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## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

## THE GREAT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Met in its Forty-seventh Session at Asheville,  
N. C., on May 9th.

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Of the South Met in Seventh Annual Session  
On the Day Previous.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, was opened in the large and beautiful Auditorium in Asheville, N. C., May 8, 1902, by singing "There is Sunshine in My Soul To-day," and called to order by the Vice-president, Brother E. S. Candler, of Mississippi. Brother H. C. Rosamond led the devotional exercises by reading the 103 Psalm. The audience then joined in singing, "Come, Holy Spirit." Special prayer was then offered for the extension of the Master's Kingdom and work, by Brother Rosamond, of Mississippi.

The regular speakers for the morning were belated and the Vice-president made a short, stirring speech, upon the general subject of the "Great Commission," which was the subject for the morning.

He greatly emphasized the thought that to us had been committed a great work and that we must give an account to God for the way we did our work.

Brother John H. Chapman, of Chicago, the President of the "Baptist Young People's Union of America," said, in part, that he believed in the young people. Young people are the hope of every enterprise, while the best thinkers are middle aged, but they would not be if they had not properly trained themselves while they were young. Culture for service should be the cry of all our young people. Young people, you are to be crowned kings in service; prepare to bear your laurels honorably; the hands of union in our ranks are growing more beautifully strong and sweet. Our National Union has not been in vain, for it has established and strengthened this hand of union, and also greatly strengthened the growth of many in their individual growth; a young Baptist cannot be a consistent, systematic Baptist until he has learned to read and study his Bible well.

"My last point is America. Is there any reason why the Baptists of America should make special efforts to stand close to the truth? I think there is. From the days of Babel until now there has never been a greater confusion of tongues than there is to-day in America, and the Baptist Young People of America must hold and propagate the truth."

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Virginia, was called by acclamation to the platform, and addressed us. He said, in part:

"I rejoice to be here and to know that this organization is still in existence, and growing in strength and harmony, and is working so smoothly with the national organization, for when it was organized there

were those who said, 'It will fail,' but time has proved that there was wisdom in the organizing of the Southern Baptist Young People. There comes a pivotal period in every one's life—this comes in the young life—all subsequent life depends upon the turn made at this point. There is a difference between desire and choosing. It is not what you desire to be, but what you choose to be that gives success to your life. Anybody can desire, but it takes a man to choose. Our young people aspire to be great and useful, but how few there are who choose to be great and useful. Do not spend your enthusiasm in telling your joy and pleasure at being here, but go home to use it in being useful."

The audience joined heartily in singing, "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes."

Brother B. D. Gray, of Kentucky, was called to the rostrum, and said, in part:

"I want to speak on what our young people have to do with the commission. I think we are a crowd who have more truth and do less with it than any people on earth."

"We need to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth just as much as to baptize those who believe. We must be engaged in carrying out literally the commission of our Lord. We have the finest field in the South there is under the sun. Oh, that we in the South would so stir ourselves until the earth will tremble beneath the tread of our missionaries."

O. F. Flippo of Pennsylvania was introduced and said he was here to bear the fraternal greeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Pennsylvania. "I am glad I am identified with young people. I am glad our young people have not relegated the old men to the rear, unless they want to go there and stay. Last year in the South, where there was the greatest growth, was where the young people were the most active."

The enrollment of the delegates was taken, which was the largest we have ever had and the speaking was the best. During the enrollment the choir gave a number of very fine selections which greatly added to the joy of the morning.

The Fourteenth Anniversary of the American Baptist Educational Society was called to order by Dr. Morehouse the Corresponding Secretary. After singing "My Faith Looks up to Thee," and "Come Thou Fount," prayer was offered by Brother J. B. Taylor of Virginia. In the absence of the President, Brother Boatwright, Brother Pollock of Georgia was elected President *pro tem*. Brother Morehouse read the annual report which shows that great progress has been made. Grants were made to ten institutions of learning to the amount of \$573,000.00.

Brother Boatwright came in at this time and was called immediately to the chair, and made a brief address, in which he said, in part: "This is a good time to be alive. It is a good time to be young, for there is more brotherhood in the land to-day than ever before. This is a time of testing and winnowing; the chaff will be blown away."

"Our denominational schools cannot escape this testing. Baptists are in a peculiar position to offer to the world schools free from sectarian bias, and this is what the world wants. The Christian colleges have had a large place in denominational formation. There is to-day such an interest in education as the world never saw. The college man is coming to the front, and shaping things, as never before. The twentieth century, more than any day the world ever saw, is the day for the college man."

Dr. J. P. Greene of Missouri was introduced and said, in part: "There was a great revival of education now sweeping over the land and Baptists ought to get as much of it as we can. Our denominational colleges are the most important points of our educational life; the college does the 3rd degree work, and the State does the first and second, and the college is the place where

the general work is to be done; so let us stand by our colleges. Our pious men ought to be trained men—no reason for their not being—the college is the Gibraltar of our training. Give a man a four years' course in a good Baptist college and he is able to think for himself. It will take \$1,000,000.00 to run a good, all round, old-fashioned college; every State in the Union ought to have one such college, but they do not need but one."

Brother E. M. Poteat of Philadelphia was introduced and spoke upon Ministerial Education, and said, in part: "We must guard our people against thinking that education is a universal panacea. Knowledge puffeth up, love buildeth up; education and religion should not be divorced, but they too often are divorced. The shakeable things are trembling all about us; but there are unshakeable things which will remain forever. Christianity is the greatest fact in the universe. The question the preacher has to confront when he comes before his people is, Have you seen God to-day? 'The world seeth me no more but ye see me.'"

"The law of consistency is in pre-eminent demand; the preacher's message must be consistent with itself, as well as all other truth; Jesus says, 'I am the truth.'"

President F. W. Boatwright called attention to the necessity for the election of officers for the Society and the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of the following officers: President, A. Gaylord Slocum, L. L. D., of Michigan; Vice-presidents, John F. Forbes, of Florida, and John H. Harris, of Pennsylvania; Recording Secretary, Rev. H. B. Grose of Massachusetts.

A general discussion prevailed for fifteen minutes, participated in by Drs. B. D. Gray of Kentucky, E. B. Pollard, of Kentucky, J. N. Prestidge, of Kentucky, and Thos. Hume, of North Carolina.

The closing prayer of this largely attended and most excellent session of the Society was led by Dr. W. H. Whitsett of Virginia.

### Thursday-Night Session.

Dozens of special trains had brought in hundreds of delegates and visitors and the great auditorium swarmed with people at an early hour. A chorus-choir of 200 voices sang with great volume and sweetness: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

President L. O. Dawson of Alabama called the Union to order at 8:15 and Dr. M. D. Jeffries of Tennessee led the opening prayer, which was profoundly fervent. "Blessed Assurance" was sung with remarkable enthusiasm.

The election of officers being in order, Rev. H. C. Rosamond moved that the ballot of the Convention be cast for Rev. L. O. Dawson of Alabama for President. Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr., of Mississippi, and Rev. H. E. Tralle of Kentucky were duly elected Vice-presidents. Mr. W. W. Gaines of Georgia was elected Recording Secretary.

Dr. B. D. Gray of Kentucky submitted the report of the Committee on Nominations. Dr. J. O. Rust of Nashville was re-elected State Manager of Tennessee.

Dr. Madison C. Peters of Immanuel church, Baltimore, Md., spoke on the theme, "Baptize." It will be remembered that Dr. Peters, only a few months ago, left the Dutch Reform Presbyterian church and united with the Baptists. Dr. Peters said, in part: "I realize the difficulty in speaking in so large and unused an auditorium on a doctrinal theme. Doctrine is somewhat out of my line. A little more than two years ago I began the study of doctrine. Let me suggest some of the lines of thought which led me so late in life to become a Baptist. All acknowledged historians of all denominations admit that the primitive manner of baptism was immersion, and immersion alone. All denominations which sprinkle or pour for baptism descended from the church of Rome. The Greek church occupying the land where immersion was originated always practiced immersion. The clinic or sick baptism of the



novice in the third century was the introduction of sprinkling or pouring for baptism. Those people who submitted to clinic baptism were jeered if they got well and were not immersed. About 811 we read of the first authority for sprinkling for baptism. We hear no more of it until 1311. If good Lutherans would follow the teachings of Martin Luther as to baptism they would be faithful and good Baptists. In the Westminster Assembly, on the question of what baptism was, twenty-four voted for immersion and twenty-four for sprinkling and the presiding officer cast the deciding vote in favor of sprinkling. Thus the Presbyterians became sprinklers by one vote and if that vote had been cast the other way they would all be the good Baptists some of them used to be. What the original Greek word for baptism signified, baptism of to-day must be. You will hunt in vain for any scholarly lexicon to the word except immersion. According to the consensus of the scholarship of all creeds the word means to immerse and cannot mean anything else. Take the passages in the Bible where the word baptize occurs and use sprinkle or pour in its stead and see what ridiculous language you have. Christ's instruction was to make disciples before baptism. He blessed the little children but did not baptize them. His command was to baptize believers. Repentance, faith and baptism are personal duties. You cannot obey God by proxy. Because baptism is only the glorious symbol of our faith, I preach it. If you destroy the symbol you destroy the thing symbolized. No Pedobaptist was ever heard by me to preach on Romans 6:3-5. It is the symbol that Christ rolled away the stone from the door of human hope. It symbolized our death to sin and resurrection to newness of life and holiness. What onlooker was ever impressed by the sprinkling of an unconscious babe? The symbolism of immersion is so eloquent and impressive that it must move the heart of the onlooker. There is not one instance of infant baptism recorded in the New Testament or, for that matter, in the whole Bible. The surest way to become a Baptist is to read the New Testament closely. If all the Baptists and every Baptist institution was swept away by fire to-night there would be Baptists in abundance by morning. Baptismal regeneration and remission is believed and taught in the baptism of infants. Baptism, while not essential to salvation, is essential to complete obedience and full satisfaction of mind and heart. Baptism is a privilege. Love does not ask, "What must we do?" but "What may we do?" If the very act which the Word points out is not performed the Lord is not obeyed. Multitudes of members in Pedobaptist churches are dissatisfied with their baptism. There is a great difference in a man having a conviction and the conviction having the man. Christ has said "If ye love me keep my commandments." The commandments of God are not grievous, and in keeping them there is great reward." Mr. Peters was in fine condition and held the undivided interest of the many thousands present for more than an hour.

At the conclusion of the address, Dr. E. E. Folk of Nashville presented the following: "Resolved, that Dr. Madison C. Peters be requested to furnish the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention his magnificent address for publication." This was enthusiastically adopted.

Dr. J. P. Greene of Missouri spoke on the topic, "The Promise." He said:

"I experience great pleasure in being privileged to discuss the inspirational side of the work of the Lord in the hands of the young people. Get the first thing first in the Commission, and that is, to go and make disciples. The second thing is then quite in order, and that is to baptize. The people who want to jump over the command and seize the promise are not honest; they are trying to steal a blessing. The inspiration of the Commission is the inspiration of duty. A man may think he is doing his duty when he isn't. If we have our own object of devotion and substitute that for Christ's, it is our loss. The people generally think that the promise of the Commission is to the end that they may feel good. That is doubtless in it, and we have to feel good in order to work well; but there is something else in it, and that is a promise of success. Do Christ's work and he will bless his work that you do. Keep on doing the Lord's work and he will prosper it. The promise of God and his blessings will follow the preaching of God's gospel and not the discussion of politics. If we are engaged in bringing the message of Christ to the people, we need not despair. If we follow the divine program God will be with us. We have no right to change the program a hair's breadth. No man can baptize and then make disciples of people, because that is not according to the program. Ministers need to follow God's program or success will not crown their efforts. Do you suppose Jesus spilled his blood for nothing? He says, 'the gates of hell shall not prevail against us.' If our

works are going to stand the test of fire we will have to follow the program of Christ. Let us follow it until we die."

This delightful session adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. B. Taylor of Georgia.

## Convention Sessions.

### Friday Morning.

The spacious auditorium with its seating capacity of 3,000 was densely packed long before the hour for opening the Forty-seventh Session of the Convention. The hum of voices as the social greetings were in progress was almost deafening. A transcendently beautiful bouquet of Marechal Niel and American Beauty roses decorated the President's table.

President W. J. Northen of Georgia rapped for order promptly at 10 o'clock, and the great congregation sang with touching sweetness that superb Baptist hymn, "How firm a Foundation." Dr. T. S. Dunaway, Jr., of Virginia, impressively read Isaiah 62 and led in a fervent prayer for God's blessing and guidance over the Convention. Sang, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Secretary Lansing Burrows announced that the Convention is entitled to a representation on the financial basis, of 1,046, and on the Associational basis, of 472. Total possible representation, 1,518. The actual representation will not exceed over 900, both from financial basis and the Associational basis of representation. There appear to be many more visitors than delegates. The roll of delegates was read.

President Northen made a neat speech expressing his appreciation of the high honor of being chosen to preside over the great Convention for three years, but declined to be re-elected again. He declared the election of officers in order and Rev. Junius W. Millard of Baltimore presented the name of Hon. Joshua Levering of Maryland, whom he graciously referred to as being eminently qualified from many considerations. This nomination was seconded by T. H. Ellett of Virginia and T. G. Bush of Alabama. Rev. A. N. Couch of Arkansas presented the name of Ex-Gov. James P. Eagle of Arkansas for President and this was seconded by Dr. W. E. Hatcher of Virginia. He called attention to the fact that Gov. Eagle had been going in and out before the Convention for over thirty years and is one of the most efficient men in the body. Dr. J. B. Searcy of Mississippi seconded the nomination of Ex-Gov. Eagle. Dr. E. E. Folk of Tennessee congratulated the Convention on having so much presidential timber and presented the name of Dr. R. H. Marsh of Oxford, North Carolina. Dr. John E. White of Atlanta, Ga., seconded the nomination of Dr. Marsh and begged that the Convention take North Carolina Marsh, as it seemed to be very fond of North Carolina mountains. Dr. John Poilard of Richmond, Va., advocated the election of Hon. Joshua Levering.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Texas moved that speeches now close and the one receiving the majority of all votes cast be declared elected.

Tellers were appointed to collect the ballot and report. Dr. M. D. Early of Tennessee was one of them. During the progress of this the great congregation sang with mighty volume, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." A prayer of deep fervor was offered by Dr. B. H. Carroll of Texas.

Rev. G. W. Perryman of Paducah, Ky., spoke of the critical illness of Dr. C. G. Jones of Covington, Ky., who is nigh death's door and suggested that prayer be offered. Dr. R. J. Willingham of Virginia, leading. It was asked that Rev. J. L. White of Macon, Ga., Dr. I. T. Tichenor of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. A. J. S. Thomas of Greenville, S. C., and Dr. B. M. Palmer, the noted and aged Presbyterian preacher of New Orleans, be remembered in the prayer. As Dr. Willingham led the unctious prayer, a chorus of amens from all quarters of the auditorium responded at several intervals during the invocation. "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sweetly sung.

Rev. John D. Jordan of Savannah, Ga., moved that telegrams of sympathy and condolence be forwarded to those who were mentioned as objects of prayer. While waiting for the report of the tellers, President Northen suggested a continuation of the uplifting devotional exercises and Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., led in prayer.

