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THE PREACHERS AT THE RECENT STATE CONVENTION AT JASPER, ALA.

Clay I. Hudson the handsome and hustling pastor at Decatur, made a fine impression with his address on the necessity of pastoral visiting.

That was a great idea of having lunch served under a tent out in a beautiful grove. It gave an opportunity for fellowship which was truly delightful.

One of the best addresses of the ministers' meeting was delivered by Rev. J. D. Ray, of Birmingham, on the problem of the city, a subject dear to his heart, and he spoke with expert knowledge.

It is always a delight to hear Rev. L. L. Gwaltney make an address. He is a student, a thinker and a rhetorician. He spoke on the "Minister and the Labor Problems."

We greatly regretted that Rev. J. Allen Smith, of Ashland, was hindered from coming. He was down for an address on "Preparation." He is a vigorous thinker and an active pastor, and is doing a great work not only in his church, but in his association.

Rev. A. J. Preston, a former pastor of the Jasper Baptist church, but now of Tupelo, Miss., was heartily welcomed by members of his former flock and other friends. It seems hard for us to look on Preston as a visitor. He ought to come home and stay.

Any time you ever see the name of A. K. Wright, of Ensley, down on a program you will do well to hear him, as he always carefully prepares what he has to say, and having said it quits. He is an authority on church finances.

We had the pleasure of dining with the Hon. W. C. Davis, a prominent lawyer and statesman, who never allows his business to keep him from serving his church. He and his charming wife and captivating little son make a happy Christian household.

The other denominations at Jasper vied with the Baptists in entertaining the visitors and delegates. My friend Faust, of the Methodist church, was always hanging around to do something for somebody.

Dr. R. G. Patrick, who was elected president of the Educational Commission, still has the matter under advisement.



HON. W. C. DAVIS, Jasper.

We heard many pleasurable expressions about the devotional services as conducted by Rev. J. G. Dickinson, of Gadsden. He made for himself a still warmer place in the hearts of his brethren.

"Get all the entertainment we can out of our work as we go along, for we may rest assured that if we postpone the fun of life until the work is done it will never come. It will find us dry and dusty as so many biscuits after a voyage."

Dr. Preston Blake, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, who preached the convention sermon, chose as his subject "The Power of the Cross." He delivered a wonderfully impressive and helpful gospel message.

After H. Ross Arnold, of Athens, finished speaking a preacher said to us, "We did not know it was in Arnold." Just keep an eye on Athens' pastor. He is a coming man. "The Minister and Politics" was his subject, and he handled it in a masterful way.

The convention is to go to Enterprise at a date to be set in the fall of 1913 by the board of directors of the convention. Dr. J. L. Thompson, of Brundidge, was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. J. W. Partridge, of Dothan, alternate. Rev. O. P. Bently, Rev. Richard Hall and Dr. W. B. Crumpton will arrange the program.

Dr. J. W. Phillips' address on "One Hundred Years of Mission Preaching" stirred the gathering. It will appear later in the paper. It was a pleasure to have the pastor of the First church, Mobile, at the convention in company with Mrs. Phillips. It was an evidence that they wanted to get in touch with the Baptists of Alabama.

It was a source of regret to many that Brother F. M. Woods was not feeling strong enough to preach on Monday night, not that they did not want to hear the alternate, Rev. J. G. Lowrey, but because the former has a strong hold on the affections of his brethren. Brother Lowrey had a fine crowd out to hear him and gave them something to ponder.

It gives us pleasure to state Rev. J. M. Shelburne accepts the presidency of Howard College and will be on the field February 1. Fuller details next week.



HON. W. W. CAMPBELL,
Of Tuskegee, the Active and Consecrated Layman Who Presided so Ably at the State Convention At Jasper.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

With gratitude to God for His continued mercies and marvelous blessings we present this, our forty-first annual report.

It has been a year of prosperity to all our people. The abundant harvest gathered by the farmers in most of the state yielded sufficient for a living for all and far beyond a living for many.

Early in the year a tract was issued and widely distributed, entitled:

"Prosperity vs. Spirituality."

A text was found in a religious paper of the south: "A Wave of Commercialism Is Sweeping over the South."

Baptists were exhorted to pray to God to "save us from the perils of prosperity."

The following words we quote: "We do not expect everybody to take the alarm, but surely our people who have time to read and reflect ought to become serious over the suggestion made."

"The fight against poverty and debt and hardships has been a long one in the south. Prosperity has come suddenly upon us. Not the most optimistic ever dreamed of what our eyes now see. Unless all signs fail, we will soon be the richest people on earth. Our people were first dazed at what they saw. They could hardly believe their eyes. Realizing the possibilities of great wealth, which is rapidly opening before us, some have gone wild. God's cause is liable to suffer because submerged with the tide of prosperity. The purse strings must be loosened on the God side, or wreck and ruin will come to our church life. Luxurious living has been the downfall of the greatest nations of the earth. Will it be our ruin?"

We do not know to what extent these lines were read, but we are sure the warning was timely, and hope the admonition therein was heeded.

Great spiritual blessings came to many of our churches in the way of revivals, strengthening them by the addition of large numbers to their membership. When 10,955 are added in one year by baptism to the churches in Alabama, it must have been because the hearts of His people were turned mightily to Him in prayer for His blessing.

Increased liberality also we are permitted gratefully to acknowledge. In spite of the demoralization, which seemed to seize the people in the fall, because of the promised income from a great cotton crop; in spite of the worst winter known in years, with an unusual number of rainy Sundays, and the discouragements incident to the late spring, we have made a marvelous increase in our contributions to missions, as the following table shows:

		Increase.
State Missions	\$24,267	\$ 5,071
Home Missions	25,916	5,420
Foreign Missions	34,928	9,643
Total for all missions	\$85,111	\$20,134

These are all church contributions, except a \$1,000 bequest from Mrs. Burns, of Selma, to the Foreign Board. In making the comparison it is proper to say the \$30,000 Bush memorial of last year, which was for endowment, was not counted in the calculation. Surely God has been moving upon the hearts of His people, breathing into them the spirit of liberality!

We began the year with a debt of \$5,275; we end it with \$4,127. Of this \$2,308 is due the Bible and colportage fund. So that we owe outside parties \$18.19. When it was found that a debt must be reported this year the secretary and his assistant devised a plan by which it might be greatly reduced, if not entirely removed.

A report of the result will be made before the close of the convention.

At our annual meeting in November we regretted to deny any of the calls made upon us, but all could not be granted.

The large outlay we report for stationery, printing, postage and extra clerk hire is more than offset by the awakening of interest among the indifferent and the heartening of the real missionary members of our churches. Reading matter in the hands of the people is a great educational power. It is poor economy to withhold it from circulation, especially since the improved mail facilities all over the country put us in easy reach of the people. We would be recreant to duty if this open door were not entered to carry to the people the information about religious work, which they so much need.

The Woman's Missionary Union is truly "auxiliary" to every interest fostered by the denomination. Occupying comfortable quarters adjoining the offices of the board, gives opportunity for the most helpful co-operation.

Though we regret to give up Miss Mallory, the faithful and enthusiastic secretary, we feel it is an honor to Alabama to furnish one so capable and worthy to the wider field at Baltimore.

Miss Patrick, well known and much loved throughout the state, still holds the position of leader of young people's societies.

We congratulate the good women on their wise and fortunate choice of Miss Julia Ward to take the place made vacant by Miss Mallory's resignation.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, the pioneer of the woman's movement in Alabama, has done a year's work quite

the equal of any of the past years of her very efficient service.

The board's plan has been to pay the salaries of these three women workers, counting them as missionaries of the board. We also pay the operating expenses of the union; this includes office rent, stationery, printing, postage, extra clerk hire and traveling expenses.

On their part they have raised and paid into our treasury in monthly installments the magnificent sum of \$26,018, an increase over last year of \$8,000. Of this amount State Missions received \$5,005 and Home and Foreign Missions \$15,759.

Their reports of labors performed are as follows: Days of service, 1,046; miles traveled, 19,695; addresses made, 270; societies organized, 59; churches visited, 187; Baptist rallies and associations attended, 39; subscribers for religious papers, 75; letters sent out, 7,353; packages of literature sent off, 6,672.

As educators of our people they are not excelled by any agency at work in the state. As our women and children are enlightened and brought into active sympathy with missions opposition and indifference among the men gives place to interest and co-operation.

Besides their educational work and the money raised for other purposes, they give to State Missions considerably in excess of the amount paid out for their expenses, which goes to support pastors on needy fields, colporters in the country, the traveling expenses of the field workers and other things.

They have enlisted about 13,000 women and children in the state. We confidently look for this number to be doubled another year.

They have 410 women's societies in 409 churches, 85 young women's societies in 74 churches, eight boys' societies in seven churches, 203 children's societies in 183 churches. Total number of churches touched, 427 by 700 societies.

Sixty-one associations have been touched by the W. M. U.

We urge the pastors to study and imbibe the spirit of Paul in Philippians, where he says: "And I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and my other fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life." He doesn't give the names of these last, but some day we shall know, for they are recorded in the book of life, and in the same book, doubtless, we shall find recorded the character of the self-denying labors in the gospel done by those faithful women.

What a work our women have before them, to reach the remaining 1,573 churches in the state! They have the courage and the faith to try. Will not every manly man among us aid them in every way to the accomplishment of the task? Think of 13,000 women and children, out of a membership of 192,000, giving one-fifth of what was given, and 40 per cent of the advance of the year! Their success ought to shame the balance of the denomination into greater activity.

The Value of Systematic Methods

Is more apparent this year than ever before. Almost an ever flowing stream has been poured into the board's treasury through the whole year from the small contributing church. From many which a few years ago nothing came, or maybe one small contribution just before the association, we are getting from 50 cents to several dollars almost every month. Each year brings us nearer to

The General Adoption of Systematic Methods in Our Finances

As a result, year by year pastors are being better and more promptly paid. They are happier and far more useful on account of it. Furthermore, our mission and other benevolent contributions are growing, and it is becoming a joy for our people to give. We have only to learn to keep the pressure on, by means of the envelope system, throughout the year, to have the system perfected.

The old credit system, which has been a great hindrance and drawback to the south, clings to us and influences us to do our best only once a year—in March and April. We must, and will, break away from that habit.

Our Sunday School Force

Has done great service, as their reports show. We have H. L. Strickland, the secretary; Bunyan Davis, field worker, assisted by A. L. Stephens for a part of his time. Miss Lillian Forbes, an experienced worker, is just beginning.

Other consecrated laymen are laying themselves on the altar for voluntary service in this department. The secretary's report will give in detail the work accomplished. It is a consummation much to be desired that the Sunday schools shall pay all the expenses of all Sunday school workers. Allowing all the contributions from the schools for State Missions to be used for the Sunday school department it would fall far short of its support. Many schools receiving and rejoicing in the labors of these efficient servants and promising contributions each quarter have failed to send anything—largely, we suppose, from forgetfulness. We trust the pastors and superintendents will not fall us in this important work.

The Bible and Colportage Fund

Has grown a little this year. We are hoping for a large addition to this fund both from contributions and bequests. A good book or even a tract in the home may do service for God for generations. Others may be written, put up in more attractive form, but the truth once lodged between the backs of a book will live and shine forth to bless the world on the faded leaf or in the type grown dim with age.

Our Tract Distribution

Has been enormous this year. Besides a thousand pounds or more supplied and sent out for the three boards, we have printed 87,500 on different phases of the work. The demand has really been greater than we could supply, because the pressure of debt has been so great we feared to spare the means which our missionaries so much needed.

We Have as Evangelists

P. M. Jones and Curtis S. Shugart. In the Birmingham Association, A. A. Walker, and for the summer months W. P. Wilks, one of our strongest men, just from the seminary. They are doing fine work, and the people show their appreciation by the support they are giving them. During the summer there are more calls than they can fill. In the winter they are sometimes without work. Our southern churches need to be brought to see that the winter is the very best season for holding meetings where the roads are in good condition and the houses well lighted and heated. We commend the course of the executive committees of Butler, Conecuh, Central and Columbia associations in securing young men to do evangelistic work in the summer.

