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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Methodist brethren are having a lively time at their General Conference in Dallas, Tex., over the war claim. Our readers will remember that the Methodists asked Congress for an appropriation of \$288,000 as an indemnity for damages done to their Publishing House by the Federal army during the war. When the Senate was on the point of voting the appropriation, it was rumored that an agent, who was known to be Maj. E. B. Stahlman, was to receive 40 per cent. of the amount. A resolution was introduced to the effect that only \$5,000 should be paid to the agent. Senator Bate telegraphed to Barbee & Smith, book agents of the Publishing House, to know if it was true that they had agreed to give 40 per cent. of the amount to an agent. They replied that it was not true. Afterwards it developed that they had agreed to give him 35 per cent. instead of 40 per cent., and that they did pay this amount to him. Then the storm broke loose which has been raging for four years and will reach a culmination at Dallas. Majority and minority reports were presented by the committee appointed to consider the matter—the majority in favor of condemning Maj. Stahlman but exonerating Barbee & Smith and retaining the money; the minority in favor of condemning Maj. Stahlman, Barbee & Smith the Book Committee and everybody else connected with the business, and returning the money to the Government. Last Tuesday was set apart as the day for discussing the matter in the Conference. The discussion will continue until all the ground has been fought over and the question is decided one way or the other. Judging from reports the excitement is running so high that there seems to be danger of a split.

One of the greatest disasters of modern times occurred at St. Pierre, in Martinique, one of the West Indies Islands, on May 8th. What was supposed to be an extinct volcano known as Mount Pelee overlooking the city suddenly began to belch forth sulphur, salt-peter, molten lava and hot mud, which fell upon the city and destroyed, according to latest estimates, from 30,000 to 40,000 lives. In this connection it will be interesting to read a list of the great disasters in the world's history. Figures to the right indicate number of lives lost:

79 A. D.—Eruption of Vesuvius, which destroyed Pompeii.....	2,000 to 3,000
1158—Earthquake in Syria.....	20,000
1268—Earthquake in Sicilia.....	60,000
1421—Flood at Dort (Netherlands).....	100,000
1456—Earthquake in Naples.....	40,000
1530—Flood in Holland.....	400,000
1531—Earthquake in Lisbon.....	30,000
1617—Flood at Catalonia.....	50,000
1626—Earthquake in Naples.....	70,000
1703—Earthquake in Jeddo.....	200,000
1731—Earthquake in Canton, China.....	100,000
1754—Earthquake in Grand Cano.....	40,000
1755—Earthquake in Lisbon.....	50,000
1871—Fire in Chicago.....	200
1876—Fire in Brooklyn Theater.....	295
1883—Volcanic Eruptions, Islands of Krakatoa.....	36,380
1889—Flood at Johnstown.....	2,142
1900—Galveston Flood.....	5,000
1900—Fire in Hoboken.....	300
1902—Earthquake in Guatemala.....	5,000
1902—Eruption of Mount Pelee, in Martinique.....	25,000 to 40,000

The several committees appointed to look into the report of the Foreign Mission Board presented their reports and the meeting soon took the turn of a great discussion of the vital theme of Foreign Missions.

Dr. R. B. Garrett, of Portsmouth, Va., submitted the report of the Committee on Pagan Fields. The report showed a splendid record in the past for this work, the year which has just closed being the most prosperous in its history. Favorable reports were made of the work in China, Japan, and Africa. The report recommended a policy of strengthening the old fields instead of extending the missionary work into new fields.

The report of the Committee on Papal Fields was submitted by Rev. M. W. Egerton, of Knoxville, Tenn. This report dealt specially with the work in Mexico and Brazil, and was a most eloquent production.

Corresponding Secretary R. J. Willingham took charge of the program and stated that in response to the request of many he had asked three brethren to prepare themselves and deliver addresses on this occasion. He said some of the brethren preferred hearing a speaker who had prepared himself before hand, hence he had a set program. He stated that a free discussion on Foreign Missions would occur Monday morning.

Rev. L. M. Roper, of Spartanburg, S. C., was introduced and spoke with much power on the Papal Fields of the Foreign Board. His remarks were fervid and unreportable.

At the conclusion of this capital speech a quartette from the choir of the First church of Asheville rendered the hymn, "Will There be Any Star in My Crown?" This was a rare treat, and greatly moved the congregation.

The next speaker was Dr. Manly J. Breaker of Missouri. He emphasized the important and conspicuous part Missouri plays in the evangelization of the world, stating that there is no State in the Union that has as many missionaries in the field as Missouri. Her contributions during the past year were \$17,000. His address was very much enjoyed. In referring to the devastation wrought by the Civil War on the South, he affirmed that the North was in a very small way responsible for the new and prosperous conditions in the South. He attributed the remarkable recovery of the South from the fearful effects of the war to the energy, vim, and courage of the indomitable and lion-hearted Southerners. This statement was vociferously applauded by the great throng and the presiding officer found it difficult to stop the applause.

The third and last speaker of the evening was Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Texas, who of late years has taken rank as one of the leading preachers in the Convention. He was in splendid trim and for some time greatly charmed the audience with matchless eloquence. He said he presumed it was expected of him to close the great Foreign Mission meeting with an exhortation. He said: "The whole world, the earth, from sunrise to sunset, is the platform of our work. Not home alone, but home and foreign missions together and inseparable. Your field is the whole wide world. Christ's church is not a mutual admiration society. We are not here to tell each other how much better we are than those who do not know the gospel. Christ's church is not an insurance company. We are not to save ourselves alone but also the whole human family lost in sin. Christ's church is not a debating society. We are not to spend our time in arguing abstract theo-

logical questions while souls are perishing every moment for the want of the gospel. Christ's church is a great soul-saving crew to rescue sinners from the great whirl-pool of sin into which they have drifted. The time is upon us when all men and churches must be missionary." The loud and enthusiastic amens which were heard at the conclusion of this great speech evinced the great appreciation felt for the words of the popular speaker.

Rev. J. A. Lee, of New Orleans, La., made a short speech relative to the Cuban and Diaz matter, in which he denied any affiliation with the so-called Gospel Mission Movement which seeks to tear down the work of the Boards, but thought that in all fairness Dr. A. J. Diaz should be given an opportunity to be heard before the Convention. Hence, without knowing the wishes of Dr. Diaz in the matter, and on his own responsibility, he introduced a resolution providing for Dr. Diaz to speak Monday morning at eleven o'clock. There was considerable outspoken opposition to the resolution, but on motion of Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., it was referred to a committee of one from each State, to be called up at pleasure.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, Va., made a brief speech announcing, with much enthusiasm, that he wanted Southern Baptists to advance in their contributions for the coming year and believed it to be their purpose to do so. He wanted the States of Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, and Texas to undertake to raise \$100,000 and leave the other eleven States to raise the remaining \$100,000. He asked the delegates who would undertake to bring about this result quietly to stand. Hundreds rose. Dr. Willingham said the Baptist Publication Society of Canton, China, had sent the Convention a present of several hundred copies of a part of the New Testament published in Chinese. The Baptist missionaries in China have experienced difficulty in doing their work on account of having to use Chinese New Testaments, printed by Pedobaptist denominations, which give an improper rendering of the word for baptize. This forced our missionaries to print their own Testaments. These were distributed to all the delegates present, and the ladies. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., moved that the Convention send the Publication Society a gift of \$1.00 from each delegate present. Several brethren were appointed to take up the collection and it was forthwith done. The amount contributed was \$441.00.

Rev. W. M. Vines of the Committee on Preaching reported services in the evangelical churches of the city for Sunday.

At a late hour a motion prevailed to adjourn and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Calder Trueheart Willingham, of Virginia, son of Dr. R. J. Willingham, who is soon to go as a missionary to Japan.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Lord's day dawned on Asheville bright and fair. The sun shone with genial warmth and the bracing mountain breezes prevented excessive warmth and comfortably fanned the cheeks of the happy delegates. All the churches in the city were thronged and even the vast auditorium was about filled with eager listeners.

Tennessee talent was recognized in the appointments for preaching. Revs. M. W. Egerton of Knoxville, J. W. Brougher of Chattanooga, J. H. Snow of Knoxville, and John T. Oakley of Henderson's Cross Roads delivered sermons.

At the former session of the Convention a committee was appointed of which Rev. J. L. Gross, of Selma, Ala., is chairman, to arrange a series of special addresses to be delivered at this session, including the discussion of appropriate subjects of doctrine, devotion and duty. This committee provided for exercises throughout the day at the auditorium.

MORNING PROGRAM AT AUDITORIUM.

President James P. Eagle rapped for order at ten o'clock. The congregation sang, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Drs. John Pollard and Thomas S. Dunaway, of Virginia, led prayers.

The first address was that by Dr. William Heth Whitsitt of Richmond, Va., whose subject was "The American Epoch."

Dr. Whitsitt presented a remarkably valuable paper which possessed historical charm and value. The audience sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Dr. W. E. Hatcher of Virginia.

The next addresses were on the theme, "Is the Faith of our Fathers the Faith of our Children?" Dr. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, S. C., was the first speaker, whose address was classical and quite profound. He made a strong plea for adherence to the fundamental Christian doctrines for which the fathers fought, bled and died. Another speaker on this topic was Dr. J. P. Greene of Missouri who delivered an especially strong and refreshing speech. He said impressively, and with some dogmatism, that the faith of our fathers in the Bible as our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, the atonement as the basis of our salvation, and missions as the fundamental obligation, is placed upon us by the command of the Lord. Dr. Greene declared that Baptists are untrue to their Lord when they will send their children to undenominational schools to be educated, when the presidents of such institutions state to the pupils that they can leave their Bibles at home when they come to those schools. He made a strong plea for the denominational school and urged Baptists to send their children to Baptist universities and colleges, since they are as well-equipped for teaching as any in the world.

At the conclusion of Dr. Greene's address the Convention sang "How Firm a Foundation." The closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Gross of Alabama.

AFTERNOON EXERCISES.

President Eagle called the body to order at 3:30 and the opening prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Kilpatrick of Georgia. Rev. J. L. Gross of Alabama introduced the speakers on the theme, "Federation of Baptist Bodies and Pan-Baptist Conventions."

Rev. P. T. Hale, of Owensboro, Ky., addressed the meeting. The idea of aggregated cosmopolitanism was shown to be the ruling thought of the age. This is illustrated by J. Pierpont Morgan in the financial world. Others are working at the idea in the several relations of work.

The Baptists ought to come closer together. To accomplish this, they ought to know each other better. To come together and know each other better will cause them to love each other. All this will make them more useful than they are now. He drew a picture of Baptists of every nation, telling of the work and difficulties everywhere. Youth is the secret of resistless power.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. D. Jeffries of Tennessee.

Mrs. Haggard of Asheville sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Rev. W. A. Hobson of Florida spoke. He showed that each individual enjoyed rights, and Baptists practised such rights in their work, but they all went together in the same general direction. We should put religion in our business and the world can ask us to put business in its religion. Intelligence in method does not discount grace in service.

The concluding prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Moncrief of Georgia.

NIGHT EXERCISES.

Although services were being held in all the churches in the city, the lower floor of the auditorium was about filled to hear the special exercises arranged for that building.

Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, Md., presided over the meeting.

The first address was by Dr. Thos. S. Potts, of Memphis, Tenn., whose theme was, "Under which King; Christ or Commercialism?" This is said to have been a strong speech.

Dr. Henry McDonald, of Shelbyville, Ky., paid a beautiful and touching tribute to the lamented Dr. Franklin Howard Kerfoot, formerly Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and for years Professor of Systematic Theology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. Dr. Kerfoot was universally and greatly beloved by Southern Baptists. He was one of the greatest preachers of the Convention, having sowed some of the very strongest churches. There were but few dry eyes in the audience at the conclusion of Dr. McDonald's tender address.

An eloquent, pathetic tribute to the memory of Dr. H. A. Tupper, who for nearly a quarter of a century was Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was delivered by one the greatest orators of Southern Baptists, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Richmond, Va. He recounted the great epochs in the eventful life of Dr. Tupper, and though the hour was late and the audience wearied, he concentrated deep interest in his magnificent eulogy.

The body adjourned at a very late hour.

Monday-Morning Session.

The weather had been as desirable during the Convention as the most fastidious could wish for. Not a cloud was in the sky on the last day of the Convention and everything seemed to indicate that this would be the best day of the entire session. No appreciable diminution in the attendance was noted.

President James P. Eagle called the Convention to order and Dr. E. E. King, of McKinney, Texas, conducted devotional exercises, reading Psalm 126 and leading in an unctious prayer.

Secretary Lansing Burrows read telegrams of reply to those dispatched by the Convention, from the physician of Dr. C. G. Jones, of Covington, Ky., who passed to his great reward Saturday, and also from Dr. J. L. White, of Macon, Ga., who reported that his condition was improving. He asked the Convention to read the great Commission in Matt 28:19, 20. A letter was read from Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, of Greenville, S. C., expressing gratitude for the kind telegram of sympathy sent him. It was stated that the wife of Brother C. G. Jones, whose death we mourn, is critically ill and her recovery is not probable.

Secretary Burrows asked unanimous consent to present the request of Major Joseph Richardson, Chairman of the Southeastern Passenger Association, that the ministers let it be known if they preferred paying a dollar per year and secure a permit giving them reduced rates over all the railroads of the South, or get permits on the old plan over special roads. The entire body of ministers voted for the new plan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, Ga., read the report of the Committee on the Work of the Sunday School Board. He spoke briefly and interestingly of the many triumphs of this eminently successful work. He said Baptists had been too much considering the human element in the Board's success. He begged that after the ten years of success attending the labor of the Board, it should be recognized that the providence of God is behind the work.

Dr. T. T. Eaton of Louisville moved that the remaining speeches on the work of the Board be limited to ten minutes each. Dr. B. W. Spilman of Tennessee, Field Secretary of the Board, spoke of his particular line of work and emphasized its importance. He said that he longed for the day to come when the teaching function of the church would be emphasized as strongly as the preaching function.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, Tex., spoke on the report and expressed great felicity in behalf of the Convention that Southern Baptists had such a splendid institution. He said he was glad the Board had laid aside the reserve fund of \$50,000. He considered it a wise business move, which gave to the work the appearance of permanency. He considered it high time the Baptists demonstrated the fact that they are here to stay and began to settle themselves.

Dr. R. J. Willingham of Virginia made a brief speech in behalf of Corresponding Secretary, J. M. Frost, who lately has been critically ill and was too feeble to speak. He said that Dr. Frost wished the Convention to know that 900 copies of the new book, being published by the Board, containing the great Sunday school addresses of Dr. W. E. Hatcher, before the Seminary at Louisville, have been ordered already.