The tellers reported that Ex-Gov. James P. Eagle of Little Rock, Ark., received the majority of votes cast and the President appointed Drs. J. W. Millard of Maryland and E. E. Folk of Tennessee to conduct him to the chair. Gov. Eagle said he never considered it the duty of a presiding officer to make a speech and he would offer no remarks except to express profound gratitude to the brethren for conferring on him one of the greatest honors he had ever received in his life.

Dr. C. C. Meador of D. C., Hon. Joshua Levering of Maryland, Maj. C. B. Willingham of Georgia, E. W.

Stephens of Missouri, J. Taylor Ellyson of Virginia, R. H. Marsh of North Carolina, and Dr. W. H. Felix of Kentucky, were nominated for Vice-presidents and a committee of tellers was appointed to receive and count the ballots. Dr. T. S. Potts reported for the tellers that E. W. Stephens of Missouri, Joshua Levering of Maryland, R. H. Marsh of North Carolina, and C. C. Meador of District of Columbia were elected.

On motion, Dr. J. William Jolles, of North Carolina, was authorized to cast the ballot of the Convention for Drs. Lansing Burrows, of Tennessee, and O. F. Gregory, of Maryland, as Secretaries; Mr. G. W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., Treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, Ky., Auditor.

Hon. Joshua Levering, of Maryland, reported for the committee on Order of Business that the afternoon session would be held at 3:30 and the night session at 8 o'clock.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Virginia.

### Friday-Afternoon Session.

Promptly at 3:30, President Eagle, of Arkansas, called the Convention to order and Dr. J. W. Warder, of Kentucky, led the opening prayer. Sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

President Eagle called attention to the question of order and insisted that extreme measures must be put forth, if necessary, to have order. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, moved that a committee consisting of Drs. Landrum, of Georgia, and I. J. VanNess, of Tennessee, be appointed a committee to devise means for keeping order in the rear of the house. The auditorium was so large that extreme difficulty was experienced in preserving order. Dr. J. B. Searcy, of Biloxi, Miss., led in prayer.

Ex-President W. T. Whitley of the Baptist University of Australia was introduced to the Convention and briefly spoke of his pleasure over the privilege of meeting with Southern Baptists.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

Owing to the weakness of Dr. J. M. Frost, of Tennessee, Corresponding Secretary of this Board, who is recovering from a serious and protracted illness, the Editorial Secretary, Dr. I. J. VanNess, read the Board's report. A close perusal of the report revealed some interesting facts and was in part, as follows:

The Sunday School Board presents herewith its eleventh annual report. We bring only good cheer from the factory and field of our labors. God has given us a prosperous year and the people have wrought generously for the furtherance of this great enterprise which they have committed to our charge.

We welcome the opportunity of submitting our account of the year's work for inspection, for correction or approval, and for instruction as regards the future. We conduct the affairs of the Board with an open management, remembering that our position is one of public trust, and that this business, absolutely without private gain, is for the Baptist churches of the South with all their varied interests as represented in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The receipts have exceeded those of last year by \$10,964.74, giving the handsome total, \$89,345.71. This total contains nothing out of the usual, except the Pollock gift of \$500, and while the Bible Fund was increased the Missionary Day collections fell off, so that the increase in the year's total is a healthy growth and chiefly an advance in the regular business of the Board. The Reserve Fund has been increased by \$6,000 and now stands at the even sum of \$50,000, invested in safe, interest-bearing securities. In addition, \$12,000 have been set aside to start a building fund—this does not include the house and lot in which the Board conducts its business at present and which in the table of assets is placed at something over ten thousand dollars.

The appropriations for the year have been large, aggregating \$15,886.31, not including the missionary boxes. Surely it has been a remarkable year, and God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

We are glad to report another Book Endowment of \$500. It is a gift from P. D. Pollock, LL.D., President of Mercer University, Macon, Ga. He specifies as its purpose that, in accordance with our plan it shall be used for the publishing of books, and shall be called the "Constance Pollock Publishing Fund." Coming from a distinguished educator, the gift gives emphasis not only to the Board's work in general, but to its book endowment feature in particular, and to the value of book publication.

In response to a request from Dr. Mullins, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Board furnishes the means for an annual Lecture Course in that institution, distinctively on the Sunday school work. This arrangement has awakened favor-



able comment throughout the country among Sunday school workers and will do much for the advancement of the cause. The first course was delivered by Dr. W. E. Hatcher, in February last, on "The Pastor and the Sunday School," and is published in book form by the Board.

As promised in the report last year the Board secured Rev. B. W. Spillman as Field Secretary. He has visited several States and never fails to awaken enthusiasm in the interest of the Sunday school cause. The work which he is specially set to do does not look at all to the business interests of the Board, but purely to the improvement of the Sunday school condition. He has had a warm reception on the part of the brethren and the most favorable comments come to us as to the efficiency and genuine value of his services.

During the past year the Board has received \$4,051.60 on the Bible Fund and has given away 27,353 copies of God's Word at a cost of \$4,879.27.

The Board closed its year's work with a balance on hand of \$1,405.36. There is a Reserve Fund of \$50,000 and a Building Fund of \$12,000.

The prospect of the Board's work is as bright as the promise of God, and as large as the future. Its possibilities have no limit save in the wish and purpose and co-operation of the Baptists of the South. It is with them to determine its future, and they can make of it almost anything they wish.

One thing for the near future, and shortly to become an imperative need, is a new building. This has been authorized by the Convention, but the Board will proceed with caution. It has as yet no matured plans for its erection, but when the time comes will erect a building commensurate with the needs and demands of this great enterprise, and one that will be an honor and pride to the denomination.

But the work should ever be greater than the building. Let it be borne in mind that there are other buildings than those made to please the eye and grace the street. The people themselves—the Baptist people of the South—are erecting a building in the Sunday School Board as an institution, a building far beyond any building made of brick or stone. It is theirs, of their own making, under their own control, and for such use as they may make of it for evangelizing the world. There is something inspiring and commanding in such a people doing such a work for such a purpose.

This nation has become a world power among the nations. The South is rapidly coming to be a great industrial power in the commercial world. There is coming to this section new advantages and opportunities and responsibilities. Our people are sure to share in all these things, and the prosperity of the South will be their prosperity, and they can use all their institutions more and more for the great purpose they have in mind.

The enterprise which they have established at Nashville, and have already made such a power in the denominational life, can be put into the very forefront in advancing their other interests. God's favor has been on it from the first, and in a wonderful way. The glory of his presence has made bright its pathway, as he has led it always for a forward movement, sometimes even making a highway for its advance when seemingly blocked by insurmountable difficulties. Surely it should awaken and strengthen the faith of our people. The Lord is leading in this thing, and will open to it yet greater achievements.

Thus was presented the finest report ever given in the eleven years' history of this remarkably successful Board. Despite the criticisms from many quarters the Board progresses, conquering and to conquer, and is the pride of all Southern Baptists. There was universal sympathy expressed for the untiring Secretary, Dr. J. M. Frost, who, by a kind dispensation of providence, was restored from a recent serious spell of sickness sufficiently to be able to be present at the Convention.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

At the request of the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. F. C. McConnell, the report of the Board was read by Dr. W. W. Landrum of Atlanta, Ga., who for years has been its President. Dr. Landrum has a rich, clarion voice which could be easily heard to the remotest corner of the auditorium. The report contained many interesting statements. It pays tender and beautiful tribute to the memory of the lamented Dr. Franklin H. Kerfoot, the late Corresponding Secretary, and Hon. Porter King, the efficient Chairman of the Committee on Cuba, each of whom fell asleep in Jesus during the year.

On the first of last September the Board, after prayer and careful consideration, unanimously chose as Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D. Our brother was widely useful some years ago as Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and latterly has rendered efficient service as Vice-president of the Board for

Virginia. He needs no introduction to Southern Baptists. His enthusiasm, energy and all-absorbing conviction to the evangelization of the South have been demonstrated many times, and we believe that he will sustain all the high traditions of his predecessors. We beg for him the earnest prayers and fraternal co-operation of all lovers of our Lord.

A summary of the work done by the Board is as follows: Missionaries, 674; churches, 1,757; sermons and addresses delivered, 75,041; Baptisms, 8,150; received by letter, 9,051; religious visits, 163,005; total additions, 17,201; churches constituted, 231; houses of worship built and improved, 398; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 27,499.

The total amount of cash received during the year for the regular work of the Home Board has been \$98,950.29, which is an increase of \$12,045.61 over the previous year. In addition to this the Board has received in special gifts, to be used in connection with the Church Building and Loan Fund and other investments, the sum of \$1,500. This makes the actual amount of cash received \$100,450.29 as against the sum of \$91,075.11 received the previous year. All of the States except five of the older and stronger States show an increase in cash contributions over last year. The actual increase in contributions from all States was only \$4,776.67, the balance of increase is represented in the supplemental receipts.

This Board has expended \$2,600 in Tennessee, and the contributions to the Board from our State have been \$4,283.39. After the payment of all bills the Board has a net balance of \$5,398.28. Much co-operative work among the negroes has been done and great good has been accomplished.

The Church Building and Loan Department of the Home Mission Board was established about two years ago. The gifts for this purpose during the first year amounted to \$4,110.43. Less than \$100 has been added to this fund during the present Conventional year.

#### MOUNTAIN WORK.

Home Mission work in our mountain regions consists mainly in the establishment and maintenance of schools in charge of preachers, for the most part, and teachers, who preach in the country adjacent and exert what good influence they may on all the community for many miles around.

This work is done in co-operation with the State Mission Boards in the respective States, encouraging the development of self-support as rapidly as possible. We have two schools in Georgia, one in Alabama, eight in North Carolina, and two in Kentucky. We will have one in Tennessee next year, and others in all the mountain sections needing them as rapidly as our means and circumstances will allow.

Especial mention was made of the work done by the Board in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory.

The immediate future of the cause of Christ in the Territories is very promising, and the work done is bearing good fruit. There is an earnest appeal from Oklahoma for an increase of appropriation for a year or two, when we are assured by the brethren there that the Territory will speedily begin to look after its own destitution, and in a few years not only need no help, but furnish means with which to help others.

Attention was paid by the report to the work in the storm-swept section in Texas. Progress in rebuilding in this section has been very slow. The State Board of Texas is proceeding as fast as it can to get funds, but it is greatly hampered by the fact that from one-third to one-half of the churches in Texas, perhaps, are themselves without meeting houses.

Mention was made of the work of the Board east of the Mississippi River, notably in New Orleans, Memphis and Baltimore. Miss Georgia Barnett of Roanoke, Va., a well-trained woman missionary has been working under the employ of the Board in New Orleans. Her work has been so successful that it has largely influenced the Board to employ women workers in the other churches in New Orleans. The work of Memphis is hopeful, but a much larger sum of money is needed to carry out the plans projected by the Board.

The Board is undertaking work among the foreign population of our country which so abounds that the same sort of work which is done in Germany, Mexico, Poland, Italy must be done where these foreigners abound. The safety of our own people who are to be influenced by them requires our earnest efforts to save them. In these foreigners are vast possibilities of good. Much of the Board's report is given to the work and the situation in Cuba. The letter of resignation of Dr. A. J. Diaz as a missionary of the Board was printed in full. His resignation took effect Nov. 31, 1901. The friction between Dr. Diaz and the Board was fully explained. It was demonstrated that Dr. Diaz and the Gethsemane church, of which he is pastor,

could no longer receive the support of the Board in consideration of their unbrotherly dealing with the Board as to the property. It is to be regretted that Dr. Diaz has pursued the course he has. The inevitable effect is that he has thus removed himself further from our Board and its work than ever before, and it now appears that any prospect of his coming into harmony with us, or being re-employed by us is more remote than ever. Our other stations on the Island of Cuba are in a prosperous and hopeful condition; and those in charge of them are diligent and faithful in their work, thoroughly and cordially in harmony with our Board, and worthy of all confidence and support. These stations are as follows, to wit:

Matanzas—Sixty miles east of Havana. Rev. J. V. Cova, missionary; Miss Pura Cova, teacher.

Cienfuegos—Two hundred and fifty miles southeast of Havana, on the Southern coast of the island. Rev. J. R. O'Halloran, missionary, and Mrs. O'Halloran teacher.

Sagua la Grande—Two hundred and fifty miles east of Havana. Dr. E. F. Rodriguez, missionary, and his daughter and one other teacher.

Santa Clara—Capitol of the province of this name. A fine inland city, located in the eastern part of our territory, and almost between Cienfuegos and Sagua la Grande. Rev. A. U. Cabrera, with a native teacher, is employed at this point.

Pinar del Rio—This is the capital of the province of Pinar del Rio, a large city 102 miles west of Havana. Brother Cardenas is the missionary, and his wife is the teacher at this point; two other teachers are paid by the church.

A new church, consisting of twenty members, was constituted in the Jane building at Havana, in January last. The purpose of this new organization is to conserve the English speaking people, those in the city of Havana.

The entire cash contributions of Woman's Missionary Union to the Home Mission Board for the year are \$19,510.48. It is with pleasure we make note of a contribution to the church building loan fund of \$1,000 from Montgomery, Ala.

Three hundred and sixty nine boxes, valued at \$24,459.47, were sent during the year to needy missionaries.

#### APPEAL.

Some of our brethren have occasionally hinted that the demands for such work as the Home Board does ought to diminish, and they no doubt would diminish were our Southland a declining country, but the growth of Southern industries is one of the marvels of modern times, and the consequent increase of population brings new situations and demands every year.

When we stop the march of empire westward, when we stop the growth of our cities, when we hush the hum of the spindles, when we close up the mines, when railroads stop running, when factories stop building, when wealth ceases to accumulate, when the increase of population in the South ceases to amaze us at every census, then possibly the work of the Home Mission Board may be diminished.

Sweep away all other interests now fostered by the Home Board, and it will find ample scope for all the means at its command in work among the negroes and the Cubans for years yet to come.

The greatest interest on the part of the Convention was centered in the part of the report which referred to Cuba and the work of Dr. A. J. Diaz. There was a universal demand for a general and full discussion of the work in the Pearl of the Antilles. This report was referred to several committees to be reported on later, during the Convention.

#### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT.

Corresponding Secretary Robert J. Willingham read the fifty-seventh annual report of the Foreign Mission Board. The work of this great Board always lies near the heart of the brotherhood and its reports evoke the very deepest interest possible. Some of the things said in the report are:

We praise God for his manifold and continued blessings upon our work during the past year. He has strengthened our laborers at the front and guided them into new conquests. The work which our fathers started so faithfully amidst tears and prayers has developed in many instances into glorious fruitage, which cheers and strengthens our hearts. We do not believe that the outlook before us was ever more hopeful. While the world at large is ready as never before, the countries in which we are laboring present wide open doors. China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Italy and Mexico are to-day but other words for grand opportunities for God's people.

The dark war clouds have, for the most part, passed away from China. She sits inquiring for new light.



Now is the time for God's people to enter. The Chinese are ready for new ideas as they have not been in the past. But a reaction will come. Alas for them and for us if we fail now to give them the gospel. In the near future China will affect America far more than she is doing to day. Let us reach her people with the gospel now. God calls on us by his Word, as well as by his providence, to tell them of Christ. The reports of our missionaries show glorious progress in that country.

Theological training schools have been started in Africa, Mexico, Italy and Brazil. All of these institutions are doing well. Two publication societies are maintained, one at Rio, Brazil; the other at Canton, China. Five medical missionaries are maintained and their work is proving a great benediction.