Ministerial Students in Seminary, College or Academy. Should be put to work during vacations in their own associations or elsewhere in the state. This would keep them in touch with their own people, and at the close of their school days it would be the most natural thing for them to find work in their home state.

We Are Fast Approaching a Crisis on the Question of Preacher Supply.

Not many young men are entering the ministry, while our population is rapidly increasing. Can it be that the insufficient support of the ministry in the country and villages and towns is causing the young men to avoid the ministry, not willing to endure its hardships and meagre support? We dare not shut our eyes to the true conditions that confront us in this regard. Education for our preachers and education for the future leaders of our churches are alike essential.

Our Secondary Denominational Schools

Are the wheels in our machinery, if they are supported, which will keep the denomination moving. Every boy or girl who attends one of them, even for a few months, if religiously taught, will return home an advocate for missions, Sunday schools, prohibition and an educated, consecrated ministry. In a very few years these boys and girls will become the leaders of their churches. If they are pious and intelligent they lead to better things for the churches—things that make for peace, righteousness and progress.

Mission money put in our secondary schools to have the Bible taught, especially the last clause of the Master's great commission, is the very best investment we can make. But many cannot go to the schools. In that case we should carry the schools to them. Executive committees, co-operating with the boards, can hold institutes at the churches for the instruction of such of the membership as will attend. Large crowds may not be counted on, but enough will be there to catch the spirit of progress, and it will work like leaven, gradually permeating the community.

The necessity for this is apparent to every thoughtful person who knows the situation, especially since there seems to be a renewed effort on the part of certain publications to poison the minds of our people against the work we are attempting.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," God said long years ago. It is true here in Alabama at this day. We point with pleasure to the action of the executive committee of the Lauderdale Association. They called to their aid one of our foreign missionaries, and have just finished a visitation to every church, much to the strengthening of the cause.

At the request of the trustees of the Newton Collegiate Institute and the Gaylesville Academy we made small appropriations to support the department of Bible study in these schools.

Jointly with the educational commission we assisted in the support of Healing Springs Industrial Academy and in the repair of the property. The trustees gave one-third of this last expense.

It Becomes Our Sad Duty

To report the death of our dearly beloved president, George G. Miles. He was a member of the board 13 years and its president 12 years. At a called meeting of the board the following resolution was presented and adopted:

"In the prime of life, and after a career of devoted and honorable service to Christ and of unyielding loyalty to our denomination, our brother, George G. Miles, entered into rest on Thursday, April 25, 1912.

"For many years and at the time of his decease he

was the president of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, having served continuously with the exception of one year. It is therefore becoming in us, as our hearts prompt us to do, to place in our records some testimonial of our love for him and our appreciation of his character and services.

"Brother Miles was a man of convictions, intelligent and conscientious, which he maintained everywhere and at all times.

"He was a man of tender heart and a beneficent hand. The heroic was ever manifest, and the essential elements of leadership were recognized in all his relations.

"His personality and his capacity for service made themselves felt in the work of this board, as in all the other relations which he sustained to our denominational life. In his removal we feel our loss and mourn sincerely over his departure.

"It is hereby resolved that this testimonial be recorded on a page of our minute book, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and to the Alabama Baptist.

C. A. STAKELY,
S. A. COWAN,
W. J. ELLIOTT,
"Committee."

With unfeigned sadness we report also the passing away of Judge Jonathan Hatfield in his 82nd year. He was a most useful member of our board for 18 years, retiring only because of the pressure of other duties, made necessary after his elevation to a seat on the bench of the supreme court. To him more than to any other man was due the new life that came to this convention on his election to the position of president, a position he filled to the satisfaction of every one for 18 years. Then the Southern Baptist Convention called him into its service as president for 10 years. His brethren delighted to honor him, and it was his delight to serve them.

At a called meeting after the death of our president Brother H. J. Willingham was elected to fill his place, both as a member of the board and also as president. H. S. D. Mallory was put in his place a treasurer of the endowment fund. At the same meeting Brother George W. Ellis offered his resignation, and Brother J. A. Cook was elected in his place. He felt his retirement was necessary because of his removal from the city, which left the local board without a quorum. For many years Brother Ellis has been a most faithful member, serving with Brother W. B. Davidson as auditor through all these years. It was deemed wise to elect new auditors, and Brethren Willis Chandler, Charles Tallman and Jephtha Williams were duly selected for the place.

The Committee of Co-operation

Will offer a separate report, but we wish to call attention to the amounts suggested for another year, which this board is especially concerned about. The figures are as follows:

State Missions	\$ 32,000
Home Missions	28,500
Chapel Building, Home Board	1,500
Foreign Missions	38,500
Foreign Mission debt	1,500
Total	\$102,000

This is only \$2,000 in advance of the round \$100,000 asked for last year, an advance of only \$17,000 beyond what was actually given this year. Is there a doubter among us who would have us put the figures lower? These are the days when Baptists are thinking in large figures. Those who were present at the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City can never forget the thrill that passed through that great body when the Home Board was instructed to attempt to raise for church building in the next three years \$1,000,000 and the Foreign Mission Board a million and a quarter in the same time for educational work and for equipment.

Thus we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Judson's work in Burmah. These suggested amounts are above and beyond the \$1,030,000 asked for the two boards annually.

We would be staggered, at these figures did we not know that not a tithing of our people have been reached thus far, and the further fact that just now the wealth of the south is increasing with almost fabulous growth.

The Home Board besides maintaining four secondary schools in Alabama, where they are greatly needed, grants \$2,000 to our general work in the state, \$2,000 more to church building, \$600 towards the expenses of the office, \$400 to the secretary's salary and about \$1,500 to other purposes in the state. Surely our people will not consider lightly the claims of the Home Mission Board upon them.

The Foreign Board cheerfully and generously joins hands with the State and Home Board in paying the secretary's salary and maintaining the office—paying \$600 to each, thus acknowledging the services rendered by the State Board in its efforts to send the work of life to those beyond the seas.

The Sunday School Board, besides appropriating \$500 to our state Sunday school work, made generous donations of Bibles, which amounted to \$167.84, besides a generous donation of books.

The liberal bequests last year from the estate of Brother J. C. Bush, of Mobile, caused us to say in our report:

"Doubtless there are many persons who would remember their Lord in their wills if they only knew how to frame the paper. We therefore recommend

a simple form, to be printed on one page of the minutes from year to year. We urge the pastors to call the attention of their people to it and encourage them to make bequests to worthy objects. If we are "only remembered" by what we have done," how comforting it must be to the dying to feel that they have projected their lives into the centuries to come by leaving some of the means God has given into their keeping for the benefit of His kingdom."

The form of bequest was printed on page 61 of the Minutes, and many extra copies were sent out with the correspondence from the office. We hope this form will continue to appear in the minutes. We have heard of but one bequest the past year. Mrs. George B. Burns, of Selma, left \$1,000 in her will to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond as a memorial to her husband.

The endowment fund of the board is reported by Brother H. S. D. Mallory, treasurer.

We have in hand a little part of the \$2,000 asked of Alabama for the European Baptist theological seminary in Russia. No effort has been made to raise it further than to call attention to it in the Alabama Baptist. The trustees now having been appointed according to the plan agreed upon, the site selected, near St. Petersburg, the opportunity now is ours to help in this glorious enterprise. We should make a repittance not later than October 1. We trust the brethren will take an interest in this movement, which means so much to the Baptist cause among our oppressed brethren in Europe.

Mrs. Maud M. Johnston, our long-time stenographer and bookkeeper, resigned from her place a year ago, but after the lapse of a few weeks, much to our pleasure, returned to her old place.

At the last annual meeting of the board Brother J. H. Chapman was elected as the secretary's assistant, which position he accepted. This means another strong field worker, for he will travel for the most part. Brother Chapman brings to this service a cultivated brain, a strong, young life consecrated thoroughly to his Master's service.

It is our purpose to prepare a list, to be published in the minutes, of the associations giving contributions for missions by churches.

We have now in the office a complete list of the churches contributing for any object when the money was sent through our office.

We ask that page 56 be continued in the minutes and be kept up to date year by year.

It is our pleasure to record again the invaluable service of the Alabama Baptist. All the space needed is cheerfully given and the editorial columns are freely used in the endorsement of this work.

As to the Work of the Past Year

The summary of work submitted with this report tells the story. With the co-operation of pastors and the churches we have accomplished much, for which we are grateful to God and the brethren. We are thankful for indications of increased interest in the work of the board. The Lord's good hand leading us and His spirit inspiring us and His providence over us, another year will be the greatest in all our history.

The work of Brother S. T. Clanton in the theological department of the Selma University continues to be blessed among the many colored preachers receiving instruction at his hands. We are sure this is the wisest way to help our colored brethren. If their future leaders are properly taught and directed it will tell mightily for good in the next generation of their people. The financial statement, with the auditor's certificate, accompanies this report.

The terms of the following brethren expire this year, and their places are to be filled at this session: Preston Blake, D. F. Green, W. B. Davidson, L. G. Dawson, Arnold I. Smith, Richard Hall and W. F. Yarbrough.

The ministers' meeting honored itself in electing Rev. S. O. Y. Ray to preside. He did it with ease and dignity. We have a crow to pick with the editor of the Mountain Eagle for referring to him as the venerable "Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, of Birmingham," but we will forgive him, as he added: "And everybody seems to know him and love him. He is quite active for a man of his age, and is one of the leaders in the convention." We thought he looked quite young and handsome with his clean shave and natty new gray suit.

After devotional exercises the Hon. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, president, called the meeting to order. Rev. M. M. Wood, the secretary, enrolled the names of the delegates, and the convention proceeded to elect officers. W. W. Cappel, a prominent layman of Tuskegee, was elected president; Judge H. B. Foster, of Tallapoosa, first vice-president; J. G. Reynolds, of Greenville, second vice-president; M. M. Wood, of Turman, secretary, and R. F. Manley, of Birmingham, treasurer. A fine lot of officers.

We congratulate the program committee of the ministers' meeting for arranging such a splendid program. Longrier, Morgan, Anderson and Crumpton did their work well.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT HOPEWELL.

The July meeting of the W. M. U. of Cullman Association was held with Hopewell church on July 19. The morning devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Speegle, of the West Cullman church. Reading from the 31st chapter of Proverbs Mrs. Speegle presented a beautiful lesson of the different types of women and their duties and aims in life. After prayer and singing Miss Izzie Henderson, of the Hopewell church, welcomed the visitors, and Miss Mallory responded.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and representatives from societies were called for. Hanceville reported four, East Cullman six and West Cullman four. Several ladies from Bethlehem and Hopewell were present, but there are no societies at these churches.

Mrs. Reeves, associational superintendent, gave an interesting and encouraging talk for the good of the societies and introduced and welcomed Miss Julia Ward as our new secretary-treasurer.

The work of the home field was outlined and discussed by Miss Mallory and Mrs. Reeves, and a paper on the mountain schools was read by Mrs. Styles.

Next was Miss Mallory's talk about our apportionment for the year, after which the meeting adjourned for the noon hour. The Hopewell ladies were bountiful in their remembrance of this occasion, and all who were present proved their appreciation of the same.

The devotional service of the afternoon session was led by Miss Julia Ward. Little Miss Annie Housc, of Hopewell, recited "The Straight Road to Heaven," for which she was highly complimented.

The work of the foreign field was discussed by Miss Mallory and others. Miss Caroline Schlosser, of Cullman, read a paper on work in the interior of China, and Mrs. Reeves related an impressive story about the Chinese. Miss Mily Howell read a paper on tithing that was appreciated by all.

Miss Mallory talked of the standard of excellence for the W. M. U. and the Sunbeams, setting forth a schedule of work for the year and giving some helpful suggestions.

Many expressions of gratitude and appreciation were extended to the Hopewell ladies for their hospitality.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing "Blest Be the Tie," which was led by the young ladies and the Sunbeams, with little Miss Wynelle St. John as organist.

