ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Delivered By Rev. Louis Bristow Be-fore the State Baptist Convention

In behalf of the entire people of Abbeville I welcome you; especially in behalf of the Christian brotherhood We welcome you because of what you are and because of what you do.

Our delight in welcoming you springs from the knowledge that you represent the greatest body of Christians in South Carolina, the membership of your churches being about as numerous as the combined numbers of all other denominations in the State.

We welcome you because of your missionary zeal. Through the activitles of your State Board, in the last twenty-five years, there have been established more than '200 churches and 400 others have been aided and rescued from a languid desuetude.Nor has your evangelism been confined within the borders of this State; out to earth's remotest bounds have you gone, both in the persons of missionaries who have gone out from aniong you, and by the wise expenditure of the money you have entrusted to the Home and Foreign Boards.

We welcome you because of the splendor of the achievements of your organized woman's work. The poet may scornfully ask,

"What highest prize hath woman won In science or in art?

What mightiest work by woman done Boasts city, field or mart?" But we point to the greater attainment-a modest demeanor, an earnest zeal, a redeemed life aflame with the Spirit of her Master, giving Gospe

ministries to the world. "He is a parricide to his mother's name.

And with impious hand murders he fame, That wrongs the praise of woman."

We welcome you because you emphasize the training of young peo-ple. A photographer places into his camera an unused plate, and exposes it for the hundredth part of a second for an impression. So sensitive is that plate, that the minutest details of the scene betcre it are faithfully reproduced upon it. But extreme care must be used in preserving and developing it. To the end that the negative might be a perfect one, it cannot be exposed. That would be to spoil it. With extreme care does the photographer re move it in a dark room, and develop it. Then it may be exposed to any light without danger. So it is with a young soul. It is extremely sensitive to receive impressions. If these be for good, care should be exercised to develop them. After they are developed, no exposu. 3 will spoil them. The Di-vine Word for it: "Train up a chile in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.' Hence our joy in welcoming you arises also from your work for yours people in Lible schools, Sunbeam societies and Baptist Young Peoples Unions.

Our pleasure in welcoming you springs from your greatness in building Christian schools. When there arose those among you who said, "1 there are deserving boys and girls who need education, it is the duty o. the State to provide ample schools for them. The surches now are doing enough for the State without receiving pay therefor;" you smiled. Recognizing the duty and privilege and op portunity before you, you established Christian schools. Furman, Greenville



Anderson, Coker, Limestone, Orange burg, Tigerville, Landruum, Six-Mile -though some of these are not under this Convention's control-are everyone of them a monument of heroic sacrifice and devoted zeal. About the older of them cluster sacred memories ,and among the younger is the sparling enthusiasm of hope.

Our happiness in welcoming you is derived from the consciousness of your greatness in works of benevo-In Connie Maxwell orphanage lence. you provide a home and Christian training for the young who are destitute, and in your Aged Ministers board you stretch a helping hand to trembling and needy age. In the beginning of the life of these institutions there were those who rose up and said, "We cannot afford it; calls for money are now loud and frequent; it will cripple our existing work and bankrupt the churches." Rising above such a sentiment, you fulfilled your obligation to the best of your ability, and today there is none to say you nay.

But it is not enough that you have done well in the past. No really great life can rest upon the past; and when one hints that such should be done, one is reminded of the school boy's speech:

When pa was just a little boy, Gee, how he ust to work, He sawed the wood an' built the An never tried to shirk. He always filled the reservoy An' swept the porches, too; N' I guess there wasn't many things Pa didn't ust to do. Now Ma gets up an' builds the fires; She says I am too small-An' sweeps the porches an' the walks An' doesn't mind at all. She says she's glad to let my pa His morning nap enjoy, Because he's tired with all the work He done when he's a boy. When I get big I'll get a wife Edzactly like my ma; To do the chores an' let me sleep

Just like she does my pa. An' when I've had my mornin' nap You bet that I'll enjoy

To tell 'em how I ust to work When I's a little boy. No, brethren: we expect you

prove your past by your present. And in welcoming you our joy is great-and may I emphasize the thought-because we fully expect you, at this Bes-sion of the Convention, to extend the sphere of your Christian philanthropy, and enter that wide field of endeavour so lovingly sought and diligently cultivated by our Master-the healing o the sick, alleviating the pains of the suffering, and bringing the comforts of the Gospel to the dying.

Our earnest wish is, that your stay mong us will be pleasant to you, helpful to us, profitable to the Cause and glorying to our Lord. Our sincere prayer is, that his Spirit may preside over your deliberations, His wisdom lead you to right decisions, and His care protect you; to the end that the coming year may witness your larg-est and most comprehensive achievement in His name.

A BOX PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

There is to be a box supper at the home of Mr. C. D. Cowan Friday night. December 13th.

Each girl is expected to bring a box with her card in it, and enough supper for two.

The proceeds will be for the improvement of the Warrenton school. The public is invited to come.

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