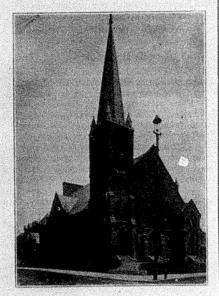
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### THE ASHEVILLE CONVENTION.

The opportunity to attend a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention under such inviting surroundings; amid mountain scenery of such surpassing beauty and fame, we deem sufficient reason for devoting this page to some allusions to the Convention and its place of meeting.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

No artist's brush, or ever faithful camera, can adequately portray the awe-inspiring scenes of magnificent grandeur which break upon the vision of one who looks out upon those fowering sentinels of time, as they rise to view in the distance, like billows of a mighty ocean.

A beautifully illustrated pamphlet, discriptive of Asheville and surrounding country, may be had free of cost by writing to Mr. J. C. Beam, Jr., District Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway, Atlanta, Ga.

The Baptist Young People's Union will convene in Auditorium Hall on Thursday, May 8th, at 10 a, m, and 7:30 p. m.

The Baptist Educational Society will convene in Auditorium Hall on Thursday, May 8th, 2:30 p.m.

The Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, will meet in First Baptist Church (College street, three blocks from Auditorium) on Friday, May 9th, at 10 a, m.

The Convention will convene in Auditorium Hall at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday May 9th, where all sessions of the Convention will be held.

The First Baptist Church is the largest church audience room in the city, seating about 1,200 people.

The Auditorium building has just been erected at a cost of \$35,000, paid for by popular subscription, and has a seating capacity of about 3,000. The stage will hold over 200 people. There are numerous rooms for committee work, and every appointment complete.

There are in North Carolina three great physiographic divisions or terraces, the Coastal, Piedmont and Mountain. The White Mountains are dwarfed in comparison with the sublime heights in the western or mountain region of the State, where forty-three distinct peaks attain a higher altitude than Mount Washington, and over eighty approximate it in height, the mean altitude being greater than any section east of the Colorado.

Asheville has a greater elevation than any city east of Denver, being 2,300 feet above sea level. It occupies an ideal site just at the merging of the ever-beautiful Swannanoa (nymph of beauty) River



with the historic French Broad, The mountains have drawn away leaving as fair valley or plateau as human eye ever gazed upon. But raise your eyes in any direction above the immediate surroundings of undulating hills which have been left by the erosion of the rivers, and they will rest upon the circling ranges of towering mountains which give a glorious setting to the picture. The city of Asheville has had a vigorous growth. It has an active air of commercial life and upon every turn there are indisputable evidences of thrift and prosperity.

### "THE LAND OF THE SKY."

"Land of forest-clad mountains of fairy-like streams Of, low pleasant valleys where the bright sun-light gleams

gleams
Athwart fleecy clouds gliding over the hills,
'Midst the fragrance of pines and the murmer of
rills.

"A land of bright sunsets, whose glories extend From horizon to zenith, there richly to blend The hues of the rain bow with clouds passing by— Right well art thou christened." The Land of the Sky."

"A land of pure water, as pure as the air; A home of the feeble, a home for the fair; Where the wild roses bloom, while their fragrance combines

With health-giving odors from balsamic pines,

"The pure healthful breezes, the life-giving air, The beautions landscapes, oft new, ever fair, Are gifts that have come from the Father on high; To Him be all praise for "The Land of the Sky."

# HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

Any person interested in considering a visit to Asheville on the occasion of the Southern Baptist Convention may obtain a pamphlet containing! a list of 101 hotels and boarding houses, giving special Convention rates from \$1.00 per day upwards; also location and distance from Convention hall, by sending a postal card to either Mr. J. H. Tucker, or Mr. J. P. Howatt, at Asheville, N. C.

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### THE MOUNTAIN CONVENTION.

For the first time we are to have the Southern Baptist Convention meet in the heart of the best country in this world. All of the members of the Southern Baptist Convention we trust are heaven born, but they have never met together, "in the land of the sky." This will be their privilege at the meeting at Asheville, N. C. early in May, Besides being one of the happiest little cities on the whole earth, the surrounding scenery, the magnificent hotels and boarding houses and the cordial people who are resident in Asheville, there will be a railroad travel of the most gorgeous and delightful scenery that many of the Convention goers have ever beheld. Whether you shall go by Knoxville, Tenn., and up the beautiful French Broad; from Spartanburg, S. C. across the Piedmont hills; from Murphy, N. C. down the wonderful Nantahala; or from Salisbury around Round Knob, there is no railroad scenery in all this country that is equal to this. The Southern, Ry, approaches the City of Asheville from four different points of the compass, and it might be a question of discussion which of the lines is most attractive and delightful.

