we put up another. Often this goes on until 11 o'clock at night." Surely the foreign missionary does not live an idle life.

As Oklahoma has been so well written up by that prince of reporters, Alex Beeler, I will not repeat it, except to say—as I looked at the city with its 175 miles of paved streets and its \$500,000 high school building I could but reflect: "And all this without one cent of money from the liquor power!" Only one man did I see who was the least under the influence of liquor. Where are the fellows and the papers whose stock in trade was to say: "You can't keep up a city without liquor money?"

Oklahoma City is so healthy that one of the newspapers had an editorial on "What is to become of our doctors?"

Everybody remarked about the oceans of delicious milk and rich butter we had. The fields of alfalfa made that possible.

This ends my notes. Our route lay over 1,200 miles through six states. It was pleasant from beginning to end, not a connection missed and on time at every station. The Louisville and Nashville from Montgomery to St. Louis and the Frisco from there to Oklahoma City was the route. Before separating a vote of thanks was given to Brother J. H. Chapman for his trouble in securing the sleeper on our return, and it was unanimously agreed, if we all lived and the Lord's smiles continued with us, we would make the trip together to St. Louis in 1913.

It was refreshing to the spirits of the secretary to have the brethren give him a hearty vote of confidence and a pledge to stand by him in the campaign now on for \$20,000 for State Missions.

May this be the sentiment all over the state!

In memory of the fact that this is the hundredth year of Judson's start as a Baptist preacher, the committee on Foreign Missions Saturday recommended that \$1,250,000 be raised during the next three years. The entire amount is to be expended for educational advancement. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is specifically set out for equipment purposes. It is the largest individual sum ever voted by a Protestant denomination for similar purposes. It was stated by the committee in its report that it required 100 years to effect the conversion of 1,000,000 people, although during the last six years 3,000,000 have been converted. There are now of the Baptist denomination 227 schools in foreign countries, with a student enrollment of 6,156. Of these there are 10 theological seminaries, with 212 students. Dr. T. B. Ray, of Virginia, was recommended for appointment as leader of the committee to raise the sum voted, and he will do the work well.

To establish a permanent ministerial educational fund, with an authorized board for the administration of its affairs, to increase by 100 per cent the annual offerings to that object, and to establish for the institution a permanent chair of sociology, were the principal features recommended by members of the faculty and board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Expressing a desire for harmonious co-operation with the Northern Baptist Convention in regard to religious work, the Southern Baptist Convention at its session Friday adopted the report of the committee on comity appointed last year to confer with a like committee from the Northern Baptists in regard to the situation in New Mexico and continued the committee for another year. The two committees reached an entirely harmonious conclusion in regard to New Mexico. Their finding has now been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention. A similar report will be presented to the Northern Baptist Convention when it meets in Des Moines on May 21, and if ratified there the new arrangement will be put into force within 60 days.

The following officers were elected: Dr. E. C. Dorgan, of Macon, Ga., was re-elected. The four vice-presidents are Dr. J. P. Green, of Liberty, Mo., president of William Jewell College; Charles A. Smith, lieutenant-governor of South Carolina; J. Price Powers, of Tennessee, and Carter Helm Jones, of Oklahoma City. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., and Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, Va., were re-elected secretaries. George W. Madden, of Kentucky, was re-elected treasurer, and William P. Harvey, also of Kentucky, was re-elected auditor.

THE APPORTIONMENT.

The apportionment of the various states for home and foreign work was announced Saturday. It is expected to raise \$412,000 for home and \$618,000 for foreign work, or about 10 per cent more than was received last year. The apportionment is as follows:

State	Home.	Foreign.
Alabama	\$28,500	\$28,500
Arkansas	10,100	11,500
District of Columbia	3,500	5,000
Florida	10,000	10,000
Georgia	54,000	26,000
Illinois	35,000	1,000
Kentucky	29,000	46,000
Louisiana	9,500	10,000
Maryland	9,000	18,000
Mississippi	21,000	41,000
Missouri	15,900	23,600
New Mexico	1,500	1,500
North Carolina	32,500	50,000
Oklahoma	5,000	5,000
South Carolina	35,000	52,000
Tennessee	25,000	27,600
Texas	71,000	85,500
Virginia	38,000	85,000
Miscellaneous		9,300

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

Leaving Hebron, which we visited last week, we are now to cross the Wilderness of Judea on our way to the Jordan Valley. It includes practically the whole of the mountain slope or declivity that extends down to the west side of the Dead Sea. On the trail that leads from Bethlehem eastward through this desert to the Dead Sea is the famous convent of Mar Saba, which we shall pause to see. Note the lines numbered 43 on our map, which show that we shall stand on the south side of a ravine, through which the Brook Kedron flows, and look north.

Position 43. The Lonely Convent of Mar Saba, in the Wilderness of Judea.

Here we stand on the edge of the mighty gorge. Peering over the side we can see far down toward its bed, 390 feet below. And on the opposite side, right on the edge of a terrific precipice, hangs the convent. Starting far below, the irregular buttressed walls rise for hundreds of feet on the side of the cliff. They form the church which contains the tomb of St. Saba, a monk of the fifth and sixth centuries, A. D., who founded his monastery here, the loneliest in all the land.

Hundreds of years ago a monk living in this very convent wrote in Latin a hymn which we all know today in an English translation:

"Art thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distressed?
'Come to me,' saith One, 'and coming
Be at rest.'"

There is no structure other than Bedouins' tents between here and the vicinity of Jerusalem, about ten miles up this same valley. That massive wall around the convent on two sides has kept off many an attack from the Bedouins of the desert, who often tried to rob the monks of their treasures. We can see the road climbing down the hill above and outside the highest wall. That is the only way of approach to the monastery. The road creeps down the cliff on the other side of the wall out of sight from our point of view; and the entrance is through that tower to the left of the cupola. We can just see the top of the arch at the portal. Men are admitted as guests if they arrive before sunset; and they may obtain good entertainment; but women are shut out, because you know a woman once made trouble in the Garden of Eden! In the little courtyards here and there through those groups of buildings are fig trees, on which the fruit ripens earlier than anywhere else in the land, from the fierce heat of the sun on these rocks. This monastery, centuries ago a place of high sanctity, has of late years become more of a penal colony, where refractory monks of the Greek church are kept in a sort of discipline. We can see a little balcony overhanging the precipice close beside the dome. One moment's view from that dizzy height was enough for me, and suffices for most visitors. Unless one has steady nerves his head swims as he looks down into the valley, where the Brook Kedron rolls over the rocks. We visit this place solely on account of its romantic, strange appearance, for it has no connection with the story of the Bible.

We will look at one more landscape in the land of Judea, one that is even more typical of this wilderness region. See the number 44 on our map, with the lines which show that we are to be looking south of east, toward the Dead Sea.

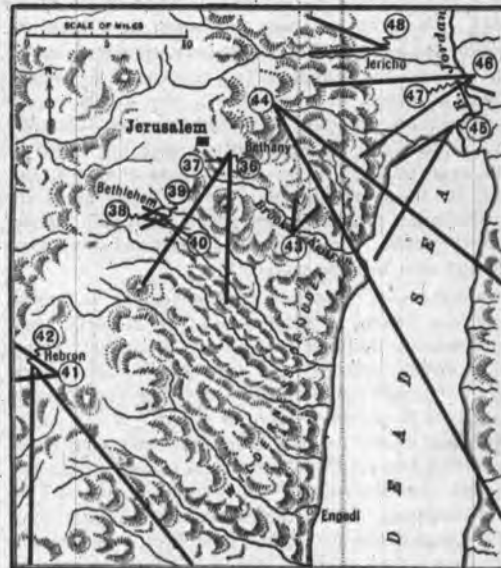
Position 44. Picturesque Palestine, the Wilderness of the Scapegoat.

This indeed is the land of Jeshimon, or Solitude. Here again we stand on the edge of a mighty ravine. Far below us we can see its dry, rocky bed. The other side, rising opposite us, is apparently barren of all vegetation. Beyond the next ridge is another ravine, followed by other barren ridges and ravines as far as the eye can reach. What a wild waste, a chaos of mountain and valley. Not a brook rolls through these ravines to turn their desert into a garden. The solitary Arab before us, with his musket on his back, is a Bedouin guard, who is indispensable for any trip into the wilderness. In the distance you can see the mountains of Moab beyond the Dead Sea. This is "the hill country of Judea." You remember how this receives its name, "The Wilderness of the Scape-

goat." On the great day of the Atonement, in the fall of the year, the High Priest chose two goats (Lev. 16:1-26). One was slain, and his blood was sprinkled on the Ark of the Covenant, in the Holy of Holies within the veil. The other goat was led out of the temple and the city to "a land not inhabited," and there was left to die. He was supposed in the figurative action of the Orient to carry away the sins of the people into the wilderness, and never to bring them back.

No doubt David looked on this very landscape more than once in his wandering while a fugitive from the jealousy of King Saul (1 Sam. 24:1-2). Those years of wandering were a bitter experience to David, but they inspired some of his sweetest psalms, which have been the heritage of believers in trouble during all the centuries since his day; and withal they were a discipline to his character, for in the hard school of adversity he learned how to reign.

Then many years later came John the Baptist to make this desert his home. But we may associate another and greater name than David or John with this wilderness. Somewhere in this region, probably not far from here, our Lord fasted and was tempted (Matt. 4:1-11). It was not strange that after the sudden and overwhelming consciousness of His personality and His mission coming upon Him at His baptism, He should go forth into a lonely place to calm His spirit and to meditate upon His work. Nor was it strange that He should fast; for in such an intensity of feeling He might forget the body and its needs, even for days and days. And the first tempta-



tion was thoroughly in accord with His surroundings, when tension gave way, and hunger came upon Him, and He realized that He was in the desert with no means of supplying His bodily needs; naturally the suggestion came to Him to use this newly possessed power of working miracles for the support of His own life. How the solemn and awful loneliness of nature harmonized with the deeper solitariness of His own soul! He in this Wilderness of the Scapegoat was the One who bore our sins afar, into a land not inhabited, so far that they return no more to burden our hearts or to defile our conscience.

To see this picturesque convent and the Wilderness of Judea for yourself, use stereographs (43) "The Lonely Convent of Mar Saba in the Wilderness of Judea" and (44) "Picturesque Palestine, the Wilderness of the Scapegoat."