Twenty new missionaries have gone to the fields during the year. Six others have been appointed and are hoping to go soon. Five missionaries have resigned, Miss Claudia J. White, Miss H. F. North, Rev. J. L. Downing and wife and Rev. A. C. Dawes. The latter resigned on account of differing from us in some points of doctrine. Six of the missionaries are now at home for rest and recuperation, but will soon all return to their respective fields.

It has not occurred to some that a large part of our force on the foreign field are young men and women. Our work is, to a great extent, a new work. In 1898, four years ago, we had seventy-six missionaries on the foreign field. Since then we have sent out 72 workers. Some of the former workers have broken down and returned home. Let it be remembered, also, that a number of the former seventy-six were new workers. But a change is rapidly coming. We will soon have quite a number of experienced men and women at the front. What a blessing this will mean to the work, one can estimate, as we refer to the lives of such men as R. H. Graves, George B. Taylor, J. B. Hartwell, W. B. Bagby, Z. C. Taylor, E. Z. Simmons, and some godly women who might be named with them. In a few years we will have many more of such experienced, battle-scarred veterans. Associations numbering 772 in the South have contributed \$173,439.49 this year against \$156,083.33 last year, and reported all debts paid with a balance in the treasury of \$13,379.75. Fifty-one Associations in Tennessee with 1,493 churches and 975 preachers contributed \$8,701.32.

The current expenses for the work do not vary much. By reference to the Treasurer's account any one can see just what they are. A simple calculation will show that it takes less than eight cents on the dollar for all expenses of the Board in Richmond, including interest on borrowed money, expenses of Missionary Day and Woman's Missionary Union. Besides this, the State expenses for collecting averaged less than five cents on the dollar, making in all about twelve and a half cents on the dollar used for expenses in the home land, and over eighty-seven cents to the missionaries.

We praise God for the large number of baptisms (1,439) in connection with the work the past year—more than ever before in our history.

Our forces have greatly increased in the past four years. At the Convention in Norfolk in 1898 we reported seventy-six missionaries and 117 native assistants—193 in all. Now we have 115 missionaries and 171 native assistants—an entire force of 286 workers. In the same time—four years—we have had 4,634 baptisms on the foreign fields. Should these facts exalt us? No; rather should we be humbled before God. He is blessing our feeble efforts wonderfully, and we are doing so little for the dying for whom he gave his Son. Let us earnestly enquire how we can enlist our people so that we will show our appreciation of God's great blessings on us in home and foreign lands. Surely God has blessed us, but will we not hear his call in Isaiah, sixtieth chapter, where he says: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." He says: "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." He calls on us saying, "Lift up thine eyes round about, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come to thee." Let us in obedience to his command look and see the wonderful vision. Let pastors and churches, as they wait at the foot of the cross, look out over the lost world, and know that in God's name we can conquer, for he tells us "the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." God's Word standeth sure. In his name we can, we must, we will go forward. This report was referred to the usual committees.

Ex President W. T. Whitley, of the Baptist University of Australia, was graciously introduced by the President, and in a brief speech, happily acknowledged

the introduction and expressed his pleasure at the privilege of being present.

Secretary Lansing Burrows, of Tennessee, read the report of the Treasurer, George W. Norton, of Louisville, and submitted his own report as Statistical Secretary, which disclosed the fact that there has been a net increase of 25,000 among the Southern Baptists, which is a larger growth than any other Southern denomination has had. The total membership in Southern white Baptist churches is 1,683,039. Including negroes, there are 3,241,209 Baptists in the South. There are 4,249,615 in the United States and over 5,000,000 in the world. The Baptists of America have given \$2,666,767.00 to missions during the past year.

After announcements of committees, the Convention adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. H. Marsh of North Carolina.

#### Friday-Night Session.

It would seem, as one looks at the 4,000 people packed into the great auditorium until standing room is at a premium, that the attendance at this Convention must be the largest in the history of the body. The stage is beautifully decorated with 200 handsome men and beautiful, rosy-cheeked women. The air is cool, bracing and invigorating. Before the presiding officer raps for order there is a hum of voices as friends greet, after an absence of years, that is truly interesting. The social feature of the Convention is not the least in arresting of the great convocation.

At 8 p. m., Hon. E. W. Stephens, President of the Missouri Baptist Convention, and Ex-President of the National Editorial Association, called the Convention to order and Rev. Curtis Lee Laws of Baltimore, Md., read Rom. 8 and led in an unctious prayer. Dr. J. William Jones of North Carolina led in prayer also, after the great audience had sweetly sung, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

The male chorus of the First church, Asheville, sweetly rendered "Trust and Obey." Had it been in order the great audience would have loudly encored this splendid production.

The crowd being so dense as to be uncomfortable and many turned away, an overflow meeting was announced for the First Baptist church, where Dr. Len G. Broughton of Atlanta, Ga., is said to have delivered a most remarkable sermon.

#### THE CONVENTION SERMON.

The keenest kind of attention was centered at the auditorium in the annual Convention sermon to be delivered by Dr. F. C. McConnell of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. McConnell has a most pleasing personality, a well-rounded, resonant voice and a graceful delivery, besides being one of the most profound thinkers of the Convention. He was at his best and delivered one of the most sublime sermons the body has ever heard throughout the forty-eight years of its history. His subject was, "The Doctrine of Missions," derived from Acts 15:47. "For so hath the Lord commanded us saying, 'I have set thee to be a light to the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto ends of the earth.'" His great message, in part, was:

"The progress of the doctrine of missions has been a stranger history than that of anything that has happened in the course of human events. Immediately after Pentecost the disciples went forth with enthusiasm, but there was a reservation in their minds. Ever since that first missionary movement there have been certain times when the truth of the gospel has taken possession of the hearts of the people and certain periods when beliefs other than the truth have been allowed to displace it.

1. "The doctrine of missions presupposes an experience of grace. I have heard it said that our churches are overloaded with an unconverted membership. About this, I do not know. Human nature has never been forward to embrace what does not gratify itself. We can hardly recall the time when we first felt the call of God in our hearts. Perhaps it came in infancy when we lay in loving arms, or in childhood's innocent days. But the time came when we heard the call of God in another way—in thunder tones—and realizing the sin in which we were born, we cried, in the agony of our distress, 'O, God have mercy on my soul.'

"We felt an aching void which we realized could be filled by nothing upon this earth. We were awakened to our sinful nature and the danger of the fearful hereafter to which we were hurrying and our souls cried out to God in terms for grace and help. I love that old word, conviction, though it may not have a classical theological ring. The cry of conviction was the first cry of repentance. Repentance is the cry of

the aching void and faith is the answer to the cry. Repentance and faith are the twin sisters of the soul. They go hand in hand. The soul convicted of sin feels that if it could but reach the ear of the Redeemer and make one promise of repentance the wrath of God would be turned away. I would not take you down into the miry pit of despair and awful suffering through which many must pass before reaching the goal of faith and trust, but I believe in a personal experience of grace, not alone the objective feeling and seeing that one must give oneself to God, but the real regenerating change of heart, the subjective, the inner experience of the soul as it realizes that, down in the bottomless pit of perdition in which it is sinking in despair and horror, it can see just one ray of light from on high. That is the first feeling of hope, of faith which comes after profound repentance.

2. "The text imposes a duty of education and development. There will never be a great race of missionary people until there is a great missionary conscience in the hearts of the people. We must consider three propositions in this connection: (1.) There must be an intellectual acknowledgement of the commandment of Christ. (2.) There must be a moral perception of the turpitude connected with it.

"To violate the command to preach the gospel is as great a crime before God as to violate any of the commandments of the decalogue. I believe we should hold our religious theories subject to change and retain nothing in our belief which is not laid down in the gospel. It grieves me that hundreds of our brethren are loitering in their tents when the field is thronged by the hosts of our enemies. I want to see this Convention wipe out the words 'reach them' in our tents and substitute the words 'teach them.' (3.) There must be a wise relation of the methods by which the great work is to be wrought. We ought to do mission work the best way possible. We ought to have our methods open to criticism every hour in the day.

3. "In the doctrine of missions, experience and duty accord with the doctrine of grace. I believe in human total depravity. I care not what the aesthetic, what the humanitarians, what the people who always see 'some good' say, we are lost, we are sinking down into hell, we are going to our graves doomed to a life of everlasting torment in a lake of seething fire. You are already condemned to the bottomless pit of hell. When we believe that the son of God said he that believeth not shall be damned just as we believe that he said he that believeth shall be saved, then we shall have the real truth in our hearts. We are all utterly lost if we do not experience repentance and have faith, with the love of God in our hearts. An honest, upright life makes no difference; how a man behaves himself and treats his family will not affect his future unless he believes and loves the Lord. If there is no hell there is no salvation. If there is no damnation, there is no redemption.

"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stain.' Take that thought out of our gospel and you rob it of the keynote of the very ground work of our religion. It has been asked, how shall we draw nearer to each other as Christians? I answer, 'Get nearer to Jesus Christ.' Oh, brethren, if thy heart is like my heart, give me thy hand.

4. "Experience and doctrine and duty are all included in God's divine purpose. 'As many as were ordained unto eternal life believed.' How often have we taken sides on some question and so weakened our side? Why cannot we agree and work together in all harmony?

"God was not narrow in his teachings. Believe his Scriptures and preach them to every man and waste not your time in arguing theological questions."

At the conclusion of this, one of the greatest sermons ever delivered in the history of the Convention, Gov. W. J. Northen of Georgia led in an unctious, fervent prayer.

A quartette from the choir of the First church Asheville, rendered touchingly, 'Heaven Will Be the Best of All.' There were but few dry eyes in the audience at the conclusion of this charming song.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

In behalf of the Board of Trade and the citizens of Asheville, J. H. Tucker, Esq., delivered a most eloquent welcome address, sandwiched with many happy illusions and much wit. Mr. Tucker said, in part:

"Brother President, and Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:—It took Asheville a long time to get you here, but you are here. It makes our hearts glad to see your faces. Every rolling hill and mountain peak



clap their hands with joy at your coming. The valleys smile and the rivulets and brooks laugh and leap for joy at your presence. And old Asheville! She is just tickled to death. Like Quill's boy in Old Curiosity Shop she is just standing on her head to show her delight.

"The Board of Trade of our city bids me say to you that on this occasion Asheville has but one door to her heart, that it is unlocked and the key broken, so that our city with her charms and her hospitality is yours during your stay.

"We suspect you will observe but few factories and other industrial enterprises here, and this may surprise you from a commercial point of view. But we have one factory worth more to the world than the curling smoke, the ring of the anvil, the music of the machinery or the clatter of a million spindles. It is a health factory, where run down systems are repaired, where old frames are revamped, and new life is given to old bodies, racked and ruined by incessant toil and disease. Here the ozone of the mountains is poured into the life of the almost lifeless and one becomes a living soul, rejuvenated by the elixir of a mountain breath. 100,000 people come to us annually for health and pleasure, and they leave bearing willing testimony to our mountain virtues.

"In the words of a great writer:

"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 towering sentinels of time, as they rise to view in the distance, like billows of a mighty ocean."

"We have invited you here that you may stand upon this elevated plateau and get a better vision of the beauties and glories of the world in which its Creator has called you to labor.

"We are so glad to see you. Go, take your fellow laborers of the lowlands to some neglected spot in the deep tangled wildwood and tell them how you spent your early childhood in these coves, dreaming of ascending peaks in life as high as Clingman's Dome, to find, when you reached the summit, that Mount Mitchell is just beyond.

"Gentlemen of the Convention, I but speak the verity of eternal truth when I say that every dollar raised by your Convention for the next five or ten years could be spent with credit and profit to your denomination upon these mountains, if only you had the means to answer the imperative demands of other fields. We have the country, we have the boys, but not the means. May God give to our denomination the means to have the mountain boy. These, our mountain Baptists, are great and good folks, and in their name I bid the Southern Baptist Convention a hearty and sincere welcome to Western North Carolina, the chief center of the Appalachian National Park.

"And, finally, we trust that your stay with us will be pleasant, and the after recollection of your good times here may draw you back often like chords of love. Asheville and the State are honored by your coming and we greet you with glad hearts."

Dr. W. M. Vines, of the First church, Asheville, was introduced and in behalf of the Baptists of the city extended a felicitous and greatly appreciated welcome. Brother Vines is a pleasing speaker and said, in part:

"I have done what no other minister here has dared to do. I had been thinking of the address which I am to deliver and as I could not get it into shape, I went and just got married, so I now offer you a double greeting. In behalf of the 1,200 Baptists in the city I was to welcome you, but I welcome you for thousands now, for every man I greet upon the streets is a Baptist. You have come to the greatest Baptist center in the United States. There are more Baptists in this region than in any other spot on God's green earth. These mountains are full of Baptists. You have come at an opportune time, at a strategical moment, for if the Baptist church does not take this country for God, now, then some one else will. The Baptists have always stood for culture. The Baptists have more money than any other denomination invested in educational institutions."

Brother Vines spoke of the fact that the First church, Asheville, had contributed \$29,000 to all objects of the Convention during the year. This address was very much enjoyed.

#### RESPONSE TO WELCOME ADDRESSES.

Vice-President Stephens called on President A. P. Montague, LL. D., of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., to respond to these gracious words of welcome, and he did so most happily. Prof. Montague possesses a striking personality, somewhat resembling President Theodore Roosevelt, and a voice of strength and power. These elements contributed to making his words effective.

The President made a just and wise distribution of the committee work. In his appointments Tennessee was possibly more conspicuous than any other State so far as the chairmen were concerned.

Rev. S. M. Provence of Alabama reported for the committee appointed to recommend men to fill the vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. There is one vacancy from Tennessee and the men recommended, from whom to choose a Trustee, were Dr. George A. Lofton of Nashville, and Messrs. John W. Dillard, and J. T. Henderson. One of these will be chosen to represent Tennessee on the Board.

The night session adjourned at a late hour with prayer by Dr. W. W. Landrum of Atlanta, Ga.

#### Saturday-Morning Session.

The second day of the present session dawned fair and balmy. The very elements seemed to conspire to make the Convention the greatest ever held by Southern Baptists. The invigorating mountain ozone seemed to make the eye glisten, the countenance glow, and put elasticity in the steps of every delegate. Despite the counter attractions in unexcelled scenery, the auditorium was nearly full at 9:30 when President J. P. Eagle called the Convention to order. The opening prayer was led by Rev. J. B. Cranfill, of Dallas, Texas, who continued the devotional exercises by reading the great faith chapter, Romans 10. Dr. J. W. Warder of Kentucky led in a fervent prayer. With mighty volume the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation." Revs. B. W. Spilman of Tennessee and W. J. Brown of Texas led in prayer.

Dr. B. F. Riley, of Houston, Texas, introduced a resolution looking to the creation of a Church Building Board or Department. This is a much needed enterprise, considering the storm-swept sections of our country.

#### THE SEMINARY.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Hon. Joshua Levering, President of the Board of Trustees, gave an account of his recent visit to the Seminary in company with Dr. C. E. Taylor of North Carolina and Rev. A. V. Rowe of Mississippi, and how favorably impressed he was with the personnel of the student body of the institution, and the smooth, even, successful management of the affairs of the great school. In conclusion he introduced President E. Y. Mullins.