D. F. TAYLOR,
Associational Secretary.

We wish to heartily congratulate the entertainment committee, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Moore, chairman; T. Jeff Bailey, W. C. Davis, S. Lacy, W. D. Manasco, David J. Williams and Frank Atkins. Few people realize the trials and hard work of the men who make smooth the way of the delegates. We asked Chairman Moore if he had known all the worry and work that was before his committee would he have still wanted the church to invite the convention. Quick as a flash he said, "Yes. It has been a great pleasure to entertain the body."

The delegates and the ministers began to arrive on Monday and were met at the stations by members of the entertainment committee with automobiles and other conveyances and conveyed to convention headquarters at Williams & Ellis' store, where each one was assigned to some home or hotel during their stay in Jasper. Headquarters was a busy place, but every delegate and visitor got a hearty welcome. The four bushels of Elbertas provided for those who dropped in on Friday were much enjoyed.

Rev. J. H. Longrier, host of the ministers' meeting, at its closing session Tuesday night, arose after the devotional exercises and asked all the men to stand. The church was filled to overflowing. He asked all the women present who favored letting the men remove their coats to say "aye." A chorus of "ayes" responded, and the men removed their coats, with the exception of the dignified chairman, Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, and the secretary, Rev. J. H. Chapman. A minister arose and told the women present that only one woman who ever said "yes" had pleased him more than this.

ALABAMA BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Headquarters—Mission Room, 624 Bell Building, Montgomery, Alabama

GUESTS TO THE MISSION ROOM.

Mrs. Gussie Mealing, Benton; Miss Beulah McCauley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Miss Mary Blunt Keith, Selma; Mrs. M. P. Edwards, Master John S. Edwards, Auburn; Miss Julia Ward, Birmingham; Miss Marietta Register, Geneva; Mrs. W. F. Hurt, Master Edwin P. Hurt, Hope Hull; Mr. J. D. Holmes, Eufaula; Miss Lula Jordan, James; Mrs. McQueen Smith, Miss Julia P. Smith, Prattville; Miss Maude Ellison, Williamsburg, Ky.; Miss Sarah L. Williams, Talladega; Miss Nora Ellison, Williamsburg, Ky.; Miss Clyde Metcalf, Rome, Ga.; Mrs. J. G. Dobbins, Orrville; Miss Stella R. Stanford, Guin; Miss Katherine Tate, Newton; Miss Claire Tate, Newton; Miss Mary B. McElreath, Newton; Mrs. J. R. Bateman, Troy; Masters Robert J. Bateman, Jr., and William Carey Bateman, Troy; Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Comer; Miss Sallie Alexander, Moulton.

LETTER FROM MISS HUEY.

Lalchowfu, China, June 17, 1912.

My Dear Miss Mallory:

Yesterday our pastor was away. The brother who was to take his place was also absent. Just before Sabbath school two brethren went to Mr. Leonard and asked him to preach. For a man who has been in China just a short time he does exceedingly well with the language. Still he didn't feel equal to the occasion—no chance to prepare. He suggested that we have a testimony meeting.

It seemed to be just the thing the church needed. The superintendent read Acts 22, especially noting verse 32. Then he called for witnesses.

First, an evangelist spoke of his own conversion. He said he had been a great sinner, a drunkard and gambler. He testified to the power of God to save from those sins. When he spoke of the atonement he made such an impression by the manner in which he said, "Jesus died for me, for me!"

Next followed a young man, one of our teachers. Those of us who knew him before his conversion can hardly realize that he is the same man. He had been an opium smoker. Yesterday was the first time he had publicly confessed it. He looks now as if every particle of opium has gone from his system. He is one of the most striking examples of the cleansing, uplifting power of the gospel of Christ I have seen. He spoke of the joy and gladness in his heart; he really did not need to say it; all could read it on his face.

Then a boy from the city, who is awaiting baptism, said he had been an idol worshipper, but now he has found the better way. He said, "Jesus has given me His peace. I want to bear this witness for Him."

A stranger from the west, who was passing our way, came in to worship with us. He told of his awful struggle with opium and how he had come out victorious.

The climax was reached when a man from the hospital arose to testify. He has been a soldier 20 years—one of the most vicious. Recently while trying to kill a fellow soldier he himself was wounded. His general sent him to the hospital. The medical helper saw that he was a bad man. After treating him he suggested that they send him away. The doctor said, "No. His wounds ought to be looked after. Send him to a ward. He may hear the gospel while he is here." That was ten days ago. Sunday morning the man came and asked for a better looking bandage on his head and said, "I suppose I may go now." He went away, leaving the doctor feeling badly because he had failed to get into the man's heart. Great was his surprise when his helper walked into church followed by the soldier. When the opportunity came the soldier arose to testify. He told who he was, how wicked he had been, and then he said: "When satan moves the heart it is bad beyond compare. God's power and grace are great beyond compare. Now that He has touched my heart I have determined to leave my past evil ways and follow Him." You can imagine what a thrill went through the congregation as he spoke. Humanly speaking he was an impossible case; with God all things are possible.

Often we are thus reminded of the importance of "sowing beside all waters."

Some one has said "America spells opportunity." China spells that same word in large capitals today. Surely you people in the home land will not fail to send us reinforcements right soon.

I rejoice that the debt was decreased so much. We are earnestly striving to lead the churches forward in self-support. Our plan is to have them all self-supporting in five years. After that all workers supported by the churches at home may be used to open new fields. The evangelization of China has just begun. God grant that the work may go on to a glorious consummation. Congratulations to the Alabama women on reaching their apportionment. May you go on to greater heights next year.

Continue to pray for your missionaries. Pray for your Chinese brethren and sisters. You would be inspired to know how they count on your prayers. May you have a great time at the encampment. With a heart full of loving greetings to all the sisterhood, I am

Yours lovingly,

ALICE HUEY.

MEETING AT MT. ANDREW.

One of the most enjoyable meetings in the history of the W. M. U. of Eufaula Association was held with the Mt. Andrew society on Friday, June 28, 1912. The church was made beautiful for the occasion with pink hydrangeas artistically arranged to form the word "welcome," and with other bright flowers that seemed to speak of the joy of the day.

There were many visitors present, who enjoyed the well-prepared program, in which ladies from each society participated.

Mrs. W. M. Gachet graciously welcomed the guests in behalf of the society, to which Mrs. B. S. Ralley, of Clayton, appropriately responded.

Several instructive talks were made by Miss Mallory.

The lovely shaded grove surrounding the church proved a most tempting and attractive place during the lunch hour. The good people of Mt. Andrew had prepared a delicious dinner, which was served in a most hospitable manner, making the occasion one of much pleasure.

In the afternoon a business session was held before the program was taken up. Mrs. W. H. Robertson, of Clayton, was elected superintendent for the remainder of the associational year. This is only a slight tribute to Mrs. Robertson's worth, as she is one of the most efficient and interested workers in the association.

The roll call of societies was a helpful feature. There were four societies and one Y. W. A. represented. Each organization reported the progress being made and the successful plans of work that are being tried.

We rejoiced to know that we had gone beyond our apportionment for the year.

With the prayer and the song, "God Be With You," we parted to meet again in October with the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church of Eufaula.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT CORONA.

The quarterly all-day meeting of the ladies of the North River Association was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. A. Wingo, in the Corona Baptist church July 10.

Devotional exercises were led by the president. Reading of minutes of the last all-day meeting by the secretary and roll call. The following named made reports of their work: Jasper, Dora, Corona, Cordova and Oakman.

Talk on Home Missions by the superintendent. Cities, foreigners and Mountain schools were discussed by Miss Mallory. Apportionment was explained by Miss Mallory and accepted by the societies.

After lunch a service of song was given. The president conducted the devotionals on the subject of "Young Women as Builders." Prayer was offered by Mrs. C. H. Day. Mrs. Jackson discussed Argentina; Mrs. Moore, South Brazil; Mrs. Lacy, Italy;

Mrs. Fletcher, Japan; Mrs. Mary Barnett, North and South China; Mrs. Wingo, Interior China Missions. Miss Mallory spoke on the standard of excellence.

Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Lacy and Mrs. Sullivan were appointed as the press committee.

It was moved and carried that the annual meeting be withdrawn from the associational meeting and be held with the Dora sisters October 2, 1912. Motion carried that we have our minutes printed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Sullivan.
MRS. DELLA WINGO, President.

MISS VIRDA BAKER, Secretary.

AN ALL-DAY MEETING.

The W. M. U. and L. A. S. of the Colbert and Lauderdale Association met with the Russellville Baptist church July 12. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. John Quinn. Subject, "Woman's Life—in the Home, in Society, Christianity, in Reward." Prayer by Mrs. C. W. Leftwich. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Mrs. J. B. Warnock. The following societies were represented: Russellville, Tusculumbia, Sheffield, Cherokee.

Duet by Mrs. White and Mrs. J. L. Jackson, "The Ninety and Nine." A beautiful poem was read by Mrs. C. W. Leftwich; subject, "Savior, Save Our Souls." "Cuba," by Miss Carrie Ivill, was a very inspiring talk, showing the great progress Cuba has made in the last few years, commercially and religiously. Miss Mallory was given the rest of the forenoon session. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Freeman.

At the afternoon session devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. I. Martin. Song by the Sunbeam band, "Let Us Be Stars," under the leadership of Miss Lucile Ramsey. This was beautifully rendered. News of the foreign fields: North Mexico, by Mrs. B. Warnock; North Brazil, by Mrs. T. I. Martin; South Mexico, by Mrs. McNeal; "Young Women as Builders" was read by Mrs. C. E. Wilson in the absence of Miss Arrie Moody; South Brazil, by Mrs. Rollins; Italy, by Mrs. N. C. Greenhill; Argentina and Uruguay, by Mrs. Bradley, of Tusculumbia; Japan and South China, by Miss Mallory. Song, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Talk by Miss Mallory on apportionment.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of Russellville for their kind hospitality.

The next meeting will be held with the Tusculumbia church.
MRS. J. B. WARNOCK,
Associational Secretary.

MEETING AT FACKLER JULY 17.

After song service the superintendent, Mrs. C. W. Brown, led the devotional exercises, followed by prayer by Miss Mallory.

Mrs. Viola Claybrooke, of Scottsboro, prepared and read a splendid paper on "Woman's Life in Society." Reports from the societies were encouraging. New work was given those present—that of reaching other societies and organizing new ones.

The latest news of the Home Board was given by Miss Mallory. The mountain mission school work was emphasized.

A report from the Bridgeport school was given and catalogues distributed. Adjourned at 11 o'clock for service. Sermon by Rev. W. W. Stout, of Kentucky.

The noon hour was enjoyed by all. At 2 o'clock the service was begun with song. Bible reading and prayer by Mrs. C. W. Brown. Home Board work continued. Miss Mallory led in the discussion, emphasizing the work in our ports and large cities, also work among negroes and Indians. A splendid paper by Miss Geneva Givan, of Bridgeport, was read. Subject, "Work Among the Negro." Foreign Mission work was the next topic. Miss Mallory led in the discussion and report. Pamphlets were distributed with maps of foreign fields and stations.

After words of appreciation by Mrs. Claybrooke and business the meeting adjourned.

The ladies and children present all joined hands and circled the room, singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and closed the service with the Lord's Prayer in concert.
MRS. C. C. BOYD, Secretary.

AUTOMOBILING WHICH PAYS.

I note your editorial in July 3 issue of the Baptist "Automobile Aid in Evangelizing," which suggests to me to write you regarding a plan that has been inaugurated by the Baptists of Brewton that has a splendid outlook for much good.

A few business men of the church, with the pastor, saw an opportunity to do a good work and devised a way to buy an automobile for the pastor, Rev. W. M. Murray, in order that, in addition to his work as pastor of the Brewton Baptist church, he could on Sunday afternoons and week days visit some of the smaller churches and communities within 20 miles of Brewton and carry the message.

The machine—a 20 horse-power, two passenger car—arrived about 60 days ago, and during that time Brother Murray has driven a little more than 150 miles, preached seven times and reached about 700 people—a work that he could not have done but for the automobile.

The cost of this 150 odd miles of travel was less than \$2 or not quite 2 cents per mile. This work did not interfere with his regular work as pastor of the Brewton church and was in addition to that. With the 60 days' test before us we commend the plan to other churches as a splendid investment of less than \$300 that will pay large dividends. I am

Fraternally,
D. C. BURSON,

Superintendent Brewton Baptist Sunday School.