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 you can get distinct conscious experiences of being in these places. Six stereographs, \$1. Less than six stereographs in one order, 20 cents each. The 36 stereographs for three months are \$4.33. The 100 stereographs for the year, in a cloth bound, gold-lettered case, with a guide book by Hurlbut of 220

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Caspere Rene Gregory, professor of theology, Lelp-sic University: "A plain photograph does not put one into such close touch with distant lands. With these stereographs one seems to be on the spot and to feel the sun and the wind."

Dear Brother Barnett: Mrs. Napier, mother and I Yangchow, April 22, 1912. We shall spend August in Lafayette, Ga. Our plans (Clayton from the 13th to the 20th of June. Probably hope to sail for America May 12. We ought to reach for the fall and winter are not definite, but they may be spent in study. During the month of July I can be of service in any way to the work I shall be glad. Kindly send the Baptist to Clayton. With cordial greetings, yours fraternally—S. Y. Napier.

Over 100,000 persons have been driven from their homes by the Mississippi floods. Railroad trains have been taking the people out of the country. Fleets of motor boats, skiffs, rafts and anything that will float have been impressed in the work of rescue in some places.

To very few men is granted the privilege and the honor of such a service as that rendered by Rev. Augustus Hopkins Strong, D. D., LL. D., in the 40 years' presidency of the Rochester Theological Seminary, the conclusion of which was celebrated recently.

One of the men lost on the Titanic was Rev. John Harper, pastor of the Baptist church at Walworth Road, London. He was returning to Chicago to continue services he had been holding at the Moody church. He was regarded as one of the most earnest and successful Baptist ministers in England.

In the Talmud is a story of the Sodomites. When a poor man came to Sodom, and asked for work or help, the Sodomites would give him clothes, and even money. But no one would give him food, nor sell him food. As a result of their charity he would soon die of starvation. Then the Sodomites would divide his apparel and money among them.

Memorial Day was observed on the 12th inst. at Mt. Olive, East. The day was beautiful, and we had a good congregation. The services were indeed for the occasion, and while we remembered the day we did not forget the living. We had a small collection for State Missions. Everybody enjoyed themselves finely, and the entire day was used in the vices.—J. L. P. Cook.

I have just closed a good meeting in San Antonio, Tex., with Dr. J. V. Dickinson, and begin a meeting here with T. V. Neal on May 19. I go from here to Smithville, and on to Gonzales. After that I hope to spend July and August in Alabama. Those who are in debt to your paper ought to pay up at once, Alabama would be in a bad way without the aid of the paper. Yours—W. J. Ray, San Antonio.

Private advices from the flooded regions of Mississippi and Louisiana shows that the destitution of the sufferers from the flood has not been adequately portrayed in the public press. There are many thousands homeless and hungry. There are many thousands in need of clothing.

The situation of the starving millions in China is still pitiable and the generosity of our American givers has not responded as fully as we could wish to the pressing need. The Red Cross has issued an appeal, in which the raising of \$800,000 in the next 30 days is the goal of adequate provision for the distressed.

THE DENOMINATIONAL PRESS.

(From Texas Baptist Standard.)

Dr. J. B. Gambrell discussed the report in his characteristic way. "There is nothing in the world people know more about than running a paper before they try and less after trying. There are difficulties which are hidden until you get in among them. Publishing one paper for everybody is like trying to teach one great school out of one text-book. The editor tries by all means to catch some one great problem of Southern Baptists is the diffusion of intelligence. The people will not be enlisted until enlightened. This is a hard day on religious papers. The secular papers are giving more attention to religious matters. Something has been said about advertising patent medicines. (This in reply to Dr. Ashley Jones, who deplored the fact that because of financial needs many religious papers carried patent medicine advertising in their columns.) Some patent medicines are as good as any in the world. If you take a pill before it is patented and after it is patented, it is the same kind of a pill. Whatever is right to sell is right to advertise. The denominational paper is true to every denominational interest, and every denominational interest ought to be true to the denominational paper. There is the weak point. You ought to tote fair. At a log-rolling—and if you have never been at a log-rolling your education has been neglected—two negroes were lifting. On one side one of the negroes was lifting with all his might. He said to the negro on the other side, 'Tony, is you a Christian?' 'Yes.' 'Then you tote.' We must come to take our papers seriously. We will not get subscriptions by 'mentioning' the paper. I have heard them mentioned. I know a pastor in Texas who reported a contribution for missions of \$7.30 from a church of 140 members. He wrote, 'This is good considering everything.' Well, there was much to consider. The pastor didn't try and the members didn't try. The \$7.30 was an accident. We have never taken our papers to heart."

Pastor S. J. Porter, of San Antonio, got to the heart of the Baptist newspaper question by urging pastors to give the same attention to the circulation of the paper that they do to raising mission funds. "If we could double the circulation of our denominational papers we would double our missionary offerings. We preachers ought to get out and do the thing. Let us canvass the membership like we do for Home and Foreign Missions, and raise a fund to send the paper to every home not otherwise enlisted. Paul was a right good Baptist preacher—a good man. (He stood well in his day.—Dr. Gambrell.) His abiding work was what he wrote. We may say reverently that he wrote some great editorials and they have influenced the whole world. Christ preached while on earth and then appeared to John in exile and said, 'Write some and send it to the churches.' And by these editors. These men say something worth reading. We Southern Baptists are the most thoroughly orthodox people in the world, but we have not given adequate expression to our denominational life. We have not spoken as we should. It is to give to the world all that we believe and for. We have come to the Kingdom for such a price as this. We should make the missionary proposition for the nations. You editors are the men to do it. Let us pastors go back home to dignify the denominational press and get it into every Baptist household."

Dr. Porter told of a little church in Brazil, 300 miles west of Bahia, which had no preaching for many months. A few copies of O Jornal Bautista, published by Brother Entzinger, went into that region. They met every Sunday and had one of their number to read the paper through, and the fires were kept burning. When the missionary got there he did not have a hard time starting a revival. The denominational paper had done the work. "Write what thou seest and send to the churches."

With reference to financing a paper: "Anybody can edit a paper, but it takes a genius to finance it." A good editor will do much, however, toward solving the problem of finance by making a paper which people will take and read. The big question in financing a denominational paper is "How?" A recommendation that the Southern Baptist Convention have a

weekly official organ was stricken from the report.

Some notable words were said for the weekly Baptist press, the sum of which is that on the weekly papers we must depend for denominational cohesion and progress. There was no difference of opinion as to the vital relation of the papers to all we are doing. Nor was there two opinions expressed as to the very harmful neglect of the papers by the denomination. It is well that the great convention stops to consider what belongs to progress.

There are 49 Baptist papers in the south, with an aggregate circulation of about 150,000. Two of them have their own plants. The report embodied some suggestions as to making the denominational papers more efficient. A definition of a religious paper was given: "Current literature in the sphere of religion."

SUMMARIZED REPORTS OF THREE PRINCIPAL BOARDS.

Home Mission Board.	
Total appropriation	\$ 380,000
Number of workers employed	1,809
Number of communities reached by gospel preaching	2,368
Number of baptisms administered	26,899
Total number additions	47,728
Number of churches organized	201
Number houses of worship built or improved	234
Number foreign workers employed	82
Number of students in mountain schools	4,636
Value of mountain school property	\$ 500,000
Number mountain population reached by efforts of the board	3,334,000
Number negro missionaries employed	37
Number negro baptisms	2,461
Foreign Mission Board.	
Number baptisms administered	4,300
Increase over last year	400
Number churches in foreign fields	342
Total foreign field membership	24,698
Total number missionaries	268
Number native workers	577
Total force employed by board	845
Number students in theological seminaries	245
Number of students in woman's training schools	312
Total amount contributed	\$ 580,000
Sunday School Board.	
Donations received	\$ 300,276
Advance over last year	21,829
Purchased building site	60,000

Caesar gave the history of a whole campaign in three words: "Veni, vidi, vici." When the remains of Napoleon Bonaparte were brought to Paris by the Prince de Joinville the entire speech-making was this: "Sir, I present to you the ashes of Napoleon." Louis Philippe answered, "I receive them in the name of France." Grattan, speaking of his connection with Irish independence, said, "I sat by her cradle; I followed her bier." "We must fight." "Let it come," said Patrick Henry. "We have met the enemy and they are ours," was General Grant's announcement.

Those who recall the career of B. Fay Mills as an evangelist will be interested to learn from the columns of the Christian Advocate that Mr. Mills is preaching to a "New Fellowship organization" which he has established. The sermon which the correspondent of the Advocate heard, he describes as ethical, non-religious. "His background was Tolstoyism, his message on the whole socialistic, but not far from Christian standards." "His face is careworn, sharpened, cut with deep lines; his manner is artificial, formal, professional."

Dr. A. C. Dixon, formerly of Boston and more recently of Chicago, who has just been inducted into the Spurgin succession at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, and who is one of the most stalwart champions of orthodoxy to be found on either side of the Atlantic, is having a good-humored tiff with the liberal-minded Christian World, of London. The point of debate is the present standing in the world of thought of Darwin's hypothesis of evolution. We expected something of this sort, but not quite so soon. —Congregationalist.

A SEMINARY AT ST. PETERSBURG.

The establishment by the Baptists of the world of a great theological seminary of European scope at St. Petersburg was assured by the action of the Southern Baptist convention at its closing session Monday morning in adopting the report of the committee which has had the matter in charge since the last convention.

The proposed institution is to be established under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance, which laid the plans for it at the meeting held in Philadelphia last summer. According to the plans adopted, which were submitted to the convention by W. W. Landrum, of Louisville, chairman of the committee in charge of that subject, the Baptists of the United States, Canada and Great Britain are to have direct charge of the project.

The plan is for the British Baptists to buy the site for the proposed school and those in America, including the Northern and Southern conventions and the Canadian Baptists, to raise \$125,000 for the erection of the first building. A fund of \$18,000 a year is to be provided for its maintenance, \$6,000 each being furnished by the Northern and Southern conventions of the United States and the Continental Missionary Society of Great Britain.

Already Has a Concession.

Under the laws of Russia, the trustees in whom the ownership is vested must be residents of Russia, and they will be selected from among the prominent Russian Baptists and the men who go to St. Petersburg to undertake the management of the school. The real control of its affairs is to be vested in a board of directors, seven of whom will be chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention, seven by the Northern Baptist Convention and seven by the British Baptists.

