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STATE CONVENTION.

Minutes of The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Christian Church of Georgia. Held in Athens, Georgia, November 23-26, 1896.

On Tuesday night, November 24, the first meeting of the convention proper was held in the First Methodist Church, of Athens. Our own building being too small to accommodate the crowd, the Methodist brethren kindly tendered us the use of their house for this service. President Williamson introduced A. McLean, of Cincinnati, Ohio, secretary of our Foreign Missionary work, who entertained the convention with stereopticon views of people seen during his trip around the world. Dr. Young, pastor of the Baptist Church of Athens, loaned for this occasion his instrument and assisted the speaker, thus adding much to the enjoyment of the evening. The session was adjourned with benediction.

Wednesday morning the convention assembled in the Christian Church promptly at 9:30. Devotional exercises were led by Belt White. The chair appointed the following committees: on enrollment, J. H. Wood, Belt White and J. M. Mayne; on order of business, W. A. Chastain, W. B. Langford, T. M. Foster, W. A. Chastain, on behalf of the church at Athens, in a few well-chosen words, extended to the convention a most cordial welcome. D. A. Brindle, of Tallapoosa, responded aptly to the address of welcome. C. P. Williamson delivered a short address in which he congratulated the church of Georgia, especially on the progress made during the last year. Dr. A. G. Thomas presented the following report of executive committee:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

Another year has fled, another plume from the wing of time has fallen, another record has been closed and borne by time's recording angel to the chancery of heaven. We congratulate you, brethren, that in the fostering hand of your heavenly Father we have been safely borne thro all the vicissitudes incident to human life during another annual period and that we are gathered here today to bear willing testimony that "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people forevermore." But while so many of us are permitted to be together today, we

are grieved to say that our beloved brother, W. S. Bell, who was chosen by your committee as its chairman, has been, and still is, very ill, and we deeply regret that we cannot bring you the good news of a bright prospect for his recovery. Forget not him and his in your prayers for God's blessing to be upon them.

This has been a very unfavorable year for the successful prosecution of missionary work. The serious financial depression, whether real or imaginary, which has clogged the wheels of industry, the absorbing political campaigns and the general unrest of the people have hindered our progress, both state and national, home and foreign. Despite these obstacles the work has gone forward and now as a people we number more than a million brethren in the United States and have collected more money than in any previous year. As to our work in Georgia, the year began with an empty treasury and a deficiency of pledges yet, in the hands of Bro E. L. Shelnutt, whose time your committee deemed it wise to share with our sister state, South Carolina, a grand move forward has been made of which you shall have the pleasure of hearing in detail when he presents his report. Your committee has held frequent meetings as occasion required, at most of which our state evangelist has been present, and so have been in frequent counsel with him and thro him in constant touch with the work which he has done in various parts of the state. We have much reason for thankfulness that open doors have been entered, men and women have been converted to the Lord, churches have been organized and much gospel seed has been sown, which we pray and hope may spring up and bear an abundant harvest for the reaping of the angels.

Your treasurer will report the financial condition.

What has been accomplished is but a feeble indication of what can be done. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." (Josh. xiii.11.) Vast multitudes of souls in our dear old state are yet untaught, unsaved, sitting in the midnight feeling after God, crying out for the light of life. These people must be brought to Christ and we must bring them to him or God will remove his candle from us and give the work to worthier hands.

(a) We would recommend that the work of evangelization be especially nurtured. We are firmly convinced that our evangelists and preachers make a great mistake in inaugurating meetings, and as soon as they are beginning to be deeply felt by the community and there is a prospect of doing some good the meeting is closed and off goes the preacher. Then comes a report of one or more additions, with the complacent, self satisfying assertion, "I verily believe that could I have stayed longer many souls could have been saved." In such cases the work should go on as long as a good work can be done. Finish the work at one point then begin at another. The entire time and labor of one, and if possible, two or more evangelists might be profitably employed in this state. Our resources if they can be made effective, are abundant to do a great work for Christ and his Kingdom. Let us enlist all our resources.

(b) Where practicable tent meetings can

be made the means of establishing Churches in our large towns and smaller cities.

(c) The district conventions should by all means be held regularly and the number of districts increased as rapidly as possible.

(d) The weak churches should be strengthened and the sickly ones healed.

(e) Our city churches should redouble their energies and renew their efforts in the planting and building of missions and churches.

The King's business requires haste. Men are perishing, women are dying, children are on the downward road to ruin, and the Churches of Christ in Georgia must give to these perishing men the bread of heaven, must revive these dying women with the water of life, must snatch these children from the clutches of Satan and bring them to the arms of him who said "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." "When the Master calls for you, who will answer gladly, saying, here am I O Lord, send me?"

A. G. THOMAS, for Ex. Com.

The above report was referred to the committee on Future Work. Our state evangelist, E. L. Shelnutt, read a complete and encouraging report of the work done by him during the year (a summarized report will appear elsewhere).

This report was also referred to the committee on Future Work. Short talks of approval and congratulation on this report were made by A. M. Atkinson, of Wabash, Indiana., A. McLean, and B. L. Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio. E. E. Smith, of Atlanta, addressed the convention in a thoughtful and well prepared speech on "The business man's relation to missions." Convention sang "He leadeth me," after which A. M. Atkinson addressed the assembly feelingly and instructively on the theme nearest to his heart. "The care of the old preachers."

Convention, by a standing vote, unanimously extended its thanks to Brother Atkinson and committed itself to support the work represented by him. A liberal free-will offering was made to the work by individuals at the close of the session. The largest offering he has received at any convention, not excepting our National Convention. President appointed as committee on future work, B. L. Smith, A. G. Thomas, J. S. Lamar, R. M. Mitchell, B. B. McCraw, A. J. Irwin, Wallace Tharp, T. M. Foster, Z. H. Powers. A telegram having been received telling of the death of C. S. Lucas, who had labored so faithfully in our state some years ago, it was voted

to extend to Mrs. Lucas our sincerest sympathy in her great bereavement. The chair appointed Wallace Tharp to send a message of condolence. Chair appointed as committee on Time and Place, D. A. Brindle, W. C. Hafley, S. H. Wood. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Wednesday afternoon session opened promptly at 2:30 with a service of worship led by A. T. Fitts. The president appointed the following committee on nominations, J. S. Lamar, W. A. Chastain, A. C. Smith, on educational work, A. G. Thomas, J. S. Lamar, W. A. Chastain, H. C. Combs, E. L. Shelnutt. The secretary of the educational work, Mrs. A. C. Smith, of Atlanta, read her report of this work for the last year. The itemized part of this report was referred to the auditing committee, and the remainder of it enthusiastically endorsed. Below is the itemized report:

Statement of Receipts:	
From Contributions since last report,	138.86
Repaid by Students,	15.00
	Making 153.86
Balance on hand last report	139.23
	Total 293.09
Disbursements:	
Loans to T. L. Young,	100.00
Loans to E. L. Phillips	20.00
Loans to E. C. Mobley,	30.00
Expense printing annual reports,	3.00
	Total 153.00
	Balance 140.09
Loan account:	
Am't loaned at close of last year	1668.15
Am't loaned this year	150.00
	Total loaned 1818.15
Am't returned this year	15.00
	Am't now loaned 1803.15
Number of students aided,	14
Number of students now in school	1
Total am't loaned from beginning in 1885,	2076.80
Total am't returned from beginning in 1885	273.65

Short talks on educational work were made by T. M. Foster, E. L. Shelnutt and A. E. Seddon. Convention sang, "Send the Light." Dr. A. G. Thomas delivered an address full of mature thought and deep interest on education among our people in the South. Chair appointed as committee on resolutions, Wallace Tharp, J. C. McReynolds, J. F. Lambert, T. H. Fitts, E. E. Smith, A. E. Seddon.

By request of Wallace Tharp Mrs. B. O. Miller, of Augusta, addressed the convention in behalf of a society for Georgia mis-

sions. Mrs. Miller moved the organization of a society for Georgia missions to be known as the Woman's Society of Georgia Missions in the work of which both men and women were to participate. As the plan of organization and work was already prepared it was referred to the committee on Future work and Mrs. Miller was asked to meet with them. Adjourned with benediction.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Wednesday night session was begun promptly at 7:30 with devotions led by W. A. Chastain. The chair introduced J. S. Lamar, of Grovetown, who spoke earnestly feelingly and instructively upon the necessity for a deeper spiritual life among the churches, and incidentally made an earnest plea for the Grovetown church. A. M. Atkinson called attention to a case of need among our brotherhood and an offering amounting to \$35.14 was taken to supply the present needs of a suffering brother. The convention was richly entertained with a pointed and thrilling address by A. McLean on his "Trip around the World." Adjourned with benediction by Bro. Atkinson.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Thursday morning's devotions were led by J. C. McReynolds, J. S. Lamar, chairman of the committee on nominations, reported as follows:

- Convention Officers:
 President, Wallace Tharp, Augusta.
 V. Pres. C. P. Williamson, Atlanta.
 Secretary, H. C. Combs, Macon.
 Treasurer, Jno. Cooper, Atlanta.
- Executive Committee:
 W. S. Bell, A. G. Thomas.
 R. M. Mitchell, J. P. Downing.
 C. C. Stockard, E. E. Smith.
- State Evangelist: E. L. Shelnutt.
- Board of Education:
 President, W. A. Chastain.
 Secretary and Treas., Mrs. A. C. Smith.
 Advisory committee, C. P. Williamson,
 A. C. Bruce, A. C. Smith, J. H. Wood,
 E. L. Shelnutt.

All of the above named were duly elected by vote of the convention. J. S. Lamar gave notice that a change in our constitution concerning the term of office of the president of the convention would be brought up for consideration at the next annual meeting. B. L. Smith, chairman of committee on Future Work, made the following report:

Report of Committee on Future Work.
 Your committee on Future Work would respectfully submit the following report:

- i. We endorse the recommendation of the State Evangelist as to the employment of two evangelists suggesting that one be employed at once upon whatever terms may be agreed upon by the evangelist and executive committee and that negotiations be entered into at once with the Acting Board of the American Christian Missionary Society to secure the cooperation of that society in the employment of the second.
- ii. We recommend the executive com-

mittee to advise with and co-operate with the districts in the employment of district evangelists as soon as practicable.

iii. We mention the church at Rome as occupying a pivotal point and as being in a field that needs the encouragement and support. We recommend that assistance be given them as soon as practicable, either by the state or national board or both.

iv. Believing that the the continued publication of the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN is essential to our highest success in Georgia we recommend that financial aid be extended the paper in such amount as the executive board may deem wise.

v. We recommend that there be organized a woman's society to be known as the "Woman's Society for Georgia Missions," which shall be auxiliary to the Georgia State Convention work, and whose officers and committees shall be in close touch with each other in the work, and the following plan of work is offered as a suitable one.

This report was voted upon section by section. A summary of the report of the enrollment committee, made by Belt White, is as follows:

No. of churches represented -	30
No. of preachers in attendance -	23
No. of delegates and visitors -	128

D. A. Brindle, chairman of committee on Time and Place, reported that the committee would recommend Sandersville as our next meeting place; that the time be fixed by our executive committee. This report was adopted. When the convention had sung two inspiring songs the chairman introduced B. B. McCraw, of Rome, who eloquently addressed the convention on "A. Consecrated Pocket Book." Convention was led in prayer by J. S. Lamar. Chair introduced B. L. Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who addressed the convention very impressively on "HOME MISSIONS TO THE FRONT." By suggestion of the president the preachers were asked to stand and thus pledge themselves to support the work of the "General Home Board" Every preacher present stood. At this time pledges for the state work in 1897 were taken as appears below:

Augusta, First Church,	\$ 75 00
Sandersville, - - -	25 00
Conyers, - - -	10 00
Corinth (Waldon county),	20 00
Reese, - - -	10 00
Acworth, - - -	15 00
Watkinsville, - - -	10 00
West End, Atlanta, -	15 00
Bethel, - - -	10 00
Antioch, Oconee county,	15 00
Athens, - - -	20 00
Rome, - - -	10 00
Red Oak, - - -	15 00
Union, Oconee county,	5 00
Winder, - - -	10 00
Galilee, - - -	10 00
Abbeville, - - -	5 00
Hagan, - - -	10 55
Meldrim, - - -	2 50
Antioch, Gnyton, -	10 00
Tennille, - - -	10 00
Augusta, Second Church,	30 00
Damascus, - - -	10 00
Ringold, - - -	10 00
Corinth, Butts county,	5 00
Union, Butts county, -	5 00
Philadelphia, - - -	5 00
Bogart, - - -	5 00
Harmony, Jackson county,	5 00

Maxeys, - - -	6 00
Mt. Vernon, - - -	10 00
Milledgeville, - - -	10 00
Young Ladies' So'y, Atlanta,	10 00
Christian Chapel, - - -	10 00
Macon, - - -	30 00
Hampton, - - -	10 00
Tallapoosa, - - -	15 00
Atlanta, First Church,	100 00

To this sum were added individual pledges and cash until the whole amount reached was \$693 80. This is the largest pledge made in recent years for state work. Report of committee on resolutions was made by its chairman:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to report as follows:

Resolved, first of all, that the beautiful and unbounded hospitality of the people of Athens, in welcoming and entertaining the delegates to this convention, is heartily appreciated, and that the convention express the same by a rising vote.