On the evening of July 7 we closed one of the most successful meetings in the history of Powderly Baptist church. Brother A. A. Walker did the preaching with the most enthusiastic and convincing effect. The church is much revived, with 23 new additions. There is a striking difference in Brother Walker's preaching to that of many evangelists. I note that some evangelists come to our churches with a great storm of enthusiasm, and have a sweeping effect while on the field. But when they are gone the "revival" is gone. Not so with Brother Walker. He preaches and adheres very closely to the cardinal doctrines of the Bible. Brother Walker has a message that will not only convict sinners, but will convict and cause the membership to make a more complete surrender to God and His ways. In speaking for myself, I think I voice the feeling of many others. I feel reconverted. In these "conservation campaigns" I find Brother Walker has an earnest message that will help men to crucify self over and over again. I thank God for this great work and trust that it shall live on and on. Yours in the Master's work—James W. Southerland, pastor.

In the reorganization of the West Woodlawn B. Y. P. U. Lewis Smith was made president; Miss Jessie Hinkle, vice-president; while two of our girls, Misses Grace Stewart and Margaret Lykes, were made secretary and pianist respectively, and Dan Neel was chosen librarian. Our president was first honor graduate at the Birmingham High School last session, and we expect him to bring things to pass in our B. Y. P. U.—John W. Stewart.

THE CITY OF JASPER

Jasper, where the convention was held, is the county site of Walker county, and is an old, new town. It is unnecessary to state that it derived its name from a military hero of the war of independence. The town was founded in 1815, and was known as an Indian trading post in the early days of the state's history—before the red man's forced exodus towards the setting sun. In fact, in that day it was the most important point from Tusculumbia, Florence and Decatur, on the north, to Tuscaloosa, on the south, and from Elyton, on the east, to the Mississippi line on the west.

In the closing days of the civil war the whole town was practically destroyed by the torch of the victorious army that swept over the mouth on its mission of destruction. But it was slowly rebuilt and remained an "old town," isolated from the screams of the locomotive and the hum of the wheels of industry till 1877, when the K. C., M. & B. R. R., now the Frisco, was constructed. It then began to

doubt had much to do with the extraordinary attendance upon the State Convention just closed.

Jasper is enjoying a substantial growth. Each year the business section is expanded by the erection of new blocks of business houses, which are usually rented for a term of years in advance, and the saw and hammer constantly ring in the residence section, yet the demand for houses more than keeps pace with the supply. A "For Rent" sign is not needed in Jasper.

With its extraordinary railroad facilities, its cheap fuel, excellent water supply and its close proximity to virgin forest of hardwoods, long leaf yellow heart pine and poplar heart timber, Jasper offers unexcelled inducements to manufacturing enterprises seeking a favorable location, and men who are hunting an advantageous location for an enterprise of any nature will do well to go to Jasper and look over the situation and consult the business men of this enterprising little

Jasper is also well supplied with churches—the Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian leading, each with large memberships.

J. R. GUNTER.

COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The Coosa River Baptist Association will meet in its seventy-ninth annual session with the Hephzibah Baptist church Wednesday, August 21. The association is composed of 38 churches, with a membership of 4,327. Hephzibah is about nine miles west of Talladega, on the Florence Ferry road, and is about one and one-half miles from St. Ives, on the A. B. & A. railroad.

Rev. F. G. Mullen is pastor of the church, and he informs us that all committees have been appointed to perfect all arrangements for the meeting of the association.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS,
Moderator.

Dear Brother Barnett: I have just been reading a number of letters in the dear old Alabama Baptist, as I am always anxious to learn where my old college chums who are now pastors are laboring and the success they are having. My work at Bridgeport moves along nicely. My male members get real busy with other things, but they always respond when their attention is called to work for the Master. The ladies' W. M. S. is undertaking some great things, as they are trying to keep their offerings as large as possible for the different mission causes and at the same time boost our new church building by adding to the fund. Their pastor wishes to insert a line of thanks to the good sisters for the shower on July 10. He cannot begin to enumerate the valuables contained in that basket. Brother pastors, doesn't such make us even more humble? Thank God for co-workers.—L. P. Royer, pastor.

Dear Brother Barnett: I am glad to report that Park Avenue Baptist church is not asleep, but a little slow to catch the spirit of Christian enthusiasm so necessary to impel us onward to rescue the perishing. Our pastor, W. B. McDaniel, is the very under shepherd the church needs, but he should have the co-operation of the flock. His sermons are strong and helpful. Rev. Sam Parrish, with the sweet singer, Professor Pace, will begin a series of revival meetings in a tent on the first Sunday in August on Twenty-seventh street, perhaps on Thirty-first avenue. Pray for us dear brethren and sisters. We are looking for a revival of old-time religion in North Birmingham. Come and see. God bless you and yours.—J. E. Cox.

We had a delightful meeting at Marion Junction last week. Dr. Bomar was down Friday night and helped me to ordain three deacons. He preached a grand sermon. We are in the new church building and the work is progressing smoothly. Our meeting was a good one, and has helped the church. I have been recalled to my old Safford church and shall go to them for one Sunday during the coming year. My work is progressing splendidly at Aimwell and Jefferson. I begin a meeting at Aimwell Sunday and Jefferson Sunday week. You are getting out a fine paper. With best wishes, I am most cordially and fraternally—Wm. F. Shute, McKinley, Ala.



COUNTY COURT HOUSE AT JASPER.

take on new life and become a "new town." The construction of the Northern Alabama division of the Southern railroad followed a year later.

In 1893 the whole business section was again destroyed by fire, but the apparent calamity proved a blessing in disguise, as new, substantial brick business houses were rapidly erected upon the sites of the burned wooden structures.

Jasper is located within the real center of the Alabama coal fields, and Walker county is dotted all over with prosperous towns and mining camps, but as yet the mining industry of the county is only in its infancy of development. As a railroad center Jasper is not equaled by any of the smaller towns of Alabama. It has the advantage of five separate railroad lines—the Frisco, the Northern Alabama division of the Southern, the Illinois Central, the Mobile and Ohio and the Alabama Central, all of which operate trains through the city daily, and 16 passenger trains arrive and depart from its stations daily. This splendid train service, which makes Jasper of easy access from every direction, no

place before making a decision upon a place of location. All such men will find liberal treatment and a welcome at the hands of the business men of Jasper.

Little has been said about it, but Jasper has prospects of being able before the close of the year to offer enterprises the advantages of a bountiful supply of natural gas. Two of the deepest wells in the state have been put down only a mile south of the town, the last one having just been finished, and it affords a much stronger pressure of gas than the first one bored as soon as it is practical to do for ample natural gas to supply the town for all purposes, and two more wells in the same vicinity are to be bored as soon as it is practical to do the work.

Jasper has long been the educational center for a large territory. Before the civil war it had an academy that ranked as the best in that day. It now has a splendid city school system, and the county high school is located here, the latter representing \$25,000 worth of school property, which has been deeded by the town to the state.

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Jeremiah J. Crowley, author and publisher, room 619 Johnston building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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In this little book are the strongest arguments ever advanced by science, philosophy and revelation to prove the existence of a life hereafter. These arguments are unanswerable. Mr. Lawson first compiled them for a great debate with a leading atheist orator held in the Garrick theatre, Chicago, before an audience of several thousand persons. It contains 32 large pages and is bound in strong Gibraltar covers, with red lettering. Price, only 10 cents, postpaid; half price in quantities not prepaid.

Glad Tidings Publishing Company, Lakeside building, Chicago, Ill.

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The story of Benjamin Gilbert and his friends. By Frederic P. Ladd.

Here is Benjamin Gilbert's philosophy: "I've got th' sunshine an' I've got friends, an' I've got good memories, an' I've got some philosophy that don't ever go back on me, an' won't go back on any man. Th' philosophy is this: there ain't a day of our life that don't bring something good, an' there ain't



any hard day nor any big trouble that couldn't a' be harder an' bigger."

And here are some of his sayings:

"Th' way t' handle sorrow is t' set th' clock ahead."

"Put not your trust in trouble. It ain't any kind of a crop."

"Th' whole of married life is just waitin' an' hopin' an' expectin', an' takin' disappointments, an' risin' up in th' mornin' with a good bright look as though there wasn't a thing th' matter, an' livin' h' days fair an' sweet."

"Any man that ain't had any grief, an' borne it, ain't a man—he's just a child."

"Don't worry until tomorrow."

F. M. Lupton, publisher, City Hall Place, New York. \$1 net.

"Life in the Orient."

We have many books written by travelers who spent a few weeks or months in the Orient. They may be interesting, showing how the western mind looks on the eastern life, but here is a book by our beloved Christian brother, K. H. Basmajian, who having lived in Armenia for years, lets us get a glimpse of the inner life of Armenia. The book is full of human interest, and is dedicated to "The American missionaries, who by their trials and triumphs are upbuilding the king of Emmanuel in Turkey, and to the memory of the martyrs of Armenia who died for Christ and fatherland." The book has had a large sale, and is now of particular interest in view of the fact that the new Turkey is at war with Italy. Brother Basmajian is no stranger in Alabama. His sweet voice has been heard at many of our churches, associations and conventions. The book can be had of the author, Rev. K. H. Basmajian, Atlanta, Ga., for \$2.

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By Edward Kimball, with a frontispiece in full color, from a painting by William Bunting. Cloth decorative, net \$1.25 postpaid, \$1.40.

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National Child Labor Committee, New York.

"Present Forces in Negro Progress."

This book, by W. D. Weatherford, Ph. D., is dedicated to that growing company of interested southern white men and to that group of sympathetic men in the north whose united interest in the negro race is a prophecy of a better day. He says the supreme need of the hour is that men shall face facts rather than spin theories, and he attempts to be fair to all concerned. The author is a southern man, educated and living here. He says: "No southern man of any pride can read the scant reports of our southern churches in their efforts to uplift the negro without hanging his head in shame." The call to help the negro is here at our door, and yet what a hard time our Home Board has in trying to arouse Southern Baptists to do their duty. Get the book. You may not agree with all of its statements, but it will give you many facts and much to think about.

Association Press, New York. 50 cents.

"Cutting It Out: How to Get on the Water Wagon and Stay There."

By Samuel G. Blythe. Picture cover. Net, 35 cents. Forbes & Co., Chicago.

The celebrated journalist here offers something delightfully fresh on the liquor question. The book neither moralizes nor refers to prohibition, but considers the drink problem from the individual's standpoint with such a blending of wit and practical common sense that any reader will be interested.

MEETING AT MERRIMACK.

The meeting with Pastor D. Z. Woolley, of Merrimack Memorial church, Huntsville, Ala., closed Sunday night, June 30. Brother Woolley is a man of God and is doing a permanent work—a work that will outlive the stars. This church, being in a cotton mill district, is a very difficult field, but Brother Woolley is doing a fine work. This was my first experience in a cotton mill district, and my heart goes out to this class of people. One of the greatest problems that confronts the Baptists of the south is the cotton mill situation. Some of the best people to be found anywhere are to be found among the operatives, but many take no interest whatever in religious matters. The children are put in the mill just as soon as they are 12, and the confinement, the hard work and the poor home advantages have a tendency to dwarf both body and mind. Boys and girls of 13 and 14 I found did not comprehend the plain, simple plan of salvation as easily as the average boy or girl of 8 or 9.

Two-thirds of the men and boys smoke deadly cigarettes. The wages are good, but few save any money. The extra money is all spent for candy, chewing gum, tobacco, fine clothes or in picture shows. I shall always think kindly of mill people, and I stand ready to help them in any way that I can. I was royally entertained in the splendid home of Brother and Sister Bates, the superintendent of the mill.

On August 18 I go to Ashland, Ala.

REV. T. O. REESE,
Home Board Evangelist.