Dr. W. O. Carver, of Louisville, Ky., informed the Convention that for four years the Sunday School Board had furnished him \$100 to be expended in replenishing the Seminary Library at Louisville with the very latest and best books on Missions. He said it is a pleasing fact that the Missionary part of the Seminary Library is the most popular among the students. He recommended Warneck's "History of Modern Missions," Beach's "Geography and Atlas of Protestant Missions," and McKenzie's "Christianity and the Progress of Missions," as suitable books.

In response to the question from a delegate from Kentucky as to whether the Board endorsed the teaching on the Primary Card of January 8th, which asserted that the first Christian church was organized on the day of Pentecost, the Editorial Secretary took the platform and made a frank, satisfactory explanation of

the whole affair. He stated that he considered himself, in editing the Sunday School Literature of Southern Baptists, set to represent the general sentiment of the denomination and not that of any small class of its constituency. He said after an exceedingly close and critical study of the Acts of the Apostles he could not agree that any new thing whatever was set up on the day of Pentecost. A great revival broke out and that was all. Certainly there was no church organized. He added also that henceforth especial precautions would be taken to see that no matter slipped into the literature which would give offence to the brethren. This was greeted with many hearty amens. Dr. VanNess stated that the Board courts the kind, brotherly criticism of the brethren, and will always seek to profit by it. His open, frank statement of the Primary Card affair was greatly enjoyed by everyone and made friends for the Board.

Rev. J. H. Burnett, of Glasgow, Ky., briefly commended the Convention Teacher, published by the Board.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, Texas, submitted the report of the Committee on Co-operation appointed at New Orleans a year ago. This report stated that no radical steps should be taken but some little advance should be made. It recommended, 1. That the Associational representatives attending the Convention should represent the work of co-operation in their respective Associations. 2. That a Statistical Secretary should be elected by the three Secretaries of the boards of the Convention and that the three boards should support him, determining his compensation and the amount of clerical help he must have. 3. That the Secretaries of the State Boards shall be a standing committee on co-operation and that all matters of detail connected with the work shall be left to them.

Rev. M. Ashby Jones of Virginia made a motion to postpone the consideration of the report until the afternoon session, but it was defeated.

Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., spoke on the report, strongly advocating its adoption. He said all were agreed that something ought to be done and he thought no one ought to vote to defeat the recommendations of this committee until he could substitute some better solution for the problem.

At the conclusion of Dr. Eaton's speech, Dr. J. B. Gambrell moved that the consideration of the matter be postponed until the afternoon session in order to give some a chance to be present and speak, who were then absent on committee work. The motion heartily prevailed.

Secretary Burrows read a telegram from the General Conference of Methodists now in session at Dallas, Texas, expressing sympathy in the Lord's work and wishing the Baptists God-speed. Dr. Carter Helm Jones of Kentucky moved that the Secretary be authorized to forward to the Conference a suitable response.

H. D. S. Mallory of Alabama submitted the report of the Committee on Finance of the Foreign Mission Board, which called grateful attention to the fact that the contributions of the past year have exceeded those of any previous year in the history of the Convention.

The Committee on Items of Special Interest in the report of the Foreign Mission Board was submitted by its Chairman, Dr. Carter H. Jones of Kentucky. This report recommended no retrenchment, but thought it advisable that no new missionaries be appointed until more comfortable quarters had been provided for our missionaries in their respective fields of labor.

Dr. George Cooper, of Richmond, Va., spoke on the report and called attention to the fact that the Foreign Board has been compelled to pay out \$1,800 interest on borrowed money. He said this was deplorable but could not be prevented, owing to the fact that the churches waited to send in their contributions until just before the Convention. He urged the churches to send their money systematically and regularly. Rev. J. Pike Powers, of Knoxville, Tennessee, also emphasized this point.

Dr. C. H. Jones, of Louisville, Ky., made a brief, but telling, speech in which he stated that he rejoiced to be pastor of a church which had given more than twice as much to the world as it did to itself. He spoke of the missionaries suffering for better homes and made an earnest plea, urging that funds be appropriated to furnish them comfortable quarters. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, made an effective speech and was followed by Hon. Joshua Levering of Maryland, who pled earnestly that better homes be furnished the missionaries. He said he did not wish it to be considered that any personal element entered into what he said, from the fact that he had a daughter on the foreign field. He spoke for the cause of the

Master at large and very impersonally. He loved all the missionaries.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor of Bahia, Brazil, well-known and dearly beloved all over the Southland, who has for twenty years preached the gospel in Brazil, but who is at home in company with his wife on account of their shattered health, spoke forcefully for twenty minutes of the encouraging situation in Brazil. He said the people of that country are hungry for American civilization, culture, and manners. They deeply sympathize with everything American in its tendency. In the Spanish-American war, Brazilians clearly sympathized with the United States. He says they take the Bible by the letter. The presence of one of the laborers from the front always awakens the keenest kind of interest and Brother Taylor's remarks were accordingly very much enjoyed.

CALDER T. WILLINGHAM INTRODUCED.

The climax of the morning session occurred when Dr. Carter Helm Jones of Louisville introduced Rev. Calder T. Willingham, son of Corresponding Secretary, R. J. Willingham, who graduates this year from the Seminary at Louisville and has been appointed by the Board to go to Japan as a missionary. With a quivering lip the young missionary told of his heart-yearnings to be at work among the distant brethren for their salvation. He spoke very briefly, being almost overcome with emotion, and at the conclusion of his address, while the congregation sang, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," he was greeted by numbers of people who warmly shook his hand and that of his noble father, standing near by with streaming eyes, in token of sympathy and assurance of prayers. The audience was visibly affected by this impressive scene and during the prayer offered by Dr. E. E. Bomar, of Richmond, Va., many sobs could be plainly heard.

Rev. H. R. Schramm of Alabama made a brief and pathetic speech in appreciation of the great work done in Brazil by Rev. Z. C. Taylor. He said that in his home there was an enlarged picture of Brother Taylor hanging just over the mantel and Brother Taylor's name was a household word in his home.

Dr. R. J. Willingham with difficulty controlled his emotions long enough to speak briefly and stated that the missionaries, each and every one, belonged to Southern Baptists. He spoke of the fact that one brother from Kentucky had said to him that he wanted to pay the first year's salary of his son, Calder. With deep emotion, he said: "I have given the boy, and now a brother wants to give his salary."

Mr. W. T. Whitley of Australia spoke in an interesting manner about the Foreign Mission Work in Australia. Having been Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of that country, his remarks were heard with deepest appreciation.

DIAZ MATTER AGAIN.

Dr. William E. Hatcher of Richmond, Va., submitted the report of the committee appointed to consider the resolution introduced by Rev. J. A. Lee of New Orleans asking that Dr. A. J. Diaz be allowed to be heard concerning the Lord's work in Cuba if he desired to do so. The committee reported that since Dr. Diaz holds no relation whatever with the Home Board the privilege of being heard by the Convention should not be granted to him. Brother Lee, the author of the resolution, who discussed the matter before the committee, signed the report most heartily. Dr. Hatcher also stated that Dr. Diaz had declined to come before the committee. The report was adopted most heartily and enthusiastically by the Convention, there being only one negative vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. J. B. Taylor of Atlanta, Ga.

Monday-Afternoon Session.

The Convention was called to order by President James P. Eagle. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. D. Early, of Morristown, Tenn. Prayer was offered by Dr. J. Wm. Jones of North Carolina.

The President announced that the special order for the hour was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Co-operation. This report was re-read by Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, Texas, who stated that there had been some verbal changes which practically brings the committee together. He said the committee had taken great pains to confer with brethren before writing the report.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., thought the report of the committee did not go quite far enough. He favored the appointment of a Secretary of Co-operation.

But he was willing to have his name signed to the report. The report of the committee was adopted.

Dr. B. E. Riley, of Houston, Texas, presented the report of the special committee on church building fund.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, Texas, spoke at the request of the Chairman of the Committee. He spoke of the great destruction of church houses in South Texas, where so many houses were destroyed by the flood. The report was adopted.

Dr. Cooper, of Richmond, Va., presented the report of the committee on Woman's Work. The report speaks of the aggregation of the work. No change has been made in the work of the board.

A special contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Church Building Fund.

Dr. Cooper addressed the Convention. He said the women simply wanted to carry out the suggestions of the three boards.

The organized work of the colored women is being enlarged and made much more effective.

The standing of the missionaries, the names and locations, the women have nothing to do with. These things are under the direction of the State Secretaries. So we should not hold Miss Armstrong responsible for any duplicates which may occur. The report was adopted.

The secretary read the report on nominations. With a few changes the same officers were re-nominated. The report was adopted.

Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Alabama, the Chairman of the Committee on Reports of Vice-Presidents of the Boards read the report, which was adopted without discussion.

Dr. John D. Jordan, Chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work, read the report on that work, endorsing the work very strongly because it encourages the reading of the Bible, which makes Baptists of those not Baptists, and better Baptists of those who are. Dr. Jordan, Dr. J. B. Searcy and W. D. Upshaw, (Earnest Willie) spoke briefly.

Dr. J. D. Chapman read the report of the Committee on Enrollment. There have been 1,093 delegates altogether, present.

Rev. H. W. Provence of Montgomery offered resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. F. H. Kerfoot on the death of her distinguished husband.

Resolutions pertaining to printing the minutes and thanks to the people of Asheville, railroads, and Mr. Vanderbilt for favors granted in visiting his estate, were offered and adopted. The Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock at night.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. N. Prestridge of Louisville.

Monday-Night Session.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Martin Ball, of Paris, Tenn.

A quartette from the First Baptist church rendered "Thy Will Be Done" in a very impressive manner.

The special order of the hour was the consideration of Christian Education.

Dr. J. M. Carroll, of Waco, Tex., spoke on the subject "Some of the Advantages of Correlation of Schools, as Illustrated in Texas."

He presented the following facts:

1. Correlation discourages the reckless starting of more schools. In Texas, he said, there has been but one school started in five years.

2. It completely put a stop to debt making. There has not been a debt made on any of the correlated schools. The charters have all been so changed that the management cannot create a debt.

3. It puts a stop to many conflicting agencies. None of these agencies paid their expenses. They have been compelled to give up from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in notes before they could collect some money for the schools. No agent can go out to collect money for the correlated schools without the authority of the commission.

4. It has put a stop to a very hurtful rivalry between the schools themselves. There is no cutting of prices in the schools now.

5. It has greatly increased the possibility of genuine unity in denominational work. It is now possible to make advance in all the work, and the people are not speaking continually of the needs of the schools.

6. It has made each school more distinctively Christian and Baptist, and has become a safeguard to the doctrines we hold. The teachers are also Christian.

7. It has given confidence to the people—to the business people. Enthusiasm has been plentiful, but

there has been very little common sense. Up to five years ago the greatest contribution paid by one man was \$5,000. Now it runs up to \$100,000. It has given confidence.

8. It has encouraged patronage. The schools have been doubled—2,600 students in them.

9. It has improved every school in the system.

10. It has secured for each school a better hearing. The whole State is back of each school.

11. It has provided a higher standard of scholarship. Any student from any school in the system can enter Baylor University without examination.

12. It makes all the schools more nearly self supporting.

13. It encourages and gives prominence to the kind of schools needed—Christian academies. This is what is needed.

14. It makes possible the making and having of one genuine college.

A school that is a failure and fraud as a college becomes a genuine success as an academy.

The address of Dr. Carroll was well received and produced a profound impression.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher spoke on "How to Secure and Maintain this Federation."

He said: "If we want our children to be Christians we must put Christianity in their education."

"If we want our children to be Baptists we must let them be under Baptist influences. When children go into irreligious schools they are hard to manage."

"You must give the children as good schools as they can get anywhere else."

"Some send their children to other schools because they think they are better. Others because they think it will elevate their social standing. Still others because they have no better sense. So that we ought to have better schools for two reasons: (1) It takes that much to hold weak Baptists, and they will attract others to come to our school. (2) We love to talk about Baptist independence, and so we haven't been able to get together on everything, and more particularly in this matter of our schools."

"The work done in our Southland in the last forty years has been wonderful in building up our schools."

"Virginia is a cemetery with unmarked graves and in those graves are the dead schools. Independent schools are a failure. They go down under debt."

"We need guardianship for our schools, protecting them from influences that would finally wrench the schools from our hands."

"So we need federation. If we do not take hold of our schools they are going to run them into the State schools. Whenever we divorce religion from our schools it will be a sad day for our children. We should take hold of our schools and make them what they ought to be."

"The pastors ought to be the typical representative men in the community in which they live. They ought to impress the people with a feeling of obligation to give the very best education to them. They ought to impress upon them, also, to patronize Baptist schools—advocate Baptist schools."

"We must build up from the bottom the confidence of our people in our schools. In Virginia they can get no money for independent women schools. Many of them have gone down and the people have no confidence in such schools."

Dr. John D. Jordan, of Savannah, Ga., offered a resolution of thanks to the President for his impartial rulings.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with; a song was sung; the parting handshake was engaged in. Dr. John Eager, of Baltimore, Md., urged the importance of prayer. This is the mighty power in Christian life.

A committee, consisting of Drs. W. E. Hatcher, J. William Jones and John D. Jordan, was appointed to prepare a program and procure speakers for the last night of the session at Savannah, Ga. The Convention adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. W. Warbler, of Louisville, Ky.

Jackson Items.

This week will find several Jacksonians at the great Southern Baptist Convention. The pastors of the First, Second, and Highland Avenue churches are there, and the pastor of the Royal Street church would be, also, but for circumstances which he cannot control. Besides these, Revs. W. E. Hunter, J. W. Dickens and several ladies, are at the Convention.

Last Sunday was a good day for the Jackson churches. One joined the First by letter; two joined the Highland Avenue by letter, and two were baptized.

Pastor Ross Moore delivered the literary address before the faculty and students of Carr Institute, Fulton, Ky., one evening last week. He is in great demand, both as a pulpit and a platform orator.

C. W. Knight preached to the edification of the Second church at 11 a.m., and pastor D. A. Ellis at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Jennings preached to Royal Street church at the morning hour and E. G. Butler at the evening hour.

F. C. Flowers filled his regular appointment at Decaturville; two good services. Rev. Ross Moore will assist him in a meeting of several days, beginning on the second Sunday in June.