Arrangements will be made for the inclusion of two or three Canadians among the American directors. The British directors will have the selection of the president of the school, according to the agreement which has been made, while the American directors will select the professor of theology.

A letter received from J. H. Shakespeare, of London, European secretary of the World Alliance, which was read to the convention, conveyed the information that the British had already obtained a concession from the Russian government to allow the purchase of a tract of land in a very desirable location at Lisnole, a suburb of St. Petersburg, adjoining the Imperial university and midway between two Baptist churches, which will be used for the school.

Similar reports were also made by J. N. Prestridge, American secretary of the Alliance, and W. W. Landrum, chairman of the committee of this convention. The convention voted to continue that committee in existence and gave into its hands the selection of the seven directors of the school, which will be both a college of liberal arts and a theological seminary.

Southern Baptist Committee.

The location of such an institution at St. Petersburg is regarded as particularly appropriate in view of the immense progress which the Baptist church has made in Russia, even in the face of persecution on account of the fact that its representatives believe in liberty of speech and of conscience. At the meeting of the World Alliance last year there were in attendance 40 Russian Baptist preachers who had served terms in Siberia, one of them 14 years, and then returned to their pastorates.

The Southern Baptist committee, of which W. W. Landrum is chairman and T. B. Ray secretary, has for its Alabama members Dr. L. O. Dawson, C. A. Stakeley and Preston Blake.

The state of Georgia is passing a law that "Bird Day" shall be observed in the public schools. On this day, not a holiday, but a real "special day," the lessons and exercises will all have to do with birds—bird homes, bird manners, bird dress at different ages and bird helpfulness to human neighbors in the way of taking care of insects and seeds of weeds, etc.

Enclosed find \$2. Just mark me up to January, 1913. Watch me and see if everybody in our church does not subscribe to the Alabama Baptist. I shall try to get them to. Fraternally.—E. M. Stewart.

ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

TO THE ALABAMA W. M. U.

I am sure you have all heard ere this that the Woman's Missionary Union Auxillary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in annual session at Oklahoma City, elected to the high office of corresponding secretary our own Miss Mallory.

Having served on the nominating committee, I am in position to tell you that no other name was presented for consideration for this office. The call came from every state in our union, and Miss Mallory felt, as did the others from Alabama, that it was imperative. So with many a heartache and a quivering voice she responded that should the executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama release her she would undertake the greater work, beginning September 1. So you see we are to have her with us for most of the summer, and are thus given time in which to secure her successor.

Perhaps no one in our work realizes our great loss more keenly than I do, and in our emergency I want to beg that every member of the W. M. U. of Alabama will join in special prayer at the noon hour for divine guidance. Miss Mallory came to us as a direct answer to prayer, and through her coming Alabama has been wonderfully blessed and is now able to make a great contribution to the general work.

Our state is rich in talent. Can we not all pray that we may secure for this high and important work the woman best fitted for the task?

Faithfully yours,

MRS. CHARLES A. STAKELY.

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL (CONTINUED).

Aged Ministers.

Montgomery (H. A.) W. M. S., \$2.50; Selma (First) L. A. S., \$15; Scottsboro W. M. S., \$5; Pineapple L. A. & M. S., 50c; Birmingham (Southside) W. M. & A. S., \$25; Fayette W. M. S., \$2.67; Pleasant Valley (Cedar Bluff) W. M. S., \$2; Sister Springs W. M. & A. S., \$1; Huntsville (First) W. M. S., \$2. Total, \$55.67.

Orphanage.

Wetumpka S. B. B., 75c; Montgomery (H. A.) W. M. S., \$4; Auburn W. M. S., \$15; Roanoke L. A. S., \$15; Camp Hill W. M. S., \$15; Cowarts L. A. S., \$1; Pineapple L. A. & M. S., \$15; Tuskegee L. A. S., \$15; Jasper L. A. S., \$5; Hepzibah (Salem-Troy) W. M. S., \$1.50; Montevallo W. M. S., \$15; Tuskegee W. M. S., \$5; Thomasville L. A. & M. S., \$13.76; Judson College Bible School, \$10; Pleasant Ridge (Birmingham) W. M. S., 75c; Troy W. M. S., \$15; Cedar Bluff W. M. S., \$15; Enterprise W. M. S., \$15; Opelika (First) W. M. S., \$30. Total, \$216.76.

Orphanage Well.

Montgomery (H. A.) W. M. S., \$2.50; Brewton Y. W. A., \$5; Roanoke Y. W. A., \$5; Bear Creek No. 1 W. M. S., \$1; Town Creek (Selma) S. B. B., \$2.75; Bay Minette S. B. B., \$4.20; Clayton W. M. S., \$2; Mt. Carmel (Etowah) S. B. B., \$2.55; Anniston (P. M.) W. M. S., \$5; Alexander City S. B. B., \$5; Oswehee W. M. S., \$5; Elba Y. W. A., \$1.50; Blocton (First) W. M. S., \$3; Blocton (First) S. B. B., \$2; Prattville S. B. B., \$5; Eufaula (First) Y. W. A., \$1; Huntsville (First) W. M. S., \$5.

Thank Offering to Mountain Schools.

Troy Y. W. A., \$13; Brewton Y. W. A., \$20; Roanoke Y. W. A., \$7; Jacksonville Y. L. M. S., \$24; Gadsden (First) Y. W. A., \$10; Anniston (P. M.) Y. W. M. S., \$105. Total, \$179.

Mountain Schools.

Wetumpka Y. W. A., \$2.50; Jacksonville Jr. Y. W. A., \$6.65; Roanoke Y. W. A., \$1; Tuscaloosa (First) Jr. Y. W. A., \$9; Montgomery (Court Street) S. L. H. C., \$2.50; Opelika (First) Y. W. A., \$3.50; Selma (First) Y. W. A., \$10; Elba Y. W. A., \$1; Jackson Y. W. A., \$3; Cuba Jr. Y. W. A., \$3; Mobile (First) Y. W. A., \$3; Anniston (P. M.) M. J., \$5; Judson College Bible School, \$35; Grove Hill Y. W. A., \$1; Cuba Y. W. A., \$9; Pratt City Jr. Y. W. A., \$1; Lineville Y. W. A., \$12.50; Troy Y. W. A., \$4.85; Clayton Y. W. A., \$5; Northport Y. W. A., \$5; Asheville Y. W. A., \$3; Fayette Y. W. A., \$1; Gadsden (First) Jr. Y. W. A., \$6; Evergreen Y. W. A., \$6.95; Union Springs Y. W. A., \$1.30; Jacksonville Y. L. M. S., \$3; Birmingham (First) Y. W. A., \$6. Total, \$150.75.

Sunbeam Offerings to Indians.

Wetumpka, \$1; Opp, 25c; Cuba, \$2; Moulton, \$2.11; Albertville, \$1; Pratt City, \$1.70; Pratt City Jr. Y. W. A., \$2.30; Asheville, \$1; Mobile (D. W.), \$2.25; Mobile (First), \$3.50; Pleasant Ridge (Birmingham), \$4; Jacksonville R. A., \$3; Birmingham (Twenty-seventh Street), \$1; Cuba R. A., \$2; Anniston (P. M.) Primaries, 48c; Carrollton, \$1; Salem (Clarke), \$1.50; Montgomery (Court Street), \$1; Aliceville, \$3; Huntsville (First), \$1; Brewton, \$10; Oxanna, \$4.30; Russellville, \$1; Newton, \$4.50; Birmingham (Richmond), \$1; Furman, \$1; Belmont, \$1; Cuba Jr., R. A. B., \$1; Montgomery (First), \$3.43; Jacksonville, \$2.05; Tunnel Springs, 30c; Beatrice, \$5; Florida, \$5; Sister Springs Tri-Society, \$1.05; Marion, \$2; Opelika (Carmel), \$1; Evergreen, \$15; Orville, \$2; New Decatur (Central), \$3; Hartselle, \$2; Prattville, \$3; Brownsboro, \$2; Oswehee, \$5; Jackson, \$1.75; Thomasville, \$4.50; Anniston (P. M.), \$2.50; Birmingham (East), \$2.50; Wylam, \$5. Total, \$126.97.

Toluco School.

New Decatur (Central), Jr., B. Y. P. U., \$6; Cuba R. A. B., \$1. Total, \$7.

Sunbeam Thank Offerings to the Indians.

Samson, \$1; Electiv, 49c; Roanoke, \$4; New Decatur (Central), \$1; Bridgeport, \$2.90; Mt. Olive (Central), \$1; Belmont, \$2.35; Pratt City R. A. B., \$2. Total, \$14.74.

Ministerial Education.

Sister Springs W. M. & A. S., \$1.

Birmingham Missionary.

Birmingham (East) W. A. & M. S., \$1; Twenty-seventh Street L. A. S., \$1. Total, \$2.

Foreign Mission Debt.

Huntsville (First) W. M. S., \$16.

Christmas Offering to China.

Birmingham (Sixty-sixth Street) W. M. S., \$1; Shiloh (Union) W. M. S., 55c. Total, \$1.55.

Jubilee Offering to Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Barnes, \$3; Mobile (Palmetto) W. M. SS., \$1; Troy W. M. S., \$90.80; Anniston (P. M.) W. M. S., \$1; Mobile (D. W.) W. M. S., \$20; Mobile (First) W. M. S., \$46.25; Mobile (First) Y. W. A., \$8; Opelika (First) W. M. S., \$21.50; Prattville W. M. S., \$6.50; Andalusia W. M. & A. S., \$1.25; Mobile (Oakdale) W. M. S., \$9; Mobile (Calvary) L. M. S., \$2. Total, \$210.30.

Y. W. A. Christmas Offering to Medical Work.

Wetumpka, \$3.

Sunbeam Offerings to Kindergartens.

Wetumpka, \$2; Samson, \$1; Opp, 75c; Moulton, \$1.85; Selma (First) \$15; Town Creek (Selma), \$1.73; Asheville, \$1.55; Pleasant Ridge (Birmingham), \$2.50; Pineapple, \$1.20; Birmingham Jubilee, \$1.65; Carrollton, \$2; Montgomery (Court Street), \$2; Aliceville, \$3; Huntsville (First), \$1; Russellville, \$1; Newton, \$1.20; Furman, \$1.40; Belmont, 45c; Fayette, \$2.80; Albertville, \$1.25; Opelika (Carmel), \$1.50; New Decatur (Central), \$5; Hartselle, \$3; Bay Minette, \$1; Brownsboro, \$4; Thomasville, \$3; Wylam, \$6.85; Chestnut, \$1.40. Total, \$71.08.