THE MYTH OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

This is an age that is bringing out many old things in new dresses—Eddylism, Russellism, Higher Criticism and scores of other isms equally absurd. Now, no one objects to the leaders of these cults holding the views they set forth if they must do so, and the Bible needs no defense against the attacks of the higher critics, but the eyes of the unwary need to be opened to see the falsity and absurdity of the views set forth. It is a matter of great satisfaction to the orthodox to know that scientists equally as well informed and as scholarly as any in the ranks of the destructive critics have shown that there is not only no conflict between modern science and the Bible, but that science, so far as it goes, proves every important statement of the Bible to be absolutely true.

In volume 6 of "The Fundamentals," a series of little books published by the Testimony Publishing Company, of Chicago, Bishop John L. Nuelsen, of the M. E. Church, has an article on "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ from Some Recent Phases of German Theology" that contains a paragraph under the caption, "The Myth of Theodore Roosevelt." The bishop is discussing the statement of the German, Professor Jensen, to the effect that "The Jesus legend is an Israelitish Gligamesh legend," and that when Christians worship "we worship in our churches, in our cathedrals, in our meeting houses and schools, in palaces and shanties, a Babylonian deity." The bishop says he quotes Prof. Jensen to show that "the logical and unavoidable result of explaining everything distinctively Christian in the Bible by applying the principle of comparison, as it is in vogue at present, must lead to absurdities." Then the learned bishop says:

"Allow me a digression. I wish to apply these same principles of analysis and comparison to a modern personality, following strictly the methods of Professor Jensen. Suppose Lord Macauley's famous New Zealander, whom he pictures standing upon a broken arch of London Bridge, in the midst of a vast solitude, to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's, should come over to America and dig in the sandhills covering the Congressional Library in Washington. He finds a great pile of literature which originated in the first few years of the twentieth century. In the very learned book which our New Zealand scholar publishes he refers to the fact that at the beginning of the twentieth century the head of the great nation was supposed to be a strong and influential man by the name of Theodore Roosevelt. His name has gone down in history, but our scholar proves that Theodore Roosevelt was no historical person at all. He never lived; he is merely the personification of tendencies and mythological traits then dominant in the American nation.

"For instance, this legendary hero is commonly pictured with a big stick. Now, this plainly a mythological trait, borrowed from the Greeks and Romans, and represents really the thunderbolt of Jupiter. He is pictured as wearing a broad-brimmed hat and large eye-glasses. This mythical feature is borrowed from old Norse mythology, and represents Woden endeavoring to pierce through the heavy clouds of fog covering his head. A great many pictures show the legendary hero smiling and displaying his teeth. This is a very interesting feature, showing the strong African influences in American civilization. Many contradictory legends are told about this man. He was a great hunter; he was a rough rider; but he was also a scholar and author of a number of learned books. He lived in the mountains, on the prairie and in a large city. He was a leader in war, but also a peacemaker. It is said that he was appealed to by antagonizing factions, even by warring nations, to arbitrate. It is self-evident that we have here simply the personification of prominent traits of character of the American people at various stages of their historical development. They loved to hunt, to ride, to war; reaching a higher stage of civilization, they turned to studying, writing books, making peace; and all these contradictory traits were, in course of time, used to draw the picture of this legendary national hero. Some mythological features have not yet been fully cleared up; for instance, that he is often represented in the shape of a bear or accompanied by bears. For a while these 'Teddy

Bears' were in nearly every house, and it seems as if they were even worshipped, at least by the children. There is no doubt that some remote astral conception lies at the root of this rather puzzling feature.

"But (two reasons are conclusive to establish the legendary thesis: (1) The American nation, at the beginning of the twentieth century, had hardly emerged from the crudity of fetishism and witchcraft. Many traces of fortune-telling, charms, sorcery and other forms of superstition can be found by studying the daily papers. Even this hero Roosevelt was given to some such superstition. Whenever he desired to bring any one under his spell and charm him he took him by the hand and pronounced a certain magical work. As far as I can discover it spells something like 'dee-lighted.' (2) The other conclusive proof is the name. Theodore is taken from the language of a people representing the southern part of Europe and means 'Gift of God;' Roosevelt is taken from the language of a people representing the northern part of Europe, and means 'Field of Roses.' The idea is evident. This hero personifies the union of the two European races which laid the foundations of early American civilization—the Roman and the Teutonic races; and the Americans imagined that a man who united in himself all these wonderful traits of character must necessarily be a miraculous 'Gift of God,' and furthermore they thought that if a man personifying their ideals had full sway their country would be changed to a 'Field of Roses.' This explanation is strictly scientific."

Verily, the belabored utterances of the destructive critics would be serious if they were not so ludicrous. These higher critics do not seem to know that they are confirming the truths of the Bible as clear as is the spade of the explorer. The Holy Ghost, who inspired the men of old to write, knew that Professor Jensen and all his tribe would come and He prepared the children of God to withstand them. "For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit. But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. . . . But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed." II Peter 1:21 and 2:1-12.

The more I read from these worldly-wise critics the stronger my faith grow in "the impregnable rock of holy scripture" and in Jesus of Nazareth, the anointed of God, whom it reveals. He is still the mighty power that will conquer this world.

"The cross it standeth fast,
Defying every blast,
The winds of hell hath blown,
The world its hate hath shown,
Yet it is not overthrown;
Hallelujah for the cross!"

W. P. HINES.

RESOLUTIONS BY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD UPON THE JUDSON CENTENNIAL FUND.

At the July meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, at which there was not only a large attendance of the local members, but also the vice-presidents from the various states, a thorough and prayerful consideration was given to the Judson centennial campaign. The following resolutions, which were passed unanimously, indicate how profoundly anxious the Foreign Mission Board is to see succeed this great campaign for \$1,250,000 for the equipment of our work in foreign lands:

"The Judson celebration having come to us we believe with signs of the divine favor resting upon it and bearing upon its body the marks of the anguish of our weary, waiting missionaries, who have through the many years anxiously pleaded for proper equipment, we, the member of a full meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, gathered from all the states, desire heartily to endorse this movement to raise \$1,250,000 dollars to meet the imperative, present needs for enlarged equipment on the foreign field. This obligation is hallowed and heightened by the fact that the movement is begun not only to meet the urgent needs, but in memory of him who has justly

been called 'The Father of American Missions.'

"We wish also to commend the wisdom of the Judson Centennial committee, in recommending the election of Dr. T. B. Ray to lead in this great movement and the wisdom of our convention in adopting that recommendation.

"We are also highly pleased that the board at a former meeting set apart Dr. Ray to this work.

"We have carefully gone over the plans of Dr. Ray, so far as developed, and consider them wise, having due regard for the income needed for all our general work. We are profoundly convinced also that, with the proper co-operation on the part of the pastors, state secretaries and others, he will, under God, bring this noble conception, which we believe is from heaven, to a successful consummation.

"We therefore ask for Dr. Ray and his associates in this great undertaking an open door and the heartiest co-operation on the part of all our people.

"In view of the great possibilities connected with this movement we respectfully request that a good hour for its presentation be given at every state convention, independent of and without reference to any other phase of foreign or other mission work. The same open door is also requested at all of our district associations and other gatherings, pre-eminently at the great Laymen's Missionary Convention, ordered to be held during the coming winter by the recent session of our Southern Baptist Convention.

"We earnestly believe that this movement, as it is diligently and wisely carried forward, will kindle missionary enthusiasm along other lines and greatly increase offerings to our general work.

"We hail this movement as from God and as His servants lay hold of it with all of our might, confidently expecting, though the task be a hard one, to succeed gloriously because of Him who said 'Go ye into all the world.'

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. L. GROSS,

"R. W. LIDE,

"H. J. DARLINGTON,

"Committee."

GOOD MEETING.

It is with great pleasure and thanksgiving to God that I can tell you of the glorious meeting that has just come to a close at Good Hope church. The Lord wonderfully blessed us with favorable conditions under which to work for Him. Notwithstanding the rains that we had for a few days, the Lord put it into the hearts of sinners to come to hear the story of the Savior and His love. The Christians enjoyed sweet communion with Christ and fellowship one with the other. Many came to the services seeking a blessing and went away rejoicing because their loved ones had realized their lost condition and had been brought into the kingdom of God.

Today when the 16 young men and young women who have taken a permanent stand for their Lord and Master, went down into the liquid grave to receive Him in baptism it seemed that the heavens were opened and the spirit of God in His tenderness and mercifulness said, "These are my beloved children in whom I am well pleased. Two others were received into the church by letter and by statement.

Our pastor, Brother Charles H. German, is one of the most able ministers that this country affords. He proclaims the gospel in all of its beauty, simplicity and truthfulness.

May the Lord bless you in your work, that He may continue to speak to the Baptists of Alabama through the lines of your paper, is my earnest prayer. I am

HESTER AVANT.

Tallahassee, Ala.

A story is told of an Indian who one day asked Bishop Whipple to give him two \$1 bills for a \$2 note. The bishop asked "Why?" He said:

"One dollar for me to give to Jesus, and one dollar for my wife to give."

The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said "Yes." The bishop was about to tell him, "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman, who was standing by, whispered:

"It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."—The Christian.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT THE CONVENTION

Rev. A. Y. Napier gave a stereopticon lecture on his work in China to a crowded house, which was instructive, interesting and inspiring.

The report of Howard College endowment fund showed total receipts of \$12,619.38, with disbursements of \$8,271.51, leaving a balance of \$4,347.87 in the treasury.

Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Louisville Baptist Seminary, greatly beloved in Alabama since his encampment talks, presented the cause of education. The convention agreed to raise its portion of the \$18,000 deficit of the students' fund of the Louisville Baptist Seminary.

To us one of the best parts of the conventions is the reports of the vice-presidents of the State Board of Missions. Thursday afternoon, with Brother Crumpton in the chair, interesting reports were made by the leaders from all parts of the state.

We had the pleasure of being entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Manasco. We not only had the pleasure of enjoying our host and hostess and their lovely sisters, but were privileged to have as fellow guests Brethren A. A. Walker, Basmajain, I. W. Martin and his charming wife; but Grady, the handsome 5-year-old boy, was our partner.

A five-room cottage two blocks from the First Baptist church, belonging to Phillips Bros. and occupied by Mrs. Hanley, caught from the stove flue Thursday morning about 10 o'clock. The flames spread rapidly over the building and almost destroyed the roof before they could be extinguished by the fire company. All the furniture in the house was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000.

The Mountain Eagle says: "The Baptist convention opened at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The church was filled to overflowing, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. E. Pettus, a wealthy citizen of Huntsville, who is doing much good work for the church in Alabama." We do not know how much "coin" he has, but we do know that he has been worth his weight in gold to the Baptists of Alabama.

The welcome address by Hon. W. C. Davis, of Jasper, was a masterpiece of oratory. The rhetoric was faultless, the delivery perfect. Mr. Davis resembles the lamented Henry W. Grady, and is not unlike him in eloquence. His welcome address was so beautiful as a whole that the Eagle will not dismember it by quoting a few extracts. The response to the address of welcome was made by Rev. J. H. Barber, of Tuscaloosa, in a few well chosen remarks. Rev. Mr. Barber impressed his hearers as an earnest, sincere man, as did also Mr. Davis.—The Mountain Eagle.

The Home Mission report was read by Rev. R. S. Gavin, of Huntsville, on Thursday night. It showed an advance of \$5,000 over last year. The convention then listened to an address by Rev. Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Gray called upon the Baptist forces to recognize the possibilities of reaching the unchurched in the great cities of the south, greatly stirring his hearers. He is always given a royal welcome to Alabama, where he labored so faithfully and so effectively.

A motion was made to reconsider the action of the convention in changing the time of meeting from July to November. This motion precipitated more discussion than anything brought before the convention and was finally withdrawn. It was found that November 5, the time appointed for the convention to assemble in 1913, would conflict with the Baptist Women's Missionary Society, which has been appointed to convene on that date. A motion was then made to leave the matter of date with the board of directors, with instruction to arrange a date as near November 5 as would suit the convention, which was adopted without dissent.

The Alabama educational commission reported \$14,493.82 receipts and disbursements of \$13,961.63.

Dr. W. H. Smith, of Richmond, assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is one of our Alabama boys. He is a strong man, and is doing a fine work as editorial secretary of the southern states.