R. E. Paulk filled Brother Nunnery's appointment at Antioch.

M. E. Dodd had a good day with the Liberty church, Fayette County. The work is progressing there.

A. J. Castellaw reports two good services at Middleton.

E. W. Reese returned from his charge at Fisherville with the report of encouragement.

W. C. Sale served his Mount Olivet church, two sermons, preached in the afternoon at Oak Grove, organized a Sunday school, was called to the pastorate of the church and accepted.

E. H. Butler filled his regular appointment at Oak Hill, had two good congregations.

J. W. Dickens reports two good services at Middleburg.

S. E. Tull had a packed house at Ararat and observed the Lord's Supper.

W. E. Hunter edified the good people at Johnson's Grove, and joined a couple in marriage.

Prof. Savage preached to his flocks at Wheeler and Osburn Creek, Miss. He performs double duty when he goes to that State.

Dr. Heagle had a pleasant visit to Chicago and delivered his celebrated lecture on "The Temple." He has finished his series of lectures on the Bible before the Universities, which proved a source of great pleasure and profit to faculty and students.

Two new students entered the University this week. The commencement exercises will begin on Friday evening, May 30, and will continue both day and night until the following Thursday, June 5, which will be commencement day.

Col. J. W. Rosamond and Rev. G. H. Crutcher were visitors at the University this week and each made a fine address before the body of students.
Jackson, Tenn. MADISON.

Foreign Populations and Cuba.

(Report adopted at Southern Baptist Convention)

The work of the Board among foreign populations in great Southern cities is progressing, but needs greatly to be enlarged.

Besides the great cities in which foreign-born populations teem, especial mention ought to be made of those portions of Tampa, Fla., known as Ybor City and West Tampa. In these are not less than 10,000 Cubans, and not a Baptist church among them. At Key West, too, are about 10,000 Cubans without a Baptist church or preacher. The fact that hundreds of these Cubans are passing weekly to and fro to their native island makes these points of strategic value.

Your Committee would earnestly direct the attention of the Convention to the fact that the Cuban field is of more importance than ever before, and that outside of Havana our work is in most satisfactory and promising condition. All the social and political changes which have taken place so swiftly in the islands will turn out to the furtherance of evangelical Christianity if we are wise to discern our opportunity and faithful to use it. True men and women are at work in Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Sagua la Grande, Santa Clara, Pinar del Rio, Ranchuelo, Colon, and Guanaabacoa. It is, we learn, the purpose of the Board to strengthen these stations and establish others as rapidly as practicable.

In Havana our energetic and devoted Brother Daniel and his wife, and Misses Taylor and Branham, are toiling in the midst of serious discouragements and complications, but not without tokens of divine favor.

It is a matter of serious regret to your Committee that the situation in Havana renders it necessary for them to enter upon the discussion of matters of a painfully personal nature. The Board has accepted, as the report states, the resignation of Rev. A. J. Diaz, M.D., for so many years leading in the Cuban Mission work and prominent in this Convention. The course of the Board in accepting this resignation commends itself to the Committee as eminently wise and sound, and if in

the light of subsequent events there has been an error on the part of the Board, it lies in the almost unexampled patience which the Board has shown in the midst of sore and repeated provocation. It would, viewed in the light of what has followed, have been better for all our interests if the Board had acted more promptly. But who can blame them for exhausting every possibility of saving to the work the man who had been for years the very impersonation of the Cuban missions?

The causes which led up to this resignation and its acceptance are many, various, and cumulative. It is not possible for this Committee to give these causes in detail in this report. If an accurate, minute, and comprehensive history of the affair is to be written, it must be after careful examination of all the correspondence and other papers in possession of the Board, and after full conference with the officers of the Board. This cannot be done at this session. Enough is known, and enough is made known in what follows, to justify fully the Board in its action.

In 1894 Rev. A. J. Diaz, who held a power-of-attorney for the Board, which was rendered necessary, as we learn, to the perfection of our title under the Cuban law, put a mortgage on the Jani theater building for \$12,000. With a part of this money he bought what is known as the Buenos Aires property in Havana, and with another portion he bought another small property in the province of Havana.

The remainder of this money, about \$2,000, has never, so far as we can learn, been accounted for in detail. It is also learned that the titles to this property were in the name of A. J. Diaz. It is further a matter of fact that these transactions, occurring in 1894, came first to the knowledge of the Board in 1896, and then through a letter from Dr. Belot.

To the minds of your Committee this transaction was of so grave a nature that the Board erred in not making it the occasion for an immediate and unconditional severance of the relations between Diaz and the Board. The Board, however, was very anxious to save him to the work, and in 1898 sent a committee, of which Hon. Porter King was chairman, to Cuba to look into all these questions. That committee decided to re-employ him as missionary, but not to entrust him with the management of the property in Havana. To this arrangement he acceded, but the committee had hardly reached this country before he was busy endeavoring to create dissatisfaction with the Board by letters to individuals and denominational bodies in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following facts are gleaned from the letter of Dr. Tichenor to the Home Board, April 25, 1902.

In the interview which the Committee had with Mr. Diaz, in 1898, a plea was made for the transference of the cemetery to the Gethsemane church, for purposes of interment. The committee recommended to the Board that this request should be granted, and it was accordingly so done.

Then followed the action of the church fully recited in the report of the Board for this year (see report), by which it was sought to encumber the cemetery property by naming Diaz as agent, and voting him a salary from the time of the purchase of the cemetery, a salary running through a period during which he was receiving a stipulated salary from the Board, and which amounts in the aggregate to \$12,000 at least.

In 1902 the Gethsemane church, Dr. Diaz joining, adopted resolutions acknowledging the clear title of the Home Board to the Jani theater property, and distinctly admitting that they had no title to that property. Since that time the church under his leadership has sought to undo this, and to set up some sort of preposterous claim to this property. Because of these and other matters on which the Committee does not think it necessary to enter, Dr. Diaz does not enjoy the confidence of a majority of his fellow missionaries in Cuba.

There are many other incidents which re-enforce and deepen the impression made by these deplorable transactions that the usefulness of Dr. Diaz as a missionary of the Board is ended, and we sorrowfully, but none the less clearly, approve the action of the Board in accepting his resignation.

J. T. B. ANDERSON,
N. W. P. BACON,
A. B. INGRAM,
R. H. PITT.

Gifts to the Bible Fund.

Children's Bible Day for the Sunday School Board comes the second Sunday in June, or the last Sunday as a substitute for Review Day. The Board has a beautiful and instructive program which is furnished without cost, including supplements with recitations and mite

boxes for collections. Money sent either from this service or at any other time to the Bible Fund of the Sunday School Board, goes for distribution of the Bible in destitute places, and the Board adds something out of its earnings to enlarge the distribution. Every gift has done a work larger than itself and has gone to be a blessing in the name of the Lord. These appropriations have been made for the most part through State Boards in their respective States. During the Convention year just closed the Board gave \$600 to the Foreign Board, and nearly \$600 to the Home Board for Bible work in their respective fields.

A person may expend his money in the purchase of Bibles and make distribution of them himself in his own community, or may make his gift do larger work by combining it with the gift of others in the Bible Fund. The gift of five cents is combined with the gift of five dollars and these with others, till the smallest gift goes to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the great chorus of giving swells until heard around the globe. The Bible Fund stands for the Bible work of the Baptists of the South and gives representation in the Southern Baptist Convention. Through its Sunday School Board as the channel of its operation, the Convention carries forward its own Bible work in its own way and uses it for the furtherance of its other interests. Its three Boards are all doing mission work, and join hands in giving the gospel to the world.

Its Sunday School Board has become a power for usefulness. Every department of its work contributes to the Bible Fund, and in turn contributions to its Bible Fund have a strong reflective influence upon all its other work. Here, as in many other things, God has set before our people an open door. This open door means opportunity and responsibility. We should neither lose the one nor fail of the other.

Nashville, Tenn.

J. M. Frost.

Seminary Notes.

The enrollment this year is 242. There are twenty-one from Tennessee; eight are from the S. W. B. University and seven from Carson and Newman.

The contributions toward the support of a missionary are \$337.35 for the entire session up to date.

A number of the students attended one or more of George R. Wendling's three lectures in the city.

Dr. B. H. Carroll stopped at Louisville on his way to the Convention and preached at Walnut street church Sunday night and gave a talk at the Seminary Monday morning.

The report showed the number of sermons preached by students of the Seminary during the present session as 2,458; number of conversions 633; baptisms 352. There are sixty who are pastors of churches and seventy-five others engaged on Sundays in various voluntary religious work.

Examinations began the 12th and last for two weeks. The session closes the night of the 27th. The commencement speakers are Dr. C. A. Stakely, of Alabama, J. W. Millard, of Baltimore, and Prof. Farmer, of Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones spoke to the Monday night missionary meeting the 5th.

Mrs. Mullins and Carver attended the Convention. Of the Tennessee students, Ray, Vines and Fitzgerald attended.

H. B. Folk.

Our pastor, Rev. T. G. Davis was greeted with good congregations on his return from the Convention. His morning subject was: "Follow Christ," and for the evening subject he discussed, "Jesus, the light of the world." Three baptized and three more received for baptism. The music for both services was especially good, and our church is to be congratulated on having such a noble and willing choir numbering 24, all members of our own church, who do such a grand work singing the gospel under the leadership of Bro. Geo. Freeman. A male quartette composed of four members of the choir added greatly to the services by sweet singing. We had 247 in Sunday school, and am pleased to say that this work under the leadership of our genial superintendent, Brother J. W. Webb, is being pushed vigorously during our meeting. The first of the month there were forty conversions from the Sunday school. Dr. Brougher of the First church assisted Brother Davis in the meeting. Our Sunday school is to picnic at Menlo, Ga., the 5th of June. The Montgomery Mission and also the Avondale school have been invited to go with us. But I must close, as you will need some space for others. Wishing you the success that you deserve in your noble work, I remain
A MEMBER.

News Notes.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

Nashville.

Howell Memorial.—Pastor Peyton preached at both hours. Morning subject: "The Successful Church;" evening subject: "Repentance." The Sunday afternoon services for young people discontinued.

Centennial.—Pastor Stewart preached at both hours. Subjects: "A Fruitful Desert" and "Beholding the King." One hundred and twenty-six in Sunday school. One received by letter. Good Baptist Young People's Union.

Central.—Pastor Lofton preached to fair congregations. Two hundred and forty-five in Sunday school. "The Blood-dyed Conqueror" and "An Example in Gospel Mathematics" were the subjects.

Immanuel.—Pastor Ray preached at both hours. Subjects: "Brotherhood" and "How to Overcome Evil." Since last report three by letter and one by baptism.

North Edgefield.—Pastor Sherman preached at both hours. Subjects: "Our State Mission Work" and "The Faultless Christ." One hundred and thirty-five in Sunday school. One baptized.

Brother Holt preached the dedicatory sermon at Cooper's Chapel, West Tennessee, and at Toone at night.

First.—Pastor Burrows preached at both hours. Subjects: "Being Worthy of the Kingdom" and "How a Man Becomes Religious."

Edgefield.—Pastor Rust preached on "Two Views of Life" and "What is Faith." Two received and baptized. Good day.

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Lansing Burrows for his services in conducting the Nashville body to Asheville and return.

Seventh.—Pastor Wright preached at both hours. "Larger Views of Our Work" and "We Do Not Well." One received for baptism and one by letter. Wednesday night rally meeting. Addresses made by Brethren Strother, Hailey and Lannom.

Murfreesboro.—Brother Van Ness preached on "What is it to Be a Christian." One baptized.

Belmont Mission.—Sunday school in the afternoon; fifty three present. Brother S. M. Gupton preached at night on "Christ Our Hope."

Raines Avenue.—Thirty-eight in Sunday school.

Mill Creek.—Pastor Trice preached in the morning on "Spiritual Aspiration; one by letter.

Memphis.

First.—Pastor Boone preached; Subjects: "Pleasant Ways and Peaceful Paths," and "Paul's Third Missionary Journey;" good audiences; one by letter and two by baptism.

Rowan.—Pastor Richardson preached to good congregations; delightful day; subjects: "Bearing the Cross," and "Near the Kingdom;" one for baptism.

Seventh Street.—Pastor Thompson preached; good congregations; Subjects: "The Sinless Substitute," and "The Substance of Hope."

Central.—Pastor Potts preached; good day; in the afternoon preached the Commencement Sermon of Howe institute, colored.

Meachamtown.—Brother R. F. Swift preached to packed house; nine professions; seventeen mourners on front seat; the meeting continues; Subjects: "Heaven" and "Sin."

Knoxville.

First.—Pastor Edgerton preached at both hours; three received by letter; 379 in Sunday school. Morning subject: "Faith and Works;" evening subject: "The Touch That Makes All Things Clear."

Third Creek.—Pastor Dance preached at both hours. Morning subject: "Glad Tidings and Great Joy for all People;" evening subject: "The Convention." Eighty in Sunday school.

Bell Avenue.—Pastor Murray preached at both hours. Morning subject: "Stilling the Tempest;" evening subject: "The Mistaken Sinner." 201 in Sunday school; one baptized.

Second.—Pastor Jeffries preached at both hours. Morning subject: "Some Dangers to Christians;" evening subject: "Baptism." One addition; 342 in Sunday school.

Third.—Pastor Murrell preached at both hours; 156 in Sunday school.

Bro. B. W. Spilman of the Sunday School Board was present at the conference.

Chattanooga.

Central.—Dr. Fristoe inaugurated the Week of Prayer for State Missions in an address on the State work at the evening service. A report of the Convention was made at the morning service.

The Del Rio church yesterday set aside the first Sunday in each quarter of the year as mission days. The first Sunday in June will be our first mission day. Jefferson City. J. M. BURNETT.

Our regular monthly meeting was conducted Sunday by our new pastor, Rev. A. F. Mahan, who delivered two interesting sermons. He had just returned from the Convention at Asheville, N. C., and had some very interesting statistics of the Baptist work, which produces much encouragement. We received one candidate for baptism and others are to follow. Philadelphia, Tenn. J. F. BARNHILL, C. C.

The Fayetteville Baptists who have had and still have their great financial struggles responded nobly by furnishing an acetylene gas generator worth \$30.00 for the Dickson church. It was a pleasure to preach to this noble people who are warmly attached to their wide awake and earnest pastor, Brother A. L. Davis, who is leading them forward to an effective spiritual ministry in their community. C. W. GREGORY.