Resolved, second, that a vote of especial thanks be extended to the pastor of the Baptist Church for the use of his stereopticon, and for his kindly assistance in manipulating it for us, and to the Methodist brethren for the use of their beautiful and commodious house of worship, and that this action of the convention be communicated to them by the secretary of the convention.

Resolved, third, that this convention is deeply obligated to brethren McLean, Smith and Atkinson for their presence and services in the convention and that we especially commend to the attention of the churches of Georgia Bro. Smith's call of "Home Missions to the Front."

Resolved, fourth, that we most heartily appreciate the courtesy and kindness of the railroad corporations which granted reduced rates of travel to the delegates to this convention.

- Respectfully submitted,
 WALLACE THARP, Ch'm'n.
 A. E. SEDDON.
 J. C. McREYNOLDS.
 ALBERT T. FITTS.
 J. F. LAMBERT.

Report adopted by rising vote. Adjourned with benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Thursday afternoon's devotional exercise was led by C. P. Williamson, beginning at 2:00. Short talks on respective fields of labor were made by A. T. Fitts, Mrs. Rogers, A. E. Seddon, W. B. Langford, D. A. Brindle, W. C. Hafley and Thos. Campbell. The following report of committee on Education was read by Dr. Thomas and adopted as a whole:

Whereas our beloved brother, H. B. Robison, formerly of Georgia, now of Lexington, Ky., has made a liberal donation of one hundred dollars as a nucleus for the establishment of an endowment fund for the education of young men for the Gospel ministry in Georgia and recognizing the great importance of that work in our state we recommend.

i. The appointment of a Board of Education of eight members, which Board shall as soon as practicable, proceed to be incorporated under the laws of Georgia, with the usual privileges and responsibilities of such organizations.

ii. That the Board of Education shall adopt means for the raising of funds for accomplishment of the purposes contemplated in its organization and shall disburse such funds as they deem wise.

iii. The Educational Board shall make regular annual reports to, shall work thro, and be an integral part of, the State Convention.

iv. We recommend the following nam-

ed persons be appointed as members of said Board who shall be the Trustees of the funds of the society:

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| A. G. Thomas | C. P. Williamson |
| T. M. Foster, | W. A. Chastain. |
| E. L. Shelnutt. | J. S. Lamar. |
| H. M. Patterson. | Mrs. A. C. Smith. |

v. That the Board of Education shall be incorporated under the name and style of "The Georgia Christian Education Society."

Following the adoption of the above report remarks were made by B. L. Smith, C. P. Williamson, R. M. Mitchell, M. B. Doster and J. C. McReynolds. President Williamson being called out, the vice president, Wallace Tharp, took the chair. A. E. Seddon addressed the convention on "Religious Literature," confining himself chiefly to the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN. His earnest appeal in its behalf will do much good. Convention sang the Doxology and adjourned with benediction by Thos. Campbell.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

After the usual devotional exercise at 7:30, the chair declared the convention ready for any miscellaneous business. At the suggestion of Dr. Thomas, by the consent of the convention Mrs. A. C. Smith was added to the list of trustees appointed to have in charge the fund for ministerial education. A rising vote of thanks was given the recording secretary for his faithfulness to duty during this and other meetings of the convention.

In the absence of the treasurer, Jno. Cooper, E. L. Shelnutt read the treasurer's report, which showed that we had \$69.34 in the treasury with all debts for the year paid. President introduced Wallace Tharp, who delighted all present with one of his characteristic sermons, taking his text from Revelation 1:5, his theme being "Christ the glory and power of the Church." A half hour mass meeting was held during which short speeches, expressive of the pleasure and profit derived from the convention, were made by Mrs. A. C. Smith, J. N. Wood, M. B. Doster, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Eula Head, A. J. Irwin, Belt White, S. H. Wood, W. Joe Elder, C. P. Williamson, B. L. Smith and W. A. Chastain. Convention sang, "God be with you till we meet again," B. L. Smith pronounced the benediction and the best convention we have yet had in Georgia ended.

LAUNDRIES

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Obituary.

Miss Jannie Wilson, the daughter of John W. and Almeta Wilson, deceased this life, September 21, 1896. She was born March 25, 1873. At her death she was 23 years, 5 months, and 26 days old.

She became a member of the Church of Christ February 1892 and lived a faithful worker until death, in the Master's vineyard.

For many years she was a victim that dreaded disease scrofula, but despite her affliction she was always in attendance upon the regular services of the church and Sunday-school. In all sorts of weather she was one who went and did her duty.

For thirteen weeks and three days she was confined to her room before death came and relieved her of her suffering. All thro her protracted illness she was calm and patient, never murmuring, but hopeful and cheerful. She expressed no fear of death, but talked freely of her hope in Christ.

When the members of the church she loved met in her room to break the loaf, in memory of a suffering Christ, her face was lit with joyous delight and her lips moved in thanksgiving for such an exalted privilege.

She left behind a father, mother, two sisters and a brother and many friends to mourn for her.

N. G. JACKS.

In Memoriam.

Bryan Spencer Rutledge—Born May 21st, 1809,—Died October 24th, 1896,—age 87 years.

A patriarch in Israel has fallen—a servant of God has been called home.

Bro. Rutledge was born in South Carolina, and at the age of nineteen years connected himself with the Baptist church. He was afterwards amongst the first to identify himself with the reformation, truly a pioneer member of the Christian Church.

We have in him an example of a life service for God. For many years, and at the time of his death he was an elder of the New Hope church, near this place, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. It was a benediction to gaze upon his silvery locks, whitened in the service of his Master and one could not help but think as they viewed him—"Ere long, dear brother, you will be clad in garments of white and stand with the blessed of the Father around the great white throne."

The summons has come and he has gone home, and never more

in this life will we see him. He has left behind a service of sixty-eight years given to the advancement of the Christian religion, loving children, friends and relatives, the associations and pleasures of this life; but in return he has gained heaven, and with God as his Father and Christ his Elder Brother, being clothed with incorruptible garments, he stands with the saints, who have already gone over before, and is permitted to join in songs of praise to God and the Lamb.