W. W. Jordan, a delegate, brought his girl, Miss Siller Steele, procured a marriage license and was married soon after their arrival in the court house by Rev. O. P. Bently.—Age-Herald.

Rev. W. F. Yarborough, pastor of the Parker Memorial church at Anniston, who was to have read the report on Foreign Missions Thursday night, was called home on account of the sad death of the small son of Dr. Britton, one of his members, by an automobile accident.

Here is the way the secular papers mixed it up: "Dr. T. B. Ray, of Richmond, secretary of the Sunday school work of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a guest of the body. (He is educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.) He is of large calibre, and a magnificent speaker." The reporter got the last part correct.

We heartily congratulate the Mountain Eagle on its enterprise in getting out such a creditable convention number. The 16 pages carried much interesting matter and was made up in fine shape. It supplied the visitors and delegates with complimentary copies, and no doubt many of them will be filed away for future reference. The editor will put Jasper on the "map" in many Baptist homes.

The Jasper Baptist church, organized in 1878, now has a membership of 235, owns property, consisting of the church house and parsonage, worth about \$16,000 to \$18,000, and is entirely out of debt except a balance due on the pastor's salary, has a flourishing Sunday school of about 200 members, a splendid B. Y. P. U., Ladies' Aid Society and Sunbeam band, and for the last several years has been paying to pastor's salary, missions and other religious objects about \$2,500 a year.

After the report on Foreign Missions was made by Dr. W. M. Blackwelder, Dr. W. H. Smith, editorial secretary of the Foreign Board, of Richmond Va., spoke on it and introduced Rev. J. W. Sheppard, president of the Baptist College of Bahia, Brazil. Dr. Sheppard spoke on the work in which he was engaged, stating that 255 students were matriculated in the various departments last year, there being 20 in the theological department.

Among several recommendations included in the Sunday school report was one to the effect that the Baptists of the state hold a separate Sunday school convention at their state encampment at Pelham during 1913. It was made plain that they would not break away from the State Sunday School Association, but in addition would have a state convention of their own. The Baptist State Convention has no official connection with any Sunday school association, and never had any. It will, as heretofore, co-operate with the state Sunday school work, but many of the leaders felt that the 192,000 Baptists in Alabama ought, as do the great Methodist and Presbyterian bodies in the state, to hold a state Baptist Sunday school convention, where they could do their own work and develop their own forces as other great denominations are doing.

The Judson College report made known the plans to celebrate the "Diamond Jubilee" of Judson College during the session of 1912-13. The report showed an enrollment last year of 251, with a corps of 38 officers and teachers. There were 27 graduates last year. The report acknowledges a gift of \$2,000 by Dr. W. Y. Quisenberry, the interest on which is to be used each year to purchase two medals to be given for the two best essays on some subject connected with the Bible.

The choir at Jasper rendered excellent service. It was good to see Mrs. Mooring in charge. Few realize the sacrifice made by those who belong to the choir.

Rev. J. H. Longcrier, the host of the convention, was almost omnipresent and ubiquitous. To use a bit of slang, he was always "Johnny on the spot" whenever any one needed help. His announcements a feature of the convention.

Rev. J. W. Dunaway, of Tyler, is always doing something for somebody. Through his foresight and persistence a typewriter will be placed at the secretary, Rev. M. M. Wood.

The question of having women delegates was brought up and considerable discussion followed it. The matter was finally disposed of by referring the matter to a committee, which will decide whether women can constitutionally be delegates to a Baptist convention.

Dr. I. J. VanNess, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., spoke on the following topic: "The Future Development of the Sunday School Depended on an Aggressive Sunday School Board." His remarks were heartily approved by many of the prominent ministers present. He has a difficult position to fill, but is doing it in a most creditable manner.

Dr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary, reported for the Foreign Board, to which has been assigned the task of raising \$1,250,000 to promote Baptist educational work in foreign lands. This fund will be raised in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and will be a memorial fund, raised in honor of the Judson centennial celebration. The following committee was appointed to take charge of this work in Alabama: Dr. Preston Blake, Rev. A. K. Wright, Dr. W. M. Anderson, Dr. A. J. Dickinson, J. A. Cook and D. I. Purser.

The committee appointed to investigate the constitutionality of sending women delegates to the State Convention was read, the committee finding that under the present constitution women members of the Baptist church could not take part in the deliberations of the church court, by virtue of an act of 1893, which had the word "member" stricken from the article defining who would be eligible and substituting in its place the term "brethren," which in the opinion of the committee eliminated women delegates. The committee recommended that the term "member" be replaced and that brethren be stricken out, so that women delegates might be eligible. The convention approved of the action of the committee and adopted their recommendations. It will become effective at the next convention.

At the session Thursday afternoon Rev. Brooks Lawrence, of the Anti-Saloon League, delivered an address on temperance. He declared that by 1915 there would be state-wide prohibition in Alabama. He used the stereopticon to illustrate his address. After Rev. Mr. Lawrence's address Hon. W. C. Crumpton, of Evergreen, state senator from Conecuh county, read the report on temperance and made a strong address, urging the end of the legalized liquor traffic. Mr. Crumpton was followed by Hon. H. S. D. Maloily, of Selma. Mr. Maloily said all great reforms had met with temporary defeats, and that because a political element inimical to prohibition was in power they should not be discouraged; that victory would come if we did our full duty. An offering was then made for the Anti-Saloon work.

One has to read back in the old English annals to realize that North America was ever looked upon as being truly a mission field as we today regard China. The experience is wholesome. It not only brings one into touch with the missionary spirit of Great Britain at that distant day, and with such great personalities as Eliot and Brainerd and Bourne and the Jesuit missionaries, but it also suggests the possibilities of a land once called "heathen."

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The address on the "Call," by Rev. A. P. Moon, of Huntsville, was scriptural and thought provoking.

There were some interesting short talks made at the ministers' meeting by Brethren Crumpton, Johnson, Camp, Willis, Dickinson and others.

We did not learn why Rev. C. U. Morris, of Cuba, was detained. He was to have spoken on the ordination. We were anxious to hear him.

Rev. E. H. Jennings, of Dothan, in his address captivated his hearers. He is a pleasing speaker and a clear thinker. He is a welcome addition to the Baptist ministry of Alabama.

We regret that lack of space prevents us from giving more of the reports of the institutions reporting to the convention. The majority were gratifying indeed, and showed a distinct advance along all lines.

Large streamers were stretched around the court house square and near the church with words of welcome. It was not necessary to advertise the fact, for it was self-evident, yet it showed enterprise and good will.

Harry Strickland, secretary of the Sunday school forces of the state, spoke Monday night on the work being done by the Baptists. He illustrated his address by stereoptican views, showing many mission churches that had been built by the State and Home Mission Boards.

Rev. A. A. Walker, superintendent of missions in the Birmingham district, is a mighty handy man to have at a meeting, as he not only knows how to lead the singing, but uses good judgment in the selection of the songs and when they ought to be sung.

We regret that Dr. W. J. E. Cox, who was on the programme to discuss "The Encroachments of Romanism in the United States," when introduced said the press of other duties had prevented him preparing an address on the subject. His articles in the Alabama Baptist, later published in book form, set many people to thinking about the aggressive policy of Rome.

The trustees' report of the Baptist Orphans' Home was read by a 16-year-old girl from the home, Miss Mona Heard. She read clearly and distinctly and made a profound impression on the convention. The report showed many improvements in the home and a balance in the treasury.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor and proprietor of the Alabama Baptist, published at Birmingham, is among the distinguished visitors attending the convention. The Baptist is the state organ of the church in Alabama and is a power for the upbuilding of the work in Alabama.—The Mountain Eagle. (Thanks.)

Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Talladega, outlined briefly the policy of the Catholic church with reference to the state and their policy of encroachment in public affairs. He urged the absolute separation of church and state. He doubted the wisdom of relieving church property from taxation, urging a loving sympathy for those in opposition.

Walker county is one of the oldest as well as wealthiest counties of the state. Founded five years after the admission of Alabama into the Union, she is today with her 40,000 inhabitants one of its most populous counties. It is second in coal production, producing over one-fourth of the coal mined in the state. It is traversed by seven lines of railroads; with magnificent farms in every valley, hills covered with virgin forest and pregnant with mineral wealth; with taxable property amounting to over \$12,000,000, she rightly claims to be especially favored by God and man. Within her borders have grown up the following flourishing towns: Oakman, Nauvoo, Carbon Hill, Dora, Corona, Cordova, Townley and Jasper.

THE WELCOME ADDRESS.

By Hon. W. C. Davis.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

Various meetings have assembled and many distinguished men have spoken in this city. Here the farmers have joined in studying soils, plant life and the betterment of their homes; commercial bodies have here considered the immeasurable and incalculable general resources of this section with the view of acquiring wealth and giving warmth and comfort to a million firesides; within our gates educators have considered how the children of today and those yet to be born may be best equipped for the duties and opportunities of life; in our midst the survivors of the hundreds of brave men that this country gave to the Confederacy have followed their old flags, cheered the names of beloved leaders and aided us in erecting a shaft in memory of those who loved country better than life. Here the fearless Houston came in the dark days, giving courage to patriots, and like the morning sun driving back the clouds of war the remained long after the cannon's echo had ceased to be heard. We have been honored by the presence of John Tyler Morgan, Alabama's greatest statesman, and listened with pleasure to every word he spoke; later the silver-tongued Samford, while a candidate for governor, urged us to demand cleaner politics and a higher civic plane. Many of us can yet hear the voice of the peerless Bryan, America's Gladstone, proclaiming from the very platform "the Prince of Peace." Jasper has been made better by these occasions and men, and we shall always be their debtors, and our gratitude to them is not lessened by realizing that we are now hosts to a body of men as true and patriotic as ever met, and that they represent a King recognized and worshipped by all the great leaders of earth. For nearly a century the Baptists of Alabama have annually met in convention. From Salem to Jasper, wherever they have gathered, the community, the state, yes, the world, has been made better, and fountains of civic virtue and religious fervor started which, as they flow into the sea of eternity, give hope to the troubled and point the erring to the star of Bethlehem. We greet you as soldiers, not of a four years' war fighting for home and constitution, but as veterans enlisted for all the battles of the life, armed, not with the sword, but the Bible, led by Him who died that the world might live, and giving peace to the soul instead of destroying the body. Representatives of the Sovereign of heaven and earth are the guests of Jasper. In behalf of all the Baptists, all the Methodists, all the Presbyterians, all the Christians, yes, of all the people of this city, I bid you a most hearty welcome. May the Almighty guide in all your deliberations and bless all that may be done by this convention.

If anybody ever doubted that Jasper could entertain the convention all doubts were removed after 500 had found hospitable homes and the committee was begging for more to keep from hurting the feelings of some who were complaining that they had not received their share of the delegates and visitors. We never heard a single complaint from any one, but, on the other hand, we heard many bragging that they had the best homes, etc.

T. Jeff Bailey is not only a live newspaper man, but is grounded in Baptist ways and doctrines. He is a son of the former owner of the Baptist Record, of Mississippi, and naturally inherited some of his father's journalistic ability. He is making good as editor of the Walker County News and is already a force in Jasper and Walker county. He has many friends in Birmingham, having been on the staffs of the News and the Ledger. We were sorry to learn that he was still a bachelor.

Hon. B. Foster, of Tuscaloosa, read the report on "Aged and Infirm Ministers." This showed 19 ministers as having been aided last year. The total receipts were \$5,921.15 and disbursements \$3,994.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,926.70.

The first Sunday school in the Jasper Baptist church was organized by Rev. John W. Stewart, of Birmingham, while he was a student at the Jasper Academy.

The training class conducted by Brother Harry Strickland was not as well attended as it deserved, yet many were helped by hearing his expositions.

We regretted to learn that Rev. C. Ross Baker, of Opelika, who was down on the program to discuss "The Minister and the Labor Problem," was kept away from the meeting by illness in his family.

The city of Jasper was founded in 1815, and derived its name from a hero of revolutionary fame. It is a hustling town of established business and beautiful residences and of cultured and enterprising people.