Let us make this Convention the greatest-one we have ever had.

Let every Pastor and all who can, make it a point to be present at the "Mountain Convention." Feeling as I do towards the mountains and the mountain people, I-am much like a young mother who shows the finest baby the world ever saw. I should be delighted to show to the rest of the barrassment. The Lord help us to keep in world the finest people on this earth. Come mind the young men who are preparing one, come all, to the "Mountain Conven- themselves the better to serve the cause of tion." F. C. McConnell.

#### THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

By invitation of the President of the Seminary, the Secretary attended the monthly missionary meeting, which is held on the first day of every month, and spoke to the students at their meeting the first of March. It was a source of deep concern before hand to know that an opportunity approached for the Secretary of the Home Mission Board to speak to more than two hundred men who, in the near future, are to be God's appointed shepherds of at least two hundred flocks within the bounds of our Convention, and you may be well assured that he approached the responsibility with deep concern. The impression that he was enabled to make upon the minds of the students we may not be able to estimate nor can we wholly appreciate the influence of the students upon the Secretary, but one thing became deeply impressive as he looked into their upturned faces. He said to himself, and it has constantly been ringing in his mind: "Here is a peculiar body of men, and this is a unique school." The Seminary is composed of men both as faculty and students who have given their lives to the spiritual wellbeing of the world. Whatever else they might have done or been in human society, they have turned their faces steadfastly toward one calling-not a profession, not a business enterprise, but in deed and in truth a vocation, a call of God-and their lives are to be devoted to an answer to that call.

In the busy activities of life we are apt to forget the immense potentialities that are in process of preparation in our Seminary at Louisville. If we would institute comparisons between the Seminary and other things, it would be a mistake, there is nothing comparable to the Seminary.. There is nothing within our bounds in the same sphere. It is unique sure enough. stands out separate and alone as the one great school given wholly to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are other preachers, hundreds of them, and there will be preachers in great numbers who have not been to the Seminary, and who will never go there, and no disparity is meant them at all. Their work with all its glorious results, will in no sense ever be in conflict with Seminary work. It is augmentive and additional. The one peculiar feature about our Seminary that removes it from competition is the wise pro-vision in curriculum, which includes all grades of education, and gives a helpful course of study to men of widely varying degrees of educational advancement. The man of poor early advantages, and without college training, may sit down and with his college bred brother pursue the studies of the Seminary without necessary em-Jesus Christ, and pray for them daily.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The Secretary has lately had the pleasure of visiting several churches in connection with their Home Mission collections, and has been peculiarly interested in some of the plans that are operated by several of our good churches. One is this: The church appoints a day, or sometimes even two or three days or even as much as a whole week, in which it is engaged in prayer and speeches and readings that inform them and quicken their interest in missions. These services precede an appointed Sunday on which they all come together and after a sermon the members made their subscription. The subscription is intended to run through the entire year and it embraces all missions. Afterwards the church, in any way they may choose, divide these mission funds, prorating them to the different departments of mission work. Home, State, Foreign, etc.

The Parker Memorial Church of Anniston, Ala., furnishes a good example of this plan, and their mission contributions reached the handsome sum of \$2,500 a year.

Another plan is that practiced by the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va., where the Secretary had the privilege of spending a recent Sunday; it is that of dividing up the year into certain periods, during which period the church, by means of literature and a handsome little church paper, study the subject assigned to that period and make their contribution for that individual object. Interest is greatly heightened in mission work in this plan by selecting some missionary under appointment, to whom they write and from whom they receive letters about the work, the ultimate object of the church being to give as much, if possible; as necessary to support one of the missionaries in each of the departments of our work.

The Secretary, in observing these two and other plans, has been impressed that every church ought to have some plan, but that it is not necessary that every one of them shall have the same plan, the main object being that the plan is suitable to the individual church and entered into heartily by the Pastor and members. I am sure that Rev. J. H. Foster, the Pastor of the Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, Ala., or Rev. E. B. Hatcher, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., would take pleasure in writing anyone desiring information on the subject all about the practical workings of their plans.