T. B. B.

Lawrenceville, Ga.

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Some Great Book Offers.

In order to meet the pressing demands of the School of the Evangelists—we have about 90 young preachers to feed—I make the readers of the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN some most liberal book offers. I have a new edition of "The Great Controversy, a Biblical and Historical Search after the True Basis of Christian Union." This brings the circulation of this book up to the grand total of 40,000 copies, with an ever increasing demand. I have not had any in stock for some time, but the orders have come right along. I have printed only a small edition this time on account of scarcity of means. If you want to see the most popular book in our brotherhood this is the chance. It contains 290 pp. Price 50c; three copies for \$1.00, prepaid. I want to get rid of this edition by Jan. 1, 1897, hence the offer below:

OFFER X.—If you will sell one dozen copies and send the retail price (\$6.00) and 50c to pay postage on premium, I will send you Jamison, Fausset and Brown's

Unabridged Commentary on the whole Bible, about 1300 pages, weight 9 pounds. Just the book for all Bible readers.

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I will sell you the dozen Great Controversy and give you time to sell and remit, *but you must agree to remit in full by Jan. 1, 1897*; also if you are unknown to us you must send testimonials from elders or post-master as to character.

Faithfully your brother,

ASHLEY S. JOHNSON.

Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.

WINE DRINKING.

It Does Not Appear to Be Common In California, Where It Is Cheap.

Some years ago there was published in a popular magazine an essay entitled "Will the Coming Man Drink Wine?" which gave rise to a good deal of discussion on that subject. Since that article appeared the boy then in knee pants has arrived at manhood, and for the most part it must be acknowledged that he does drink wine in great variety and plenty of it.

In a country like California, where the grape will thrive almost upon the sands of the seashore, that the use of wine should be as general as that of tea or coffee would not be remarkable. But is it so? Is the young Californian, brought up, as it were, within the perfume of the vineyard, a drinker of wine, or have the ancient tastes of his ancestors, the hard cider drinkers of New England, the strong water drinkers of the Norse and Anglo-Saxon race and the beer drinkers of Germany, clashed with his appreciation of the wine of the country of his birth?

In a city club a few days ago this topic was discussed. There happened to be just 50 men sitting down to luncheon when the discussion arose, and a waiter was quietly instructed to count the bottles of wine on the tables. There were in all five quarts among those 50 men, not one of whom could not have afforded to pay for half a dozen bottles had he felt so disposed. Three were drinking Scotch whisky and soda, two had beer at their elbows, and with the exception of the wine drinkers the rest were satisfied with cold water. And this in a country where the cheapness of good wine is phenomenal!—San Francisco Chronicle.

"Stories of Georgia" by Joel Chandler Harris.

For many reasons Georgians will give a cordial welcome to "Stories of Georgia" just published by the American Book Company. Anything from the pen of the genial author of "Uncle Remus" finds a welcome here. This latest publication, whilst as entertaining us the author's previous works, is more distinctly educational—inasmuch as it does not lure us into the realm of fable to listen to the sage discourse of Brer Rabbit; but it opens for us the by ways of history and tells us some of the romantic, historical episodes, thro which our state has passed, from the time that the white man first set foot upon Georgian soil, down to the "Reconstruction" period and the birth of the New South; winding up

with an appreciative tribute to Henry Grady. The book does not claim to be complete, nor even a consecutive, history. It is a series of short "swallow flights." over the field of Georgia's history and leaves the author ample room to follow it up, as we hope he will, with a second and more series of stories. Few of the episodes, so graphically told by Mr. Harris, are as well known as they might be. Some of them will appear as new to many who may claim to have a reasonable familiarity with the annals of our state. Characters are introduced to us whom we have not met before, and very glad we are to make their acquaintance. The way that Robert Salette got the four hundred guineas, offered as a reward for his head by the old tory squire, will delight the boys. The chapter on the "Liberty Boys," and indeed much else that is in this book, will go far to reinstate Georgia's reputation for patriotism, a reputation that has suffered somewhat from comparison with other states whose struggles for liberty are better known. From de Soto to Henry Grady is a long journey; but our author succeeds in carrying us along with him by easy and pleasant stages so that the story, fragmentary as it is, does really convey a tolerably complete idea of the growth and development of our State. Thus whilst an entertaining work, it is worthy to rank as a standard historical study to be placed on our bookshelves for reference after a first reading. The book is illustrated in that splendid style which has won for its enterprising publishers a world-wide reputation.

A. E. S.

They All

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Back to

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The hearty co-operation of God's people in preaching the Gospel to the whole world.

The salvation of the home and the destruction of its greatest enemy—the saloon.

THIS ISSUE is given up largely to the minutes of the convention. We feel sure that our readers generally will be interested in reading the particulars of the best convention ever held by our brethren in Georgia.

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R. LIN CAVE, the gifted and consecrated preacher of the Vine Street Church in Nashville, was with us for a few days last week. The miserable spell of weather which came upon us greatly affected our audiences and the numerous cases of sickness in the families of our members—a dozen or more besides the near approach of the rush of business incident to Christmas, made it advisable to postpone the meeting until next spring. The few sermons preached by our brother but whet our appetite for more. His preaching is plain, eminently practical and full of genuine religion. We shall hope for a great meeting in the spring.

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TAKING A NEEDED REST. E. L. Shelnett, our evangelist, who led the Georgia brethren to such good results last year, is taking a very much needed rest this month and will enter actively on his work the first of January. Tho resting in name—everyone who knows "Rastus" knows that he is not idle and that he will be studying and planning for next year. Next year is to be a red-letter year in our history in Georgia. Let every minister and every congregation plan for an advance movement. More work and better, should be our motto.

Power of Influence.

Whilst people, in general, are disposed to over estimate their powers of mind and qualities of

person, yet the influence of their words and deeds on others is usually under-estimated. A personal selfish interest seems to center about our own characteristics, without a due regard to their influence on the minds of such as may be brought in contact with our association. A word of truth fitly spoken, a noble deed bravely done, is never lost. It will cause some one to think, some one to act who never thought or acted on this line before. Such small things have, from time to time, like a pebble thrown in the lake, started a wave, that advances in an ever deepening surge, until it lashed from shore to shore. Hence we are admonished against despairing "The day of small things."