Miss Willie Kelly.

Lowndesboro L. A. S., \$5.

Miss Anna Hartwell.

Trussville W. M. & A., \$2.50.

Y. W. A. Offerings to Medical Work.

Wetumpka, \$4; Jacksonville Jr. Y. W. A., \$1.65; Piedmont, \$3.48; Roanoke, \$2; Buena Vista, \$3; Montgomery (First), \$9.30; Selma (First), \$125.25; Elba, \$2; Jackson, \$4.75; Evergreen, \$10; Cuba Jr. Y. W. A., \$5; Tuscaloosa (First) Jr. Y. W. A., \$7; Judson College Bible School, \$55; Grove Hill, \$2; Brewton, \$14.25; Pratt City Jr. Y. W. A., \$1; Lineville, \$12.50; Troy, \$7.80; Birmingham (First), \$3.54; Northport, \$5; Asheville, \$4; Fayette, \$4; Gadsden (First), Jr. Y. W. A., \$7; Gadsden (First), \$4; Alexander City R. A. E., and Jr. Y. W. A., \$11; Jacksonville Y. L. M. S., \$7. Total, \$315.52.

(To Be Concluded in Next Issue.)

THE CONVENTION PROGRESSIVE.

On the cornerstone of the great white marble temple which was once the Baptist church of Oklahoma City, but which is now the Masonic Temple, is engraved: "On this, the 18th Day of May, 1912. Dedicated June 24, 1912." It is indeed a strange inscrip-

tion, being as it is over a month in advance of its purpose, but it is nevertheless decidedly indicative of the city, to which it is a great architectural honor. The city is itself only 23 years old, but is far ahead of many of our much older eastern and southern towns in way of population, town spirit and grandeur of buildings. Having this attitude toward things in general of not only doing them, but of doing them decidedly in advance of others, it is not strange that the Baptists of the city were indeed ready for our coming.

Cordial committees met our trains, and comfortable boarding houses and decidedly elegant hotels awaited us. The registration committees were so exceedingly accurate that the one for the W. M. U. was publicly commended by Mrs. Wallis in her report before our convention as its assistant recording secretary.

The first day was made forever golden in our memories by the masterful, womanly address of our president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, N. C. This address will be sent to each society, so it is not necessary to dwell upon it now, but two items I would feel selfish to keep back. One was, she recommended and the convention, through the motion of our state president, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, moved that clearly defined and widely reaching plans be laid for the appropriate celebration at our next annual session of the silver anniversary of the organization of the Southern W. M. U. Each state will be asked to select one of its women to serve on a joint committee for formulating these plans and arranging the anniversary program. This committee will be announced soon. Let us be much in prayer that Alabama may furnish it with a most helpful member.

One other item was that there is a growing conviction amongst our women that tithing is the only logical solution to the financial problem of taking this world for Christ, and Miss Heck urged that each state strive to add during this anniversary year 1,000 tithers to her present list of women and children who are now "honoring the Lord with the tenth." Alabama put herself on record as being willing to try to do this. One of Miss Heck's illustrations can but help us to bring this and other glorious results to pass. She said that at the time of the destruction of the Titanic the captain called to his crew: "Be British, my men, be British." "Were they not British by birth, training and loyalty already? Had they not often on gala occasions sang lustily 'God Save the King?' Then why call to them now, 'Be British, my men, be British?'" she asked. "Because this was the time of direst need!" Even so, she went on to say, in this day of direst need, when the nations of the earth are looking to us for help, she could hear the great Captain of our salvation calling to us, "Be Christian, my people, be Christian."

The reports from all the officers were indeed gratifying, that of the treasurer, Mrs. Lowndes, being the best we have ever yet made. The grand total cash contributions for the year were \$267,957.25, which was a gain over last year of \$41,449.36.

The conferences on Sunbeam, Royal Ambassador and Y. W. A. work were more helpful than I have ever known them. The ideas gained during them will be put into our state work, we plan.

The missionaries introduced to the convention were Miss Georgia Barnette, Miss Kate Perry, Miss Marie Buhlmaier, Miss Roisman, Mrs. McIntosh, Miss Kelly, Miss Brownlow and Miss Grace Clifford, of the Home Board; Dr. Hallie Neal, Mrs. George Mahon, Mrs. Sallee, Mrs. Ginsburg and Mrs. Snuggs, of the Foreign Board. They all spoke briefly of their chosen field, and on Sunday afternoon we shall hope to hear further from them.

One very attractive feature of each session was the presence with us of many Christian Indian women. Two of them wore exaggerated American clothes, but the rest of them were picturesque indeed in their shawls, embroidered draperies and beads. A large camp of some 15 tents was arranged for the Indians not far from the church.

And so I might go on and on in speaking of the convention and of how it impressed our 15 Alabama delegates, but from time to time these impressions will be made known; so for now I shall bring to you the recommendations passed by the convention on

several phases of the work, and take other matters up later.

First of all, let us consider the recommendations of the executive committee, which are as follows:

Recommendations Executive Committee 1912-13.

I. Watchword: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. Matt. 28:2.

II. That we shall aim to put the spiritual emphasis first in all our plans; that systematic Bible study and united prayer shall be an ever growing feature of our work, and that our sense of responsibility toward those around us shall be expressed in definite forms of personal service.

III. Publications: That the influence of the literary department may be widened by a more extended use of its leaflets; that this department be instructed to publish again a calendar of prayer, and that it be authorized to take over the publishing of Our Mission Fields, securing a permanent editor, continuing it in its present form and character, but making it a magazine with a subscription price of 20 cents a year and no longer a free publication of the union. The magazine on its new basis shall begin with the October number.

IV. Margaret Home: That this Home shall be a center for our prayer and thoughts and that we shall still apportion the current expense fund of \$1,200 among the societies (giving this apportionment to the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors where possible).

V. Training School: That we shall seek to bring the advantages of this school more widely to the attention of our young women; that the student funds be \$175 or \$200 each, and the current expense fund \$3,000; that the enlargement fund of \$7,000 again be part of our aims, but if any state has failed either in 1911 or in 1912 to meet its apportionment for enlargement for that year, it shall endeavor not only to meet the apportionment for 1913, but to make up the deficiency existing in the other two years, in order that at the end of 1915 the full \$35,000 shall be in hand, and that this matter be referred to the apportionment committee.

VI. College Correspondent: That we keep closely in touch with the young women in the schools and colleges in our territory through the union and state college correspondents, organizing a Y. W. A. in every one of our denominational schools.

VII. Special Seasons: That we continue a concentration of effort on the special seasons of prayer and gifts for State, Home and Foreign Missions and to encourage the observance of Bible Day, the offerings on that day to be given to the Bible funds of the Sunday School Board.

VIII. Plan of Work—Woman's Missionary Society Aims and Gifts: That every W. M. S. shall hold as a working ideal "Every woman in the church a member of the missionary society," and to this end shall seek earnestly new methods of stimulating interest through sub-jubilee meetings, followed by carefully planned smaller meetings in the individual churches with a very definite Biblical and missionary program; that each society shall begin a missionary library if there is no associational circulating library which it can use; that each shall feel definite responsibility for fostering the work among the younger women and children; that the W. M. S. offerings shall be given as follows:

Home Missions—Work on the frontier and among foreigners.

Foreign Missions—The support of all women missionaries and the schools fostered by them.

Young Woman's Auxiliary Aims and Gifts: That every Young Woman's and Junior Auxiliary base its work on the new constitution and broader plans in the new Auxiliary Manual; that all societies now organized shall consider the adopting of this constitution and the plans in the Manual, and that new societies be organized with this constitution and adopt this Manual for their guidance; that each auxiliary be represented by regularly appointed delegates at associational and state unions, and that each state have at least two delegates to the annual session of the general union from the Y. W. A.; that every Y. W. A. shall endeavor to be represented at the summer conference at Monte Ne, Ark., June 14-24, or at Blue Ridge, N. C., June 25-July 4; that the auxiliaries give special attention to the attainment of the standard of excellent, personal service and consider care-

fully the matter of tithing; that their offerings shall be made as follows:

Home Missions—Mountain school work.

Foreign Missions—Support of hospital work on foreign fields.

Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador Aims and Gifts:

That the Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador leaders shall make Christian character building their chief concern; teach the Bible as the Book of Missions, give some clear knowledge of each mission field, interest the boys and girls in live missionary literature and train them to practice the giving of their efforts and their money to Christian service, that their offerings shall be given as follows:

Sunbeams: Home Missions—Mission schools in El Paso, Tampa and Cuba. Foreign Missions—Kindergartens and schools for boys and girls in the foreign field.

Royal Ambassadors: Home Missions—Work among the Indians. Foreign Missions—Boys' school in Toluca.

IX. Contributions: That we pledge ourselves anew to furthering systematic and proportionate giving in all societies, striving steadily to increase the number of those who give not less than one-tenth of the income under their control to God's work; that we aim at a total increase of 10 per cent above the gifts to Home and Foreign Missions for the year 1911-12, the proportion between the aims for Home and Foreign Missions to be in the ratio of 4 to 6, the ratio adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session May, 1911.

X. Standard of Excellence: That we again adopt a Standard of Excellence for our societies, reporting on it annually as to the degree in which it has been realized in each state. Unless otherwise determined on by a state, those societies fulfilling all points shall be on a list of honor; those fulfilling eight points, in the A class; six points, in the B class, and four points, in the C class.

1. At least 12 regular meetings a year (preferably one each month) with a devotional exercise and a definite missionary program.

2. An increase in membership during the year of at least 25 per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year, until all the women of the church be enrolled.

3. An increase in gifts of not less than 10 per cent of the preceding year's contributions.

4. Regular reports to state officers according to the plan outlined by each state.

5. One of the denominational magazines or a calendar of prayer subscribed for in at least one-half of the homes represented in your missionary society, the ultimate aim being one in every home.

6. Observance of the special seasons of prayer and gifts for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

7. At least one mission study class during the year.

8. Some definite, organized personal service for the spiritual uplift of your own community conducted by the members of your society under its oversight.

9. An average attendance at the 12 meetings of a number equal to two-thirds of the membership.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS.

Our work in the Central District.

Our work in the Columbia Association. We have 13 societies, but no superintendent in this splendid association.