While, of course, it is utterly impossible for the Secretary of the Home Mission Board to visit many individual churches, it is a source of joy whenever it is possible to come into personal contact with the faithful people of God in their individual churches and see their abiding interest in the cause which he represents.

### "SHE WAITED PATIENTLY."

The above is the title of a charming story written by Mrs. Mary Diagnid Davis, of Lynchburg, Va. The scene is laid in old Virginia in slavery times, and a fine interest in the characters is sustained throughout the book. It is a good book for boys and girls, for Sunday School libraries, and for any who would like to read an entertaining story with a good, healthy, religious atmosphere. The book may be had by sending \$1,25 to Mrs. Mary Dinguid Davis, 600 Fifth St., Lynchburg, Va.

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MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

### BUT ONCE.

"We pass this way but once"-we shall not trace Again the road that ends in this today, Some charm to mark, some error to efface, A hand to give-but once we pass this way.

Time stays for none, nor falters in his course: While opportunity proclaims the hour Sow thou the seed, which is the harvest source, Although thine eyes may never see it flower.

Whose cup of water answers love's demand Whose little gift of song Despair confronts, Whose simple faith makes simple duties grand, Well hath he learned-"we pass this way but once.

### THE PROBLEM OF THE CITY.

The Tenth Census shows that New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco each has resi dents from Africa (not specified), Asia (not specified), Atlantic Islands, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, New Brunswick, New Foundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British America (not specified , Central America, China Cuba, Denmark, Europe (not specified), France, Baden, Bavaria, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hanover, Hessen, Lubech, Mechlenburg, Nassau, Oldenburg, Prussia (not specified), Saxony, Wiemar, Wurtemburg, Germany (not specified), Gibraltar, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Greece, Greenland, Holland, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Pacific Islands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sandwich Islands, South America, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the West Indies. All of these continents, countries and provinces, save one, are represented in Brooklyn, Boston and Baltimore; all save three, are represented in St. Louis and New Orleans; and all save four, in Ciucinnati. What mosaics of living stones our city populations. are, representing all colors, shades and climes. In New York, one would scarcely look in vain for a representative of any people. Employed in one factory there are thirty men from Haran, the home of Abraham, where Terah died. There may be heard a babel of all tongues. It is said that seventeen languages were spoken there before the Revolution, when the population was less than 22,000.

Though only about one third of the population of the United States is foreign by birth or parentage, this element rarely constitutes less than twothirds of our larger cities, and often more than three-fourths. When any question is submitted to the popular vote, this element easily controls. It is stated that at an election in Cincinnati, the guardians of the ballot-box were a German, a Scandanavian, and an Irishman, and they refused to let a native American vote because he could produce no naturalization papers.

Our cities which have foreigners in sufficient numbers for the several nationalities to segregate themselves, contain a little Germany here, a little Italy there and a little Ireland youder, and the like, which constitute socially a sort of crazy-quilt patchwork, only the different pieces are not stitched together. And it becomes very difficult, if not impossible, for influences which would otherwise be generally pervasive to reach and mould these strange and varied elements.

The crowded tenement is the hothouse of physical and moral diseases. As the compression of matter develops heat, so the compacting of populations produces a sort of fever heat which manifests itself in morbid passions and appetites. In a meeting in order to draw in new members.

single square there are crowded together two, three and even four thousand souls, as many as in the country might be found occupying twenty-five or fifty square miles. Mrs. Ballington Booth finds seven families huddled together in one room. In a room not more than ten by twelve feet, Dr. A. T. Pierson finds eighteen people, men, women and children, black and white, eating, sleeping, living. Some times as many as forty-five people sleep in a single room.

We read of fifty-eight babies in one tenement. Think of the thousands born of dronkenness and lust, whose welcome into the world is a curse, whose lullabies are blasphemies, whose admonitions are kicks, whose examples are vice and crime.

Heredity is not always decisive of character, but we know that it exerts a profound influence. The case of "Margaret, the mother of criminals," and her descendants is often cited in illustration. She was a pauper child, born about a hundred years ago. "In one generation of her unhappy line, there were twenty children, of whom seventeen lived to maturity. Nine served terms aggregating fifty years in the state prison for high crimes, and all the others were frequent inmates of jails and almshouses. It is said that of the six hundred and twenty-three descendants of this outcast girl, two hundred committed crimes which brought them upon the court records, and most of the others were idiots, drunkards, lunatics, paupers or prostitutes,"-The New-Era.