When we study the records of the past, this truth shines out like a particular star in the firmament of history. Many examples might be cited in proof of this. For the present, let us apply this truth to a few facts in connections with our religious movement. The last century was the age of sectism in so called free America. Party spirit in religious was running high. Denominationalism was separating the affections of people whose hearts would, otherwise, have beat as one. This spirit was withering the life of God's people. In the back ground of this dark picture a few grand and mighty men, almost simultaneously, flash a gleam of light. If I may be allowed to change the figure to the literal fact, I would say that this light was after the fashion of a voice. The voice spoke something like this, "We plead for the Union of God's people on the Bible and the Bible alone."

The trumpet blasts of mighty sermons, advocating this plea, went forth and mingled its voice

with the Babel tongues of sectarianism; but amid this confusion much of its force was lost. The world's need had been emphasized and now it is no longer a few, lone voices crying in the wilderness, but peak answers back to peak, until mountain hill and valley now hath found a tongue. From small beginnings the disciples have grown to more than one million in number. Our plea is the cry of the age,—the marching song of the progressive Christian world. Such is the power of influence. Now I know that I have been seemingly tedious, but I wish to emphasize the power, and the weight of our responsibility in the matter of the world's evangelization.

The grand work, so nobly begun, must go on. Then for Home Missions and State Work let us use our influence. Again, our C. W. B. M. has opened a large field for the display of Christian Woman's influence, and, in its brief history of two decades, we find that our Christian women have grandly demonstrated the wonderful power of their influence in the Home and Foreign Missionary field. Shall Foreign Missions languish? Shall our State Work suffer for want of means to sustain it? By all the glorious memories of the past; by all the hopes of the future; by all that we owe to ourselves, to our children, to our fellowman and to our God; let us say, "No." With larger hearts and greater sacrifice of time money and means. Let us press forward in the active exercise of our whole influence, to conquer the world for Christ.

T. H. FITTS.

Our State Evangelist.

Yesterday (Sunday) was damp and dark and dreary, but it was a bright day for the new church at Watkinsville. The brethren, here, owed \$500.00 on their house and yesterday was the day appointed to raise the money and dedicate the house. The inclement weather looked gloomy, but we had two surprises: first a good congregation; second, the debt was cancelled in money and pledges. Indeed it was a victory. All are rejoicing over it. We then had an informal dedicatory service. Bro. Foster was present and took part in the service. He pronounced it a fine day's work. The church, here, is in earnest and all things seem to be working together for its good. You may write success over her door, for W. B. Langford, W. J. Elder and others just as earnest and faithful are in the fight. In fact every member is good, so said one of the good sisters and she knows. I am proud of the

Church of Christ in Watkinsville and am glad that I was privileged to be here yesterday and am glad that I was able to make a success of the work appointed for Bro. Williamson.

I am now going home on a little furlough, want to work all the time winding up the year's work and getting things in shape for the new year. I am anxious to get the statistics in good shape at an early day. Must do so in order to get them ready for the Year Book. So I hope the churches that have not sent in their reports will do so at once. Send to me E. L. Shelnett, Walnutgrove, Ga.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Churches that have not yet paid their pledges to State work for '96 will please do so at once. Send to our treasurer, Jno. Cooper, Dixie Lumber Co., Atlanta, Ga. Please do this, brethren, you made the promise and it is worthy of your honest consideration. You want the work done and you know how it can be done. I want to thank the brethren for their confidence and honor bestowed upon me. Pray for my success and stand by me in this great work. I can't do the work without your help. I know God will help me and now I want yours. Let us work together and we will march into Sandersville, next year, with flying colors and shouts of victory.

E. L. SHELNUTT.

November 30th.

Heardonville, Ga.

Heardonville was my stopping place yesterday. Bro. and Sister Heardon were the first of twenty members, and are earnest Christian workers at Heardon Chapel. Bro. F. M. Heardon has given us an acre of ground and the members are planning to build, and hope within another year to have a Church building.

One of the first Christian Churches in Walton county was situated within half-a-mile of the place where the new church is to stand. Bro. Wm. Anderson, who died Oct. 25, 1837, was one of the leaders in building the church and he served as minister for some years. His grave is in front of where the building stood.

It seems strange that preacher and members should all have passed away and that now, within so short a distance from the old church, a few new members should be at work seeking to build up the same cause. They will succeed. They need a preacher, and it is to be hoped they may soon secure the services of some good man.

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The Loved are Living Still.

BY REV. J. P. HUTCHINSON.

Oh, do not say that they are lost
Whom we behold no more;
They simply have the ocean crossed,
And gained the other shore,
That friend who went to God still lives,
Our souls and hearts to thrill:
God gives forever when he gives—
The loved are living still.

Not in his works, not in his speech,
Not in our hearts alone,
He liveth still who strove to teach
The lessons little known.
He lives in sweet and conscious love
Somewhere in God's worlds, till
We meet and hear him say above,
"The loved are living still."

They have their wondering thoughts in
heaven,
As we have wonderings here,
But there a clearer view is given
Of those they hold so dear.
With them we hold a tender place;
They think of us until,
Unveiled, we see them face to face—
The loved are living still.
—Herald and Presbyterian.

He was Real Courtesy.

A young lady, spending a rainy evening at the house of an old gentleman, wanted a cab to take her home. Her host started off to fetch the cab.

"Do let the maid go," she said.

"My dear, but the maid is also a woman," was the grave reply.

The man was the late George Higginbotham, Chief Justice of Victoria. His courtesy was regardless of rank or personal attractiveness. He would take off his hat to his cook, and bow to her as graciously as tho she were a duchess.

A man was trying to lead a heavy draught-horse along the street. The animal refused to be led, and then the man made several ineffectual attempts to mount the refractory creature. At that moment the Chief Justice came along, and seeing the man's difficulty, extended his hand—as a mounting-block.

The man put his foot in the hand and mounted upon the horse's back, and the Chief Justice passed on.

His courtesy made his manners good, but it did not soften his sense of justice. A lawyer tells this anecdote:

"I had once to appear before him in chambers on behalf of a charming client who had some property, but would not pay her debts. The case was heard in his own room, and he was courtesy itself. He stood when she entered. I think she dropped her handkerchief, and he left his seat to pick it up. Nothing could be gentler than his manner, and I was congratulating myself on an easy victory; but when the facts were

heard, the decision came that my client must pay or spent six months in prison."—Youth's Companion.

Jenny's Lesson.

"Jenny," said a very tired mother to her daughter one afternoon, "will you help me sew this braid on your sister's dress?"

"Oh, mother, how can you ask me to help you when you know that it takes all my time to make those pictures?"

"What pictures?" inquired her mother.