We had a good day at Spring Hill yesterday. One received by letter. During the last month the church has lost three members by death, viz.: Sister Nat Crenshaw, Sister Patterson and Sister Patsy Carlton. Aunt Patsy, as she was known, was ninety years old. All of these were exemplary Christians and there is an aching void in their homes and in their church. But the Lord knows best, and his grace is sufficient. We expect to begin our meeting at Spring Hill the 3rd Sunday in July. DAVID B. JACKSON.

We had three good services at Atwood Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday night. The church and other friends at our Saturday service brought forth their gifts and presented them to the pastor, consisting of eatables and wearing apparel and stove-wood. We desire to thank this good people for this kind remembrance of us. We administered the Lord's Supper at the Sunday service; two came forward for prayer. This was a highly spiritual service. Atwood, Tenn. THOMAS L. BARROW.

I was at Rutledge Falls the 4th Saturday and Sunday; small crowd Saturday and large one Sunday. Good services. Took up a collection for Home Missions to the amount of \$1.25. This church is not altogether dead, but is not alive to missions as it should be. But I find the spirit of missions growing, for which I feel thankful to our heavenly Father. I am doing all I can to get my people to read the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. If all Baptists would read our paper we would have no sleeping churches. L. D. AGE. Fosterville, Tenn.

Prohibition in Texas is a live wire. Sixty-four counties have prohibition entire, and 102 of the remaining 251 counties have partial prohibition, thirty-seven of which are more than half under prohibition rule. Since Dec. 15th about twenty-five counties have adopted local option. The liquor and saloon men are alarmed and are organizing for war. They are fearfully anticipating another State Campaign very soon. Their apprehensions will doubtless materialize in the future, and possibly not very far distant. T. E. MUSE. Elgin, Tex.

Two months ago I resigned the care of the church at Malesus, having been pastor for three years. The church there is small numerically, but is both very spiritual and very active. During my brief pastorate at that place we made some very marked improvements. Among other things we paid off a considerable debt, had our church house beautifully painted and purchased a nice organ. At almost every regular service during my entire pastorate the church made a contribution to missions. I feel that the Lord was with us and that he greatly strengthened and helped us. It was with considerable regret that I offered my resignation, but believed that in so doing I was following the direction of the Holy Spirit. Both the church and community have shown evident appreciation of my services. The church at Lexington, Tenn., has just extended to me a unanimous call. I shall probably accept. A. J. CASTELLAW.

Jackson, Tenn.

Rockwood Notes.

We closed our meeting the 4th of this month. There were fifteen professions of faith and seven additions to the church.

Dr. A. J. Fristoe of Chattanooga assisted us the last week of the meeting. His labors with us were efficient in bringing souls to Christ and strengthening the Christians. He very thoroughly established himself in the esteem and affections of pastor and people. He is a great gospel preacher, simple in exposition, strong in doctrine. He introduced the census work among us. My workers canvassed several homes last week and got twenty-seven new scholars for the Sunday school. We had forty in our infant class yesterday. This shows the result of the census work. We have just begun the work. It gives me great pleasure to heartily recommend the census work to every pastor in Tennessee. Write to Dr. A. J. Fristoe, Chattanooga, Tenn., for full information. Have him come and preach for you several days and start your workers into the field.

Mr. D. L. Moody has said, "It is a great deal better to put ten men to work than to do ten men's work." I. S. BAKER.

Rockwood, Tenn.

Texas Letter.

I have been reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for several months and I desire to say that I appreciate it very much. Not that I will say it is the best paper that I read, for I read our own Baptist Standard, which cannot be beaten in many respects. But I do say there are some features of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR that belong to it alone, and I believe them to be worth more than the price of the paper.

I believe that every Baptist should read the Baptist papers of his own State, provided they are in harmony with the work of the Convention of the State, but if they are trying to pull down the work they should not be supported. Next to reading the papers of his own State he should read some good Baptist papers of other States—the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and others that I might mention.

I live in Collin County, Texas. This county is in north Texas, there being only one county between us and Red River, and this is one of the richest counties in Texas.

The Lord's work under his Baptist people is doing well in our county, as well as all Texas. We have about forty-five churches in this county and about forty ordained preachers and 6,000 white members. And we have stood by our State Convention during all of its persecutions. Never has any man come before us for help has been refused; but every time we meet we give our brethren the best hours of the Association to present State work. There are only about two churches, I believe, that do not co-operate with the General Convention, and they are small in numbers, small in heart, small in faith, small in power, and exceedingly small in work.

We Texas Baptists rejoice to know that our Tennessee brethren have made advancements on all lines. It seems to me that there are not as many "dead churches" in your State as some of your brethren think. Would it not be well for someone to write about the "live churches" awhile and see if there are not several of them. I believe there will be more live ones by far than dead ones. The fact is, some churches are not as active as they should be because they are given nothing to do, and some because they are only told what to do without being shown how to do it.

Well, I have said a little on these lines of thought because I felt like saying it. I appreciate your paper, and I have also read "The Mormon Monster," and I can say it is the best I have read on Mormonism.

Blue Ridge, Texas.

GEORGE B. AIRHART.

Missions.

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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.

HOME AFFAIRS.

BY A. J. HOLT, SUPT.

No one need suppose that because no mention of the Orphans' Home has been made in these columns for several issues of the paper that, therefore, the Home does not exist or is not in need of help and prayer and co-operation. We need it all, but no mention was made of any in erect but Home and Foreign Missions, in order that our people might be induced to give their entire support to the great cause of Home and Foreign Missions. But now that such a splendid report has been made in our contributions to these objects for the next two months, attention is again called to the affairs of the Baptist Orphans' Home.

The long talked of furnishings have been completed. The Home has been

papered, painted, and furnished and is every way in a splendid condition. There is no family of like size in the State of Tennessee that is happier or healthier than ours. The Father of the fatherless is surely smiling upon this honored institution. But contributions have almost ceased to arrive because, I suppose, the good people have been thinking about Missions. That is all right, but we must not allow contributions to cease, because our expenses go on every day just the same as if we were receiving boxes and barrels and lots of money. The children eat three times every day, and they will persist in wearing out their clothes just like other children do. The fact is, our children are very much like other children, any way, only I believe, verily, that they are better and happier than the majority of children at large in the State.

PROVISIONS.

So generous were the contributions sent in during the fall and winter, in the way of provisions, that we have but lately run out. We haven't bought a pound of flour since last October until the last of April. But now we are making biscuits on bought flour at the rate of 25¢ a day, and that will cost money in spite of all efforts at economy. If it moves the heart of someone now to send us a lot of flour the gift will be highly appreciated. And then there come hats and shoes and clothing in general, that we need. Our boys are going bare-foot now—every one of them—just like boys love to go, and just like I think boys ought to go. But our larger girls must have shoes, and shoes cost money, and money is scarce. If someone were to take a notion to send us a lot of shoes anywhere from 11 to 4, largest size, lace, spring-heels, they would not come amiss.

AN INCIDENT.

Our Lizzie is gone. Lizzie Patton, our one-armed girl, who has been raised in the Home, has at last found a delightful home in Nashville, and leaves us to-day. Every visitor to the Home for the last ten years will remember Lizzie. She had come to be regarded as a permanent fixture in the Home. But a good lady desired Lizzie to come and live with her—to be her companion—and Lizzie goes. It was a sad sight last night at prayers when our Orphans' Home family knelt around our family altar with Lizzie with us for the last time. We all had to cry, because Lizzie is loved by all. But she goes with the hearty good-will and the everlasting memory and sincere affection of every child in the Home, and may God's blessings attend her.

REMEMBER.

We have room enough for other children. There is no necessity that any dependent orphan child in this State shall go to the poor-house or shall need for food and clothing. Every healthy orphan child, sound in mind and body, between the ages of one day and twelve years, may be sent to this Orphans' Home and cared for, fed, clothed and trained for usefulness for time and eternity.

Let those that read this interest themselves and look around in their neighborhood for children that need to come to this Home, and then write to Rev. W. C. Golden for the necessary papers of commitment.

We hope to receive the support and co-operation of every Baptist church and Sunday school, Ladies' Aid Society and Young People's Union in the State of Tennessee. Please remember that this is a State-wide institution, and in no sense belongs to the Baptists of Nashville any more than it belongs

to the Baptists of any other city or any other section of the State. Let us pray for and support this God-honoring and humanity-uplifting institution. For, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The *Baptist Argus* of April 24th was a "Woman's Number," containing portraits of many of our women missionaries on foreign fields, a list of widely-read books by present-day women writers, and articles on the influence of women in various lines.

From the stirring article by Dr. McConnell on "Woman's Work in Connection with the Home Board," we take the following paragraphs:

"The women have another lesson which they are teaching to all religious workers, which, when thoroughly established in the minds of Christians generally, is destined to produce far-reaching results. It is the value of little gifts. There are two extremes which need emphasis; one is the great gifts. There are those among us whom God has richly blessed with this world's goods, and upon whom he is calling for great gifts to advance his cause, men and women who can give their thousands, who can endow institutions, establish churches, and, in a large way, promote the kingdom of God in the earth. Of our Southern Baptists, the number of these is few.

"The other extreme is the little gift. Thousands and thousands of people are depriving the cause of Christ of their aid, and depriving themselves of a blessing because they are not aware of the value of little gifts. If all who are unable to make large gifts would dignify their small gifts and make them regularly as they are able to do, the aggregate of the little gifts would surpass the possibilities of the large givers. There are great commercial enterprises carried on all around us every day, whose revenue at any one time, from any one person, is five cents or less. Yet these enterprises pay to their owners a handsome income. Should the women persist in their teaching, may we not hope sooner or later to ingrain into the minds of our people this great lesson?

"The third great feature of women's work in connection with the Home Mission Board is the teaching so patiently done among the children. There is little cash results, but the future results of this noble work it does not require a philosopher to see. Blessings on the heads of devoted women

who labor from week to week among the children, and instill into their minds the Scriptural doctrine and practice of missions; the most valuable learning these children will ever receive from any source, and the kind of learning that will bear its fruit through all the years of their lives. We ought to remember that we are not more than one generation beyond the beginning of any work of this kind and we are hard by ten years from the beginning of the work in any extended way; and, yet, there are very few communities throughout our Southland that have not already felt the good results of this blessed work.

"I bespeak the helpful sympathy of every pastor, and of all the grown-up members of their churches, for the women who in these churches are laying the foundation for future work of grace, the like of which we have not seen in our day. God bless them with wisdom and patience, crowning their labors with abundant and glorious results."

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, convened for its fourteenth annual session at 10 o'clock, May 9th, in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, Asheville.

The meeting was fully attended, the church being well filled with delegates and visitors. A committee of young ladies from the congregation of the First Baptist church acted as aides, ushering and giving information.

The meeting opened with a voluntary, played by Mrs. O. B. Van Horn, who was in charge of the music. The choir then sang, "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Charles A. Stakely of Alabama. Mrs. Mary J. Starnes of Asheville conducted brief devotional exercises. The congregation joined in singing "Faith is the Victory."

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. B. Stevens. "Asheville has gotten her house in readiness to welcome you and is in her most lovely dress for your reception," said Mrs. Stevens.

"Since her birth Asheville has had visitors from all the world, almost all the countries that this union hopes to Christianize for God, and in the name of Asheville's hospitable people I bid you a hearty welcome."

Miss E. Mare of Missouri made the response.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After a hymn had been sung the president, Mrs. Stakely, addressed the meeting and said, in part:

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"Are we who lead in this work so filled with the Master's spirit, so in love with perishing souls, that we are ready to make such sacrifices as are necessary to carry on this work?

"I am ready to commend the motto of the student volunteers: 'God wants nothing less than the lives of men,' and now as we look with the work represented here, I do not hesitate to say that to my mind the most promising feature of it is the indoctrination of the children.

"It is more than folly to neglect early training and then expect that these children will in manhood and womanhood bring forth to the glory of God. I am anxious that we devote more time and better thought to our Sunbeam Societies.

"No one will deny that to us belongs the home, with all it stands for, and if we order those homes so that Christ is honored and God glorified in them, what a contribution will be ours!"

Mrs. Stakely concluded her earnest address with the words: "But after all is it not true that Christ's work is best known by the character of the workers? We may teach and write, but when that is done it is still true that we will be more closely studied than the message we bring. Let me urge the necessity of reconstructing ourselves to this high and holy mission. The necessity for more thorough preparation on our part, more prayer and a baptism of the Holy Spirit for sacrifice and service.

"Then shall we indeed be able to testify with power, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

VISITORS INTRODUCED.

Mrs. Chapman of Chicago brought good greetings from the Woman's Baptist Union Society, with headquarters in Chicago. She made a short talk, expressing the love and interest of women of the North for women of the South.

The introduction of missionaries and visitors of other organizations took place. Miss Blount, of Japan, Miss Taylor, of Cuba, Miss McMinn, of South China, Miss Alfred and Miss Buhlmaier, of Baltimore.

Dr. McConnell, the Secretary of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, spoke. He said:

"It takes a board with a wide range of view to plant and build churches where they are so much needed, and a building and loan fund is absolutely necessary. If we had to-day \$25,000 available for that purpose, what could we not do?"

Dr. McConnell showed the painful necessity for money for building churches. He took up the subject of woman's work as missionaries, showing urgent necessity for woman's work.

Every church in New Orleans is to have a woman missionary, he said. And then he told of the splendid work of Miss Barnett in New Orleans. In conclusion, Dr. McConnell said:

"No missionary is ever sent to a place where work is easy—don't forget this. We thank the women heartily for their love and interest in Home Missions."

Miss Buhlmaier presented the object for the collection of the day—the building and loan fund. She made a strong, earnest appeal to the women of the Union to help in the work of keeping up the fund. "There is now only \$5,026 in the treasury for the fund. Even as small as the work has been, the work already done through it has been wonderful."

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie Armstrong, after expressing thankfulness for progress, said:

"In studying the condition of foreign fields, we note that there has been a steady growth, in some cases unusual and very inspiring progress. Wars, tumults, famines, sickness, all these trials have been endured, but missionaries and converts have stood the test, while those who are 'holding the ropes' are becoming more and more interested in the work of their substitutes.

"Towards work in home and foreign lands as promoted by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist women and children of the South have contributed in cash during the past year, \$54,476 52, an increase of \$1,803 25 over last year.

"\$34,787 71 was given to the Foreign Board, \$19,510 48 to the Home Board, \$478 87 to the Sunday School Board. In contributions to the Home Board is included an offering of \$1,000 for the church building loan fund from Montgomery, Ala.