Dr. Mullins made one of the best speeches of the Convention, and strongly presented the work of the Seminary. He stated that there are 243 students in the Seminary, being eleven more than were there last year. This is very gratifying, while most of the theological schools of the land are complaining of a decrease in attendance. He asked for an increase in the funds for the Seminary, stating that a critical point in the work has been reached and that the imperative need of education is strongly felt to-day. What we need is a religious education. A Godless education may serve as a blight on society. The penitentiary is the conclusion in the syllogism of which Godless education is the major premise. Dr. Mullins' concluding plea was that the brethren should pray for the Seminary Faculty that they might serve the denomination well. President Mullins is demonstrating his eminent fitness for his position of great trust every day, and Southern Baptists are congratulating themselves every day that he is at the head of the great Seminary. His address was requested by the Convention for publication in the denominational press. At the conclusion of this address, Dr. H. F. Buckner of Texas led in prayer.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION WORK.

The committee on missions east of the Mississippi River reported through its Chairman, Mr. J. W. Bailey of North Carolina, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*. This report noted the progress of the work in the mountains of East Tennessee, Western North Carolina and Virginia. Attention was called to the great work being done among the factory population of our great cities. Mr. Bailey declined to speak to the report.

Rev. A. E. Brown of North Carolina was introduced and spoke enthusiastically about the mountain missionary work in which he has had several years of interesting experience. He said, in part: "I want to talk to you of the people of your mountain regions in the South. The majority of them came from Virginia. They came to this country originally from England. They are descended from the yeomanry of that country and came here to escape tyranny and religious persecution. Soon in Virginia they encountered like con-

ditions and fled from it to the more inaccessible and undesirable places that they might enjoy freedom of thought and action.

"One of their characteristics is simplicity. Another is hospitality. You are always welcome to their homes and to all that they have to offer you. They are patriotic and loyal. Hemmed in by the great natural barriers of the mountains they have been shut off in a large measure from the world and are primitive in their ideas and beliefs.

"We do not need more churches in the mountains. What we want is more schools. In the sixteen counties of Western North Carolina in the last three years we have seen our schools grow from one to eight, and the pupils from 250 to 2,000. Over 50,000 out of the 250,000 who populate this district are Baptists.

"Give us schools and we will increase the number immeasurably. This must be done now. Already the Presbyterians are at work."

In conclusion Mr. Brown stated that some of the greatest men of the country had once been mountain boys, and mentioned Abraham Lincoln as an instance.

A touching and interesting episode occurred at the conclusion of this strong speech. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne of Virginia introduced to the Convention the venerable Dr. George Dana Boardman of Philadelphia, son of the lamented Dr. Boardman the first missionary to the Koreans of India. In introducing him Dr. Hawthorne said he had been pastor of the First church, Philadelphia, for over half a century. His life has been one of the most eventful and useful in the history of the Baptists. He has wielded a most remarkable influence both by pen and voice. It was truly impressive when Dr. Hawthorne raised the aged and feeble old man to his feet. He could only speak in a whisper but Dr. Hawthorne interpreted to the congregation for him the following message: "My dear brethren, I greet you. I, too, am a Southerner, having been born twelve miles from the equator. I, too, am a Baptist, for I have studied the New Testament all my life. I esteem this a very distinguished honor, which I cannot too fully appreciate. I hope and trust I am a Christian as I hope you all are. May God bless you."

As he closed these words, the great throng burst out in singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Many wiped away tears, occasioned by the pathetic passing from human activity of a most energetic and powerful man.

Gov. W. J. Northen of Georgia asked the privilege of introducing Mr. H. H. Hickman of Augusta, Ga., one of the only two surviving charter members of the Convention. Mr. Hickman was present at Augusta, in 1845 when the Convention was organized. He was joyously received by the Convention who arose en masse to honor him. He offered no remarks, being exceedingly feeble.

Dr. T. B. Thames of Danville, Va., submitted the report of the Committee on Appeal of the Home Board. This report recommended that there be an increase in the contributions to the Board next year of ten per cent. in advance of those of the past year. It was moved that the report be amended recommending an increase of twenty-five per cent. instead of ten. This was enthusiastically carried.

#### THE CUBAN AFFAIR.

Dr. R. H. Pitt of Richmond, Va., editor of the *Religious Herald*, submitted the report on Foreign Population and Cuba. Much interest was centered in this report, as it brought before the Convention the Cuban Work and the relationship of the Home Mission Board to Dr. A. J. Diaz, the former missionary in Cuba. It recommended locating a mission in Tampa and Ybor City, Fla., in order to reach the ten thousand Cubans there and also through them the inhabitants of Cuba.

"The situation in Havana is reported not pleasant. The history of Dr. Diaz's connection with Getisemane church and the Havana property was detailed, as it is partly in the printed report of the Board.

"The Board has accepted the resignation of Rev. A. J. Diaz and we find that it is right in doing so. The only criticism we make is that it was too lenient and might have taken this action before. The causes for this action are too many to enumerate in this paper. Enough is shown in what follows to justify it:

"In 1894, A. J. Diaz, who had power of attorney to act for the Board in Havana, put a mortgage on the theater building for \$12,000, bought two pieces of property in his own name and never accounted in any way for a balance of \$2,000 of which remained after the purchase. The Board was anxious to save him to the work and sent a committee to Cuba which decided to employ him as a missionary but not to entrust him with money in the future. He immediately began creating dissension and dissatisfactions in the church."

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## Missions.

### MISSIONARY DIRECTORY.

**STATE MISSIONS.**—Rev. A. J. Holt, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. All communications designed for him should be addressed to him at Nashville, Tenn. W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn. The State Board also represents Home and Foreign Missions, without charge to these Boards.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Va. Rev. J. H. Snow, Knoxville, Tenn., Vice President of the Foreign Board for Tennessee, to whom all inquiries for information may be addressed.

**HOME MISSIONS.**—Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. R. R. Acree, D. D., Clarksville, Tenn., Vice-president of the Home Board for Tennessee, to whom all information or inquiries about work in the State may be addressed.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**—All funds for young ministers to the S. W. B. University should be sent to G. M. Savage, LL.D., Jackson, Tenn. For young ministers at Carson and Newman College, send to J. T. Henderson, Mossy Creek, Tenn.

**ORPHANS' HOME.**—Rev. W. C. Golden, President, Nashville, Tenn. Write him as to how to get a child in or out of the Home. Send all moneys to A. J. Holt, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn. All supplies should be sent to C. T. Cheek, Nashville, Tenn. All supplies should be sent prepaid.

**S. S. AND COLPORTAGE.**—Rev. A. J. Holt, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., of whom all information may be asked and to whom all funds may be sent.

**MINISTERIAL RELIEF.**—Rev. J. B. Lawrence, Chairman of Board; T. E. Glass, Secretary and Treasurer. Address either at Brownsville, Tenn.

For any of the above objects money may be safely sent to W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.**—President, Mrs. A. J. Wheeler. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. C. S. Jackson, 1209 North Cherry Street, Nashville, Tenn. Treasurer, Miss Lucie Cunningham, 1615 North Vine Street, Nashville, Tenn. Recording Secretary, Miss Gertrude Hill. Editor, Miss S. E. S. Shankland. Band Superintendent, Mrs. Laura Dayton Eakin, 304 East Second Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

### A BIT OF FRONTIER EXPERIENCE.

BY A. J. HOLT.

The Texas correspondent to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, my good Brother Thomas R. Muse, made mention a while ago that he is now the pastor at Elgin, where this writer was pastor many years ago.

This reminds me of an experience in connection with the old Perryville church, which was the mother of the Elgin church. I had the honor to be pastor at Perryville for two years before Elgin was in existence, or before the H. & T. R. R. that passes through Elgin to Austin, was built. I was a typical country pastor then. I went to my monthly appointments horseback, preached on Saturday and Sunday and returned home Monday to make

my living, being glad to preach for nothing, I carried with me a Bible and hymn book, announced the notes, and lead the singing.

I had a marvelous meeting at Perryville church in 1871. The community was not noted for law and order, and the little grocery store at the cross roads near the church had organized the unenviable name of "Hog Eye."

During my meeting there was a horse race going on, and two men fell out over a bet, and they met that night at church. One had just arisen for prayers, I myself leading the prayer, while about twenty mourners were at the front bench, when the shooting right in front of the church door began. The prayers came to a close and a panic was about to take place when I called to the congregation to resume their seats, and I called on a certain doctor whom I saw near the door, to repair to the battle ground and report. In a few moments he returned and announced that the battle was over and that Mr. B—— was shot and killed, and Mr. H—— was shot and was in a dying condition, and he asked that I should go out and pray for the dying man. I dismissed the congregation and repaired to the scene of conflict where a crowd of men had gathered, with a "lantern dimly burning," and knelt and prayed, not for the poor wretch that was in the throes of death, whose last act in life was to murder a fellow-being, but I besought God to overrule this sad dispensation to the good of that community and to the saving of souls. The double murder by no means hindered but helped the meeting. Scores professed conversion before the meeting closed and I lead many happy converts into the baptismal waters.

In a year thereafter the railroad was pushed through the country, a depot located at "Hog Eye," and shortly thereafter the Perryville church decided to remove to town. I recall that I had the pleasure of preaching in the school-house, the first and only building in the new town where services could be held, and that I baptized the first person ever baptized in Elgin. The baptism took place in a brickyard pond near by, the whole town witnessing the ceremony, and a Jewish lady among them wept aloud at witnessing for the first time this beautiful ordinance. Shortly after this, and while the town was yet in its infancy, I performed the first marriage ceremony in Elgin, the bride being the daughter of the section foreman and the groom being the railroad agent. They made a delightful couple and were most faithful and efficient members of the church there many years.

Elgin is now a handsome, well-built city, numbering, I suppose, its thousands of inhabitants. But the heart of its first pastor will never cease to recall with joy, some of his early experiences with a most delightful people.

Nashville, Tenn.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Report of Corresponding Secretary for April, 1902.

Letters and postals received..... 97

Written..... 52

#### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED.

Leaflets..... 601

Home Department Booklets and cards..... 55

Home Department envelopes..... —

Home Department cards..... —

Mite barrels..... 72

Mission cards..... 24

Papers..... 8

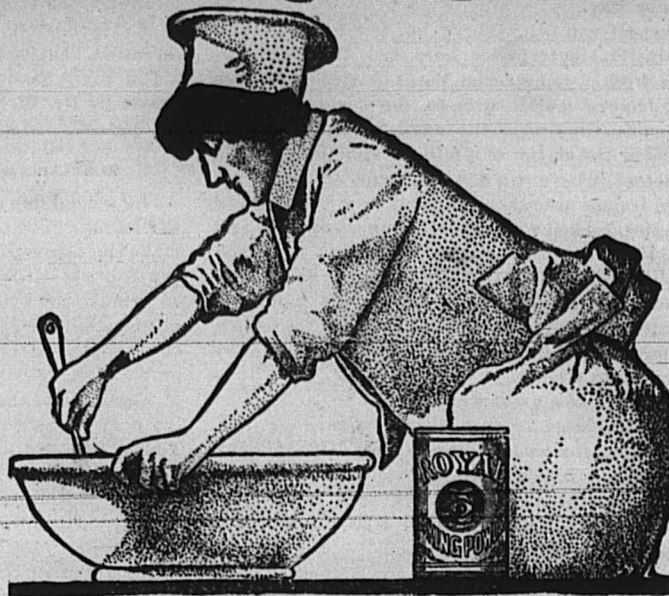
State Mission Literature for April.

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Envelopes..... 8 315

Mimeograph letters..... 3 700

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#### EXPENDITURES.

Debt, \$3.45; mailing State Mission Literature, \$14.08; express, 55 cents; paper and ink, 35 cents; orders for Quarterly Literature, 90 cents; postage, \$3.48; balance on hand, \$8.21. Total, \$31.02.

The above is a very cheerful financial report, showing that our sisters do appreciate the work of the Central Committee, and are ready to assist in carrying it on.

The co-operation of the State Board proves that the brethren, also, value the assistance of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Union and are expecting good results from the special effort for State Missions, May 13-24. Let us not disappoint them. The workers of the Central Committee have done their best in preparing an interesting, thoughtful arrangement of facts and suggestions, all relating to our own beloved Tennessee, the "Volunteer State," in sending them far and near. Who will volunteer to make use of these facts in informing churches and societies of the needs of the hour, of the enemies threatening our peace, of the call for valiant ones who will not only themselves resist the wiles and beware of the snares of the forces of evil, but will hold up the standard of the Lord and be faithful to his Word? Surely, there are heroes among us. Heroic women, as well as men, are demanded when the souls of children are at stake, when Christian homes and schools and chapels and individual holy consecration alone can save. This is a great opportunity presented to us, in the Week of Prayer and Privilege for State Missions. Do not let it pass.

### FROM HICKMAN COUNTY.

The usual complaint of bad crops prevails in this county, added to which is the damage done along Duck River and the creeks by the recent flood. The good roads for which the county is noted are fearfully washed, but the proverbial hospitality of the people is moved by none of these things. It is the only country I have ever known where there is absolutely no prejudice against Missionary Baptists. The people know nothing about them. I can lay off a square forty miles each way—1,600 square miles—some say



fifty miles each way—2,500 square miles—with only one little Baptist church of twenty-three members.

Brother Gupton wrote me that there was a little Baptist church on Beaver Dam Creek, seven miles southwest of Centerville, of good people, with Rev. J. H. Hull as pastor. These are good people, but they are asleep. They are alive to the things of this life, but are not laying up treasures in heaven. They are prospering in farming, merchandising and milling business and are worshipping in a school house and have no prayer meeting nor Sunday school. If you say anything to one of them about aggressive work for the Lord, he answers: "We pay our pastor \$5 a month, and there are only five of us that have to pay it," and here they think their obligations end. They are to be congratulated, however, for doing this much, as it is more than they have ever done before. Still, I have known churches with no more wealth in them to support a pastor for all his time. They have promised pastor Hull if they made a good crop they would build a house of worship.

I came to this church soon after the flood, and found them in the "blues." They gave me very little encouragement till I saw the pastor, who is truly a man of God. He referred me to Brother Mullugin, one of the members, who lives on Duck River and who thought that something could be done. I was about to pull up stakes and go further, but when I saw the faith of Brothers Hull and Mullugin I was encouraged to go forward. "One can put a thousand to flight, and two can chase ten thousand." The results were beyond my expectations. In fact, even Dr. Holt writes: "You are succeeding in that field far beyond my expectations," and that is a good deal for Dr. Holt to say, for he expects great things as well as attempts great things. I find actual destitution where people want me to preach and hold meetings. I am going down Duck River and up Buffalo, the finest bottom land in the State, every acre of which is worth a hundred dollars. In all this region there is not a Missionary Baptist church, and other churches are not numerous. Two-thirds of the heads of families are not Christians. They want preaching. I think I can get a tent; but I want one for this special field. Dr. Holt can tell you whether the reception I am receiving will justify the outlay. I will pay ten dollars myself and will raise that much on the field. Now, will Brother Oakley and other generous friends lay this matter on the hearts of the brethren, and we will get a large tent for this special work. Remember, Brother Oakley, I do not visit large churches; we have none here to visit. Besides, Brother Oakley is right, the colporter ought to be in the destitution. I always get more encouragement in the destitution than I do around the big churches. I apologize to Brother Oakley; I did not understand him. Brother Oakley writes some things hard to be understood about colporters, and such like. But I'll forgive him for all he has said if he will just help us on this tent; and then if he wishes, he can come down and preach in it a week, free of charge, and see one colporter in a real destitution. I wish to add that the prevailing sentiment is Hardshell Baptist. In the recent division the "cant-help-it," absolute pre-destination, two-seeders, are largely in the minority. Those who believe in man's accountability are getting pretty close to the truth. They should be encouraged. They have made a long step towards the Missionary Baptists, and we should help them to accept the whole truth. These "cant-help-its" are largely in

the majority. They hold all the churches as far as I can learn. It is wrong to call them "Hardshells," for they are not. To sum the matter up in a few words, I think this is our opportunity in this field. Some unconverted people here say: "You are Missionary Baptists. You are sending missionaries to China and Africa. Why don't you send some missionaries into this field?" This, we ought to have done, and not left the other undone. B. F. STAMPS.