#### WAYS OF HELPING The Missionary Cause.

- 1. Be interested in it.
- 2. Join the Missionary Society if one is held regularly. If none is held, have one started.
  - 3. Attend every meeting when possible
- 4. When impossible to attend, send a written excuse and a passage of Scripture which shall bespeak interest in the meeting.
- 5. Never attend a missionary meeting without calling on the way to invite some friend to accompany you.
  - 6 Be prompt in paying dues.
- See that every member of the Church and Sunday School has a nfission mite box.
- S. Exert your influence to have a social at the parsonage once a year and open the mission boxes.
- 9. Induce friends living in places where there are no missionary societies to take and use mite
- 10. Present the society with a package of postal cards to use in notifying nonchurchgoing members of the meeting.
- 11. If members are absent from any meeting call on them the next day and learn the cause of their absence.
- 12. When members are sick call on them with flowers and missionary tracts.
- 13. If any members of the society are invalids, see that the meeting is neld occasionally at their
- Make it a rule to get one new member to to the society every mouth.
- 15. Hold the regular meeting every other time at the home of some member who is not much in earnest in the work, or at the home of some one in the church not yet a member of the society, whom your wish to interest.
- 16. Have a missionary sociable occasionally at which missionary songs and reading selections shall be rendered.
- 17. Have a very brief and interesting missionare meeting at the close of some week-night prayer

- 18. Have a public meeting once a quarter.
- 19. Ask different individuals in the church to write original essays on missionary topics for such
- 20. Have synopsis of such papers printed in local papers, for these seldom reject brief contributions and these efforts may do something toward advancing the cause of Christ.

### A WORKINGMANS THREE MOTTOES.

Some years ago a Christian mechanic wrote an article on his "Three Mottoes". They were "I and God", "God and I", "God and not I". The paper was a simple history of the three stages of his service as a disciple: First, when conceived of the work as his own and asked God's help; then, when he thought of the work as God's, and himself as a co-worker in it; but the last and most restful and successful stage, when he saw God as the one Great Worker had himself as only an instrument, taken up, fitted for service, and used in God's way and time. Nothing is more needful than for us to feel that we are simply and only tools in His hand, and the highest perfection of a tool is that it is absolutely ready for the workman and perfectly passive in his grasp. When we learn this lesson, that it is His yoke we take on us and His burden that we bear, we cease to feel any of that care which implies a responsibility we can not sustain, and an anxiety we can not endure. There is an ability we do not possess, a strength we can not command, a result which we can not control. Obedience is ours, and only obedience; He assumes all responsibility, both for the command and the consequences.

MISSIONARY REVIEW.

#### UNKNOWN HELPERS.

How many of them there are, and how true it is that the growing good of the world is largely dependent upon the unrecorded deeds of those who go about doing good in a quiet way, with no thought of self-glory or of any other reward than that which comes from the approving smile of God.

The kindly word of encouragement spoken at just the right moment may live for years, and be a power for good in some life when the one who spoke it has long forgotten all about it. kindly deed may bear fruit in kindness to others long after the doer of the first kindly deed has forgotten it. Those who go about doing good in a modest, quiet way, will never know until the hereafter nove large and sweet a part they have had in making the world better.

A good many years ago a young man, whose life was all before him, and who had health and strength and superior mental ability, was planning a future of great success for himself in the commercial world. One day he picked up a little tract by an unknown writer, setting forth the great need by an unknown writer, setting forth the great need of Christian missionaries in foreign fields. Something in the wording and spirit of the little tract appealed powerfully to the young man. He had been recently married, and he took the tract home and read it to his young wife. It appealed to her as it had appealed to him, and they decided to consecrate themselves to the service of God on the foreign mission field. They fitted themselves for the work and went to India, where they spent all the remaining years of their lives in missionary the work and went to India, where they spent all the remaining years of their lives in missionary work. They had seven sons and three daughters born to them, and all of the sons and their wives, together with all of the daughters and their husbands, became missionaries, and the value of their work was beyond measure. This great result came from the reading of a little tract by an unknown writer, who may never know in this life what wonderous things came from the little seed hislden away in the tract he wrote.

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He was one of the unknown helpers upon whom God's blessing must fall. They are everywhere, these unknown helpers, and hapay are we if we are numbered among them. Someone has written that the noblest service comes from unseen hands, and when we see as God sees we shall know how true this is —Parward.

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