"369 boxes valued at \$24,459 47 were sent to missionaries of the Home Board; 126 boxes, valued at \$8,849 08 to Sunday school missionaries.

"The expenses of W. M. U. for the year are \$3,014 85. Of this amount the Home Board furnished \$1,300 00, the Foreign Board, \$1,300 00; the Sunday School Board \$400 00. In addition the Home and Foreign Boards each bear all expenses of 'The Week of Self-Denial' and 'The Christmas Offering,' as these two special efforts are respectively made for Home and Foreign Missions."

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, of Baltimore, treasurer, gave in a summary report for the year: Receipts from Home, Foreign, and Sunday School Boards, \$3,049 47; expenses, \$3,014 85; balance, \$34 62; cash and box contributions for thirteen years from 1889 to 1901, \$704,501 00; for year 1901-1902, \$88,130 07. Amount of Christmas Offering, \$6,088 17.

(Continued next week.)

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TAR-SUS.

The views I hold on this subject may be contrary to the views of many, but nevertheless, if the world were to turn its back on the truths of the Bible, I would not. I believe before anyone is converted he must first see his sinful condition and realize that he is "condemned already."

The next step in his preparation he becomes penitent, sorry of his sins and also becomes anxious about his soul's welfare, and becomes willing to learn of God's truths and willing to do what is necessary in order to be saved.

This Saul had never done when the light shone around him. Therefore, I think it is impossible that this light that shone around him was simply to see the condition of his soul and to check his downward career. He was not converted until Ananias entered the house and explained the way of salvation unto him and led him to trust his soul into the hand of the Lord and accept his salvation. Ananias, as it were, removed the scales and he received sight forthwith and arose and was baptized. Let everyone read Acts 9:1-20, then let us hear from, some of you. A BAPTIST.

Our work here starts off nicely. Had fine services both hours yesterday. Two accessions at the morning service, one by letter, one approved for baptism. I am pastor here with the Cumberland Presbyterian and Methodist pastors as I was five years ago in Bellbuckle. I go to Asheville this week. Have a good Young People's Union. Gallatin, Tenn. W. L. HOWSE.

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Following is the program of the Fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Smyrna Baptist church, Third District, Tipton County, Tenn., beginning Friday, June 27, 1902:

Friday, June 27, 8 p.m.—Subject: Our Greatest Needs. Open for general discussion.

Saturday, 9 a.m.—Prayer and services. 9:30 a.m.—Welcome address, Pastor James W. Robison.

10 a.m.—The Benefits of a Sunday School, Rev. J. W. Kile.

11 a.m.—Sermon, Rev. T. J. Davenport. Adjourn for dinner.

1:30 p.m.—Relation of Good Works to Salvation, Revs. W. H. Major, W. R. Farrow and Napoleon Fleming.

2:30 p.m.—Grounds on Which Baptists Practice Close Communion, Revs. M. H. Whitson and W. R. Farrow.

3:30 p.m.—Bible Authority for Pastoral Support and the Benefits Accruing to the Church, Revs. B. F. Whitten, A. Martin and W. H. Major.

Sunday, 9 a.m.—The Office and Duties of a Deacon, Revs. T. J. Davenport, J. W. Kile and Deacon Thomas Walk.

10 a.m.—Is Baptism Essential to Salvation? Revs. M. H. Whitson, W. H. Major and A. Martin.

11 a.m.—Sermon, Rev. T. J. Davenport. Subject: Bible Doctrine of Sanctification.

Afternoon, 3 o'clock.—Devotional Service, conducted by Rev. J. W. Kile.

3:30.—The Binding Power of the Great Commission is the best Means of Developing a Church along this Line, Revs. W. H. Major, J. W. Kile and A. Martin.

8 o'clock p.m.—Devotional Service.

8:30, Sermon.—Rev. J. W. Kile.

If visiting brethren desire to attend this meeting to which we cordially invite them, let them write me of their purpose at Quito, Tenn., and arrangements will be made to meet them at Covington, Tenn., on the I. C. railroad.

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AT LYSTRA.

On account of the Southern Baptist Convention
we were compelled to omit our discussion of the
Sunday school lesson last week. Our lesson then
told about Paul and Barnabas at Antioch, in Pi-
sidia, how they preached in the synagogue to large
audiences, how the Jews stirred up prejudice
against them, how Paul announced that they
would go to the Gentiles, how the Jews raised
persecution against them, so they left Antioch and
came to Iconium about forty-five miles to the
Southeast. Here they had an experience similar
to that at Antioch.

Leaving Iconium they came to Lystra. They do
not seem to have preached in the synagogue at
this place, but probably preached directly to the
Gentiles. Among others in the audience there
was a crippled man who had never walked. The
message which Paul brought seems to have been
balm to his soul. He listened eagerly, intently.
Paul noticed him, threw a searching look upon
him and with his power of penetration
perceived that deep down in the man's
heart he believed the message which Paul
proclaimed and in the God whom he preached. So
Paul said to him in a loud tone, "Stand upright on
your feet." And then a marvelous thing happen-
ed. Instantly the power of God touched the man
and his impotent feet became strong. He did not
climb slowly to his feet. He "leaped and walked."
Oh, the wonderful power and the merciful good-
ness of God. Oh, the joy in this lame man's heart.

Is not this a fine illustration of the healing of the
soul and the joy which it causes?

Naturally the miracle created a tremendous sen-
sation. They knew no one but a god could have
performed it. Unfortunately they did not know
the true God. Believing in the Roman gods, they
jumped to the conclusion that Paul and Barnabas
were two gods, and they exclaimed: "The gods
are come down to us in the likeness of men." They
called Barnabas Jupiter, because he was probably
a fine looking man, and Paul Mercury, because he
was the chief speaker, and Mercury was the god of
wisdom and of speech. The priest of Jupiter at
Lystra, either convinced with the rest of the peo-
ple that these were really gods, or not caring to
run counter to public sentiment, brought oxen and
garlands and was about to offer sacrifices to the
supposed gods. Paul and Barnabas had not un-
derstood what the people had said, as they spoke
in their vernacular language. But when they
learned what was the matter they were deeply
grieved. They "rent their clothes" as an expres-
sion of their grief, ran in among the people, cry-
ing out and asking why they should do these
things, assuring them that they themselves were
only men like the rest and that their very business
was to try to get these people to turn away from
such sacrifices, such "vanities," and turn to the
"living God," the true God, the Creator of all
things. Heretofore he had allowed nations to walk
in their own ways, although he gave to the world
witnesses of himself in his beneficent rule, giving
rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling the
hearts of the people with gladness.

It was such a God whom Paul and Barnabas
came to proclaim. They certainly did not mean
to preach themselves or get the people to worship
them. To do so was grossly to pervert and annul
their teaching. May we stop a moment to say
that the minister who only succeeds in leading
people to love him, to admire him, to worship him,
makes an ignoble failure as a professed minister of
Jesus Christ.

So thoroughly were the people convinced that
Paul and Barnabas were gods that even with their
strong protestations they could scarcely re-
strain the people from offering sacrifices to them.
But now comes one of the strangest and most sud-
den revulsions of public sentiment in all history.
Finding that Paul and Barnabas were not gods
but were only men, it was easy for these people of
Lystra to be persuaded by the Jews who came
from Antioch and Iconium that they were bad men.
The logic seemed to be that if they were not gods
they must be devils. The pendulum swung quick-
ly to the other extreme. A moment ago they
were about to worship Paul; now they stoned him
and left him for dead.

Alas, how often is it so. The very people who
cried "Hosanna," to the Lord one day, cried "Crucify
him," the next. The most fickle thing in the
world is public sentiment. People will crown you
one day and crucify you the next. They will wor-
ship you one day and stone you the next. Wit-
ness Dewey, Hobson, Cleveland, Bryan and
others. What shall you do? The only thing to do
is, like Paul and Jesus, to do your duty,
even if it leads to a stoning, or leads to
the cross. Paul, stoned and left for
dead, was a far greater hero than Paul
posing as a god and receiving the worship of men
would have been. It was an evidence of the earn-
estness of his purpose and the grandeur of his
character that he should thus prefer being stoned
to being worshiped. Let us imitate his example.
We need not court stoning, but if it comes in the
path of duty let it not be shunned.

THE DIAZ MATTER.

In our Convention issue we said editorially:

"The matter which is likely to excite the great-
est interest is the Diaz matter, in case Dr. Diaz is
at the Convention. We hope that he will be pres-
ent and that the whole matter will be fully discuss-
ed and amicably adjusted."

As we expected, this incident created the most
interest of anything which came before the Con-

vention. We publish on another page the report
of the committee with reference to the matter.
Unfortunately, Dr. Diaz was not present when the
report was under discussion. After its adop-
tion, however, by an almost unanimous vote, he
arrived that afternoon. There was a widespread
feeling that he ought to have an opportunity to be
heard in self-defense. This feeling was voiced by
Rev. J. A. Lee of New Orleans in his resolution
to give Dr. Diaz an opportunity to speak before
the Convention. This resolution we seconded.
Along with Brother Lee, we also favored its refer-
ence to a committee, hoping that the matter
might be satisfactorily adjusted in the committee
meeting, and that at any rate a good many things
might be discussed there which need not come be-
fore the Convention.

We were much disappointed when the commit-
tee made its report unanimously recommending
that Diaz should not be heard and said that he had
refused to come before the committee. This refu-
sal on his part we think was a great blunder. The
committee consisted of one from each State and
was composed of some of our wisest and best men.
Prof. J. T. Henderson, President of Carson and
Newman College, and of the Tennessee Convention,
represented Tennessee. The committee was ap-
pointed for the purpose of considering the case of
Dr. Diaz and conferring with him. He should by
all means have gone before it. Not to do so was
to show disrespect not only to the committee but
to the Convention itself. It also indicated the
weakness of his cause. Dr. Diaz saw this after-
wards and was anxious to come before the commit-
tee. But it was too late, as its report had been
made and the committee discharged. As the mat-
ter stands now, the Home Mission Board has ac-
cepted his resignation and thus severed his con-
nection with the Convention, and the committee
appointed by the Convention to consider the mat-
ter unanimously upheld the Board.

Another committee from the Convention proposed
to consult with him and he refused, thus throwing
the responsibility upon himself.

It should be stated that these committees
were not made up of partisans of the Home Board.
We happen to know that such men as Brethren
N. W. P. Bacon, J. A. Lee, and we think, J. T.
Henderson, and perhaps others, went into the com-
mittee meetings with their sympathies in favor of
Dr. Diaz, but before the meetings were over all of
them signed the reports made by the committees to
the Convention. We want to add that in spite of
all these things we are loath to believe that Dr.
Diaz was guilty of any intentional wrong doing.
We prefer to think that his moral faculties had
been blunted in the Catholic atmosphere in which
he had lived and perhaps his head was somewhat
turned by the flattery which the Baptists of Amer-
ica had bestowed upon him. It seems to us that,
like Apollos, he needs to be taught "the way of the
Lord more perfectly." We cannot persuade our-
selves that at heart he is a bad man. We hope that
the action of the Home Board, backed up by that
of the Convention, will bring him to see clearly the
mistakes which he has made and lead him to re-
pentance.

AN UNPUBLISHED INCIDENT.

In the Convention issue of the *Religious Herald*,
Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest
College, S. C., and son of Dr. Jas. B. Taylor, for-
mer Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, tells
the following very interesting incident. It oc-
curred at the meeting of the S. B. Convention in
Richmond in 1859. After telling of the discussion
during the Convention between Drs. J. R. Graves
and A. M. Poindexter, Dr. Taylor says:

"As the night was dark, the streets ill-lighted,
and our home a mile away from the church, my
father had requested me to wait for him, that we
might walk home together. He was then one of
the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board, and
the Mission Rooms were in a small upper room of
the church in which the Convention met. After the
final adjournment, I went up to this office, where
we had agreed to meet, and, having thrown myself
down upon a pile of Home and Foreign Journal

mail-bags, I was soon fast asleep. How long I slept I have no idea, but it seemed as if I was dreaming of a high-pitched conversation, until consciousness fully asserted itself, and then I knew that there was loud talking in the room. Opening my eyes I discovered Elders Graves and Poindexter and my father seated near the desk of the latter. Poindexter was very deaf, and, as is the habit of some deaf people who wish to set a good example in enabling others to hear, he spoke loudly. The conversation was almost entirely between him and Graves. I could not help hearing, so I sat up and yawned aloud and thus attracted attention to my being awake. But as no objection to my presence was raised, I lay down again, but did not go to sleep.

"Very rarely have I spoken of this interview, of which I was accidentally an auditor. Nor would it be proper for me, even after a lapse of many years, to go into details. But I am persuaded that, had a stenographer been present and taken down the conversation, or rather debate, between two skilled debaters, and had he had the right to make it public, the world would have learned of, perhaps, the most remarkable private discussion in our Southern Baptist history. For many months Graves had been vigorously attacking the policy of the Foreign Board through his widely-circulated paper; and now he was face to face with the two secretaries. There was plain talking, but many a time since I have thought of that occasion as proving that Christian men can differ widely, express themselves freely, and even charge each other with having said and done wrong things, and yet not lose their tempers.

"The east was glowing and the roosters crowing when, at last, the brethren shook hands and parted, and we turned homeward."

PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL.

Will Brother J. W. Buckner please give us his address so that we may attend to the matter about which he wrote us recently?

In the report of the Statistical Secretary before the Southern Baptist Convention the fact was brought out that there are just 1,641 churches in Ky. This is certainly quite a curious co-incidence.

We call attention to the notice, found in this paper last week, of the Bible School which is to be held in Jackson from May 26th to 28th. An appetizing bill of fare has been provided, and it is hoped an unusually large number of brethren will be present.

The Roman Catholics are making a desperate effort to have a Roman Catholic chaplain for the Ohio penitentiary. It is said that so many of the prisoners are Catholics that a Roman Catholic Chaplain is demanded, which is not very complimentary to the Catholics.

During the absence of Dr. Lansing Burrows, pastor of the First Baptist church, this city, his pulpit was supplied by Dr. David Heagle, Dean of the S. W. B. University, Jackson, Tenn. Dr. Heagle preached in the morning and lectured on Solomon's Temple at night. Both his sermon and lecture were greatly enjoyed.

There having been some question recently about the church connection of Booker T. Washington, Rev. B. W. N. Simms, of Missouri, wrote to him and asked him about the matter. In reply to Mr. Simms he says: "Sometime before starting for the Hampton Institute, I remember, I joined the little Baptist church in Malden, of which I am still a member."