Centerville, Tenn.

#### SOME KENTUCKY ITEMS.

Dr. J. W. Brounger of Chattanooga has just closed a fine meeting at East church, this city. Dr. J. S. Felix, pastor.

Brother Brounger did good work at this church last spring and was, therefore, secured for another meeting. There were between twenty-five and thirty additions. He is pointed, incisive, practical, and earnest.

The Twenty-sixth and Market Street church, our daughter and closest neighbor, has had some tender and fruitful services under this new pastor, Rev. R. E. Reed, who was assisted by Evangelist Hubbard, a former pastor of Twenty-second and Walnut Street church.

Generally speaking, the Baptist cause in Louisville is quite hopeful, and much earnest and effective work is being done by pastors and churches.

The first two weeks in April we assisted pastor H. A. Sumrell of Danville, in a gracious revival which he appropriately called a "re-dedication" of their new and elegant house of worship. The building is a model in church architecture, and pastor and people are in every way worthy of the edifice. \$25,000 is a fine investment for such a house of worship. Sumrell is one of the ablest, most consecrated, and progressive men in the State, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed him and his noble people. Twenty-seven were received into the church, and, withal, there was an unusual season of spiritual revival and Christian fellowship.

Dr. J. H. Boyet, whom Maysville captured from Third Avenue, is making vigorous progress in his comparatively new field of labor.

We hear many expressions of gratification that Georgetown is to have Dr. E. B. Pollard of Washington, D. C., as pastor after June 1st.

Dr. P. T. Hale is making an admirable beginning at Third church, Owensboro.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones, our unique orator, is much sought after by great Northern churches. We are glad they want him but gladder still that they cannot get him. His work at Broadway has been marvelously blessed and we cannot afford to lose him.

We are beginning our Third year as pastor of Twenty-second and Walnut Street church, which presents one of the greatest fields of usefulness within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We give a brief summary of the work of two years: Pastoral visits, 2,156; sermons preached, 300; addresses, 249; Conferences and Board meetings attended, 212; marriage ceremonies performed, 45; funerals conducted 96; total services attended, 1,156; additions to church, 310, 127 being by baptism, leaving a net gain of 180 and a present enrollment of 1,490. Total contributions amount to about \$11,000. Every department of work is in a healthy and hopeful condition. Our Sunday school averages 420, not what it should be, and yet the largest of any Protestant Sunday school in Kentucky. We turn our faces toward the Lord and the future and expect an ever-increasing blessing. B. H. DEMENT.

#### SOME FACTS CONCERNING NON-CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES IN TENNESSEE.

I have made an honest effort to procure the minutes of each Association in Tennessee and now have all of them but three—New River, Stockton's Valley and Eastern. If anyone can aid me in procuring these, the assistance will be very much appreciated.

These minutes have been carefully perused to ascertain the correct number of churches in the State, and the membership in those churches, and the churches that contribute to one or all the objects fostered by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

There are, according to these minutes, 1,329 churches in the State. In these churches there are 131,108 members. 885 churches contributed during 1901 to Foreign, Home, or State Missions, or to Ministerial Education, or Orphans' Home. Many of them contributing to all of these, others giving to one and not to another. Nearly all the other 444 churches gave to the support of their Associational work, pastor's salary, or to help the poor.

None of the minutes state whether the money was sent directly to the Boards, or to our Treasurer, so that from Brother Woodcock's report at Harriman, which is absolutely correct, we know that some churches sent funds directly to the Foreign and Home Boards, or the Orphans' Home.

There are 950 ordained ministers in the State. Of these there are 400 regular places of preaching. Several of these are students in colleges and seminaries. Others are colporters and yet others are aged ministers who are not able to work.

It is my opinion that many of the churches reported as contributing nothing, do some kind of religious work and would do more if the question of Christian giving were properly laid before them. It is utterly impossible for our Secretary of Missions to do this. His hands are full.

MARTIN BALL, Rec. Sec.  
Paris, Tenn.

#### DEDICATION AT BARFIELD.

Two year ago last August six brethren and sisters met under a large oak tree near the Barfield post office and were constituted into a Baptist church. Five or six others joined at that time and still others since, until they now have a membership of about thirty. Brother C. S. Dillon, of Walter Hill, has continued their pastor from the first and is much loved by this people.

A year ago the brethren feeling the need a house set themselves to work of building it. Though few in numbers and poor in financial strength, they have gone on, and, with the generous help of the people of the community and the kindness of sister churches, they have a neat, comfortable house of worship, which cost about \$700.

The writer held a pleasant and successful meeting with this church last August, and he was requested by the church and the pastor to go on last Sunday and preach a dedicatory sermon.

A splendid congregation greeted him. His text was Jude, 3rd verse, and the people can tell you of the sermon.

The church has a live Sunday school and the whole enterprise seems to have the smile of the Father upon it.

There are some noble saints at that place and we expect large things from them.

Brother Smith of Eagleville and Brother J. A. Carlton were present and assisted in the dedication.

God bless the Barfield church.

J. C. MIDYETT.  
Wincheser, Tenn.

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At the request of the candidate, and the Pierson Baptist church, a council was called on the second Sunday in April, last, by the Trenton Baptist church to consider the propriety of setting apart to the full work of the gospel ministry, Brother M. E. Dodd. The council was composed of Rev. A. T. Moore, pastor of the Hickory Grove Baptist church, and the pastor and deacons of the Trenton Baptist church, and was organized by electing J. M. Senter, moderator, and R. J. Dew, clerk. After listening to Brother Dodd's Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and to a very thorough examination of his views as to Christian doctrines, conducted by pastor J. H. Butler, the council voted unanimously to recommend him to the church. Brother Dodd was then fully ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, Elder A. T. Moore preaching the sermon, Elder J. H. Butler presenting the Bible and delivering the charge to the church, and by the laying on of hands of the eldership. Benediction by the candidate. Brother Dodd is now a student in the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, and is one of our brightest and most promising young men, and we both wish and sincerely pray that he may make a good and faithful minister of Jesus Christ. J. H. BUTLER.

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## THE CONVENTION.

It was a great Convention. The attendance was the largest we have ever had. It is estimated that there were about 3,500 or perhaps 4,000 delegates and visitors present. The delegation itself numbered nearly 1,100—the largest we have ever had, except at Washington in 1895 when there were over 1,100. The speaking and preaching were fully up to the average, and in some instances up to high-water mark. Sunday was almost equal to Sunday at Hot Springs.

The interest was great all the way through and well sustained to the end. The brethren would of course go on excursions and visit the many interesting places around Asheville, but there were always enough to fill the large auditorium. The weather was beautiful—bright, sunshiny and balmy. We have never had finer Convention weather.

The incident which aroused the greatest interest was the Diaz matter. It was exceedingly painful to the Convention to have to adopt a report condemning Diaz, but after the revelations made in the report there seemed nothing else to do. We feel very sorry for Dr. Diaz. We hoped to save him and his work to our denomination, and we labored to do so. But it could not be.

The report of the Committee on Co-operation was adopted without much discussion. The decision to make the Secretaries of our various State Boards a permanent Committee on Co-operation was a happy solution of the problem which has perplexed us for several years.

Asheville was very gracious in her hospitality. We have never had better arrangements made for the Convention. The new auditorium was centrally located and conveniently arranged. Altogether, it was one of the best Conventions we have ever had.

## Convention Notes.

The weather was superb. We have never had finer Convention weather.

The Baptists took Asheville. There has never been a religious body meeting in Asheville which made a greater impression upon it.

Among our Northern visitors were Drs. George Dana Boardman and E. M. Poteat of Philadelphia, Howard L. Jones of New York, J. S. Dickerson of Chicago.

Tennesseans were out in full force. In addition to the seventy-five delegates there were some 100 or more visitors, including a good many ladies. We are sure they all enjoyed the meeting very much.

It was gratifying to see so many pastors from Tennessee present. They came from all over the State. As a result, they will know more about our denominational work and will take more interest in it.

Dr. F. C. McConnell, who preached the Convention sermon, was a mountain boy. He went to school after he was married, first to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and afterwards Mercer University.

The report of the Sunday School Board was received with much gratification. It was a fine report. The receipts of the Board last year amounted to about \$90,000. The Board has a reserve fund of \$50,000, and a building fund of \$12,000.

Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church at Asheville, is a Tennessean. He was born and reared in East Tennessee. He is doing a fine work in Asheville and is very popular. His address of welcome was graceful and gracious.

The total number of delegates present was 1,093. This was the largest delegation ever in attendance upon the Convention, except at Washington, in 1895. In addition to the delegates, there were some 2,500 or 3,000 visitors at the Convention.

The address of Rev. J. J. O'Halloran, who has been missionary in Cuba since 1883, was greatly enjoyed. He spoke in Spanish with much enthusiasm. His address was interpreted by Rev. C. D. Daniel. Mr. Daniel himself also made a fine speech.

The Young People's Union began as a kind of side show to the Southern Baptist Convention, but it has come to be a very important part of the Convention. It is always largely attended and coming first, when the brethren are fresh, it is greatly enjoyed.

Dr. George Cooper, a member of the Foreign Mission Board, stated that on the last day when the books of the Board were opened \$35,000 was received by the Board. If the churches would send up their contributions regularly it would save considerable interest on borrowed money.

Hon. Joshua Levering, who was a candidate for President of the United States on the Prohibition ticket in 1896, was one of the Vice-presidents of the Convention. He is a man of large means. He not only gives largely of his money for the cause of Foreign Missions, but has also given his daughter, who recently went as a Missionary to Japan.

Dr. J. Pike Powers of Knoxville stated that the work of the Foreign Mission Board is carried on at a less rate of interest than any business of similar magnitude with which he is acquainted. It costs only about 8 per cent. for carrying on the work of the Board, while it usually takes from 14 to 16 per cent. to carry on a similar secular business.

The Convention met in the new auditorium, which was built especially for the occasion. It is something like the Nashville Tabernacle, but is

oblong instead of amphitheatrical. With its gallery it will seat about 2,500 people. This was the first meeting held in it. The large choir rendered excellent music and added much to the enjoyment of the meeting.

In his splendid address of welcome, one of the best ever delivered before the Convention, Mr. J. H. Tucker said that Asheville is the densest Baptist population in the world. This is the first time the Convention ever met in the mountain region. The mountain people seemed to appreciate that fact and they turned out in full force. A large number of East Tennesseans were present.

Dr. Madison C. Peters, who spoke so eloquently on the baptizing part of the great Commission, came to the Baptists a few years ago from the Reform Church. He was a very successful pastor and a popular lecturer, but, becoming convinced of the truthfulness of the Baptist position, he resigned his church and joined the Baptists. He is now the pastor of the Immanuel church in Baltimore.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, now pastor in Richmond, Va., formerly pastor of the First Baptist church at Nashville, though called on unexpectedly to occupy the time of an appointed speaker who was absent, made a fine address. He was greeted with applause as he came to the platform. It was a matter of much regret to hear him say that he is very much of an invalid, O. B. but his speech did not give evidence of it.

Everything—including contributions, news items and editorials—has to give way this week to the great Southern Baptist Convention. We are very sorry that we cannot get the full report in this week, but we just did not have the space. Brother Ball reports the Convention in a most vivid and thorough manner. The balance of the report will be published next week.

One of the most pleasant features of the Convention was the banquet given to the alumni of Wake Forest College at the Battery Park Hotel. There were about 125 persons who sat down to the banquet, including some ladies. Most of the alumni were, of course, from North Carolina. But they came also from all over the country—from East, West, North and South. It was a matter of pride to us to be numbered with that company.

One of the most interesting and enjoyable incidents of the Convention was the speech of Rev. Calder T. Willingham, son of Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He has recently been appointed a missionary to Japan, and will soon leave for his field of labor. He made an excellent speech, at the conclusion of which, amid tears, many brethren pressed forward to shake his hand and bid him God speed.

The introduction of Dr. George Dana Boardman to the Convention was quite a pleasant incident. Dr. Boardman is a son of the distinguished missionary, Dr. G. D. Boardman, Sr., and the stepson of the famous Adoniram Judson. He was for over forty years pastor of the First Baptist church, Philadelphia. He was gracefully introduced by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, who stated that the B. in his name stands for Boardman. He had been named for the father of Dr. Boardman.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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Dr. Pitt had scarcely begun speaking on his report before a brother fired at him a question relative to the Cuban situation and he yielded to the question. This put down the gap and for the next half hour Drs. Pitt and F. C. McConnell were veritable question boxes. Much interest was taken in these ques-



tions, and in answering them Dr. Pitt said that now the board had no responsibility for Gethsemane church. Dr. McConnell said the board had deeds to the Havana property; that he did not know if Gethsemane church would contest Dr. Diaz's claim of \$12,000 back salary; that the Board has raised the money that paid for the Havana property and now had the property; that the church in Cuba had not raised a dollar of this money; that he could not say if there would be any question of title, as that was in charge of the board's lawyer.

He also said that the Gethsemane church, of which Dr. A. J. Diaz is pastor, worships in the Jane Building at night, while the American church, of which Rev. C. D. Daniel is pastor, worships in the same building in the morning. Drs. Pitt and McConnell answered all these questions good-naturedly and in an eminently satisfactory manner. However, the audience grew manifestly tired of some of the questions of the last few minutes as they were clearly the repetition of the first questions. Dr. Pitt relieved the audience by the recital of a mirth-provoking story.

#### A NATIVE CUBAN MISSIONARY.

Dr. McConnell asked that Rev. J. R. O'Halloran, a native missionary on the island, and Rev. C. D. Daniel, the Superintendent of the work, be heard. Unfortunately, Brother O'Halloran could not speak English, but Brother Daniel stood at his side and interpreted for him. The interest on the part of the Convention was indescribably intense. He said, in part: "Brethren, emotion overcomes me. I wish you to understand the work we are doing in Cuba. I do not come to you with tears in my eyes but with tears in my soul. I have been your missionary since 1883. I work not for the salary but for Him who died on Calvary's cross. I have been spending my life in missionary work. You have given to Cuba political liberty, now we look to you to give us absolute religious freedom. We are having a hard time down there. The Catholics are fighting us. They tear up our tracts and religious literature, they mock us in that we are so poor we have no house of worship which we can call our own, and they insult us often. They are now trying to take away the 200 students in our Sunday school, some of whom I hope will become as great as George Washington. Many Catholic ladies are doing missionary work which, instead of elevating, is degrading. On Sunday the Jesuit priests play billiards." Bro. O'Halloran spoke in the nervous, emphatic manner peculiar to the Cubans and was unmistakably in earnest. He was called by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot "a steam-engine in breeches." At the conclusion of a very fervidly delivered sentence in Spanish, one brother, to whom Spanish was as unintelligible as Sanskrit, shouted, "Amen!" This provoked great laughter.