Our missionary to Lal Chow Fu, North China—Miss Cynthia Miller.

Our Training School students—Misses Register, Cox and Keith.

The teaching of our new apportionment.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR NEW YEAR'S WORK.

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light.—Isaiah 11:20.

A good sister writes: "I did not get mad because you stopped the paper. I don't blame you, but I feel ashamed of myself for not sending in my subscription to the Alabama Baptist long ago. So now I send you \$3, which puts me out of debt to 1913 if I am not mistaken. I thought I sent you \$1 last year, but if I didn't let me know and I will send it to you. I don't want the paper stopped, for I enjoy reading it and want you to send it as usual."

Well, at last we are comfortably located at Isney, Ala. (my old home), and am pastor of the church where I was born and raised. Brother J. D. Cook says, "Any man can leave home, but he must be a pretty good fellow to go back home." I trust he knows what he is talking about. I have two churches, and am working half time as associational missionary for the Antioch Association. My motto is: "First winning men for Christ and, second, training men to be missionary in practice rather than name." Don't think hard of me for not sending the money sooner, as we have had bad luck since we moved here. Our house was blown off the blocks and we have been on the move most all the year, but fortunately not very far. Hence the unusual delay. Yours and His—A. R. Loftin, Isney.

In this week's issue there is a "Day in Andalusia" from Brother Rosser, of Selma. We were happy in having Brother Rosser in our town and to preach the commencement sermon at the close of our school. We appreciate very much what he said of the Baptist situation here. As to the vacation for the pastor he mentioned the one who told him there had been none must have been living here only a short time or had forgotten. When the church was completed and the State Convention had met here the church at once sent the pastor away for the month of August. The church supplied the pulpit and gave a handsome purse. The month was spent in Montevalle resting and in studying Sunday school methods. With best wishes—J. J. Hagood, Andalusia.

You will permit me to say to the many friends in my native state who are interested in us and writing to know if we can swim, that the flood situation is bad and many people are forced to leave their homes and all their belongings. I am glad to say we are not in any danger where we are. The Lord has been good to us and we have just raised the last \$2,500 on our new church building, and are now planning to dedicate. We are looking forward to the coming of Dr. Virgin, of Jackson, Tenn., who will spend some two weeks with us in revival meetings. Fraternally—W. A. McCain, Kentwood, La.

Hunter Street church closed last night a good meeting. Brother A. A. Walker, of Birmingham, was with us 15 days and did all the preaching, and I have rarely heard a better series of sermons preached. The attendance was large from start to finish, and the interest good all the while. The meeting was of great benefit to both church and pastor. Brother Walker knows how to help both church and pastor. There were 16 members added to the church, most of them by profession. The congregation will never forget Brother Walker.—L. M. Bradley.

I am now at this place. I have served the Forest Home field since February. We did not move till May. There are no better people in the world than are to be found here. Of course they did not forget to give us a pounding when we came. Pray that the Lord will bless our lot on this field. Fraternally—J. C. Dunlay, Forest Home.

I enjoy our paper very much and would be in the dark with our denomination and its work if I did not read it. I live a lonely country life. Have been to church but twice in a year, but I keep in touch with our people by reading your good paper. I have been a reader of it ever since it has been established. With many good wishes for you and loved ones, I am very respectfully—Mrs. F. O. Roger.

The Fort Worth evangelistic campaign under the direction of the evangelists of the Home Mission Board closed last night. There were 418 accessions to the 12 churches engaged in the campaign. Considering the local conditions we consider this one of the very best campaigns in the time of our connection with the Home Board.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist.

No, I am not mad, and don't blame you one bit for sending out these notices. Get right in behind your subscribers and make them pay up, which will enable you to improve the paper and will make us all feel better. With best wishes, I am yours truly—

STATE MISSIONS

In spite of many obstacles the gifts of Alabama Baptists to Foreign and Home Missions was gratifying. We sincerely hope that we will go to the State Convention with a clean slate. Somehow State Mission money seems hard to raise. This ought not to be so, for any one with eyes to see can look around and have first-hand knowledge of the needs. The Foreign Mission and Home Mission Boards have their problems and so has the State Mission Board. We will sadly miss the hard common sense of the lamented Miles, but we feel confident that Willingham, our new president, is going to develop an enthusiasm which, coupled with resourceful energy, will go a long way towards heartening Brother Crumpton, our beloved and indefatigable secretary.

There are big things to come before the State Convention and we believe that Alabama Baptists are on the threshold of great opportunities for more aggressive work along many lines if our leaders will but show the rank and file the way in which efficient service may find a proper outlet.

In every church there is an abundance of unused Christian energy waiting to be harnessed by the pastor with seeing eyes.

Pastors, do not wait for your laymen to volunteer, but press them into service.

The following communication shows that they are ready:

We as laymen of Alabama who attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City in a special car from Montgomery, Ala., feel it our duty to say to our brethren who failed to attend this meeting that they missed the richest part of the teachings of the word of God by our churches.

The idea of co-operation was brought out. The work in our churches meets with success through co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. In the meetings of this convention we get the thoughts and ideas from the best material of our beloved South.

We are shown the advantages that are derived from our combined efforts. Also we see the growth of the world religiously from year to year, hence we get inspiration. Again we see the vast needs for the word of God in our home land and abroad.

The experiences told by our missionaries verify the command, "Go ye into all the world and teach the Gospel to every creature." They tell us how eager and willing the majority of the people are to grasp this great Gospel.

In order that we may be able to do greater work at home we urge that our laymen attend these conventions and thereby get in closer touch with this great work that is going on for our Master. We insist that our pastors lay greater stress on their people attending these meetings, beginning much in advance of the time.

In July this year a meeting preparatory to the development of the plans of this great convention will be held at Jasper, Ala. Therefore, in order to co-operate with this great body, we feel it necessary that every

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Oklahoman says:

With the close of the convention the fact stands out prominently that Oklahoma City has entertained the greatest religious association in annual convention on earth. It is not an idle boast that no other religious organization has the number of delegates attending their annual meeting as the Baptists.

Truly the convention is a great religious body. Its machinery is the work of wise and experienced men under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Its speakers are men whose messages are born of masculine convictions and delivered with an enthusiasm that is contagious and a zeal which moves. In every session there are always climaxes which send the messengers back to their homes with new visions which beckon them to do more and be more for Christ. The thrill is not always generated by some great leader or popular idol, but frequently and unexpectedly some modest man hardly known in his own little field rises and speaks out of a life of consecrated toil and men and women receive an unforgettable uplift. It is one of the most democratic religious gatherings on the face of the earth.

Day by day as one sits and watches with interested gaze the spectacle of our organized work passing in annual review he soon has a sense of being a part of a great militant religious body, and takes pride in his leaders and goes back home ready for more efficient service at the call of Willingham, Gray, Frost, Mullins and others upon whom the burden of leadership has been placed; and who must make the plans for strengthening the cause of Southern Baptists at home and abroad. Men abiding under the spell of the convention for a few days turn with a new baptism of power to the work of their churches, for it is impossible to listen to the needs and then turn a deaf ear to the men and women who as missionaries on the home and foreign field tell of the marvelous grace of God.

And because of this, the Southern Baptist Convention is always a reservoir of power, a meeting of vast possibilities. God grant that those present who were privileged to mingle their prayers, their hopes, and their spiritual aspirations with those of their brethren and of uniting with them in the effort to solve the problems of Southern Baptists in the evangelization of the world will resolve to move on to something better than they have ever been, and to something greater than they have ever done.

Oh, Baptist men! With a common ancestry whose heroism in the fight for religious liberty is a precious legacy of the past, and whose record in being true to the Bible is our best asset in the present, and whose most sacred mission in the future is to give the Gospel in its purity to mankind—we call on you to take for your motto, "Saved to Serve."

COLUMBIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

The following from the Florida Baptist Witness will bring sorrow to many Baptists in Alabama:

It will be gratifying news to the Baptists of Florida to learn that Dr. A. P. Montague, of Howard College, Ala., has been elected president of Columbia College and has accepted.

President Montague has been president of Howard College several years and has made good, so we expect great things from him in Columbia. He is a man of mature judgment and yet a man in the vigor of his manhood.

The editor extends a hearty welcome for himself and for the Florida Baptists.

Dr. Montague will find at Columbia and in Florida a great open door. More later about him."

We haven't the heart at present to attempt to write about it. With a deep sense of personal loss we can only pray God's blessing upon him in his new field.

Baptist church send its pastor and that each layman feel it his duty to attend this State Convention, thereby obtaining the inspiration toward this higher body. Each State Convention should serve to prepare us for each succeeding Southern Baptist Convention. Let us, therefore, turn out in full force at Jasper in July.

J. E. SHREVE,
J. G. REYNOLDS,
J. A. ANGLIN,
A. W. BELL,
R. J. MOODY.

A GOOD MAN GONE

Every now and then a good man passes out of the life of his community to go to his heavenly home, leaving behind him sorrow not only in his own household, and in his own church, but in the mansions of his richer neighbors as well as in the huts of his poorer ones. The sad news comes to us of the death of Brother E. F. George, a man who in his life gave a daily exhibition of Christian living. A good husband, a loving father, a kind neighbor, a loyal Baptist, yet withal a Christian whose kindliness crossed denominational lines. He was our friend, he was also the friend of the Alabama Baptists, and always found time to help increase its circulation. His few visits to our office always brought cheer. He was the best type of Southern manhood, and now that he is gone before we join our tears with those of the bereaved family and with hundreds of his friends will believe with the poet That best portion of a good man's life, His little, nameless, unremembered acts Of kindness and of love will live for many a day in the hearts of those who knew Deacon George.

CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS.

Several important committees were announced Monday. The Judson memorial committee, which will have charge of raising the million and a quarter fund, will be represented in Alabama by Rev. Preston Blake.

The committee authorized by a resolution adopted Saturday to see that satisfactory accommodations for the convention sessions are provided at future meeting places has on it Brother Crumpton as its Alabama member.

The convention adopted a resolution offered by J. N. Prestridge, of Louisville, editor of the Baptist World, extending the thanks of the convention to Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board, for his work and urging him to take a needed rest.

On motion of F. M. McConnell, of Texas, every state convention was authorized to select one layman to act with the laymen's committee named by the convention.