Rev. J. A. Hendrix, of Howard College, read the report on ministerial education. Dr. W. O. Carver, of Louisville, Ky., spoke on the question of ministerial education and took an offering of \$1,450 to aid worthy young men in obtaining an education.

It was a great pleasure to have Dr. Prestridge present. The genial and successful editor of the Baptist World and secretary of the Baptist World Alliance spoke on the building of a great Baptist university in St. Petersburg, Russia. He said there had been found some 30,000 to 40,000 Baptists in Russia, who were made so by the reading of the Bible. He said a people converted and consecrated leads to a democracy. The Baptists of the United States, Canada and England had purchased a site near St. Petersburg, Russia, for the university for \$27,000. The school will be built and it will raise up leaders imbued with such a spirit of liberty as will mean a democratic Russia. Dr. Prestridge thrilled his hearers as he told of the many martyrs to the truth in Russia. His address was a fitting close to the greatest ministers' meeting ever held by the Baptists of Alabama.

Prof. J. T. Henderson, of Bristol, Tenn.-Va., presented his plans for holding a great laymen's meeting some time in February, 1913. The plans are to hold this meeting in Birmingham, Atlanta or Chattanooga, and bring together 2,000 or 3,000 laymen and some 1,500 ministers. The plan is to make it the greatest Baptist gathering ever held. He expects that in this convention enough enthusiasm will be aroused to organize thoroughly the Baptist forces.

"To be like Christ, to stand in His stead, and speak in His behalf, sensible of a divine commission, persuaded that we are His ambassadors, not by fallible sacerdotal selection, not by the market law of demand and supply, but by immediate, internal and effectual call of God; and thus persuaded, to take the truths of holy scripture, and unfold, illustrate, amplify them for enlightenment and persuasion, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to have them intensified by profound personal conviction, fused in the fires of one's own soul, poured upon waiting ears and hearts from lips touched with God's altar-fire, and accompanied by every possible adjunct of effective posture and gesture and voice—this is preaching"—Dr. Herrick Johnson in "The Ideal Ministry."

Some one remarks that the birthplace of song was the cloud on which the angels stood at creation, and that all the music the earth yet knows is but the echo of the praise that leaped forth that hour, when "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy."

The foreign commerce of the United States made a new and remarkable record in the fiscal year just ended. The total value of the merchandise entering and leaving the country in its trade with foreign lands and its own island possessions in the fiscal year 1912 was \$4,000,000,000; the value of manufactures exported was more than \$1,000,000,000, and the value of non-dutiable merchandise entering the country was \$1,000,000,000.



Mr. Guthrage, Telegraph Operator of the Cotton Belt R. R. at Buckner, Ark., saved from a long spell of fever. Six months case of Malaria and General Debility yields to the Great Blood Purifying Power of W. H. BULL'S HERBS AND IRON.

Writing under date of Feb. 2, 1912, Mr. Guthrage says: "Have used several bottles of your 'Herbs and Iron' and it acts fine in my case—Malaria and General Debility. I had for some time past been in bad health, hardly able to attend to my work as depot agent, but commenced mending from the first dose of your Herbs and Iron. I had been unwell all the past Spring and Summer, and had taken lots of Doctor's medicine. Had I not taken your remedy, I verily believe I would have gone to bed with a long spell of fever."

W. H. Bull's HERBS and IRON Makes Pure, Rich, Red Blood.

Strengthens the heart and muscles, steadies the nerves, insures perfect digestion and a natural appetite. Tones up your system and imparts Health, Strength and Vigor. **ACCEPT OUR GUARANTEE**—Get a bottle from your druggist, use two-thirds of it, and if you are not satisfied that it is improving your health, take back the remainder and your druggist will refund your money,—every cent of it. Could anything be fairer?

Get A Bottle Today!



CHILDREN'S DAY AT HUGH'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, BRADFORD.

It is right that we should place a great deal of emphasis on showing our little ones how well we appreciate them and what we expect of them in the future. What a great day we had at our little church on the fourth Sunday of June. The little ones, happy hearted and gay, showed that they were anxious to play the important part in a great service after a year's silence of waiting aside for the "grown-ups" to do it all for a whole year. And wonderfully well they played their parts.

A half dozen or more little tots sang the "Little Builders" song, and placed their little blocks one upon the other until the wording on the blocks formed the wording of the "Great Commission." With the words of this "Great Commission" well imparted to these precious little lives so that they will live it and communicate it by word and action, we may expect to revolutionize our state, the south, America and the world in the next generation. What an opportunity! It certainly will not present itself again!

Then there were the little flower girls. As each sang her part she laid her flower in its appropriate place until a little pyramid of garlands arose. O, that our effort may be to store these young lives that are given to our charge with the rich graces of Jesus. To the same extent that we fill these young lives with Jesus and His design for their lives, to that extent shall we be able to fill the world with God and challenge the beautiful assumptions of sin.

One after another came appropriate recitations and songs by the Sunday school classes. Sweet, cheering, inspiring, interesting they were to all who heard. We all felt that our services of both church and Sunday school would be more helpful and inspiring were we to give our little ones a chance oftener to add their songs and the merry chime of their rich voices, which flow from innocent souls, to every Sunday's program.

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RESOLUTIONS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, Miss Kathleen Mallory has been elected by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, to the high office of corresponding secretary; and, Whereas, in consequence of her acceptance of this office she must give up her work in Alabama, be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Selma Association, assembled in convention at Shiloh Baptist church, Sardis, Dallas county, Alabama:

That we congratulate those who bestowed this honor upon Miss Mallory for the wisdom and good judgment they displayed, and we commend her to this office with the full assurance that she will perform its duties in a most efficient and in a most creditable manner.

That the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptists of Alabama, and their mission work in general, will suffer the loss of an energetic and sympathetic worker, a wise and faithful counselor and one who is a leader in the truest sense, never pushing herself forward to an unmerited prominence, but assuming, as by an inherent right, that leadership which always comes to those who serve most faithfully.

That while we realize Miss Mallory's sphere of usefulness in the cause of missions will be increased by her appointment, we deplore the loss and with sincere regret and sadness of heart consent for her to leave us, and we earnestly pray that the blessings of a kind Providence may rest on her in her future labors.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy be conveyed to Miss Mallory and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

A fine meeting closed with the Hazlehurst, Ga., Baptist church on July 3. There were 20 additions to the church and the church was greatly revived. Pastor C. W. Henson is certainly doing a fine work at Hazlehurst. He has a tight grip on the situation there. He has the ear of the entire town. I fear, though, that he will not be able to remain there or in that section of Georgia a great while. The health of himself and family is not what it was before coming to this pastorate. It is anything but satisfactory. Especially is this true of Brother Henson and his little boy. Could not some Alabama church make it to their interest and also to the welfare of Brother Henson and family to call him back home? I am now devoting all the time to evangelistic meetings. It gives me great joy to be in the great work of winning souls. I crave an interest in prayer of all the readers of the Alabama Baptist.—John E. Barnard, Valdosta, Ga.

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During the greater part of his life he was connected with the church and was among the members organizing a Sunday school at this place. He was a faithful worker all the time. Brother McClure was a deacon of this church 15 years or longer. He united with this church in 1879, and was a faithful member all the time.

In the death of our aged and beloved brother the church has sustained the loss of a true and tried member, whose prayers and sympathies were with his church even when he was unable to attend service on account of sickness and old age. To this dispensation of an overruling providence let us all bow in humble submission.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother McClure we deplore the loss of our aged and beloved brother.

Resolved, That this church hereby offers its tribute in testimony of profound sympathy to his bereaved family.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be recorded on the church book, and that a copy of the same be given to the family of the deceased.

A. E. LONG,
J. J. GANUS,
Committee.

By using your paper to keep in touch with the pastors of the state, and my members keeping wise as to the progress of the work on other fields, I realize we are stronger. My work at Bridgeport is more interesting each week, as there are a few ladies here who, if their pastor should go to sleep, would take the work and march on with it; but God forbid that they should have this to do. We had with us Wednesday night the Rev. I. M. Page, of Chicago, who delivered a short lecture on the subject of "The White Slave Trade in America." It was interesting and instructive. Immediately after the service these good ladies, to whom I would like to introduce our dear editor, presented to their pastor a basket of the nicest things you might imagine, such things as a pastor needs on his person every day of his life. Brother pastors, let's do our level best to show our people that we appreciate these gifts, and I'll pray for you while you and yours pray that me way take Bridgeport for Christ. Christ's and not ashamed of it—L. Pryor Royer, Bridgeport.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite mercy to call Mrs. M. H. Dutton, our loyal, faithful vice-president of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, to Him July 2, 1912, resolved:

First—That we as a society will bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing He doeth all things well, letting her light shine in glory that it may reflect her earnest faith on each of us and cause us to be more diligent in his work in our society.

Second—We feel her life has been a benediction and a great blessing. A true, faithful soldier of the cross, we will hold her memory dear and her example ever before us. We express our sorrow and grief for our loss, our sympathy for the bereaved ones and pray God's blessings on them, and may He comfort them.

Third—That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this society, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and also to the Alabama Baptist and Bridgeport News.

MRS. C. C. BOYD,
MISS SALLIE GUESS,
MISS PEARLE PLEMONS,
Committee.

Dear Alabama Baptist:

After six years' absence your familiar face, bringing the words of beloved brethren and sisters, gives me a great deal of pleasure. There are really no people in life perhaps who take the place of early endearments. But where are the brethren whom I knew? Those who used to fill your columns are almost silent. Brother Crumpton is still in service, and he it was who brought me to see my first public duty—to profess Christ as my Savior. I have never forgotten to love him. But where are Stakeley, the Dickinsons, Dawson, Curry, Thompson, B. H. Crumpton, Ray, Stewart, Schramm, Swindall, Hale and scores of others who were good soldiers in the kingdom and who were spiritual leaders second to no one I find in traveling over the earth? Not because they are so great, but because they were just as good and faithful. Wish I could see something from each of them in the friendly interchange which a state paper affords. You brethren do not appreciate what that means unless you are cut off, as I have been, and try to get back.

Perhaps I am still a Baptist (several of your readers have written me, and some urge me to go into the ministry again; of course I appreciate such kindly advice, for there is no satisfaction like that of righteous endeavor for good work) if by that you mean the Milton, Bunyan or Roger Williams kind. But their contentions are now the common belief of all Protestants. I can stand for individualism no longer, however, than to grow up strong enough to combine, as Baptists do, to extend the doctrines of the kingdom of God—repentance, faith and obedience to God. This to me (and why not to every Baptist the same?) means more than church relations, to which these three foundation demands primarily refer and call.

For instance, one example here in Boston will illustrate what I mean when I say I can, as a business man, make a speech in pulpit or street on this subject, and think I am doing

greater service for the Master than if I preached on election, viz: The Consumers' League, which means that the person who buys and consumes a can of tomatoes will learn how those tomatoes were grown; under what conditions the packers worked, how they were paid, whether sanitary homes are provided for them; as well as whether a good tomato was canned, and a clean can was used and properly soldered, and what prices should be expected for such work, and what were paid, and if I paid my proper part, and to whom it went. Further, if the stockholders in that factory deem it their duty to see to these things or only selfishly draw dividends and go to church to pray "Thy kingdom come." For this is kingdom business, not church.

Yes, brethren, if the coming together on Sunday of religious people to "services" (as worship awfully misnamed) is to talk over what all are agreed on, or if you will not have practical and economic and civic righteousness—God's leaven leavening the whole lump—I answer you that I am out and most men I know are out, until movements start by the spirit of God to make repentance work further and deeper than "professions of faith" gotten together to give a poor goody-goody man a salary.

But here I am jumping into somebody, so forgive me, and print this as my reply to those who call me to repentance if you will, and thank them for me for their kindly interest, and tell them to let me alone because I would never be (even if I could get back) more than a disturber of the "peace." With love to all.

WM. D. GAY.
30 Irving St., Cambridge, Mass.

RESOLUTIONS.