We were glad to see Brother W. W. Gardner, of Monticello, Ark., in our office last week. He was in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. C. B. Harwood, who has been quite sick. As Superintendent of the Orphans' Home in Arkansas, Brother Gardner is doing a fine work. There are over fifty children now in the Home.

An explosion occurred in the Fraterville mines, at Coal Creek, last Monday morning. About 300 men were at work in the mine at the time. Of these only one escaped, he being blown out of the mine. Among the dead, we fear, are some of our Baptist brothers. We should be glad to have Brother E. B. Booth, pastor at Coal Creek, give us further information with reference to the disaster.

Japan has recently refused to give countenance and aid to the Buddhist religion. A bill was drafted with this end in view. When its friends called on Shaku Shoyen, a famous abbot and leader, he pointed out the fact that the Constitution forbids such an alliance of church and State; and further that in the changed conditions in Japan such a movement would be impolitic. With reference to this the *Christian Observer* well remarks: "Verily there is a great change in Japan."

We learn with deep regret that Brother A. M. Treadway, of Sweetwater, was knocked off a bridge at Loudon and killed. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church at Sweetwater and an excellent man. Sister Treadway was in Asheville at the time, attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. We tender to her our deepest sympathy in her sudden and sore bereavement. May she find grace sufficient for her in her hour of trial.

King Alfonso of Spain celebrated his coming of age on May 17th, at which time he assumed the rulership of Spain. All the countries of Europe and of America sent representatives to be present on the occasion. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, formerly President of Richmond College, now general agent of the Peabody and Slater funds, represented the United States. Dr. Curry was the minister of this country to Spain when King Alfonso was born, and so it seemed appropriate that he should represent the United States on the occasion of his coming of age.

In explanation of the defeat of Waco by Savannah as the next place of meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Cranfill says, in the *Standard*: "I believe half of the delegates thought they were voting for Havana, Cuba, instead of Savannah, Ga., and that is the reason Savannah beat us. Havana, Cuba, was very popular in the Convention, and a great many wanted to go there. I think this is why Jordan beat us. He said 'Savannah' in a smooth and winsome tone, and nearly all of the delegates thought he said 'Havana.'"

It was announced that among other subjects to be considered by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in session at Springfield, Mo. last week was a revision of the confession of faith, eliminating from the church the practice of immersion as a mode of baptism. We have not learned what was done about the matter. It seems to us, however, that our Presbyterian friends would be consistent if they should adopt the action contemplated. But at the same time it would make them the laughingstock of all the scholars in the world.

The death on May 9th of Dr. C. G. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church, Covington, Ky., was very sad. Previous to going to Covington he had been pastor of the College Hill church, Lynchburg, Va., and the First church at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a good preacher and a genial, social man. Occurring in the prime of his manhood, when he was about forty years of age, his death seems a great calamity. But God knows best. "He doeth all things well." "All things work together for good to them that love God." We tender to his bereaved wife and family our deep sympathy.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Dr. Z. C. Graves. He died last Sunday at his home in Winchester, Tennessee. Dr. Graves was for forty years the distinguished president of Mary Sharp College, at Winchester, of which he was the founder and father. He made it the foremost school for girls in the South and one of the finest in the United States. His name is a household word in many a home throughout our Southland. He had been in failing health for some time. He was a brother of Dr. J. R. Graves and several years older. We have asked one who knew him well to write us a sketch of his life, which we shall publish soon.

Rev. T. J. Hudson, who went out several years ago as a missionary on the Gospel Mission plan, wrote recently to the *Word and Way*, giving a few notes of his experiences. Among other things he says: "The churches that promise to support you do not send in their contributions with any degree of regularity. A church or an individual sometimes sends a contribution to one this year, and next year to another." In conclusion, he says: "I have learned my lesson and

paid dear for it, and I hope it may do me good. Henceforth I stand by our organized work with all my heart and soul." This is the strongest possible confirmation of the wisdom of our present plan of work and the unwisdom of any other.

In connection with the great disaster of St. Pierre, May 8th, it will be interesting to know that a scientific commission, presided over by the Governor M. Mouttet, assembled in St. Pierre on May 7, the day before the calamity, for the purpose of studying the phenomena of the volcanic disturbances of Mt. Pelee. It was agreed by the members of this commission that the relative position of the craters and the valleys debouching on the sea were such that the scientists could affirm that the security of St. Pierre was complete and this announcement was made to allay the fears of the frightened citizens. The next morning the disaster came. This reminds us that some years ago, when they were talking of building ships of iron, a scientist made a calculation in which he proved to a mathematical certainty that it would be impossible for an iron ship to float in the water. Just about the time he published his calculations it was announced that a ship made of iron had crossed the ocean. Evidently scientists do not know everything.

The Southern Baptist Convention adjourned Monday night about ten o'clock. In company with Secretary Burrows and others from Nashville, we left Asheville on Tuesday, reaching home Wednesday morning. On Thursday afternoon a copy of the "Annual" of the Convention was laid on our desk. Except a few typographical errors the minutes are complete. They are nicely printed and neatly bound. In addition to the minutes of the Convention the "Annual" includes the list of delegates, the reports of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and the Sunday School Board, general denominational statistics, list of pastors within bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, ordinations and deaths of pastors. It has also pictures of Drs. F. H. Kerfoot, H. A. Tupper and Charles L. Coker, together with pictures of scenery in and around Asheville. The whole makes a book of 260 pages. Every Southern Baptist ought to have a copy. Send to the Secretary, Dr. Lansing Burrows, Nashville, Tenn., and enclose 4 cents in stamps.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of the *Baptist Standard*, thinks that the Southern Baptist Convention meets too often. He says: "I wish that we could change the matter so that the Convention would meet about every two or three years, and then there would be a vast amount of Baptist money saved for the purpose of sending the gospel to the lost; and those who attend the Convention would take a great deal more interest in it when they got there." But it is a grave question whether the money thus saved would be given for the purpose of sending the gospel to the lost. It is also a grave question as to whether in case the Convention should meet only every two or three years there would not be a loss of interest and enthusiasm in our missionary work and consequently a falling off, rather than an increase, in our missionary contributions. At any rate, we feel pretty sure that the Convention is going to continue its meetings once a year. Efforts have been made time and time again to make these meetings bi-ennial, but the resolutions in that direction have always been ingloriously defeated.

The *Central Baptist* said last week: "Circuit Attorney Folk, of this city, deserves the outspoken approval of all good citizens in his attempt to punish guilt. As he pursues perjurers, bribe-givers and bribe-takers, he is confronted by all the lawless elements of the community. Gamblers, keepers of wine-rooms, corrupt politicians and lobbyists combine to discredit the attorney and the juries and the courts. Evil has its logical and practical bond of union. Nothing can be more injurious to a community than to allow its officers of justice to suffer because they are doing what they were chosen to do for public welfare. Mr. Folk is fearless, but he must know that he has the moral support of those whom he serves." This is well said. But what if Mr. Folk should find that instead of supporting him, some pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Sunday school teachers and other people of similar standing in the community have lined themselves up on the side of the saloon-keepers and gamblers and are doing all they can, out of a mistaken personal sympathy for these bribe-givers and bribe-takers, to prevent Mr. Folk from punishing them? Is this impossible? It has happened elsewhere.

The Home.

AFTER ALL.

We take our share of fretting,
Of grieving and forgetting;
The paths are often rough and steep,
and heedless feet may fall;
But yet the days are cheery,
And night brings rest when weary,
And somehow this old planet is a good
world, after all.
Though sharp may be our trouble,
The joys are more than double,
The brave surpasse the cowards, and the
leal are like a wall.

To guard their dearest ever,
To fail the feeblest never;
And somehow this old earth remains a
bright world, after all.
There's always love that's caring,
And shielding and forbearing,
Dear woman's love to hold us close and
keep our hearts in thrall;
There's home to share together
In calm and stormy weather.
And while the hearth-flame burns it is
a good world, after all.

The lisp of children's voices,
The chance of happy choices,
The bugle-sounds of hope and faith,
through fogs and mists that
call;
The heaven that stretches o'er us,
The better days before us,
They all combine to make this earth a
good world, after all.
—Margaret E. Sangster in *Woman's
Home Companion*.

GIVING AND RECEIVING.

If deeds of love you would achieve,
This one great truth you must believe;
By giving you can best receive.

With prophet poor your crust divide;
The little left is multiplied,
And want is kept far from thy side.

Give water with a liberal hand;
And though a famine curse the land,
You never once athirst shall stand.

Scatter the seed across the field;
Expect that when the seed you wield
Abundant increase it will yield.

Give all you have in faith that more
Will be supplied from God's own store;
Blessings will fall beside thy door.

The naked clothe, the hungry feed;
What would supply a brother's need
Lay not aside in selfish greed.

God sees the gift before him laid;
The liberal soul shall fat be made,
The deeds of love full well repaid.
—Norman Plass, in the *Advance*.

DYING AT THE TOP.

BY REV. P. M. RILEY, PH D.

A man was trimming a tree. It was a Spanish dagger. He was trimming it much. Daggers were scattered over the ground and others were falling under the strokes of his knife. The severed daggers accumulated. On goes the trimming. Will he not stop? Does he intend to deprive the tree of every branch? Will he leave it a naked, branchless, daggerless trunk without form or comeliness?

A passer-by asked, "Why do you trim the tree so much?"

He replied: "It is dying at the top. That's where the blossom comes. By cutting off the lower growths more sap will go to the top and stop the dying and produce the blossom."

That was his philosophy. There need be no doubt that it will work unless the trimming was postponed too long.

Man is fourfold. He is animal, intellectual, moral, spiritual. And this is their order from the lowest to the highest.

The divine purpose is harmony. Not hindrance, but helpfulness is the proper relation of these natures in man.

In the Perfect Man all was realized. Behold in him the most fragrant blossom that ever opened on earth.

Other men, thank God, may approach and in a most real and glorious sense realize this sweet harmony.

In too many, however, there is disharmony, antagonism, hindrance. Dying at the top. No blossom.

1. The sinner is dead at the top. His highest nature—the spiritual—is dead. His heavenly capacities are atrophied. God and divine things are shut out of his life.

His next higher nature—the moral—is often, perhaps always, seriously involved in this death.

Intellectuality may predominate. Capacities have been enlarged, and powers strengthened. The stars can be measured. The problems of philosophy pronounced. Questions of statecraft settled. But devotion is unknown.

The animal nature is often abnormally developed. Passion and appetite are the strong men who rule the life. He grovels. He goes on all-fours. He lives close to the ground. The world is his sphere. Conformity to it the rule of his life.

In this life there is no blossom at the top. It needs trimming. The keen blade of Conviction and Repentance has a work to do here. Much of the lower life must be cut away if there is ever to come a blossom in the top.

2. The Christian is sometimes dying at the top.

Sinner—dead. Christian—dying. Not all, but some.

From some Christian lips the song has died away. In some Christian hearts the melody has ceased. Some Christian hands know not service for God. To joy in service they are strangers and of conscious communion with God they are skeptical. On their life-trellis hangs no fruit for their Master.

Their best thoughts and strength are given to the world and into the world they go for their recreation and pleasure. The sorrowing never cry to them for comfort. The penitent never come to them for instruction. The dying never crave their prayers.

There is no spiritual blossom in their lives. Maybe in other years there was, but not now. They are dying at the top. They need trimming. They must be trimmed. They will be trimmed. "My Father," said Jesus, "is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away."

He wants a blossom at the top of our lives.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains the linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it, or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of Swamp-Root and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention that you read this generous offer in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. 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.

A HELPFUL, WISE METHOD.

BY S. H.

When my next-door neighbor, a dear old lady, proffered me her advice in regard to several saving methods when I first began house-keeping, I never dreamed that the good work would go on and on, but it not only helped me to wiser methods, but has afforded me an opportunity for extending it.

One recipe I will give to the readers of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, for it will be invaluable to house-keepers. It is this: "Gather all the broken scraps and pieces of soap all over the house and keep a tin can for the special purpose of dropping these savings in. When it is nearly full dissolve three ounces of powdered borax in two quarts of warm water and stir the pieces of soap into the borax-water. When cool it forms a jelly. A tablespoonful of this will make a strong, nice lather in a gallon of water and for washing windows, floors, matting, oil cloth, all kinds of willow furniture, in fact any and everything, it has no equal. It cleans so quickly and does not chap the hands at all. For spring cleaning I know dozens of housewives that never use anything else. If you do not need or care to economize get two or three bars of good white soap and shave fine and use in the borax-water instead of the scraps. It is just the same.

WHY HE DID NOT DRINK.

Dr. A. C. Dixon tells this pathetic story: "I read the other day of four young men riding in a Pullman car chatting merrily together. At last one of them said: 'Boys, I think it's time for drinks.' Two of them consented, the other shook his head and said, 'No, I thank you.' 'What,'

exclaimed his companions, 'have you become pious? Are you going to preach? Do you think you will become a missionary?' 'No,' he replied, 'fellows, I am not specially pious, and I may not become a missionary, but I have determined not to drink another drop, and I will tell you why. I had some business in Chicago with an old pawnbroker, and as I stood before his counter talking about it, there came in a young man about my age and threw down upon the counter a little bundle. When the pawnbroker opened it, he found it was a pair of baby shoes with the buttons a trifle worn. The old pawnbroker seemed to have some heart left in him, and he said, 'Look here, you ought not to sell your baby's shoes for drink.' 'Never mind, Cohen, baby is at home dead, and does not need the shoes. Give me ten cents for a drink.' Now, fellows, I have a wife and baby at home myself, and when I saw what liquor could do in degrading that husband and father, I made up my mind that, God helping me, not a drop of the infernal stuff would ever pass my lips again.'"

THE DARK AND DREARY DAYS.

GEO. M. SPEARS.

We may learn a beautiful lesson from Longfellow's

"Some days must be dark and dreary,
Into each life some rain must fall."

In nature there must be dark and disagreeable days. Without the rainy days vegetation could not live, and without vegetation the animal kingdom would perish. So when we have our sorrows let us consider them as showers which will awaken and develop something in our nature which is essential to our future welfare. How could we attempt to sympathize and help our brother in his trials and disappointments if we had no rainy days? An excess of pleasure would make us thoughtless and harsh; but suffering refines us, and teaches us patience and gentleness, and fits us for a wider sphere of usefulness. God never does anything without a purpose, and though we may not know what that purpose is, let us remember that "every cloud has a silver lining."

A remarkable instance of faithfulness unto death was recently described in a Chicago paper. An elevator in a tall office building fell from the eighth story to the basement.