The following Alabama ministers filled pulpits in Oklahoma City on Sunday during the convention: Dr. William Anderson, Woodlawn; Dr. J. A. French, Eufaula; Rev. C. A. Stakeley, Montgomery; Rev. S. A. Cowan, Montgomery.

Dr. Patrick Marion was unable to be present, but wired the program for the educational hour. Dr. Patrick has been the president during the past year. Great stress was laid upon Christian education.

Dr. W. F. Yarborough, of Anniston, was elected vice-president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Preston Blake, of Birmingham, vice-president of the Home Mission Board.

The following Alabama women were elected to offices and committees at the women's meeting: Miss Kathrynne Mallory, Montgomery, corresponding secretary W. M. U.; Mrs. C. A. Stakeley, Montgomery, on board of managers; Mrs. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, on nominating committee; Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Birmingham, on board of trustees of training school.

The papers, delegates and visitors were enthusiastic in their praise about the whole-souled, fascinating and unique address of Pastor Carter Helm Jones, of Oklahoma City.

President Poteat, of Furman University, who led the devotional services from time to time, placed the spiritual side of the convention on a high plane.

Among the visitors to the convention was Missionary Solomon Ginsburg, of Brazil, who is a Christian Jew and the son of a Jewish rabbi. He has a son named Robert Willingham Ginsburg.

Saturday afternoon the citizens of Oklahoma City tendered the visiting messengers an automobile ride through the beautiful growing city of the west, and many good things were said about the well-paved streets, the beautiful homes and splendid public buildings and handsome churches.

The Indians who were presented to the convention Thursday night sang in their native tongue, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and the congregation joined with them in the chorus. It was a touching incident.

Temperance had a good show and a fine report, made by Dr. A. J. Barton. Among the speakers were Dr. A. J. Barton, Hon. Fred Caldwell, S. A. Smith, John Carney, W. S. Wylie, J. D. Gambrell, W. D. Upshaw and W. J. Caudill.

The new committee on temperance appointed Saturday night included A. J. Barton, Texas; A. D. Freeman, Texas; E. E. Folk, Tennessee; S. P. Brooks, Texas; J. H. Gambrell, Texas; S. H. Campbell, Arkansas, and Joshua Levering, Maryland.

At the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon min-

isters of 25 and 50 years' service declared that the greater meeting of their life occurred. It was the occasion of memorializing the centennial of the conversion of Adoniram Judson, the first Baptist missionary. Accidentally, addresses by the strongest preachers of the denomination were made to give impetus to the stupendous task which the Baptists have set themselves in raising \$1,250,000 for the extension of educational advantages in foreign fields. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., 32 years secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and acting head of the committee for educational advancement in foreign fields, lead the afternoon services.

At the First Christian church, Oklahoma City, Sunday morning the annual sermon to the graduating class of the high school was delivered by Dr. E. Y. Mullins. In it occurred the following striking paragraph: "There stands the pyramid. It was not erected to preserve food for famine, nor as a beacon on the seas—it is not useful. It was made by 100,000 men in 50 years to be the tomb of a monarch, a monument of selfishness. But the Partheon, representing the most perfect fruitage of the Periclean age of Greek art, stands for something worth while for all the ages. These young men and women are constantly building Cheops or Parathenons." No wonder the Oklahoma said: "It was a masterly appeal made in a clear but convincing manner to young men and young women to throw themselves into life's activities, that the sum total of human happiness might be increased."

At the morning service the "Honor" preaching appointment of the convention was filed by Dr. E. C. Dargan, the president. Long before the hour for the meeting to begin every seat in the large auditorium and the gallery was taken. On the front seats ministers in the long sober clerical garb and behind them sat a row of blanket Indians with usual turban they neglected to remove. Not far distant at the other edge gleamed the bright feathers of other Indians. The saw and the bucks, the white and the lavishly attired wives were mixed and admired in the principal devotional meeting of the greatest religious assemblage perhaps in the history of the country. In addition the Jew and the Greek were there, men from the north and the south, far New Mexico and farther Florida and the Carolinas, while missionaries from every portion of the earth were enrolled among the number. In fact the scene was unusual.—Oklahoman.

The following were named as members of the press committee for the coming year: Z. T. Cody, E. E. Folk, J. N. Prestridge, J. B. Gambrell and O. F. Gregory.

The report of the treasurer, George W. Norton, of Kentucky, showed a bequest of a house and lot in Selma, Ala., to the "trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention," the proceeds to be used for ministerial education. As there is no such body as the trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention, a committee of lawyers was named to report on some method by which the bequest could be accepted. The committee is composed of William Ellison, of Virginia; Lewis Rogers, of Gainesville, Tex.; John D. Mell, of Georgia, and Secretary Lansing Burrows.

The convention adopted a resolution criticizing President Taft for his order overruling an order promulgated by the department of the interior, and allowing teachers in the government Indian schools to wear the garb of certain religious denominations while engaged in their work. The Baptists have maintained that the state and church should be entirely separate, and some time ago an order was made by Commissioner Valentine, of the department of the interior, in charge of Indian affairs, forbidding the wearing of religious habiliments denoting any particular religious sect by teachers engaged in the schools. President Taft's order rescinding this ruling was arbitrary the Baptists claim. The secretary of the convention was directed to send a copy of the resolution condemning this action to the president, secretary of the interior and to every member of congress and of the senate.

A telegram was received from a committee of the church of the Disciples of Christ asking that a com-

mittee be appointed to consult with their committee on a closer co-operation of the two denominations. The question was referred to the committee on faith and order.

On June 18, 1812, congress declared war against England, and in each country observances of the event will take place. According to present plans, these will begin on the hundredth anniversary in June of this year, and will be repeated on December 24, 1914, which will be the centenary of the signing of the treaty of peace in Ghent, Belgium, Canada—then, as now, a dependency of Great Britain—in which some of the operations of the war took place, will join in the observances.

The Baptist World, of Louisville, quotes the Catholic World, of New York City, as saying: "The Roman Catholic is to wield his vote for the purpose of securing ascendancy in this country. All legislation must be governed by the will of God, unerringly indicated by the Pope. Education must be controlled by the Catholic authorities, and under education the opinions of the individual and the utterances of the press are included. Many opinions are to be forbidden by the secular arm, under the authority of the church, even to war and bloodshed."

Back of every drunkard, gambler and libertine is generally a woman—mother, wife, sister or sweetheart, who must suffer the shame, and sometimes the poverty, resulting from the misdoings of a loved one. The children who thus suffer are a multitude. They become public charges, who must be cared for out of the public treasury or by large-hearted men and women.

Thirty years ago a German physician, Professor Koch, discovered the bacillus of tuberculosis, or germ of consumption. Since that time a new interest has been taken in means to prevent or cure this most deadly of all common diseases. In all parts of the civilized world medical men and philanthropists have been active. Societies have been formed and hospitals established to fight the white plague.

This is just the height of the London "season" of social gaiety. For this reason there was a great disappointment in British society, high and low, when the death of King Frederick of Denmark was announced, for this means a period of court mourning. The merchants are mourning more feelingly perhaps than any one else, for they figure that the shutdown of society events will mean big losses in trade to them. Many big events have had to be called off, for court customs are nothing if not formal.

Emperor William has just lost a suit in the highest court of the empire. He has a tenant on one of his estates near Danzig and he wanted the tenant to share in the cost of constructing a house suitable to a royal estate. The tenant did not care to do things on a royal scale and refused. The emperor took the case into the civil courts, but his being emperor made no difference and the judges held against him.

Early in the year 1911 a convention between Germany and Russia was announced by which an extension of the Bagdad railway, now in process of construction by Germany in Turkish soil, was arranged to reach the Persian frontier, whence it would be linked up with an extension of the Russian railway system. The astonishing fact about this scheme was that the European powers did not consult or even inform the Turkish government of their intent with regard to railway building on Turkish soil.

Last year this country imported about 7,000,000 pounds, valued at \$2,500,000, of chicle, as the basis for making the chewing gum of the people. This gum is brought mainly from Yucatan and the country to the south, and is the congealed sap of the zapote tree.

President Taft, Chief Justice White and a host of college presidents and other representatives were at Princeton to cheer and advise President Hibben in assuming his new duties as head of the university. Both Mr. Taft and the chief justice referred to the interesting and romantic relations of Princeton with congress and the presidents.

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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.

J. F. STILES,
Judge of Probate.

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A unique contest has been running for several weeks between the Calvary Baptist Sunday school of Birmingham and the Indian Head Baptist Bible school of Cordova—a sort of inter-urban affair. The points are made on the percentage of enrollment present and on time and the percentage of those present making an offering. At present the score is: Calvary, 11,416; Indian Head, 11,314. Other Sunday schools of Walker and Jefferson counties may enter at the beginning of the next quarter.—A. G. Sullivan, Cordova.



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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.

J. P. STILES, Judge of Probate.



A NOTE OF WARNING.

We have known for some time that our secular press was muzzled by that powerful politico-religious organization known as the Roman Catholic church; that our advertising agencies and news companies were all controlled by this same power; that nothing unfavorable to the Pope or his inquisitorial policies can be put on the wires of our news-gathering agencies; that our daily journals dare not print one criticism against this organization for fear of the Roman Catholic boycott. But we did not know that this, the most colossal enemy of religious liberty on earth, is also trying to get its hand on the throat of our religious press, through their advertising agencies; that our denominational papers dare not advertise anything not approved by his excellency, Pope Pius X. Even if we did not know when we sold our advertising space to Jacobs' Agency that the present condition would ever come up, now that we do know it, if we continue to patronize such agencies, are we not particeps criminis in suppressing the truth about this monster of iniquity? Are we not playing into the hands of this foreign power, allowing the legions of Rome to march in upon us and with Argus-eyed watchfulness to take possession of every point of vantage?

Let us not deceive ourselves for a moment that Catholicism will in this country become more or less modified. It is the boast of this church that she never changes, and we have all history to prove that her trail has been marked in blood; that religious bondage and blight have followed in her wake in every country where she has obtained a foothold. She has her "Order of Jesuits" and her "Knights of Columbus," and their path shows that they will stop at nothing.

The Roman Catholic church is the same in this country as it is in France, in Spain, in Portugal. The same Pope rules the church everywhere, and if she ever sets her arrogant heel on our shores in full power, we will see freedom stabbed on the steps of our own government as Caesar was stabbed in the hall of Pompey's theatre.

B. D. M.

Coal City, Ala.