The congregation would not allow Brother Daniel to retire without a speech. He briefly remarked that to-day is the day of salvation for Cuba. Spanish cruelty has caused thousands to hate the prevailing religion of Spain and they are in a receptive mood. Rome will soon adjust herself to this situation, but Southern Baptists must be first.

A motion was made by Rev. B. H. Carroll, Jr., of Beard, Ky., that the first order of business for the afternoon session be the report of the committee on time, place and preacher for the next Convention. Brother Carroll stated that this was the paramount issue before the Convention and should have consideration at an early hour. Dr. John D. Jordan, of Savannah, Ga., opposed the motion on the ground that it had not been expected by most of the delegates that a session of the Convention would be held in the afternoon and they would not be present, having made plans for sight-seeing. Dr. Lansing Burrows of Tennessee took issue with Brother Carroll on the proposition that the time and place of meeting is the paramount issue before the Convention and declared that Missions is the most important subject to be considered. He urged the Convention to vote down the motion and meet in the afternoon to finish discussing the work of Home Missions. It was stated that the contest as to the place of meeting would be between Waco, Texas, and Savannah, Ga., and by private agreement of the representatives of the two cities and Dr. R. J. Willingham of the Foreign Mission Board, whose work was the special order for the night, the question was left over to come up at 8 p.m.

Adjourned until 8:30 p.m. Prayer by Dr. B. H. Carroll of Texas.

#### Saturday-Afternoon Session.

At 8:30 a few of the faithful had gathered in the spacious auditorium, but they looked like a corporal's guard as compared with the mighty throngs of the

previous sessions. It having been thought by many that there would be no afternoon session, plans had been made to inspect the superb scenery in the vicinity of the city, and this was done by hundreds. However, those who left are the unfortunates because the session was the most interesting of the entire Convention. President Eagle called the Convention to order and Dr. R. C. Buckner of Texas led in prayer. "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung.

By motion of Dr. T. T. Eaton of Louisville Mr. H. H. Hickman of Augusta, Ga., was made the guest of the Convention.

#### HOME MISSIONS—Continued.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, Texas, presented the report of the committee on Mission Work West of the Mississippi. This report called attention to the great work to be done in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Larger and growing towns in the West without Baptist preaching and many without any preaching at all are springing up daily, and Southern Baptists should feel the obligation to plant the banner of Christ in each of these towns. Dr. Gambrell delivered a great speech on the report and made a strong plea for Texas, notably the storm-swept section around Galveston. He discussed graphically and with much humor the size and resources of the State. Dr. Gambrell is always heard with the keenest kind of interest and was at his best in this capital address.

The Secretary read a telegram from the Board of Trade of Knoxville, Tenn., inviting the Convention to hold its next session in that city.

A telegram was also read from Dr. I. T. Tichenor of Atlanta, Ga., expressing appreciation for the kind telegram of sympathy in his illness dispatched to him from the Convention. This grand old war-horse is very near the hearts of Southern Baptists.

#### WORK AMONG NEGROES.

Dr. J. B. Searcy, of Biloxi, Miss., read the report of the committee on Work Among the Negroes. Rev. A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary of Missions in Mississippi, spoke with enthusiasm on this report and emphasized the importance of work among the negroes. He told of his experience in Mississippi where the black race is so abundant. He said the negroes were imitative of the whites in both good and bad. Mr. Will D. Upshaw, of Georgia, familiarly known over the South as "Earnest Willie," was brought to his feet by his profound interest in the subject and made his maiden address before the Convention. It was characteristically fervid, eloquent and interesting.

Dr. J. W. Warder, of Louisville, Ky., spoke briefly, saying that Institute work for negroes in Kentucky is 100 per cent. greater than a few years ago. He spoke of the great success which had attended his labors in this kind of work.

#### LIMITING WELCOME ADDRESS.

On motion of Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., the speeches in nominating officers at future Conventions were limited to one from the originator of the motion and another from the brother who seconds the nomination. The welcome address was limited by the motion to fifteen minutes and the response to ten minutes. This motion was most heartily and enthusiastically carried. Since the Convention is never entertained now on the free plan it seems rather incongruous to hear a welcome address of an hour to that for which the delegates pay from \$1 to \$5 per day.

Rev. William Pfeiffer, a German Missionary of the Home Board in Baltimore, spoke in broken English, briefly and well, of the work among the people of his nationality. He strongly emphasized the necessity of preaching the gospel among the foreigners.

Rev. J. V. Vermillion of Texas served notice that at the next meeting of the Convention, an amendment to the Constitution would be offered changing the basis of representation from a money to a numerical basis.

Rev. A. G. Washburne of the Indian Territory, himself an Indian, spoke with much interest of the work among the Indians. He told graphically of their condition and advocates strongly the spreading and enlarging of the missionary work among them.

A motion was made to adjourn and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. T. S. Dunaway of Virginia.

#### Saturday-Night Session.

At 7:40, President James P. Eagle called the Convention to order. It seemed that every available space in the auditorium was occupied, hundreds standing around the walls. The opening prayer was offered by Dr. E. E. Bomar of Richmond, Va.

#### Time, Place, and Preacher.

Dr. T. T. Eaton of Louisville, Ky., submitted the report of the committee on time, place and preacher for the next Convention. The report recommended Friday before the second Sunday in May as the time; Savannah, Ga., as the place and Dr. B. H. Carroll of Waco, Texas, as the preacher; alternate, Rev. W. M. Vines of Asheville, N. C. At the conclusion of this report, Dr. B. H. Carroll, the giant leader of Texas Baptists, took the floor and made a statement declining to preach the Convention sermon for two reasons: First, because his brother, J. M. Carroll, was on the nominating committee. Second, because Waco, Texas, the town in which he lived was contesting with Savannah as the next place of meeting for the Convention, and if it should go there he had rather some other brother should preach the sermon. He said for him to be put on as a preacher would handicap Waco's chances to get the Convention.

Dr. Carroll then launched out on a speech which, by agreement with the advocates of those interested in the chances of Savannah to get the Convention, was to be brief. He said in part: "I offer an amendment to the resolution to strike out the word Savannah and substitute Waco. I have with me a communication, which I shall not read, from the mayor of Waco, inviting you to that city, and also an invitation from the Business Men's Club. The mayor himself is here to-night. Savannah is too near Asheville. The unity of the Convention depends upon the alteration principle of selection. The Convention should hold its session where the possibility of strongly impressing the largest number of people is greatest. If you come to Waco you reach 3,000,000 people. Double the number of people will attend your meetings at Waco. We have abundant room for you. Six railroads pass through the city."

At the conclusion of Dr. Carroll's speech, Dr. J. B. Moody of Hot Springs, Ark., moved that a compromise be effected and that the Convention go to Hot Springs. This motion was heartily seconded.

Dr. John D. Jordan of the First Church, Savannah, Ga., made a brief, but fervent, speech in favor of his city as the next meeting place of the Convention. He called attention to the many times the Convention has met in Texas since it went to Savannah and forcefully portrayed the advantages of Savannah as to a suitable hall in which to hold the sessions and many boarding houses for the entertainment of the delegates.

Dr. J. J. Taylor of Norfolk, Va., made a motion to re-commit the matter to the committee with instructions to report in favor of Waco, and nominating a preacher who has never delivered a Convention sermon. He made a brief speech in advocacy of his motion.

Hon. J. W. Riggins, Mayor of Waco, was introduced by Rev. B. H. Carroll, Jr., and made a telling speech in favor of the Convention going to his town. In part, his address was:

"In behalf of 80,000 people I invite you to come to us and I believe if you could put your ear to the key-hole of the hearts of 3,000,000 people of whom we form the nucleus, you would hear them say, 'Come to Texas'."

He was followed by Gov. W. J. Northen of Georgia who advocated the interests of Savannah. The interest grew with the discussion and by the final vote it was decided that Savannah should be the next place of meeting and Rev. W. J. Williamson of the Third church, St. Louis, Mo., was reported as the preacher.

(Concluded in next Week's Issue.)



## The Home.

### CATCHING OLD CRUSTY.

There lived in the town of B—— an old and apparently friendless man known to many persons as "Old Crusty," and the name seemed to fit him well, and to describe his bearing toward his neighbors. It was rumored that he was a miser, and this did not add to the little respect people seemed to have for him. He lived in one or two rooms of an old house in the outskirts of town, while he rented the rest of the house to anyone so poor as to be forced to occupy such undesirable rooms.

His tenants one year were a poor widow and her five children. The two oldest, one a boy of twelve years named Walter, the other, Bryce, a year younger—two sturdy little fellows—did what they could to assist their mother, which was enough to keep them from being very poor.

They moved into the house with a marked distrust of Old Crusty. They had heard much against him, and their impression of the old man when they saw him confirmed what they had heard.

He was in his own rooms most of the time, however, and manifested some desire to be friendly when he met the boys, but they would have none of him.

"I despise a miser," said Bryce, stoutly, "and I don't want anything to do with one."

Soon after they moved into the house the widow scraped enough money together to buy half a ton of coal at once. The coal was put into the shed, side by side with Old Crusty's coal, only a board partition separating the two bins.

"You don't suppose he would take any of our coal, do you?" asked Walter, of his mother.

"No," she replied. "I never suspect persons of doing wrong things until I have cause."

"Don't you think our coal goes pretty fast?" asked Bryce one cold day a week or two later.

"Yes," replied his mother, "but it has been so cold we have had to use a great deal of it."

"It's my honest opinion that Old Crusty helps himself to a hodful of our coal once in a while," said Bryce to Walter a day or two later.

"I shouldn't wonder. Misers will do anything rather than spend money. What makes you think he takes our coal?"

"Well, he's out there so often, and nearly every night I hear him there after dark shoveling coal. He knows very well that we could see him in the daytime, because there's a window right in front of our bin."

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The result of their confidence was that the boys decided to watch Old Crusty. The very next night, just before they went to bed, they heard their landlord leave his room and go out. Then they heard also his coal-hod strike against the wall as he walked along.

"He's after more of our coal. I'm sure of it!" whispered Walter to Bryce. Their mother had just gone

## WHAT A SAMPLE BOTTLE OF SWAMP-ROOT DID.

W. F. Lohnes, a prominent business man of Springfield, Ohio, writes the following strong endorsement of the great kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, to the editor of the Springfield, Ohio, Republic:

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 21st, 1901.

"Having heard that you could procure a sample bottle of Swamp-Root free, by mail, I wrote to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle and it was promptly sent. I was so pleased after trying the sample bottle that I sent to the drug store and procured a supply. I have used Swamp-Root regularly for some time and consider it unsurpassed as a remedy for torpid liver, loss of appetite and general derangement of the digestive functions. I think my trouble was due to too close confinement in my business. I can recommend it highly for all liver and kidney complaints. I am not in the habit of endorsing any medicine, but in this case I cannot speak too much in praise of what Swamp-Root has done for me."

43½ West High St. *W. F. Lohnes.*

The mild and the extraordinary effect of the world famous kidney, and bladder remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue, fatal results are sure to follow.

We often see a friend, a relative, or an acquaintance apparently well, but in a few days we may be grieved to learn of their severe illness, or sudden death, caused by that fatal type of kidney trouble—Bright's Disease.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—If you are sick, or "feel badly," begin taking the famous new discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book telling all about Swamp-Root and containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women who owe their good health, in fact their very lives to the great curative properties of Swamp-Root. In writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to say that you read this generous offer in the Nashville BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

to bed, and the boys just slipped out unobserved. It was a clear, moonlight night, and they could distinctly see Old Crusty through the cracks in the building. They watched him steadily until he left the coal-shed.

When they came into the house their mother called out, "Where have you been, boys?"

"Oh, just out to the coal-shed!" replied Walter, in a strangely subdued tone.

"What were you doing out there this time of the night?"

"Oh, we were—well, we were watching Old Crusty," said Walter, who always told the simple truth.

"What was he doing?"

"Well, he—he—the fact is, mother, he was shoveling coal from his bin into ours, that's what he was doing—the generous old fellow! I don't see what makes people tell such yarns about him! After this I'm not going to believe all I hear."

### ODDEST FAMILY.

The oddest family that the world perhaps ever saw once dwelt in old Ipswich, Suffolk County, England, says the *Montreal Herald*. It was in the reign of William III that this family lived and the records of Ips-

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W. F. LOHNES.

rich and well connected. But the rest, strange as it may seem, neither city nor country lassies looked upon with sufficient favor to marry any of them.

The husband's hair was jet black and the wife's hair white, and all the boys had red hair. The odd father of these seven odd boys accidentally fell into a deep pit and starved and froze to death before discovered. The odd wife with the white hair afterward refused to eat, and in five days died. The death of the husband and wife occurred in the year 1701.

In the years 1703 Ezekiel enlisted in the Grenadier Guards, and, though wounded in twenty-three different places, recovered sufficiently to be sent home. In the year 1713 Roger, James, Matthew, Jonas and David died on the same day, each living away from the other in different places. In the year 1723 Solomon and Ezekiel were drowned together while crossing the river Thames.

This odd family history can be fully substantiated by the records of old Ipswich.

### INWARD BEAUTY.

Heroism, purity, tenderness, devotion to duty, weave a halo round the brow and plant an angel in the face. Milton and Dante, Keats and Wesley, Roberson of Brighton and James Martineau, all illustrate this law. The body is the soul's interpreter, and there is a gospel of the face as well as a gospel of the printed page.

How often we have marked the fact that tenderness and truth have refined and transfigured plain faces, while envy and discontent have made faces, which were naturally finely modeled, unlovely and unattractive.

If we were asked what was the loveliest thing we ever saw, and if we thought deeply enough, we should answer, the face of our sainted mother—her eyes beaming with tenderness, her hair whitening with the blossoms of the tree of life.

And this is the beauty which wears—the beauty caught from the inner spirit which death cannot touch, but which in a diviner world will behold the King in his beauty and grow toward that perfect loveliness forever and forever.—*Great Thoughts.*

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, SALEM FEMALE ACADEMY, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., MAY 22-29, 1902.

For above occasion the Southern railway will sell tickets at extremely low excursion rates to Winston-Salem, N. C., and return May 20th and 21st for trains arriving at Winston-Salem forenoon of May 22nd; also May 23rd and 24th from points within a radius of two hundred miles of Winston-Salem, N. C.,—final limit for return May 31st, 1902. From points beyond a radius of two hundred miles tickets will be sold May 20th and 21st at one fare for the round trip limited for return until May 31st, 1902; except by deposit of ticket with joint agent at Winston-Salem on or before May 21st, and on payment of fee of 50 cents an extension not exceeding June 15th, 1902, may be secured. For further information call on any ticket agent of the Southern railway.



## THE YOUNG SOUTH

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Young South Motto: *Qui non proficit, deficit.*

Our missionary's address: Mrs. Bessie Maynard, 141 Machi, Kokura, Japan, via San Francisco, Cal.

Mission topic for May—MEXICO and BRAZIL.

The Southern Baptist Convention has fifteen missionaries in Mexico and seventeen in Brazil. In Mexico there are thirty-six churches and in Brazil thirty-five. In the former country there are 1,341 members, in the latter, 1,932. In Brazil last year 449 were baptized; in Mexico, 208. Give these facts to your classes, bands and societies.