Of the three passengers in the elevator when it fell, one was a child a little girl about eight years old. The man in charge of the elevator, when he saw that the car was actually falling, and utterly beyond control, turned quickly, caught up the little girl, and held her high above his head. The shock when the elevator struck the solid floor of the basement was something terrific. The two adult passengers and the elevator man were instantly killed; but the child, held aloft in the arms of the latter, was saved, the shock being diminished for her by the interposition of the rescuer's body.

The man's last thought and last act were of the obligation resting upon him, his duty to preserve, as far as lay in his power, the lives that had been entrusted to him. *Exchange*.

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Mission topic for May—MEXICO and BRAZIL.

BIBLE LEARNERS.

Learn Acts 13:38-39. Then pray God to help you send the good tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ round the world.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Are you getting ready for it? The little ones will teach you a sweet lesson, if you give them the right of way on one of the June Sundays. Send to Dr. J. M. Frost, Nashville, for programs. Will not the superintendents take this up?

YOUNG SOUTH CORRESPONDENCE.

Now, look here! You are being too easy on your editor. She has rested enough. Why, not a "corporal's guard" have responded for this fourth week in May, and I was ready for dozens and scores.

I know, though, what is the matter. It is those commencements and closing exercises, and all that sort of thing. All the pennies go for fresh ribbons and fan-chains and flowers to send the best friend. All the thoughts are of how the essay shall be read, or the recitation given, or of those who will get the honors. Several of these "sweet girl graduates" have sent me invitations, with their cards enclosed, and it only seems a little while since they were babies. The years go by so fast.

When vacation comes and you get rested from this unwonted strain, you will take up the Young South again with renewed energy and begin the sweet June days as grandly as you did May. Is that not so?

I dare say you would half envy me if you could see one thing the postman has brought this week. It is such a sweet picture of our beloved friends, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard. To look into their faces is a fresh inspiration. The *Foreign Journal* of May says they will return to Japan in the early fall. Let us make the summer a happy time to the Young South Missionary by rallying promptly to her support, and so proving to her how much we love her, how much we prize the privilege of calling her our very own.

Do you remember the fairy tale of the little maid who was so lovely that

wherever she walked flowers sprang up and bloomed? Well, Mrs. Maynard makes me think of that old story. Wherever she goes some band or some person writes me immediately for coin-takers or arks, and goes to work for Jesus. Of course she tells those who come to hear her talk about her work in Japan, of the band of young people who send her to represent them in that far land across the big ocean, and equally, of course, they want to help in such a good work. She sows the seed and we shall reap the ripened fruit bye and bye. Several times lately orders have come from places where they have felt the grace of her presence. She is working for her dear old Japan all the while she is here in the home land. God bless her. Pray earnestly and constantly that health and strength may be given her to go on with her chosen work. How sweet it is that even the smallest member of our Babies' Branch may be a collaborer with this consecrated child of God.

By the way, we are not hearing much from our babies lately. What's become of them? Let it be part of your vacation work to gather the babies' offerings in and send them to me. Two cents a month makes a baby a member, you remember. Collect ten or twenty-five cents at a time and I will send you a pretty certificate for each little one. Won't you take up this work in your church or neighborhood? Send me a stamp for suitable literature and form a "Branch" at once.

They say the ladies had a grand time at Asheville. I longed to go, because one gets so much by coming in close touch with the best workers in the South and the missionaries. You must read the reports on other pages and get as much benefit as possible from hearing of what was said and done. I hope some one represented the Young South with a kind word of our past deeds and our future hopes.

Our hearts here in the Chattanooga First church are sad to-day. We are thinking of that shadowed home in Covington, Ky., from which our dear former pastor, Rev. C. G. Jones, has gone forever. He was at the height of his usefulness. It seems so strange that God should say to him "Come home." But his ways are not as our ways. Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to the wife and four little daughters, so deeply bereft. May the great Comforter pour balm into their wounded hearts.

But you will be asking for the letters. Let me whisper a word softly! There are so few, they will not require much time nor space. That one you meant to write did not come. Get out that coin-taker or that ark and fill them right away and send June forth with flying colors.

And please be careful about your stamps. I have had to throw away several lately, or soak them apart and use mucilage. Wrap them in oil paper if you can.

Here's the light harvest:

No. 1 brings news from several of our good workers at Hickman:

"I come again with my little mite. Enclosed you will find twelve cents for our dear missionary. I have a new little brother, just six weeks old. I send two cents to enroll his name with the Babies' Branch, Howard Clay Ashley. RUBY ASHLEY."

We welcome the new member cordially. May he grow up a true child of the Young South. Thank you, Ruby.

In the same envelope is No. 2:

"We hope you will excuse our long absence. We have not forgotten the Young South but we have been giving in other ways. We send you now the

contents of a coin-taker for our Japan fund. We have read the nice literature you sent us and we long to save at least one soul with our small offerings. May God bless the Young South. Pray for us.

"LENA AND GRACE SMITH."

Many a dollar has come from these dear girls and maybe in that "other country" they will rejoice over many a soul brought to know the Lord through their efforts to send the truth to the islands of the sea. God bless them. May they grow up earnest Christian women, never ceasing to work for Jesus. Thanks for this much needed help.

No. 3 is from a much esteemed friend at Locke:

"Enclosed find sixteen cents, a memorial thank-offering for my boy who would now be sixteen years old, were he still on earth. Perhaps some one may ask how I can make a thank-offering for one of my loved ones, gone to the spirit land. I would tell such a one that my darling boy remembered his Creator in the days of his youth, and could lie down to die, as one who draws the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

"Oh! sad-hearted mothers, all through our South-land, who have a vacant chair or an empty cradle, make an offering to the Lord when the birthdays of the departed loved ones come around each year. We may hope that these sacred pennies may lead some poor soul from heathen darkness into the full light of God's truth. Give this little offering to Japan. I pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon the Young South and its noble work.

MRS. M. E. WILLOUGHBY."

We prize the prayers of such workers even above the offerings. May God comfort you always.

No. 4 brings a big order from Henning:

"We send twenty-two cents for twenty arks to be used by the Maynard Band. We will be obliged for any simple literature that will be helpful to us. What is the price of 'Bible Buttons'?" MRS. A. J. ROSE."

We send the arks, etc., with sincere pleasure. The "Buttons" can be had for fifteen cents per dozen. Let us hear from you often.

No. 5 orders a coin-taker and begs to enroll Jessie Glover, Union City, in our Bible Learners. She will have it at work before she reads this. Our Bible Learners have not had many admissions recently. Who will join Jessie for summer verse learning?

No. 6 tells us that Frank Gillard is a farmer now and cannot write so often and acknowledges the reception of the little "souvenir book" for his April work. We will be glad to have his prayers and we know the Young South will not be forgotten when his "crops" come in. May he be very successful.

No. 6 is from Frank's mother, and she wants the picture of the editor of the Young South hung in the Young South rooms at the Orphanage. Some day when the editor gets rich enough she will consider it. Meanwhile we'll get Mrs. Maynard to send hers.

Mrs. Gillard also suggests that our dear missionary would write the story of some of her little "Japs" for a leaflet. That would be lovely, but we can't tax her now. When she is stronger she will think of it if Miss Armstrong approves of the idea.

Mrs. Gillard shall have the literature for which she sends postage at once. The brown and yellow are the colors of Japan, chosen by the Young South as a token of their love for the souls of that country. We hope Mrs. Gillard will have great success in forming a Young South Band.

From Dyersburg comes No. 7:

"I send you another coin-taker filled by Vera Hurt. I regret not collecting more but the closing of the schools and the prevalence of smallpox in our town have confused us, and it may be fall before all are returned.

"Brother Lawrence of Brownville assisted our much loved pastor, Brother Crutcher, in our recent meeting, and the former endeared himself to the people of Dyersburg. God bless the Young South, and may each coin-taker aid in carrying the gospel to many souls. MRS. LINNIE WILLIAMS."

Many thanks. May things grow brighter with the summer days. That dread disease flies with the heat, strange to say.

No. 8 enquires for \$2.00 sent by the Junior Missionary Society of the First church, Memphis. Doubtless Miss Briggs has noted the acknowledgment last week. We are most happy to enroll this band among our workers, and we hope to hear from them often. The Young South has already had many friends in Memphis, and we prize them highly, and are most happy to add to them.

That's all! Bestir yourselves and make up for the "shortness" of this week's receipts. Make the vacation fruitful by beginning early. Those chickens must be ready for market. Eggs and butter are bringing good prices. The berries are coming on. Mother will be glad to let you sell vegetables and fruit on shares. The long afternoons out on the shady lawn or the cool verandas are the very time for fancy work. Just get the "willing hands" and the "ways" will be plain. Come on! Most truly, yours,

LAURA DAYTON EAKIN.

Received since April 1st, 1902.

For Japan.....	\$141 08
" Orphans' Home.....	7 94
" Home Board.....	21 35

(Continued on page 12.)

EXPOSURE

To cold and stormy weather opens the way to an attack of bronchitis. The man on the wagon, be he farmer, milkman or truckman, needs to pay special heed to the first symptoms of weakness or disease of the organs of respiration.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure bronchitis, deep-seated coughs, bleeding of the lungs, and other conditions which if neglected or unskillfully treated terminate fatally in consumption.

There is no alcohol in the "Discovery," and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics.

"For seven years I had been troubled with what the doctors called bronchitis," writes Mr. Arthur Maule (general merchant), of Niles-town, Middlesex Co., Ontario. "A year ago, after I had been taken sick with a severe attack, I began taking your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' I rapidly recovered from the attack and felt no more of it that fall. This season I began taking the 'Discovery' in August, and have so far been perfectly well. I can go out in all kinds of weather and not feel the bronchial trouble at all. Let me say to all who are suffering from such complaints to give Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery a fair trial, and I am convinced that good results will be obtained."

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YOUNG SOUTH.

(Continued from page 11.)

" State Board.....	1 00
" Foreign Board.....	1 00
" Foreign Journal.....	4 00
" Babies' Branch.....	2 02
" Postage books.....	5 51

Total.....	\$183 90
Coin-taker and Arks.....	\$35 30
Star-card Receipts.....	6 19

RECEIPTS.

April offerings.....	\$109.92
First week in May, 1902.....	25 78
Second week in May, 1902....	32 57
Third week in May.....	13 07

FOR JAPAN.

Lena and Grace Smith, Hickman, (coin-taker).....	1 00
Ruby Ashley, Hickman.....	12
In memory. Mrs. Willoughby Locke.....	16
Vera Hurt, Dyersburg (coin-taker).....	1 00

FOR BABIES' BRANCH.

Howard Clay Ashley, Hickman	02
For postage.....	26

Total..... \$183 90

L. D. E.

AMONG THE BRETHREN.

Evangelist George R. Cairns is assisting Dr. Oscar Haywood of the First church, Jackson, Tenn., in a revival of much spiritual power. Numbers are being converted.

Rev. F. H. Watkins, of Florence, Ala., has just closed a meeting at Anniston, Ala., which resulted in over thirty accessions to the church. Mr. Watkins is in his first pastorate, but is succeeding admirably.

Rev. A. J. Castellaw, of Jackson, Tenn., has accepted the care of the church at Lexington, Tenn., and will preach there twice a month. He will move on the field June 1.

Dr. W. P. Throgmorton, of DuQuoin, Ill., editor of the *Baptist News* and pastor of the First church in that city, was honored by being invited to deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the DuQuoin High School.

Evangelist L. D. Lamkin held a revival lately at Marion, Ill. There were over fifty conversions and thirty-nine accessions by baptism.

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.

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Martin, Tenn., June 3, 1901.

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REV. R. C. WHITNELL.

The best lamp
in the world is not
best, without the
chimney I make
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Rev. B. G. Henning, of the First church, Bristol, Tenn.-Va., rejoices at the continuous prosperity his church is enjoying. At last accounts twenty awaited baptism.

Rev. J. D. Harte, of the Second church, Petersburg, Va., has resigned and will leave at once. The church is in tears over his departure.

Rev. W. L. Ways, of Buena Vista, Va., assisted Rev. F. P. Robertson in a protracted meeting at Rocky Mount, Va., resulting in fifteen professions and sixteen accessions to the church.

Rev. T. L. Powell lately resigned the William Jewell church, Kansas City, Mo., to accept the care of the East Sedalia church, Sedalia, Mo.

Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, is to preach the commencement sermon of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, June 6.

Dr. B. H. Carroll, Jr., has determined to go to Germany to spend a year in study. He will write articles for several papers during his absence.

Prof. S. P. Brooks accepts the Presidency of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, succeeding President O. H. Cooper.

Rev. R. E. Paulk and wife, of Florence, Ala., who have been successfully managing the ministerial department of the University Boarding Hall at Jackson, Tenn., have left for their home and Rev. E. G. Butler and wife of Westport, Tenn., have been elected to succeed them.

Rev. Harry L. Marlin, of Stanton, Tenn., who is a student in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., will supply for Rev. W. D. Nowlin one month at Upper Street church, Lexington, Ky. Brother Marlin is greatly gifted as a preacher.

All greatly deplore the death of Dr. C. G. Jones, of Covington, Ky., during the session of the Convention at Asheville. He was one of the most gifted of Southern Baptist preachers.

The revival at Conway, Ark., conducted by Rev. Harvey Beauchamp resulted in 45 conversions and 25 baptisms. Every non-professing girl in Central College was baptized except one.

Rev. W. A. Freeman, of Texarkana, Ark., has been called to the care of the church at Hope, Ark. He has not announced his acceptance.

Rev. M. L. Voyles, of Booneville, Ark., assisted Rev. M. M. Smith in a revival at Monett, Mo., which resulted in seventeen professions. It was an epoch in the history of the church.

Dr. Fred D. Hale of Bales Chapel church, Kansas City, closed a meeting with O. L. Halley of the First church, Texarkana, Texas. There were thirteen accessions by baptism.

Rev. Lucius Cuthbert has resumed charge of the First church, Charleston, S. C., and will preach there during the summer.

President R. T. Vann, of the Baptist Female Seminary, Raleigh, N. C., lately delivered a masterly literary address before the Carolina Normal School, Dabney, N. C.

Rev. R. A. Kimbrough, of Shelbyville, Tenn., we are told, will soon be assisted in a revival at that place by his brother-in-law, Rev. Geo. H. Crutcher, of Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dr. E. C. Dargan, Professor of Homiletics in the Seminary, Louisville, will go abroad soon and study in Europe until Christmas. He is writing a book on "The History of Preaching."