(Our good friends surely must be poking fun at us. A search of the files of the Alabama Baptist will show that we have been vigorous in our attacks on Romanism. This editor is in hearty sympathy with Tom Watson's fight on Catholicism. If the Pope of Rome has kidnapped our Presbyterian advertising agency, and Tom wants to run something in the Alabama Baptist against Romanism, just let him send it to us and we will gladly run it free. We differ with Tom on missions, but we line up with him against Rome.)

"ON AGAIN, GONE AGAIN."

Dear Brother:

I am just back from the greatest session of the Southern Baptist Convention ever held. It was in the capital city of the great new state of Oklahoma, "the only state born sober," for it has prohibition in its constitution.

Alabama stood far up among the great states in its contributions for Home and Foreign Missions. We made an advance for the two of \$15,000. You know I am happy over the results.

We put State Missions aside through March and April, receiving practically nothing for that object. During May we have received only \$780, or \$12,863 for the year. The amount asked for State Missions was \$32,000. You see that we need by June 1 \$19,137 additional to bring up the full amount. Can we do it? Yes, if we have a mind to work. We gave the last four weeks in April \$18,457. Surely we can do as well in four weeks.

One pastor, said, returning from the convention: "This is one time I am going to make a personal canvass. I never have button-holed my members, but I am going to do it." That will win the day. We are going to be ruined without it.

Remember the slogan, "STATE MISSIONS OUT OF DEBT JUNE 30!"

What say you, brother pastor? Please drop me a card on receipt of this and say what you hope to do.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am your fellow servant in the name of the Master,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

Dear Brother Barnett: I am assisting the pastor, Rev. B. S. Riley, here in a meeting we began Sunday morning. Our congregations are large, and we look for a great meeting. Clayton is a good place, and the Baptists here seem to be moving along nicely. I go from here to Londale, and then to Flomaton to be with Brother R. M. Hunter; then to the First church of New Albany, Miss., to conduct a general meeting, and then to Vernon, Lamar county, and then to Cleveland to be with Brother D. D. Head. I will be with Brother J. W. Farrior in a meeting, and then I will be in a meeting at East Thomas this year. So my time is about filled up. I shall ever remember you and our brethren in the work. Yours in Christ—Curtis S. Shugart, Clayton.

Dear Brother Barnett: You seem to be in distress over the government's newspaper law. Why so? Has not the law done for you a needed thing you would not do for yourself? What advantage is there to you in carrying a dead list of subscribers? How can the delinquent be blessed in receiving goods that he does not pay for? What more profit is an unpaid subscriber to a paper than an inactive member to a church? I don't see wherein the worth of either lies. Cordially—J. L. Rosser, Selma.

The district submerged by the Mississippi river on May 1 exceeded the combined area of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Vast new regions have since been inundated. The failure of the public to respond liberally to the appeals of the Red Cross leaves that organization unprepared to take up the work and carry it forward on a scale which the conditions demand. If congress does not take early and favorable action there will be the gravest apprehensions as to the outcome.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Robert Padgett request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Julia Marsh, to Mr. Arthur Fort Hammond, on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8:20 o'clock, South Prado, Ansley Park, Atlanta, Ga."

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NOTICE OF SALE.

Estate of F. J. Ellard, Deceased. Under and by virtue of an order of sale made on the 27th day of May, 1912, by the Probate Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, I, M. A. Ellard, as administratrix of the estate of said decedent, will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, within the legal hours of sale, at the court house door on Third avenue, in Birmingham, in said county and state, on the 17th day of June, 1912, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said decedent, to-wit: Begin on north side of Third (3rd) avenue, in North Birmingham, one hundred feet east of southwest corner of lot one (1), block thirty-eight (38), thence north one hundred (100) feet, thence east fifty feet, south one hundred (100) feet, thence west fifty (50) feet to the beginning, being lot two, in block thirty-eight (38), Abernathy survey, said lot being 131 feet west of Cheek road, in N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4, section 13, T. 17, R. 3 west. And the west one hundred (100) feet of block number sixty-five (65), Park Place, fronting 100 feet on the north side of Thirty-sixth avenue and running back north and on the east side of Twenty-fourth street 140 feet to an alley, in North Birmingham, Jefferson county, State of Alabama.

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TRUSTEES' MEETING.

At the regular annual meeting of the board of trustees of Howard College, held Tuesday morning, the resignation of Dr. A. P. Montague as president of the college was received and accepted. The resignation becomes effective July 31, Dr. Montague being given one month's leave of absence, according to a fixed custom. The meeting of the trustees will occupy the greater portion of the day, and at the afternoon session a committee of five will probably be appointed whose duties it shall be to recommend a successor to Dr. Montague.

The resignation of Dr. Montague was accepted with regret, and James B. Ellis, of Selma, president of the board of trustees, made a few fitting remarks of regret. Dr. Montague responded. The names of Dr. George W. Macon, Rev. J. M. Shelburne and Professor Olive are being mentioned as probable successors to Dr. Montague.

Finances Discussed.

The trustees met in executive session and during the morning discussed the raising of finances to tide the college over during the summer months. This afternoon officers of the board will be elected and the present officials will be named by the board. In his annual report submitted to the trustees today Dr. Montague recommends:

That money be borrowed in anticipation of next session's income with which to pay the faculty for May, 1912.

That Professor Burns, who serves as teacher, commandant and resident disciplinarian, be elected professor of English.

That at least \$2,500 be raised with which to repair the buildings.

Dr. Montague declares that collections during the last year were more successful than during the past ten years, and the discipline and scholarship has been good.

New Professors.

If a suggestion of Dr. Montague is accepted by the trustees, two additional professors will be employed to have charge of the academy, these departments at present being looked after by the regular college professors.

Trustees whose terms expire this year will be named at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which will convene in Jasper on July 20. The board will probably be in session during the entire afternoon. Those present at the meeting are:

- James B. Ellis, president, Selma, Ala.
- A. D. Smith, vice-president, Birmingham, Ala.
- P. C. Ratliff, secretary, Birmingham, Ala.
- W. M. Blackwelder, Birmingham, Ala.
- William A. Davis, Anniston, Ala.
- C. S. Rabb, Evergreen, Ala.
- G. D. Motley, Gadsden, Ala.
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- J. C. Maxwell, Alexander City, Ala.
- A. W. Bell, Anniston, Ala.
- S. S. Broadus, Decatur, Ala.
- D. C. Cooper, Oxford, Ala.
- W. J. E. Cox, Birmingham, Ala.
- J. W. Minor, Birmingham, Ala.
- R. E. Pettus, Huntsville, Ala.
- J. C. Wright, Roanoke, Ala.

J. D. Heacock, Birmingham, Ala.
H. J. Willingham, Montgomery, Ala.
Stivender Wins.

The medal offered in the Junior oratorical contest at Howard College was won Tuesday morning by James Calvin Stivender, whose subject was "Theodore Roosevelt." The young orator delivered an address that would probably procure many votes for the gentleman from Oyster Bay, and delivered it in a thoroughly impressive manner.

The oratorical contest was heard by a large audience. The program opened with music by Miss Estelle Hill. William Richard Rigoll spoke on "Edmund Burke;" Charles Bowden Kingry on "Our Heritage of Idealism;" William Campbell Blake on "Up or Down—Which;" Miss Lena Hitt sang "The Song of the Soul," from "The Climax," in splendid voice, and Curtis Bush Hasty spoke on "A Prospective Glimpse." The program concluded with music by Miss Grace Schimmel and the awarding of the medal to Mr. Stivender.

Monday afternoon a feature of commencement week was given in the form of a battalion drill by the cadets, a "punch out" drill and a company drill. Company A, Captain Joe Acker, won the company prize, the sabre going to Captain Acker. R. S. Ward won the prize for the best drilled cadet. The battalion was drilled as usual by Col. Hughes Kennedy, who has drilled the cadets on these occasions for a number of years.—News.

As a result of the institute held in Roanoke in January, this year, a Teacher Training class of 46 members was organized in the Baptist church, and 12 recruits were added to the class in the Methodist church.

DR. MONTAGUE'S RESIGNATION.

May 28, 1912.

"To the Board of Trustees:
"Gentlemen—Permit me to present to you my resignation of the presidency of Howard College, to take effect, if this shall be agreeable to you, on the 31st of July next, a date which will practically mark the end of my tenth year of service.

"After my long connection with the college, and especially in view of certain plans already inaugurated to secure students from the high schools of the state, it will require some weeks to bring my work to a conclusion.

"In severing my relations with Howard College, allow me to express my best wishes for the institution and my profound appreciation of the many acts

of kindness for which I am your debtor. Yours cordially,
"A. P. MONTAGUE."

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PRESIDENT OF HOWARD COLLEGE WILL GO TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE AT LAKE CITY, FLA.

This morning at the meeting of the trustees of Howard College Dr. A. P. Montague, who for ten years has been president of that noted institution, will tender his resignation to accept the presidency of Columbia College, at Lake City, Fla., the co-educational Baptist college in Florida.

It is understood an effort will be made by the members of the Howard College faculty, the trustees and the student body to induce Dr. Montague to withhold his resignation and remain at the head of the institution, which under his skillful guidance and untiring energy has taken a front rank in the educational institutions of the south.

"My sole reason for leaving," said Dr. Montague, "is that I think I have been at Howard College long enough. I have an opening at Columbia, and believe it my duty to accept. I leave with the kindest feelings toward all. I wish you would express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many friends who have so kindly expressed their regrets. But the regrets are not all on their side. I have been here too long not to deeply regret the breaking of the ties of years.

"I also wish to express my profoundest gratitude to the people of Birmingham for the splendid support, financial and otherwise, they have given me, and I shall always cherish and remember with pleasure the friendships I formed while at Howard College."

Dr. Montague assumed the presidency of Howard College in 1902, and his entire administration has been one of progress and results. He has shown untiring energy in his efforts to bring the college to the front. He came to Birmingham from Greenville, S. C., where he was president of Furman College, the state Baptist institution. Among his greatest accomplishments was securing an endowment fund of \$100,000, of which \$90,000 has actually been realized and received. He has also raised an average of \$3,500 per annum for eight years and has brought about needed improvements and the construction of several buildings. Two handsome buildings have been constructed on the campus, namely: Renfro hall, a large and capacious dormitory, and a handsome library building.—Age-Herald, May 28.