"Why, a lot of us girls met yesterday at Katie Easton's House, and formed a club—we call it the 'Busy Workers,' because we will always be helping the poor, sick children in the New York Hospital. Do you not think it a good plan?"

"Perhaps it is," replied her mother absently.

So Jenny, leaving her mother to sew on the braid, started upstairs to make pictures. She had not been up there very long when Katie Easton came in.

"Well, Kate," said Jenny, "I thought you were never coming."

"I would have been here sooner, but we had company for dinner, and Chloe had so many dishes to wash that I stayed to help her."

"Well, Katie Easton, you shock me! The very idea of your helping your servant," said Jenny very much surprised.

"Now, look here, Jenny, didn't we girls form a club, and each promise that we would do all we could to help others?"

"Well, that hasn't anything to do with helping servants wash dishes," said Jenny.

"Yes it has, too. I couldn't go out trying to help other people, all the time knowing that mother or some of the servants would be glad for my help. Do you think you could?"

After a pleasant afternoon, at teatime Kate went home. As soon as she was gone, Jenny came down stairs, and went to find her mother.

"Mother," she said, "have you the braid sewed on Nettie's dress yet?"

"No," replied her mother, "I have not been able to get it done."

"Then I will help you mother; and after this I mean always to help you first, and then work for any others I can help."

And after that Jenny always helped the people inside her home first, and then helped outsiders all she could.—Ex.

Lexington, Ky.

DEAR SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN:

After a few weeks stay in the blue grass region of Kentucky and associating with the kind and christian hearted boys that are now my fellow students in the Bible College, I can give you a

few items of news. Our number in the Bible College is increasing every week. There are several ladies attending. Bro. Lwtenburger and wife, of Germany, are both in school. Bro. L. says that he is going back to Germany next year and start up a reformation. Bro. Arnold and wife, of Maxeys, Ga., will enter the Bible College. I had a letter last week from Bro. J. E. England, of Monroe, Ga., stating that he would enter school about November 1st. Georgia has only two boys in the Bible College now; Australia has more than half a dozen; quite a number from Maine; one from England; three from Indiana and Missouri, and others too numerous to mention. In fact almost every state in the Union is better represented than Georgia, our beloved State. Brethren, how can the demand for preachers in Georgia be supplied when she has but two boys in school. Do we expect other states to furnish our preachers? when Germany, England and Australia are in great need of preachers.

The College Societies all met Friday night. The old Philothean Hall was full. The program, as usual, was good, and well carried out. We hope to enroll some new members next meeting.

We have a young men's prayer-meeting every Sunday evening, also a students' missionary society that meets once a month. We have organized a Georgia Club, with Prof. H. B. Robison, president; E. B. Thomas, vice-president; C. E. Baker, secretary and treasurer. Prof. Robison is a Georgian and one that we can rely upon in the time of need.

ERNEST MOBLEY.

In Memoriam.

Cora Lee Anderson was born in Oconee county, Georgia, December 7, 1869, and died at her home, in the same county, November 10, 1896. She was married to W. Joe. Elder, August 7, 1890, Elder T. M. Foster officiating. She became a Christian in early life; was a member of the old church at Antioch until a few weeks before her death, when the new church was organized at Watkinsville her name was enrolled as one of the charter members of that congregation. Her intelligence and influence naturally made her a leader in every good work of the church. She wanted to share in the joy and reward of her brethren in Christ and to do that she was willing to bear her part of the burdens. Sister Cora's last sickness was brief, but she suffered much and yet she would sing, pray, and talk much of the time. When the end came she

was ready, she had no fears. She said to her heart-broken husband, who had sat by her bedside during her sickness, "I am ready to go. I want you to pay all my church pledges and I want to give \$50 of my money to the Georgia Educational Board, for I think it will do good there when I am gone." And then after bidding all of the loved ones good bye, she entered into the joy of her Lord. The funeral service was held at the grave near her home, conducted by the writer. The text was, Rev. 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." There in the presence of an immense crowd we laid her to rest by the side of her little babe, that had died a few days before. She sleeps on the hill overlooking the home she loved so well, and the sacred spot will not be forgotten when Jesus comes to make up his jewels. She will be found among that number who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Sleep on, dear friend, we shall miss thee much in the work of life. In thy home, in the church of God we shall look in vain for thy bright, happy face. Dear husband and friends look up thro these blinding tears to Him who doeth all things well and think of Cora as not dead but gone before.

T. M. FOSTER.

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Children's Band should be organized alongside of each Auxiliary, and put in charge of a leader who loves children and feels the importance of training them in systematic methods, that they may be prepared to form intelligent Auxiliaries in the coming years and may realize their responsibility in the evangelization of the world.

Trusting that our efforts have not been altogether barren of good results and asking at your hands only kindly criticism, this report is prayerfully submitted.

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FORMS OF INEBRIETY

SOCIAL, SOLITARY AND PERIODIC DRUNKARDS.

They All Reach the Same Goal in the End—Insanity and Death—Delusions of Diseased Brains—Causes Which Produce the Appetite For Rum.

From hospital records it would appear that the chief cause of inebriety is an inebriate parent. In many cases inebriate parents have insane as well as inebriate children.

Out of 500 cases treated by Dr. Crothers, the alcohol expert, 225 cases could be traced to the use of alcohol in parents and grandparents, and in 120 to defective brain states from neurotic diseases, with consumptive and rheumatic diathesis.

Out of a total of 1,500 inebriates, there were 755 having a history of intemperance in their families, besides a record of insanity in 6 per cent. Parents, one or both, were responsible for two-thirds, and grandparents for one-twenty-fifth of these transmissions.

But the whole question of inebriety is an intricate and perplexing problem. Doctors in general seem to have arrived at the conclusion that habitual inebriety should be treated as a disease rather than as a criminal offense. In most retreats cruelty has given way to kindness.

Patients are now treated as are those laboring under a baffling had inveterate disease.

According to Dr. Norman Kerr, in his book on inebriety, there are many forms of this, but that it is hard to denote the worst. For instance, there is the social inebriate. He drinks openly and without disguise, and rarely except in congenial companionship with other drinkers. In his cups he is fond of good company, and it is frequently to his fondness for company that he is indebted for his introduction to drinking, if not his initiation into the habit of intoxication.

The solitary inebriate leads a far different life. He generally shuns the company of his fellows, shuts himself up with his bottle and dulls his senses into foolish dreams of coming greatness. He generally drinks in the evening or even after he has retired, rising frequently in the night for his deep potations.