Rev. George P. Hoster has resigned the care of the church at Arcadia, Ill., to become pastor of the First church, Springfield, Ill. He has only been in Illinois a few years.

Rev. Paul Price, of Urbana, Ohio, is assisting Rev. S. A. Wilkinson in a revival at Tupelo, Miss., this week.

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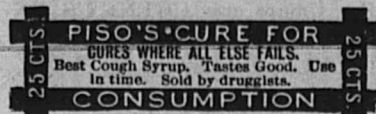
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WEST TENNESSEE ITEMS.

REVIVAL MEETING.

Mr. Geo. R. Cairns, one of the finest evangelists in the United States, will hold a meeting in Trimble, Tenn., beginning May 28 at 10:30 a.m. We invite the brethren and friends from the surrounding country and towns to attend. He is a great singer as well as a great preacher. Pray that God may give us a glorious meeting.

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OFF FOR EUROPE.

Mrs. Henry Taylor of Baltimore has been visiting in the home of Dr. Powell. She invited Miss Mamie Tupper Powell to accompany her to Baltimore and then to Europe, she bearing all the expense. Who will say that Providence does not smile on the country preacher and his family?

Mrs. Taylor visited Mexico often and knew much of Brother Powell's missionary work there.

Dr. A. U. Boone leaves for Europe in June. OMEGA.

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Nashville, Tenn.

RECENT EVENTS.

We have received a copy of the catalogue of Bethel College, Russellville, Ky. The catalogue gives full information with reference to the College.

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Rev. J. H. Roddy, of Eureka Springs, Ark., has become editor of the *Baptist Banner*, Huntington, W. Va. We extend to him a cordial welcome to the editorial ranks.

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We have just received a catalogue of John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, for 1901-2. It makes a book of 153 pages, neatly printed and bound. There were 429 students present last year, coming from twenty-four States and twenty-nine Counties in Florida. This is a fine showing.

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We call attention to the advertisement of "Lasting Hymns" which appears in this issue. This was the hymn book used at the Southern Baptist Convention and which seemed to give great satisfaction. We can furnish you with copies of it at the prices named.

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Rev. Forrest Smith, of Louisville, N. C., has accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Sherman, Texas. Brother Smith is a most excellent man. He is a Tennessean and we had hoped that when he turned his face westward he would stop in the old State. We wish him much success in his new field.

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Dr. and Mrs. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, stopped over in Knoxville on their return from the Southern Baptist Convention in Asheville to visit old friends. We are sure that both they and their friends enjoyed the visit very much. We have never quite forgiven Dr. Jones for leaving Tennessee.

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We have received a copy of the Journal of the National Baptist Convention held in Cincinnati, September, 1901. It makes a large book, about 280 pages altogether, including the Journal of the Women's Convention. The work is neatly done and the whole Journal is quite creditable to our colored brethren.

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In speaking of our Northern visitors at our Convention we inadvertently omitted the name of Dr. O. F. Filppo, of Philadelphia. Drs. H. L. Moorehouse and E. E. Chivers and Norman Fox attended the meetings of the Young Peoples' Union and the American Baptist Educational Society, but we did not see them at the Convention.

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C. COLLINS.

Morristown, Tenn.

PROGRAM.

Fifth Sunday meeting of Stewart County Association to be held in Dover, Tenn., beginning Friday night before the fifth Sunday in June.

1. Introductory Sermon, Elder A. C. Dorris, J. M. Ross, alternate.
2. How can we Best Promote the Spiritual Development of a Church? J. W. Pruitt, A. J. Byrd, alternate.
3. The Plan of Missions in the Churches, R. L. Futrell and D. C. Hicks.
4. Prayer Meetings, F. M. Doty and A. A. Lott.
5. The Work of the State Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, N. M. Williams and G. W. Bray.

6. Was Cornelius Convicted or Saved before Peter Visited and preached to him? H. C. Brock, George Davis.

7. Sunday school mass meeting at 9 a.m. Sunday, G. K. Grant.

8. Missionary Sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dr. A. J. Holt, G. W. Bray, alternate.

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Nashville, Tenn.

The Bell Avenue Baptist church recently held a good meeting. The preaching was done by Brother W. A. Catlett and L. H. Maples. This, of course, was well done. I do not know how many conversions we had, though we had several. We also had several additions to the church. Brethren Catlett and Maples are true men of God and it was quite a pleasure to have them with us. Our new pews will soon be in. This will add very much to the comfort of our church. When this is done we hope to paint the house and make other needed improvements. We have had many good things on the "dead church" question, but the best I have seen upon the subject was written many hundred years ago. Read Rev. 3:1-6 and decide for yourself whether we have any "dead churches" or not.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Mollie E. Hamilton was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., April 25, 1871, and died in Bristol, Tenn., February 17, 1902, aged 30 years, 9 months and 22 days.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kincheloe. She was married to J. D. Hamilton, September 17, 1889, at the residence of her parents in Hawkins County, Tenn. Three children were born to bless this union, two of whom are left with the husband to mourn their loss, and one had preceded the mother to the better land.

Sister Hamilton professed faith in Christ when she was about sixteen years of age, and was baptized into the membership of McPheer's Bend Baptist church of which she lived a devoted member until she moved to Bristol and united with the West Bristol Baptist church about a year preceding her death.

The deceased was an earnest and faithful Christian. Like Mary of Bethany, she delighted by faith to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of him whom she loved and adored.

She had been in declining health for about eighteen months, and for several months past there had been no hope of her recovery from that fell destroyer of the human race, consumption.

She was perfectly conscious of her approaching death and freely talked to her family, her pastor, her relatives and friends about her prospects and hopes for a blessed immortality to come. She even longed for the hour of dissolution that she might depart and be with Christ. To her pastor she once said that she did not want to be inpatient, but she could not understand why she had to wait so long to go, yet she was willing for God's will to be done.

Amid all her afflictions she never lost interest in her family, her friends or her church. By her special request the Ladies' Aid Society met with her a few weeks before her death, when some of the members doubted whether she would be able to bear the excitement of so many being in her room. But she did bear it in a remarkable manner, and when the mite boxes were opened it was found that she had more money in her box for the church than any other member present.

As long as she had strength to speak she would ask about the welfare of each friend who called, and even whispered to her husband when she was too weak to speak, and appeared to be sinking into a stupor, and asked that he would rouse her up when any of her friends came to her bedside.

A loving and devoted wife and mother, a kind friend and neighbor, a true and tried follower of the Savior she loved, she died as she had prayed to die, almost without a struggle.

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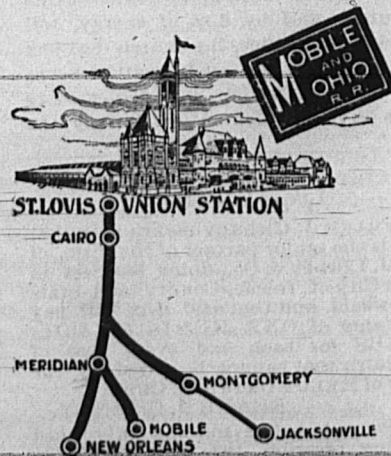
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ed faith in Christ and united with
Rover Baptist church about thirty
years ago.

She remained with that church about
fifteen years, after which she removed
her membership to Eagleville church
and lived a devoted Christian life until
God said: "It's enough, come up
higher." Sister Owen was an exem-
plary Christian lady. For the past
twenty-five years she had been totally
blind. Notwithstanding this affliction
she was loyal to her Master, and
often expressed herself as not only
ready, but anxious to go, knowing that
on the other side, she would see Christ
as he is and be like him.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS,
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REAVES.—Little Neva Reaves, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reaves, was
born December 22, 1899, died April 11,
1902. The home was made so sad and
lonely by her going away. She was a
great sufferer and that which was our
loss is her gain.

She was patient and sweet until the
dreaded messenger came, and she was
called away from her suffering to be
with God in his kingdom, where there
will be no more pain or sickness.

We bow in submission to him who
doeth all things well, for he has greatly
blessed us, though now he calls upon
us to pass under the rod of affliction.

We will wait until the resurrection
morning to again see our darling. "She
is not dead, but sleepeth," until her
Savior awakens her, and this dear Sav-
ior has also said: "Suffer little child-
ren to come unto me, and forbid them
not, for of such is the kingdom of
heaven."

A precious one from them has gone,
A voice they loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in their home
Which never can be filled.

A FRIEND.

WILLIAMS.—Alma, wife of M. E. Wil-
liams, and daughter of T. S. Gunn, was
born December 6, 1881; died April 20,
1902, age 20 years, 4 months, 14 days.

Alma was happily converted October
1899 and united with the Missionary
Baptist church at Prairie Plains, Tenn.
She walked in the footsteps of our bless-
ed Master and we know for her was
laid up a crown of righteousness.

She was a girl of strong fortitude and
great loftiness of character, that en-
deared her to all that knew her loss is
deeply felt by the church and a large
circle of friends and associations.

As a friend she was always kind and
sympathetic, and in her home she was
of such a sweet, cheerful disposition.
Truly, "She budded on earth to bloom
in the garden of God."

Then, fond husband, weep not for
Alma, but rejoice to know that she is
at the pearly gate waiting and watching
for you.

Her remains were laid to rest April
11, in the family cemetery, there to
await the glorious resurrection morn.

MRS. HATTIE WINTON,
MRS. CARRIE GUNN,
Committee.

BLEDSOE.—Miss Mary Jane Bledsoe
was born Sept. 18, 1854, died April
25, 1902. She was a devoted Christian,
professing faith in Christ in her four-
teenth year; lived a devoted Christian
all her life; said while dying, "I am
going home." Just before departure,
she called them around her, gave as-
surance of her faith and trust in Christ
and hopes of his glory beyond the
grave, and bade them meet her in that
better land.

Her last moments were very quiet.
Without a struggle or sigh she peace-
fully fell asleep in the arms of her
Savior, and passed from the sad disci-
pline of earth to the glad experience of
heaven.

The funeral services were conducted
by Revs. Kindrick and Smith, and
the large concourse of people in at-
tendance evinced wide-spread respect
and esteem for the departed, and sin-
cere sympathy for the bereaved.

May he who wounds but to heal,
temper the wind to shorn lambs
and with the stricken friends draw
them to themselves, and grant them
at last a blessed reunion with their lost
ones in that fair land where death and
parting will come no more.

We miss her, yes we miss her,
Along life's lonely track;
Yet to earth's toils and trials
We would not call her back.
For while we must remember
The last sad hours of pain,
We know that our bereavement
Is her eternal gain.

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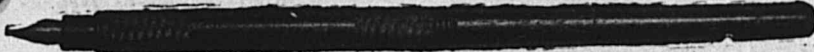
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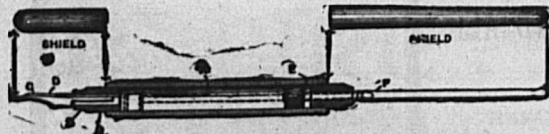
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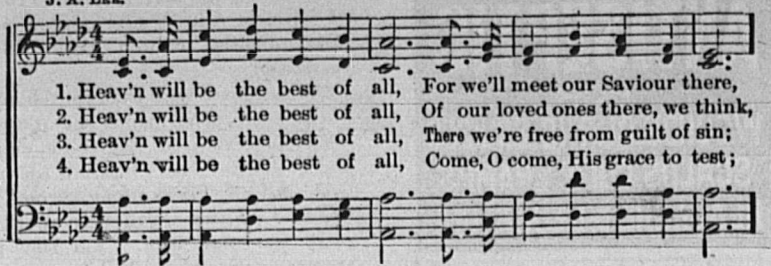
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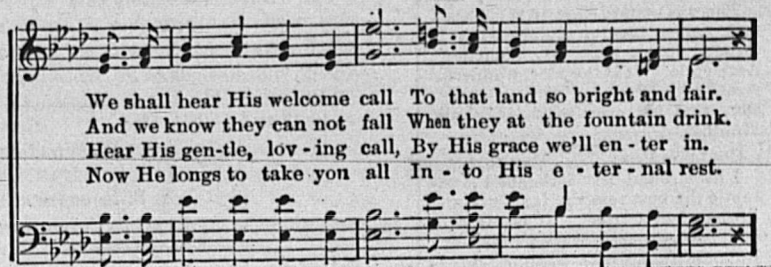
Dedicated to Miss Camilla Henderson, Covington, Ky., died Dec. 25, 1900, aged 19 years. Loved ones had gathered at her bedside, Christmas Day, and the presents she had received were mentioned. She realized what heaven was and knowing that she would soon be there said, "Heaven will be the best of all." In a little while she was there.

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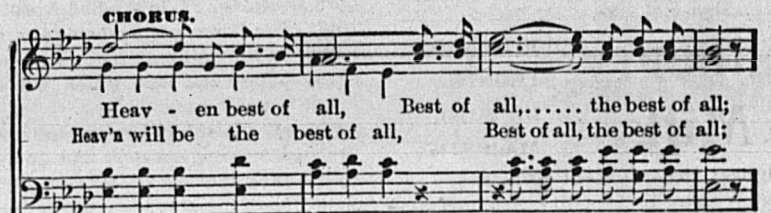
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1. Heav'n will be the best of all, For we'll meet our Saviour there,
2. Heav'n will be the best of all, Of our loved ones there, we think,
3. Heav'n will be the best of all, There we're free from guilt of sin;
4. Heav'n will be the best of all, Come, O come, His grace to test;

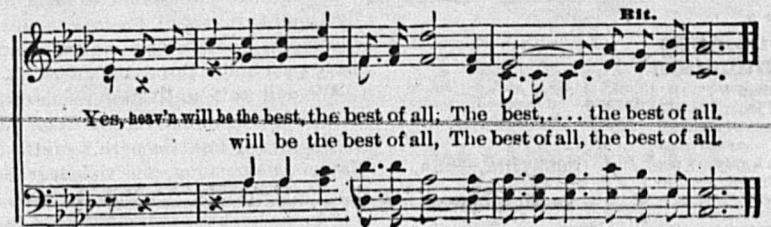


We shall hear His welcome call To that land so bright and fair.
And we know they can not fall When they at the fountain drink.
Hear His gentle, lov-ing call, By His grace we'll en-ter in.
Now He longs to take you all In-to His e-ter-nal rest.



CHORUS.

Heav-en best of all, Best of all,..... the best of all;
Heav'n will be the best of all, Best of all, the best of all;



Yes, heav'n will be the best, the best of all; The best,.... the best of all.
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