"Missions move on many wheels. Some give money, others prayers, planning, others words and influence. Some give themselves and all they possess. Are we doing to the extent of our ability?"—W. M. U. Program for May.

### BIBLE LEARNERS.

Learn 1st Cor. 1:17-18. Then think of the power of this gospel we are sending to the lost, at home and abroad, and resolve that with God's help you will work harder.

### THE COIN-GATHERERS.

On May 3, I sent a little "Souvenir Book" to each one who sent me a filled coin-taker in April, whose name and address were given me. There were twenty-two on my list. If I overlooked any one, let me hear immediately.

This month I am going to send the successful coin-gatherers a new style of "Bible Button" with which to pin on our yellow and brown colors, so that when anyone asks, "what is this?" they can answer: "I work for Jesus in Japan!" Who will come first?

But please let me beg you to be more careful in sealing the dimes. Yesterday there came a letter from Mississippi marked "received in bad order." Some of the dimes had slipped out and worn a way of exit in the envelope, and when I opened it, out they came tumbling into my lap. Fortunately, though, not one had gotten out. The whole ten were there, but I counted them in greatest trepidation. Dampen the whole sheet well and press it down carefully.

There is one coin-taker reported "lost" this morning, the very first one that has met that sad fate. It was sent three weeks ago by Miss Bessie D. Stephenson, Chestnut Ridge, Tenn. I am exceedingly sorry, as she was the first member of the Young South to order the new help. Will she ask her postmaster to try to trace it? I

will do all I can at this end of the line. Does she remember who mailed it for her? Did she forget and address Mrs. Eakin at Nashville, instead of Chattanooga? I hope sincerely it may yet be found. I have often gotten money from Chestnut Ridge. Let us hope she may not be discouraged, but work on with us.

Send them on these lovely May-days. A "Bible Button" for every ark or coin-taker sent in May. Write the name and post office address of the collector plainly on the one used. I have had several with no name whatever, and a number with a name and no address. This gives me extra trouble, and makes delay.

### YOUNG SOUTH CORRESPONDENCE.

I wonder if you guessed this was the week of the "Spring Festival" in Chattanooga, and that in consequence every thing and every body would be demoralized. At any rate I have not the usual quota of letters; but you have done so well the first two weeks of flowery May, that I have not the heart to scold the least bit. Next week you'll make it up, I'm sure.

First of all let me give you a few kind words from our beloved Secretary of the Foreign Board:

"Many thanks to the Young South; I want to tell you how much I appreciate your great help in this work of the Master."

"My dear boy, Calder, was appointed Saturday afternoon, as a Missionary to Japan. He expects to go out about September. Pray with us for him, that the Lord will make him a mighty winner of souls."

"We close the year with all debts paid." R. J. WILLINGHAM, Cor Sec'y.

And so do we!

The Young South Missionary has received all her salary from May 1, 1901 to May 1, 1902. Does not your heart respond: "Praise God?" How glad I am that he has used us another year.

Now for our ninth year. Is she to be our very own another year? I think I hear, "Yes! Yes!!!" from all over the Young South territory. Very well. Stand by me again. Dear Dr. Willingham, the Young South pledges once more to pay the salary of our beloved Mrs. Maynard for a year. May God help us to do it promptly.

And if we can do more than raise her

SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS

we will devote it to the support of this dear boy of yours. Oh, how paltry seem our little offerings, when we think of this great gift that Dr. and Mrs. Willingham are making with such holy joy in their hearts. The tears come to my eyes at the thought of what it must cost them. I know the dear mother, and I love her most tenderly, and I wish I could throw my arms about her and show the sympathy I feel for her; and yet I envy her. To give a child to Jesus' work is sublime. To be blessed with a son, anxious to carry the good tidings to the end of the earth, ought to bring greater joy than any thing earth can give. May God be with these godly parents as they give this talented, consecrated young man, in the prime of his promising youth, to the work they love so well. May he be indeed, a soul winner. I remember him as a bright-faced, courteous little lad, and shall watch his career with the deepest solicitude. Shall we not work doubly hard for Japan, then, this year.

No. 2 brings us a coin-taker from a Mississippi friend who begs to be nameless. Many thanks.

I know you will smile when I tell you that No. 2 comes from our devoted "Antioch Band" that used to be. They went westward some months ago, but I have felt sure all the time that when they reached a haven of rest, the Young South would not be forgotten; and here's what proves that I was right. It is dated "Lakeview Ranch," Under Cliffs, Colorado, and says:

"It seems a long time since we last wrote the Young South, and now, for the first time, we send greetings as Coloradans, and \$2 for our missionary in Japan."

"We have anxiously watched the Young South page, fearing lest we fail to raise her salary in full. But last week we rejoiced to learn it had been done, and the full amount was in hand."

"We have at last found our ideal home, and henceforth you may think of us as happily settled."

### THE WESTERN BAND.

Hats off! Handkerchiefs out! Let's give our "Western Band" a famous send-off and glad greeting. There now, they know how each and every one of us welcomes them back. From little Antioch in Middle Tennessee they have borne to a Colorado ranch the same love for Jesus and his work. Will not Mrs. Herd tell us more of the new life? What gospel privileges have they? We will be so delighted to have a longer letter, that will make us more alive to the opportunities of the great West. It goes without telling how much we appreciate the offering from the new home. May it be filled with all blessings!

No. 3 is from Hilleville and renews Miss Pattle-Powell's subscription to the *Foreign Journal*, and acknowledges the reception of the little "souvenir book." Many thanks.

No. 4 brings a May coin-taker from those dear little indefatigables at Wartrace. This time it is Alma Halliburton who sends in ten shining dimes. She shall have a "button" as soon as the May returns are all in. God bless that devoted little Band of Miss Arnold's. They do her great credit.

No. 5 is from Memphis and brings \$2.00 from the "Junior Missionary Society" of the First church. They have had our dear Mrs. Maynard with them to their great delight. We are so pleased to welcome them to Young South ranks. Will Miss Martha Briggs bear to them a glad message of welcome and sincerest gratitude?

No. 6 closes our rather short list to-day most splendidly. It bears date Rankins:

"Our little Mission Band at Rankins has seemed more like 'shut ins' than Sunbeams; but since the dark winter clouds have taken flight, they send in a little offering,

FIVE DOLLARS

for Mrs. Maynard's salary, and twelve cents for some coin-takers."

"MATTIE MAE MORGAN."

We cannot consent to call five dollars a "little" offering. No indeed. That's a big gift, and we prize it this week particularly, and thank you much.

That's all. Now bend on your oars and row hard the rest of May.

Gratefully yours,

LAURA DAYTON EAKIN.  
Chattanooga.

### FROM MEXICO.

I am pleased to call your attention to a composition written recently by a little girl from "The States," whose education has been received in Mexico. She did not write it for publication, and indeed does not know I am going to give it to the readers of the Young

South, but I am sure you will find it interesting:

### A TRIP TO TOLUCA.

Morelia is a city which is beautifully situated between lakes and trees. It is the State of Michoacan. It is, I am sorry to say, mostly inhabited by Catholics, and we were the only Americans there besides a little family of three, and they were partly French. Morelia has an unusually good market—better than that of Toluca.

Toluca is a big city, a little south-east of Morelia. It is not so large as Morelia and not so good a city to live in, as it is very dusty and dry. Morelia has 35,000 inhabitants and Toluca has 30,000. Mrs. Kate Mahon, (I call her "Miss Kate") and her two children, Robert, aged four years, and Elizabeth, age four months, were my companions. We got on the train at four o'clock in the evening and were on it until eight at night. The railroad was so fixed that we had to go way, way, way up north, and then come down south. So we had a longer trip than we should have had if the railroad went straight to Toluca. But it was as pleasant as it was fine. A small part of my trip was over the water, although we were on the train. Thousands, and maybe millions of geese and ducks flew up as soon as the train came in sight. Many Indians lived on the other side of the lake. Little Indian huts were scattered here and there between the trees. Little Indian and Mexican girls came running out to see the train as it passed by their homes. The little Indian girls often had their little baby sisters or brothers, or sometimes their little nephews or nieces on their backs, while the Mexicans carried their infants in their arms, wrapped up in their rebozos. The little boys came running out as well as the little girls, and sometimes mothers and grandmas came out also. Although it was an every-day sight for them, they still enjoyed it. The little boys and girls ran along trying to keep up with the train, but were easily outrun before they had gone a hundred yards. The women laughed and called them to come back, but they would keep on even if they did get tired, thinking that was half of the fun. The passengers sometimes threw out pennies, dimes or nickles for the children to pick up.

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## XANTHINE!

PROF. HERTZ GREAT GERMAN  
HAIR RESTORATIVE

Why are you not a user of Xanthine?

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And they are all charmed with it. Its delightful effect in keeping the head and hair in perfect condition, preventing dandruff, causing growth, and—though not a dye—restoring natural color, if gray or faded, cannot be equalled. It never fails to make a friend of a user.

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For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.



## YOUNG SOUTH.

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We spent that night in Acanabaro. In the morning we had to get up, get breakfast and take the train at nine o'clock. We reached a dinner station a little before twelve o'clock, but we were hungry a long time before we got there. When we stopped at a little station we saw a little boy with some *enchiladas* to sell. We gladly bought them and ate them as we were quite hungry. We saw very many other eatables for sale by other people.

Little girls, with heavy babies on their backs, were trying to halloo out their wares louder than the boys, but I think the babies on their backs cried louder than any of them hallooed. Bottles of beer, cups of coffee, bread, *tortillas*, boiled chicken, and many other things were sold by bare-footed women, dirty-looking men and laughing, mischievous boys. At last we reached the dinner station, and we were very glad to get off the train and walk about while the others took dinner. (We had had our dinner two hours before.) At last we got to Toluca, and you may be sure that two very happy fathers met us at the station when we got there. Mr. Mahon and my father, who had sort of a surprise, for he did not know his little girlie was coming. E. C.

## CHILDREN'S DAY.

Are you going to observe it in June? Send to Dr. J. M. Frost, Nashville, Tenn., for literature. He will furnish you a lovely program. Give the children the right of way once a year in the house of God. It will do them good and quicken the missionary spirit in the "grown-ups," and the church will do better work in consequence. If the superintendent will take it in hand he will never be sorry. The W. M. U. furnishes the program, and that is a guarantee of its excellence. You can adapt it to your own surroundings, or you can arrange your own. Only be sure to observe Children's Day in June. L. D. E.

## RECEIPTS.

April offerings.....	\$109.92
First week in May, 1902.....	25 78
Second week in May, 1902....	32 57
Third week in May .....	

## FOR JAPAN.

Mississippi friend (coin-taker)...	1 00
Alma Halliburton, Wartrace, (coin-taker) .....	1 00
Western Band, Colorado.....	2 00

## A Texas Wonder.

## HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

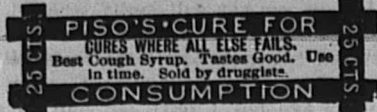
One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and Page & Sims, Nashville, Tenn.

## READ THIS!

Martin, Tenn., June 3, 1901.

This is to certify that I have used Hall's Texas Wonder for kidney trouble and have never found anything its equal. Its merits are wonderful. Try it, as I did, and be convinced.

REV. R. C. WHITNELL.



Junior Miss. Soc., First church, Memphis, by Miss Briggs..... 2 00  
Rankin Sunbeams, by M. M. Morgan..... 5 00

## FOR FOREIGN JOURNAL.

Miss Pattie Powell, Hillville.... 25  
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## THE COLPORTERS, ETC.

Recently there has been a great deal said pro and con concerning the colporters, and I desire a word.

I am not willing to see the charge made, and go unchallenged, that the colporters "spend much of their time with the best churches that they may be able to make the best report," etc.

I have not spent much of my time with the "best churches." My work has been confined to the weaker churches and those destitute communities. And I admit that we often find it "lonesome business out yonder," among the superstitious, ignorant classes. But it is here that the work is needed, and it is here, I think, that the work is being done. I can speak for myself, only.

I shall refer to my work in one community, if I may be allowed—New Prospect, in Grainger County. When I first went to this church it had no pastor, no Sunday school, the "Holiness Band" was holding services in the church, some of the members had gone off after this false doctrine, and everything was at a low ebb. I preached the second Saturday and Sunday in January of this year at this church. A week later I was asked to hold a revival, which I did, by the help of God. Forty souls professed Christ as their Saviour, twenty-two of whom joined the New Prospect Baptist church during the meeting. The church now has a splendid pastor, Brother Eugene Wyckham, of Rutledge, Tenn.

The first Sunday in April the Sunday school was re-organized with fine prospects for a successful year. And for the first time in many years has a Baptist for its superintendent and is using our own denominational literature. It now looks like a Baptist church.

I sold one book, "The Little Baptist," in this community, which was the direct cause of a young lady joining the Baptist church.

I am spending my time, as nearly as possible, with the non-contributing churches. I find a great deal of opposition to my work by those, only, who are on the "gospel mission" fence. If unity existed in our ranks the colporters would be able to accomplish more. But so long as adverse criticism is indulged in of the State Board, the colporters, etc., the progress that would otherwise be made will not, cannot, be made. If a few words of encouragement could be heard "out yonder where it is

lonesome," that alone would help mightily.

I think the colporters should tell where they stand, thus setting themselves right.

Dr. M. D. Early has returned from the Dallas Reunion and reports a fine time. His church here has given, during the last year, about \$115 to missions.

Brother W. C. Hale's churches are moving along finely.

Brother P. H. C. Hale's churches are in good condition, and all is going well.

Sunday night I organized a new Sunday school, five miles north of Morristown.

A good number will go to the Convention from this place.

May the Lord bless the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, the editor, and the interests of our denominational enterprises.

GEO. P. HAYES,

Colporter, Nolachucky Association.

P. S.—I shall be able to send in two subscriptions in a few days toward sending our beloved editor to the European countries. Let the colporters interest themselves in this movement.

## ROANE COLLEGE.

On April 20th Rev. W. C. McPherson, Baptist, of Holt's Corner, thirty-five miles south of Nashville, preached the baccalaureate sermon in George Jones memorial. His subject was "The Greatness of John the Baptist." The sermon was rich in thought and made a deep impression on all who heard it.

McPherson is a young man with broad experience. During his ministerial life he has been pastor of New Port, Third, Belle Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn., Platte City, Ala. from which place, on account of his wife's health, he went to his present work. He graduated from Carson & Newman College in 1899.

At 2:30 p. m., Friday, Rev. J. E. Hughes delivered the literary address. His subject was "A Vision of Life Through the Poets." The address "Sparkled with literary gems and flashed with pyrotechnic flights of imagination from exordium to peroration." The Board of Trustees conferred on the above speaker the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

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### BIBLE SCHOOL AT JACKSON.

Complete arrangements have now been made for the Bible School which has already been announced to take place at the Southwestern Baptist University in Jackson. It will be held only four days, beginning Monday, May 26th, and lasting until the 28th. Among the lecture secured are the well known names of Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Drs. E. E. Folk and A. J. Holt, of Nashville, and Brother B. W. Spilman, of the Sunday School Board. The exercises this year are expected to be particularly interesting; and since the session is so short, everybody can spare the time to attend, and to remain all through the proceedings. Free entertainment will be provided for all ministerial brethren. All who purpose to come are requested to send their names at once, either to Dr. G. M. Savage, President of the S. W. B. U., or to Dr. David Heagle, dean of the Theological Department.