All drunkards, however, are not subjects of disease. There are many who drink from "sheer cussedness," in whom at the outset of their careers the closest scrutiny can detect only moral obliquity. Such are not happy unless when indulging in forbidden pleasure. They drink as they gamble—for the love of pleasurable excitement.

There are yet others who indulge simply because they yield easily to temptation or like to be in the fashion of a fast set in which they move. Generally speaking, these are not victims of a disease, at least in the early stages of their drinking.

Both of these classes of drunkards can drink or refrain from drink at pleasure before a clearly defined diseased condition has been established. They gradually fall, not because they are greater sinners than their fellows, not because they are worse morally, but because they are weaker physically.

It is rare that victims of hereditary inebriety are periodic in their libations. They usually drink constantly and freely and have no time for the sobering up until tired nature masters them. They are complete slaves to the habit and are practically insane as long as they can stand upon their feet.

Periodic inebriety also affords extraordinary examples of temporary insanity. One man becomes the embodiment of piety, oracularly delivering solemn religious counsel to all with whom he drinks, though in his intervals of abstaining soberness he is an avowed atheist.

Another labors under the delusion that he is the "last man" and bids all his fellows an affectionate farewell. A third is literally "mad." He can be controlled only with difficulty. A fourth insists that he is dying from smallpox.

In fact, there is no end to the hallucinations of drunkards. But whether hereditary or otherwise, whether social or solitary or periodic, all the confirmed

inebriates find the same goal—a warped and diseased brain and a drunkard's asylum.—New York Telegram.

Crush Appetite.

To be as good as our fathers we must be better. They silenced their fears and subdued their prejudices, inaugurating free speech and equality with no precedent on the file. Europe shouted "Madmen!" and gave us 40 years for the shipwreck. With serene faith they persevered. Let us rise to their level. Crush appetite and prevent temptation if it rots great cities.—Wendell Phillips.

Barmaids of England.

There are said to be 90,000 barmaids in England and practically none in Ireland. Very few Scotch girls will accept such a position. An appeal is being made to English women to rescue these girls from the slavery of the bar.

Three Bottles Per Man.

At a recent banquet given by the lord mayor of London 250 dozen bottles of wine were broken, or an average of three bottles for every guest, so says The Westminster Gazette.

Temperance Notes.

The Transvaal folksraad has enacted a new liquor law embodying total prohibition of the sale of liquors to natives.

Ivan Turgeneff, the Russian novelist, neither smokes nor uses alcoholic drinks.

The corporation of the city of Glasgow has not granted a new liquor license for eight years.

The devil has a good start in every home where there is a moderate drinker.—Ram's Horn.

Four of our great Protestant denominations now refuse to admit rum sellers to church membership.

WOUNDS FOR ETERNITY.

Rum Takes Away Health and Character and Destroys the Soul.

Whosoever is guilty of excess and intemperance in drinking, even though not to intoxication, but thereby causing great distress to his family, squandering away by his intemperance that which should serve for their support, commits a mortal sin against charity and justice. In like manner, whosoever thus renders himself incapable of the payment of his debts, although he may not drink to intoxication, commits a mortal sin.

It should be a sufficient argument with any reasonable man to know that this evil, as an enemy to man, wounds him wherever he can be wounded.

Sickness is an evil, but it wounds only his health; misfortune may take away his property, but it wounds only his property.

Slander may take away his good name, but it wounds only character. Blindness may take away his sight, and deafness his hearing, and so with all his senses, but these afflictions touch not his true manhood.

Death may take his life, but he dies sound of mind and in the hope of heaven, and it is thus throughout the whole catalogue of natural and social ills—they all come single and alone.

Intemperance strikes at the whole man. It wounds him in time and for eternity.

It takes away health, property, friends, manhood, character, liberty, sight, hearing, brutalizes all moral instinct, degrades the intellectual faculties and natural affections, destroys every talent for good, takes life and destroys the immortal soul.

By accident a man may die of poison, but he dies sane. The drunkard dies a fool.—Orphan's Bouquet.

THEY DRANK THERE.

A Saloon Keeper Caused Some Confusion In Court.

A saloonist innocently revealed one of the principal difficulties in the way of enforcing laws against liquor dealers in a trial before a justice's court, according to The Templar. On being sworn one of the attorneys in the case said:

"Mr. —, where is your place of business?"

"What for you ask me such dings? You drinks at my place more as a hun-

dred dimes."

"That has nothing to do with the case, Mr. —. State to the jury where your place of business is."

"De shury, de shury! Oh, my shiminy! Every shentleman on dis shury has a sdring of marks on my cellar door just like a rail fence."

His honor here interceded in behalf of the counsel and in a calm, dignified manner requested witness to state the place of his business.

"Oh, egscuse me, your honor. You drinks at my place so many dimes I dinks you know very well where I keeps mine place."

RUM'S DAY OF DOOM.

The Forces Are Gathering For the Overthrow of the Liquor Traffic.

We have lived to see the terrible curse of slavery abolished. Horrible as it was and blighting as was its influence wherever it existed, yet never in the darkest days did it ruin so many families or break so many hearts or crush so many noble lives as does the liquor traffic today. Slavery never cost us so many thousand dollars a year, it never produced so many or such awful crimes, it never counted its victims by so many thousands, it never was so defiant of law as is the liquor traffic today. But the hour came when the people rose up in their might and washed its black stain out in rivers of blood.

The liquor traffic, too, will have its day of doom. Public sentiment is slowly but surely forming against it. Public sentiment is gathering strength, and when it strikes it will be with the blow of a Titan.—Father Doyle.

The Burden Would Be Light.

I have said a hundred times, and I am willing to say it again, that if anybody will take charge of all the poverty and crime which result from drunkenness the South Congregational church, of which I have the honor to be the minister, will alone take charge of all the rest of the poverty which needs relief in the city of Boston.—Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

Temperance In Iceland.

Iceland has never allowed a gallon of intoxicants to be manufactured within its borders, but Copenhagen merchants send quantities of stimulants through firms located on that island. One-fifth of all the clergymen and about one-third of the members of the national legislative body are pronounced temperance advocates.

Drink Epigrams.

The man who drinks to drown his sorrow is like the ostrich, which sticks its head in the sand under the delusion that, because it does not see its pursuers, it has eluded them.

Many "kind to a fault" are only kind to their own faults.

Many would be cured of sore eyes if they would wear their glasses over their mouths.

The devil never electioneers with a temperance man.

When a man gets high, he is low down.

A drunkard is not a beast. If he were, he would not get drunk.

Drunkenness is the screw of a vise that tightens at every turn.

It is always hard times with a man who drinks up his wages.