"Ah, I see you have a new cook, my dear." "How do you know it?" "I noticed the imprint of a strange thumb on my soup plate."

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 25th Day of May, 1912. Estate of Leslie Thiemman, Deceased. This day came E. R. Thiemman, administrator of the estate of Leslie Thiemman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of same. It is ordered that the 22nd 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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NUMBER OF DELEGATES.

Although the report has not been formally returned, the number of delegates attending, according to the report, which will be made later, totals 1,228, exactly the number at Hot Springs four years ago. If every state had sent its apportionment there would have been 4,274.

The apportionment and the attendance follows:

Table with 3 columns: States, Entitled, Present. Lists states from Alabama to Virginia with corresponding delegate counts.

The average attendance for 10 years is 1,300. Of the conventions during the last 22 years held west of the Mississippi river, the following indicate attendance: 1890, Fort Worth, 749; 1894, Dallas, 755; 1900, Hot Springs, 646; 1905, Kansas City, 618; 1908, Hot Springs, 1,228; 1912, Oklahoma City, 1,228. These tables include delegates only and should not be confused with the thousands of visitors who come as guests.

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FROM SAND MOUNTAIN.

February 31, 1912, Bob (my horse) and I started out on missions in the Marshall and Gilliam Spring associations, following the trail which Jackson led his army. Across Sand Mountain we made our first trip, but not with glittering sword and clanking bayonet and other weapons of carnal destruction, but quietly following his course with the word of God, which is the sword of the spirit, led by our Captain, Jesus Christ. "Behold I have given Him for a leader and commander to the people."—Isa. 55:4. And with His assurance that He will never forsake me and will be with me always until the end of the age on the condition that I preach His word, I am going forth with this sword under His leadership into the battlefield of our God, "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," with the consolation that if I fall I will not be utterly cast down. I am meeting with much encouragement and enthusiastic co-operation of the pastor so far. This North Alabama country is a Baptist country. I am now in the home of that honored, consecrated, overworked and underpaid pastor of 67 years, Thomas Weaver. He is now gone 12 miles to preach a funeral. He has four churches. The membership is worth more than \$200,000, and he will not receive from them all more than \$150. He and his brother, located at Decatur, have a territory 20 by 60 miles all to themselves. Your preachers that are without jobs come and help these consecrated veterans of the cross to hold this country for Christ. It is already captured, but it must be held. I had no idea that in this fair state of ours that there was any territory in such dire need as exists here in this county. You may not get as much money as in some other fields, but you will meet with as grand a set of people as any county affords.

Come, and again I say come. In these three months I have traveled 525 miles, preached 40 sermons, visited 100 homes, sold 355 copies of books; amount of sales, \$101.63; collected for associational missions \$24.57; all of which is cheerfully submitted.

W. M. GARRETT,
A. E.

I am anxious for the readers of the Alabama Baptist to know just what a sweet service we enjoyed at Pleasant View church on Mothers' Day. We had a wonderful sermon on mother love by our noble pastor, Brother T. C. Wyatt. Also we had a grand talk by Brother Todhunter, which I think was enjoyed by all the hearers. The good sermon and talk, with some very appropriate duets, I think, made the service enjoyable for all. I am glad to say we have a beautiful Sunday school and prayer meeting; but we have a good working pastor, and usually a good pastor makes a good church and Sunday school. Brother Wyatt is a noble young man and is loved by all of his members.—Ella Jones, Belle Sumter.

SHOWS STEADY GROWTH.

Baptist Young People's Unions Are Increasing in Numbers.

A steady growth in the membership and influence of the Baptist Young People's Union in the south is announced by Thomas J. Watts, corresponding secretary of the B. Y. P. U., in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Assistance from the Sunday School Board in extending the work of the organization is asked and the executive committees approve the request of the B. Y. P. U. of the south that the board take under advisement the special designation of one of its field secretaries to make the B. Y. P. U. his special work in the states east of the Mississippi river during the coming year.

The present numerical strength of the B. Y. P. U. of the south, based largely on official reports, is by states as follows:

	Unions.	Enrollment.
Virginia	125	6,000
Maryland	32	1,500
North Carolina	55	3,000
South Carolina	85	3,000
Georgia	100	3,000
Alabama	75	2,500
Florida	97	3,000
Mississippi	75	3,000
Louisiana	102	2,555
Kentucky	100	3,500
Tennessee	131	3,500
Missouri	250	5,000
Arkansas	220	6,040
New Mexico	45	1,546
Oklahoma	263	6,450
Texas	668	23,080

Total 2,423 76,665
Included in the above totals are 350 Junior Unions, having a total enrollment of 11,800 members.

Roanoke, Ala., May 19.—The funeral of Dr. W. P. Hamner took place yesterday afternoon at Mt. Pisgah church, seven miles south of Roanoke, the services being attended by a very large congregation. The deceased was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of East Alabama, in which section he had spent the greater part of his 80 years of life. He had practiced medicine for about half a century. His death occurred at Stroud after a long illness. There survive him his wife and five children, the latter being Rev. J. W. Hamner, editor of the Alexander City Outlook; Dr. H. T. Hamner, of Columbiana; Ocie Hamner and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Stroud. Besides these a wide circle of friends mourn the end of this good and useful life.

We had 160 in our Sunday school last Sunday. We like our pastor. We are going to have a picnic the 30th of May at Mountain Creek. We received four new members Sunday before last.—Pearl Culver.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt, after a successful pastorate at Conway, Ark., has accepted a call to Durham, N. C.

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Estate of Charles F. Ensen, Deceased. This day came Birmingham Trust and Savings Company, administrator of the estate of Laura C. Ensen, deceased, who during her life was the administratrix of the estate of Charles F. Ensen, 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.
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FROM HEALING SPRINGS.

The closing of the Healing Springs Baptist school took place May 9. Rev. A. R. Loftin, of Isney, preached an able and instructive sermon. It was a joy to have him with us. At the same service he delivered Sunday school diplomas to Mrs. J. E. McLe-more, Mrs. Sallie McLe-more, Dr. James Blount, Grover Warrick, Fay Knight, Jollie Warrick and W. A. Darden. Miss Bessie Martin, our music teacher, led the class.

Before going to the above service the rites of matrimony were performed, making Dr. James Blount and Miss Bessie Martin man and wife. The marriage took place in the music room of the school building in the presence of a few friends and relatives. These young people are Baptists and efficient workers in the Healing Springs church. Miss Martin is the daughter of Rev. D. S. Martin, of Equality, and graduated at Newton last year. Dr. Blount is the son of a good family of this county, and two years ago completed the medical course in the Mobile Medical College. The writer and a host of friends wish them usefulness and happiness.

The Bible Institute for Washington and Choctaw counties will begin here July 28. Can't you be here with us? Dr. Philipps, Rev. Richard Hall and Brother Harry L. Strickland will be the main speakers. We need you to help secure subscribers to the Baptist. Then we will give you a chance to say anything else you wish.

Enclosed find check to pay my subscription to January. It is just the thing to cut off all who don't pay, especially the preachers, who get the paper for half price. I have made an honest effort to secure new subscribers, but as yet I have not succeeded. The least I can do now is to pay.

Did the Jews pay three-tenths of their income to God's work? Some of the extant literature would teach that idea. I am seeking the truth on the subject, but if the Bible is plain on more than one-tenth I cannot discover it. Who will write articles on the subject of "Tithing?" It would be a timely service.

Dr. Crumpton's article on the denominational school was good. It contained the truth. I am wondering if a hint to the wise is sufficient. There is a greater need of the Christian school than formerly because the population is more than ever and the worldly and wealthy spirit exists as never before. Many people are withholding their money and patronage from the denominational school. There are two reasons—poor equipment and the lack of the proper moral influence. Where the parent sees no difference in morals the choice is for the state. There is a difference, however. It is not sufficient to place the student in our schools. If the government of the denominational school is practically the same as the state school it is natural for the parent to send to the latter. In some of both institutions the student is not required to attend Sunday school or church. The athletic system is usually the same, and in both fraternities exist. Those who observe know that fraternities and traveling athletics are harmful to moral uplift. College grounds, in my judgment, should be the limit of all athletic sports.

All honor to every one who is connected with our Baptist schools, but our denomination has nothing to gain by following the state's example, unless it is to put more money into the school work.
Sincerely,
W. A. DARDEN.

CROWDS ATTEND COMMENCEMENT.

Bunyan Davie, Jr., Wins Declamation Contest.

Record-breaking crowds attended the commencement exercises at Howard College, which began Sunday.

The feature of Monday morning's exercises was the sophomore declamation contest, the prize being won by Bunyan Davie, Jr., whose subject was the "Telltale Heart." Other contestants and their subjects were: Earl Parker, "The Wandering Jew;" George Ira Dunsmore, "Greater Alabama;" James Alto Ward, "A United Country;" Roy Alfred Jones, "To the Lions (a son of Issachar)."

Monday afternoon the battalion and company drills were held.

Tuesday morning at 10:30 the junior oratorical contest was held, with the following speakers: William Richard Rigell on "Edmund Burke;" Charles Bowden Kingry, "Our Heritage of Idealism;" William Campbell Blake, "Up or Down—Which?;" James Calvin, "Theodore Roosevelt;" Curtis Bush Hasty, "A Prospective Glance."

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening the class play was given.

Wednesday the graduating exercises were held. The following students received their diplomas:

John Deaver, Jesse Rogers, master of art.
Andrew Richard Bliss, Jr., bachelor of science.

For bachelor of arts: Allie Cletus Anderson, Hubert H. Buzbee, J. M. Collier, James Elmer Dean, Leon F. Harris, Melton Arrington Hoffman, William K. Es James, Thomas W. Smyly, Herbert Sumerall Sorrell, A. C. Swindall, Jerome Oscar Williams.

For bachelor of science: Joseph Ragan Acker, Archie A. Bolen, J. Walter Gwin.

The baccalaureate address was delivered Wednesday morning by Sidney J. Bowle, and the diplomas were awarded by Dr. Montague, president of the college.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday by the Rev. J. L. Rosser, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Selma. Dr. Rosser's theme was "The Shadow of Goodness." It was one of the most eloquent discourses ever heard in the history of Ruhama church.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Fifty-sixth Street Baptist church do earnestly petition the honorable board of commissioners to close the amusements at East Lake Park on the Sabbath.
MRS. F. P. DUNNAM,
President.

MRS. CHARLES BURRIS, Sec'y.

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