All of Scottsboro is bowed with grief because our Father has called one of His loved ones home. Brother Marion Briscoe was stricken with that dreadful disease, pneumonia, and after ten days of most intense suffering he went to the reward that awaits the faithful. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we, the women of the W. M. U., bowing in humble submission to our Father's will, feel deeply the loss of a pastor who was ever ready to counsel and guide us along the paths of right.
2. That the town of Scottsboro has lost a deeply consecrated worker for the upbuilding of the kingdom.
3. That our church is greatly bereaved in the loss of an indefatigable worker, a loyal leader, one ever ready to admonish the saints and point the wayfaring man to the cross.
4. That we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, Mrs. Briscoe and her six children, in their loss of a loving husband and a kind and wise father.
5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Alabama Baptist, the Progressive Age and to Mrs. Briscoe, and a record be made on our secretary's book.

MRS. VIOLA CLAYBROOK,
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If you can make the Alabama Baptist better do it, but I don't see how you can. I think it fills its place well. Just "let her keep a-coming." Your brother—W. T. Hardy. (He pays to January, 1913.)

LAMAR COUNTY.

I am just back from a visit to Lamar county. Brother W. C. Woods wrote me to come and be with them in a fifth Sunday meeting. So I left Haleyville Thursday, the 27th, and went to Sulligent. Brother J. P. Reeves, one of the deacons of the church where the meeting was to be held, met me at the depot, and we reached the church that night.

Brother Waldrop and myself constituted this church about 18 years ago, and I became the first pastor and served them six years. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet so many of my old friends. Many of them were converted and baptized during my pastorate.

Brother Woods and Brother B. H. Wilkerson were all the preachers present. Brother Wilkerson is a recent convert to the Baptist faith. He had been a Methodist 53 years. In 1905 he heard Brother Hendricks, of Howard College, preach from the text: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." He had been active in church and Sunday school work for many years, doing all he could to be saved; trusting to his good works for salvation. After hearing this sermon he saw that he had not put his trust in Christ, so he threw down all hopes of being saved by works and put his trust in Christ, and was saved. He then felt that he must tell others how to be saved. I heard him preach twice, the first time from the text that was the means of his conversion. He has informed himself on our doctrine and preaches with great zeal and earnestness. He is now and has been for 18 years superintendent of education of Lamar county, and is a man of influence. I trust he will be of great service to our struggling cause in Lamar county.

The meeting was a success, notwithstanding the rain each day, and I could hardly resist the appeal of my many friends to come back and again take up the work in that section, but I could not promise now, but agreed to come back in September and hold some meetings after I get through with my protracted meetings in this section.

The cause is suffering for more efficient workers in this field. The brethren are doing what they can. Brothers Woods, Haney, Waldrop and Clark are all there are in that county except Brother Wilkerson, referred to above.

I learn that Brother Haney is doing a very satisfactory work at Vernon, as is Brother Morgan at Sulligent.

I will state again what I did in a former article: That the churches seem almost lifeless. Division and strife has seriously hurt our churches.

I trust some young ministers will find their way to this field soon, and I am praying that God will raise up some among them to take the responsibility of some of this work.

I suggested in the meeting that the churches should pray God to call some of their boys to this work.

I am having good meetings with my churches and things look bright.

T. W. SHELTON, Haleyville, Ala.

MEETING AT GATE CITY.

We have recently closed a meeting with the Gate City Baptist church, which was one of unusual success for the place. So say the older citizens.

Brother T. C. Wyatt was with us and did the preaching. The results of the meeting were 32 accessions to the church, 21 of these for baptism. Besides this the church itself was greatly revived. We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the victory and for a co-laborer like Wyatt. He was universally loved by the many different classes of people which attended the services. Brother Wyatt was admired by many for his plain way of dealing with sin, which resulted in many coming to God for pardon, both church members and non-church members.

At the close of the meeting Brother Wyatt and the church agreed to raise the pastor's salary. The increase was about \$20 per month.

For all these things our praise shall be to Him "who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." May God bless you in your work.

Yours in Him, C. C.

KELLEY.

Mrs. A. C. Kelley, the subject of this sketch, was born February 5, 1851, and departed this life June 13, 1912, and was laid to rest at Pine Flat June 15, 1912. Mrs. Kelley united with the Baptist church when a girl and lived a consistent Christian life. She was married to E. J. Kelley, and to this union was given twelve children, nine of whom are left to mourn their mother's death; also sixteen grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mrs. Kelley was a patient Christian, a good mother and a charitable neighbor, and her loss is keenly felt, but our loss in her gain.

A. D. GLASS.

I have just returned from the splendid town of Ozark, the capital of Dale county, where I have been assisting the Bishop of the Baptist church there in a meeting. It was a great time. Large crowds of attentive people came and the church seemed to be greatly strengthened and revived. The Baptists there are coming into their own under the wise and enthusiastic leadership of their pastor. Rev. M. H. Harris is a hustler. He has won the confidence and love of his own people and of the town. A beautiful pastorium near the church marks a great step for the folks there. It is paid for and occupied by the pastor and his splendid wife and helper, as well as the little preacher, James Clinton Harris. They are talking of still greater things, and with the splendid and intelligent helpers that he has in stalwart Christian men and women you may look out for great things at Ozark. There were 14 additions to the church, 11 for baptism, and others are seriously contemplating an immediate surrender to Christ. The writer enjoyed his work there very much, and his home was with that splendid, loveable and Christian couple, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Anglin.—O. P. Bentley, Enterprise.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We, your committee appointed at our last conference to draft resolutions of respect on the death of Brother D. F. Avant, beg leave to offer the following:

Whereas, Brother David Freeman Avant passed to his home among the redeemed on April 15, 1912, having been a faithful, consecrated, active member of our church for over 42 years and an active deacon for 40 years. Brother Avant was born in Upson county, Georgia, on November 12, 1831; moved with his father and family to Chambers county, Alabama, in his early manhood; became a member of Beulah church, in Chambers county, when the church was constituted in the early sixties. He came to Elmore county and Harmony church in 1869. Therefore be it

Resolved (1), That in the death of Brother Avant we have lost a strong pillar from the church—one who was strong to oppose the wrong and uphold the right; one who was wise in his counsel, liberal in his giving, strong in his convictions and ready with a hand to help; one whose ear was ever open to the command of his Lord, the call of his country and the cry of the needy. We bow in humble submission to God's will and pray that He will send us men to fill the space made vacant by the fallen hero.

Resolved (2), That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the daughter, sons and grandchildren of the deceased, and bid them look up and press on in the faith in which father and grandchildren lived and died.

Resolved (3), That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased and a copy be sent the Alabama Baptist.

A. V. GRAHAM, J. P. REAL, R. F. STUCKY, Committee.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Mary E. Raulston, alias Mrs. J. B. Raulston, Deceased—Estate of.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of July, 1912, by the Hon. J. P. Stiles, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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The First Baptist church of Dothan has closed a good meeting. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Jennings, was assisted by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, of Kentucky, and Mr. Harris, a singer, of Ohio.

The meeting lasted for two weeks, and large congregations attended at every service. Dothan has rarely heard such preaching as was done by Brother Jenkins. The old-fashioned doctrines of saving grace, the atonement of Christ, repentance and faith were emphasized repeatedly. Marvelous is the power of this gospel. There were 40 additions to the church, 23 of whom came by baptism. Among these were several children, but quite a number were men and women of years. The spirit of the church has been greatly revived and toned up as a result of these meetings.

Conditions of the church are in fine shape. A young ladies' auxiliary has recently been organized with an enthusiastic beginning. The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school are thriving as ever. Good fellowship prevails among the members. The church will send two delegates to Jasper. The pastor will take a vacation during the month of August, spending the time with relatives and friends in North Georgia.

B. Y. P. U. AT CLAYTON.

The B. Y. P. U. at Clayton met Friday evening, July 12. The opening song was "He Knoweth the Way." Rev. B. S. Ralley then led in an earnest prayer for the young people. The subject of the evening was prayer. The scripture lesson was read by the president, and after "The Reaper's Song" was sung Miss Mamie Laseter read a very interesting paper on "Necessity of Prayer." She emphasized that all people need to pray, whether they are Christians or not. This was followed by a paper on "Manner of Prayer" by Mrs. S. H. Dowling. Misses Phoebe Johnston and Elma Greene then sweetly sang as a duet "God Is Wisdom," after which Miss Mamie Bishop read "The Model Prayer." The next number was a solo, rendered beautifully by Miss Alice Nix. A song, "Lift Him Up," was then sung, after which the president, Mr. F. R. Valentine, dismissed with prayer. About 100 were present, and much interest was shown.

MISS MAMIE BISHOP,
Corresponding Secretary.

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OBITUARY.

Rev. B. J. Skinner.

This very useful and lamented brother was born September 22, 1848, and died suddenly of pneumonia at Weaver Station, where he was teaching and preaching, on February 16, 1912. He was a poor country lad of 16 years when he gave his life into the hands of the dear Master for His use.

He was converted under the preaching and was baptized by the beloved Dr. B. H. Crumpton.

In 1871 he entered the ministry, and was ordained by Dr. Crumpton and Rev. C. Jones at Ackerville, Wilcox county.

He was a student at Howard College, but was forced by ill health to leave college just before graduating.

In 1875 he was married by Rev. W. G. Curry to the beautiful Miss Lizzie Lett, of Burnt Corn, Monroe county, where he lived for almost a quarter of a century.

He was pastor of Monroeville church for about 22 years, and of Bethany and Philadelphia equally as long.

In 1872 he assisted Rev. W. Duke in a meeting at Concord church, Monroe county, and through his earnest pleadings led this scribe to a saving knowledge of the dear Saviour, and at the close of the meeting baptized him and at the same time and place my two sisters, besides many others.

In 1887 as my pastor he licensed me to preach, and two years later, assisted by Rev. F. C. Plaster and others, ordained me to the full work of the ministry.

During the earlier years of his life he very ably represented Monroe county in the legislature, and his advice was sought in many ways on different subjects.

Brother Skinner taught school for some years in connection with his church, and was noted for his ability, especially in mathematics.

In 1893 he moved to Texas, where he was pastor at Bremard for one year, at Reagan two years and at Taylor for more than two years. From this place he moved back to Alabama and was pastor at Atmore, and then in Shelby and Etowah counties, when he died.

Brother Skinner was father of a large family, ten children, seven of whom survive him—six daughters and one son. Five of his daughters are happily and prominently married. They are: Mrs. L. J. Jones, Mrs. R. S. Hart and Mrs. J. A. Egan, of Brooklyn, Ala.; Mrs. Dr. R. T. Betts, of Castleberry, and Mrs. H. C. Blair. Misses Robin and Annie are yet single. B. J., Jr., is happily married and holds a responsible position with a lumber company at Chapman, Ala.

He was married the second time, but leaves no children by this marriage.

He was worshipful master of his lodge for many years, and was a bright, useful Mason.

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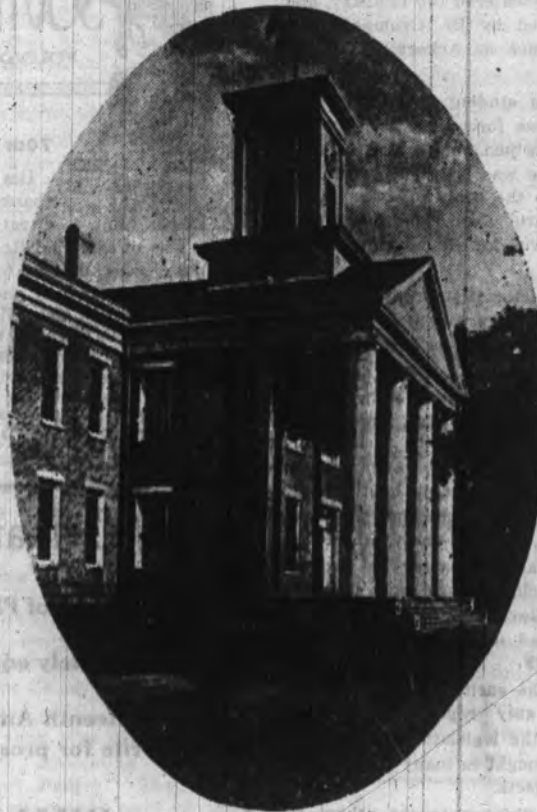
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