The reason why so many break the pledge is that their grandfathers never took it.

If a boy were to get drunk, would he make a man of himself?

The man who can afford to get drunk is too rich.—New York Voice.

Each of the 13 "consulting hospitals" in Paris receives monthly 62 habitual drunkards in a hopeless condition, nearly as many women as men. This means that 10,000 inhabitants of Paris are rendered useless citizens each year by alcohol.

San Francisco's Saloons.

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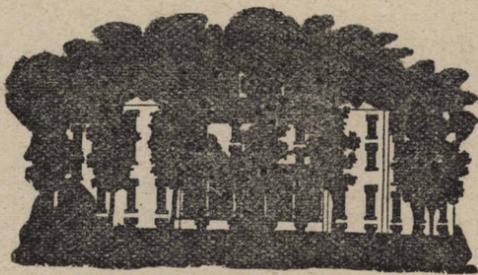
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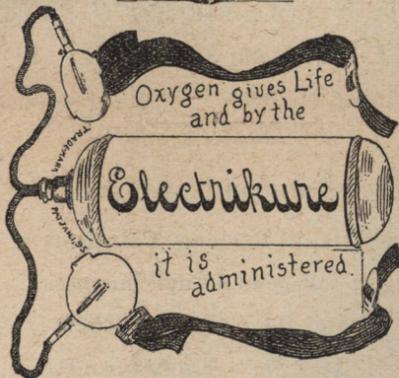
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Report of Executive Committee of C. W. B. M., 1895-6.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND SISTERS OF THE CONVENTION:

It is with glad and grateful hearts that your Executive Committee appears before you today in this report; for we feel, in looking over the work of the past year, that we have made some decisive steps along the pathway of progress and success. If, amid, the song of thanksgiving, there should sound and occasional note of discouragement, rest assured that it is by no means a note of despair, for the outlook for C. W. B. M., work, in Georgia, is brighter than it has ever been and the foundations are being laid strong and deep. One long stride in this direction, and a most important one, has been the division of the state into districts and the appointment of a manager in each district fitted to fill such office, this has been no light task, and its accomplishment has been largely due to the untiring efforts of our beloved State President and Secretary, who seemed determined to "leave no stone unturned" till the work was done.

The plan has succeeded beyond our hopes and we owe especial thanks to our District Managers for their faithful co-operation and their prompt reports.

A most potent factor in our work has been the C. W. B. M. column (or more often a whole page) in the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN under the efficient editorship of the State Secretary. Why, sisters, what would we do without that weekly "love letter?" and how often when reading there these same reports and news notes from other districts and Auxiliaries, have our fainting hearts been revived, and inspired with new enthusiasm, by the thought "if others can do thus and so, why cannot we?"

But type-setters and printers must live, and, feeling that we should bear at least a small share of the expense of publishing this weekly column, the committee resolved to appropriate one dollar a week from the State treasury for this purpose.

A notable event of the year was the visit of Brother C. A. Young to the state, his lectures and Bible studies at Athens in the interest of the church and Bible Chair work, and his visits to Atlanta and Augusta. We confidently hope, from the seed sown by Bro. Young during that visit, to reap a golden harvest, the beginning of which is in the near future.

I pause here, hesitating to in-

roduce into this psalm of praise and victory, one discordant strain, but the record would be incomplete if, along with our successes, we neglected to record our failures. Yet, even in this strain there sounds a note of thanksgiving that we have not to mourn a total failure. All thro the year the earnest desire of our hearts has expressed itself thus, "What shall we do to increase our Organizer's fund?" and "Oh, that we could have an efficient Organizer in the field." Numerous plans were considered and each in turn abandoned—rendered impractical by the lack of funds.

Not upon our hearts alone did this burden rest, as was shown by letters from sisters thro'out the state, asking, "What is being done with the state fund?" and "Why do we not have an organizer?" The State Secretary attended several of the district meetings and did some work of this kind, for which she received a small compensation.

There are expenses necessary to the work, unknown, perhaps, to those not actively connected with it—the purchasing of stationery and stamps for correspondence, the printing of letter-heads and circulars, and the sending out, by mail or express, of C. W. B. M. literature. All this must be paid out of the state fund, and often leaves a balance not even sufficient to cover the traveling expenses of an Organizer. Some months ago Sister Eula Heade, with her heart full of love for the Lord and His work, expressed her earnest desire to do some special missionary work and recognizing her peculiar fitness for just such service, we were anxious to employ her as Organizer. But Sister Heade has two children depending upon her for support and education and, her first duty being to them, she could not abandon her occupation and accept this position without money compensation. However, she generously agreed to suspend her regular occupation for a month and devote that month to some experimental work which should test the support she would receive from the Sisterhood. In October we prayerfully started her on this mission, the result of which, her own report will shew.

This, dear sisters, completes the brief record of the most notable features of the past year's successes and partial failures. In view of the prayerful study which this Committee has given to the subject, we venture to make a few recommendations in regard to the work of the future.

At a very recent meeting of the Executive Committee the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st.—Resolved, that we recommend, first, that, if this Convention will pledge the support of an Organizer, that such Organizer be employed. That the question be definitely settled and, if it be impossible to employ an Organizer, then that organizing work be done by District Managers, each in her own district.

2nd.—Whereas the duties of State Corresponding Secretary call for much time, thought and energy and require the closest and most constant attention; and whereas we believe that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," therefore we recommend that the Secretary be paid a definite sum, monthly; said sum to be fixed by this Convention and to be paid out of the State Fund.

3rd.—That we recommend that the state work be placed in the hands of state officers and that these officers with the district managers constitute the Executive Committee of the state; that the five cent dues from each member continue to be sent to the State Treasurer for the State Fund and that each district be permitted to raise special funds for the advancement of the work of the district thro the Manager of said district.

If, at first glance, this third recommendation should seem impracticable from the difficulty of holding frequent and regular executive meetings, we suggest that with a competent Manager in each district, such frequent meetings could be dispensed with, and at least two a year could be held in conjunction with some two of the district meetings, in which case the expenses of each District Manager attending such meeting should be paid out of her own district fund. Let it also be understood that the contributions to the general state fund should not be limited to the five cent dues. This is the least that is expected from each member, while voluntary contributions from Auxiliaries will always be most acceptable and much needed to meet the expenses of the general work.

In view of what has already been said of the importance of our column in the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN the fourth resolution was adopted.

4th.—That we assure the sisters that the work accomplished by the C. W. B. M. column in the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN has been of great value to the work and we recommend that the column be continued.

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