The Convention is in full blast. It is full of interest, and Baptists have possession of the city. The addresses of Dr. Madison C. Peters, of Baltimore, on Baptism Thursday night, followed by Dr. Green of Missouri, before the Baptist Young People's Union I believe will work a new epoch in the history of the Baptists. Eternal truth is what we need. J. T. OAKLEY.

The opening services of the Dickson Baptist church will be held June 1st. Cheap rates from Nashville. Free entertainment for all who attend. Come! C. W. GREGORY.

### THE CAUSE AT CHARLESTON.

On last Sunday, by invitation from the pastor, Rev. G. Lee, I visited New Friendship church, and a new kind of friendship it was. The good kind, the best kind, the substantial kind that

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made all hearts glad. We have been struggling for some time to build a Baptist church house in Charleston, and the churches of the State are coming slowly to our relief, but surely would perhaps do more if they knew the cause was a worthy one. New Friendship takes the lead. After presenting the cause in a brief manner, showing what had been done and what was still to be done, the appeal was responded to by the pastor and our generous and big hearted Brother Jno. T. Cate. In less time than it takes to write this the church had contributed \$31.00. This is the more generous because of the fact that they were repairing, repainting and reseating their own church, and postponed the collection to finish their own church that we might have a better contribution.

Is this not the spirit of Christ? No wonder the services closed with an old-fashion hand-shaking, while tears of joy gleamed in many eyes. May God bless the good people of New Friendship, as well as all the churches that have opened their hearts to our cause.

W. H. RUNIONS,  
Missionary and Colporter.  
Charleston, Tenn.

The cause at Charleston is a most worthy one, and it is being carried on under the auspices of the State Board.

A. J. HOLT,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### FORDYCE CHURCH VINDICATES HERSELF AND PASTOR.

Inasmuch as it has been published in the *Arkansas Baptist* that Shady Grove church, of Judson Association, has passed resolutions against the Convention, we desire to say that there are two Shady Grove churches in Judson Association. Fordyce church is Shady Grove No. 1, and has passed no such resolutions.

It has also been reported by Ben M. Bogard in the *Arkansas Baptist* that Fordyce church is practically unanimous in its opposition to the Missionary Secretary and that there are not more than three men in the church on the Secretary's side. He also says: "How long pastor Cole can keep them from speaking out is a question."

We positively affirm that Bogard's report is untrue and does us and our pastor an injustice. We are loyal to our pastor and to the Convention and contribute to every interest fostered by the same.

Adopted by the church in Conference, without a dissenting vote, Sunday, April 27, 1902. R. L. COLE, Mod.  
Fordyce, Ark.

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### OREGON NEWS.

Your editorial on "The name Campbellite" was very good. Why, my dear brother, these "nameless brethren" out here want to be called "Christ's church," and even Baptists sometimes humor this whim by so addressing them. I never do it. These must belong to the Hardshell wing as they are opposed to Sunday schools, societies in the church or out of it, secret fraternities and organs in a church. They call an organ a "bellowing calf." How is that for non-progressiveness?

You are striking some hard blows in favor of the temperance cause and I say God bless you in the fight.

At Fossil we are a little discouraged just now. Three good families have moved away. That is a great fault with these Western people—they are too restless. One year a church may be independent the next a struggling mission. I baptized two young ladies here Easter. Our report to the Association will be quite encouraging.

At Condon, where I go once a month, the work is very encouraging. At our last monthly meeting two were received by letter. The church has bought a lot to build a parsonage upon and will order a good bell at our next monthly meeting. We hope to locate a Tennessee preacher on this field during the summer.

Condon is the County site of a County in which there is not a single Baptist pastor. In fact, I am the only Baptist pastor in two Counties. I am the only pastor of any kind in Condon and live in Fossil. There are in Condon five churches viz. Catholic, Congregational, Campbellite (Christ's?) church (?) Mormon and Baptist. The Mormons have an elder to preach sometimes on Sunday morning. The Methodists have one "circus rider" in the county and this is all told as to religious advantages for Gilliam County. I can not begin to tell you how destitute this Oregon country is of the gospel. J. W. MOUNT.

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Dr. R. R. Acree of the First Baptist church preached two good sermons yesterday to attentive audiences. Sunday school flourishing. The attendance was increased to 293, the infant class numbering seventy-nine. We are anticipating a great meeting, commencing May 12th. Dr. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., will assist the pastor. Mr. Oscar Seigle, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will conduct the music. MEMBER.  
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### PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

Nashville.

Edgefield.—Pastor Rust preached at both hours: Subjects: "The Present Day Prejudice Against Theory," and "The Mechanical Law Applied to Spiritual Life," very large congregations.

Seventh.—Brother Claiborne preached in the morning on "The Praying Church;" Brother Gregory preached at night; good services.

North Edgefield.—Brother C. M. Gregory preached in the morning and Brother L. B. Jarmon at night; good day.

Belmont Mission.—Fifty in Sunday school; good interest; Brother Gupton will preach every Sunday night.

Raines Avenue.—Forty-two in Sunday school.

First.—Dr. Heagle of Jackson, Tenn., preached in the morning and lectured at night on "Solomons Temple;" very fine audiences; Pastor Burrows at the Convention.

Central.—Brother S. M. Gupton preached at both hours; Subjects: "Confessing Christ" and "God's Law, our Standard;" 284 in Sunday school; Pastor Lofton at Convention.

Centennial.—Pastor Stewart preached at both hours to good congregations; 121 in Sunday school; collected deficit on Sunday school rooms.



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## OBITUARY.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted by the Pikeville Baptist church, regarding the death of W. W. Henson:

Whereas, It has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst Brother W. W. Henson, one of the most faithful members of the Pikeville Baptist church; and,

Whereas, He has, during his connection with us, shown himself to be a high-toned Christian, faithful in the office of the deaconate, wise in the discharge of his duties as a church member, efficient and conscientious as a Bible class teacher in the Sunday school, and ever ready to assume his share of the obligations in supporting his church as well as reflecting the image of Christ in his conduct as a citizen;

Be it, therefore, resolved in this regular church conference of the Pikeville Baptist church of April 27, 1902:

1. That, in the death of our beloved brother, this church has sustained a great loss, but that we bow submissively to the Father of Spirits, knowing that he has made no mistakes.

2. That the example he has left us is worthy of our most heartfelt endorsement and imitation.

3. That the church extend to the bereaved family their most tender sympathy in their great sorrow.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the bereaved loved ones who remain to mourn their loss, and that the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and the Pikeville Banner be also furnished each a copy for publication.

Drawn by order of the church in Conference assembled, April 27, 1902.

T. V. McREYNOLDS,  
J. W. BARKER,  
W. J. RAINY  
Committee.

**NOTE.**—The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Alexander, from the late residence of Mr. Henson, on April 19. The large gathering of friends and acquaintances on that occasion bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held.

**TOON.**—The hand of death has removed from the sufferings, afflictions, disappointments, and diseases of earth to the ecstatic joys, the thrilling raptures, and the ineffable glory of the heavenly paradise, little Minerva Toon, eight years old last Christmas. She first saw the light of day in Robertson County, two miles from Adairville, Ky. Through a mysterious providence Minerva was not permitted to hear the songs of birds that filled forest and field with their sweet minstrelsy; nor the voice of mother, whose lullaby soothed to sleep and repose; nor the words of father, whose loving cheer and wise counsels, affectionate tones would have been a delight to the devoted daughter; nor the ringing laughter of playmates whom Minerva loved so passionately. She was denied the sweet privilege of hearing the names of father and mother, and of conversing, by tongue, with her numerous little friends and companions.

In the absence of vocal communications Minerva demonstrated her

brightness of intellect and fertility of invention by creating a vernacular of her own. Her mind was developed beyond her years, and her characterizations of people were unique. She was the child of affliction. Her little sister was the first one taken from a happy, Christian home; then her mother, Mrs. Sallie (Burr) Toon, preceded her nearly three years to the sweetness of supernal felicity. Then, about two years ago, her father, Brother Berry Toon, a noble, Christian man, was called suddenly to quit the walks of life and "inherit the Kingdom."

Since Christmas her grandmother Burr passed to her heavenly reward. Her two grandfathers, uncles and aunts were devoted to Minerva, and her departure, after ten days' sickness of pneumonia, is a great sorrow.

Her brief life had much of light and joy in it. It has been a blissful transition for the noble spirit that broke away from the frail, suffering tenement to the realm of cloudless skies and fadeless bloom and celestial song and heavenly companionship. Weep not for your darling. Her ears are open now to heaven's symphonies. Her tongue is loosed to chant the praises of her King. She is walking in resplendent beauty and immortal glory, the streets of gold with palm and crown and robe. The writer preached the funeral sermon at the residence of her grandfather, Billy Toon, in the presence of a vast concourse of sympathetic friends, as well as an unusually large number of sorrowing relatives. She was laid to rest in the Toon burial place the first Sunday in April.

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## OBITUARY.

**WHITAKER.**—Death has again visited our family circle and claimed for its victim Sister Frankie Raby, daughter of Mr. M. D. L. Whitaker. She was born Jan. 8, 1875, died April 7, 1902. She professed faith in Christ when quite young and united with the Baptist church at Mulberry. She was an earnest, faithful Christian throughout her life, carrying sunshine into every circle in which she moved. Her death was quite a shock to her loved ones; her sickness was brief. She leaves a devoted husband, two little children, parents, brother, sisters, and many friends to mourn for her. Look to Jesus, dear ones. He alone can heal the broken hearts. We have the sweet assurance that dear Frankie has gone to be with Christ and many loved ones gone before. She bade her husband and little ones good-bye, and requested them to meet her in heaven.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord." **MRS. ROSS WHITAKER.**  
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## IN MEMORIAM.

Written in memory of Mr. Charles Hale, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. H. C. Hale, who was born September 20, 1877, and departed this life March 29, 1902.

"Let Not Your Heart be Troubled."

Let not your heart be sore distressed,  
Your eyes with weeping dim;  
Dear Charley, now is with the blest,  
Oh, do not grieve for him.

The long and weary days of pain  
With patient trust he bore,  
And now has come the joy, the gain,  
The triumph evermore.

Sweet words of hope, faith and cheer  
He spoke to those who wept,  
Then came a loving hand more near,  
"God touched him and he slept."  
The ransomed spirit took its flight,  
To that dear home on high,  
Oh, blessed entrance into light,  
Oh, joys beyond the sky.

Oh, wondrous grace, oh, joy divine,  
That cheers the Christian's way,  
And makes e'en death's dark valley shine.  
With glory of coming day.

Then let us trust in Jesus' blood,  
And in his love abide,  
Till safe beyond the swelling flood,  
We reach "the other side."

There faithful ones again shall meet,  
And never say "farewell;"  
In Christ's own likeness made complete,  
What joy with him to dwell.  
**MRS. J. M. HUNTER,**  
Morristown, Tenn.

**LOWE.**—Mother M. A. Lowe, daughter of A. B. and Nancy Denton, being the wife, first, of J. M. Thomas, who died January 22, 1886; then she was married to Ned Lowe on the day of October, 1, 1890.

She was born in Cocke County, Tenn., August 19, 1826.

She died at the home of her son-in-law January 6, 1902, in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

She was stricken with paralysis, which caused her to linger for several

weeks. She bore her afflictions with Christian patience. She expressed herself as being ready and willing to die. She died as she had lived, in the full triumph of a living faith.

She was, at the time of her death, seventy-five years, four months and seventeen days old.

She was converted when seventeen years old. Her last church home was at French Broad, Jefferson County, Tennessee.

She took great interest in church work, was a very decided Baptist, and attended church regularly. Her home was open to all ministers and strangers. Her heart and hands were ready at all times to give help and sympathy to the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted, and to be of service in distress.

As a result of her first marriage there were five sons and six daughters. Two sons and five daughters survive her, all of them being Christians and members of the Baptist church. They, together with several grand and great-grandchildren, and a host of friends, are left to mourn the loss of mother, grandmother and friend.

We must not mourn as those who have no hope. It will not be long, if we follow her example, 'till we will be permitted to enter that rest where all will spend eternity—with our mother, grandmother and friend, praising God for his wonderful love that he has so fully bestowed on us.

**RICE.**—Mrs. Bettie Bell Rice, daughter of James J. and Mary A. Bell, was born November 23, 1864, and died at her home near Uaa, Tenn., December 29, 1901. She was married to J. A. Rice, December 25, 1894; professed religion and joined the M. E. church at Hamilton's in 1879, in which she lived a consistent member until death. She was a faithful, Christian woman and manifested her love for the church in the strict performance of its vows; faithful to attend upon the ordinances of the church, supporting faithfully her institutions; devoted to loved ones. Her sufferings were intense, yet she was not heard to complain; her last hour was spent rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. Hers was a triumphant death. She leaves a husband, one child, mother, niece and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, which is her gain. She was the last of four children, Hattie, Mrs. Melissa A. Williams and Prof. B. J. Bell having preceded her only by a few years.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. S. McBride.

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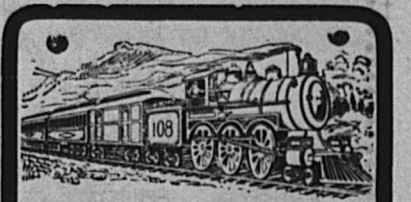
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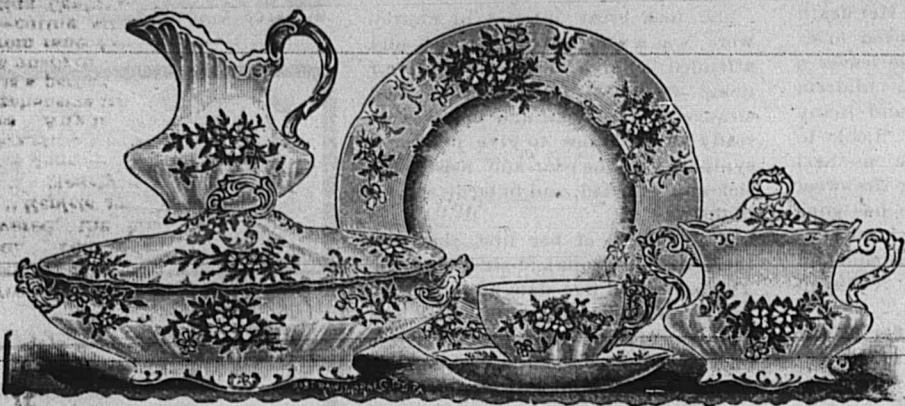
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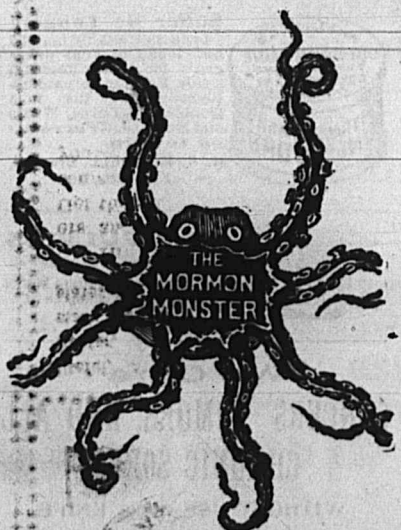
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