

THE BARNWELL ASSOCIATION.

Interesting Account of Meeting at Historic Church.

This historic body convened in its fifty-second annual session on October 22, with the Springtown church, SPRINGTOWN.

The story goes that over a century ago, a flourishing village sprang up near a historic spring which is now two and a half miles east of the present church. Local tradition also relates that this spring enjoyed quite a reputation as a summer resort and that many of its patrons were from Charleston, Savannah and other coast towns. The village of Springtown was also the county seat of Barnwell District of those days. Modern history relates that fifty-two years ago the Barnwell Association was organized at this church. But, old Springtown is no longer a deserted village, for only local tradition preserves its former glories. As one thinks of those who made it what it was he is reminded of those famous but anonymous lines on old Blandford church in Petersburg, Va. "The worshippers are scattered now, Who kneel before thy shrine, And silence reigns where anthems rolled.

In the days of Auld Lang Syne." The new church is a monument to the untiring energy and faithful work of the present and efficient pastor, S. P. Hair. It is situated in the midst of the most beautiful grounds of any church in this Association. To believe this one has only to see them, their old tombs shaded by beautiful oaks and hickories mingling their brilliant autumn leaves with the dark green of the long leaf pine, while the whole scene is set in a subdued background of waving festoons of Spanish moss.

Originally the Springtown section was the garden spot of the State. In ante-bellum days the church owned its parsonage, had a pastor for all his time and paid an annual salary of \$1,000. Its membership lived in handsome colonial residences flanked by avenues of cedars and chiga trees. With a knowledge of their descendants and an imagination of the high qualities of their fathers one can see the aptness of the misquotation, "Happy pastor; what a favored lot was thine!" But S. P. Hair their present pastor and his loyal and devoted membership are worthy successors of a noble church ancestry. Let it be remembered, however, that Springtown lay in the pathway of Sherman's army, and that one has only to see the clump of trees which marked the sites of former homes and the scattered sentinels which mark the avenues, to realize the truth of his aphorism describing war,—but, I cannot repeat it here for this is a religious newspaper.

THE ASSOCIATION Knows good things when it gets them, so it was organized by the reelection of its old officers, Col. R. M. Mixson, moderator; W. G. Britton, clerk; and J. A. Jenkins, treasurer. The introductory sermon, by M. M. Benson, on "The Christian's Outreach," was most helpful and fitting. Dr. Derieux was the only foreign representative on the ground, and he was given the afternoon to talk about State Missions. Derieux believes in State Missions with all his soul, and he couldn't help making a first class speech on the subject. He always does that, but he surpassed himself here. On Thursday the Orphanage man was on hand. "Mr. Jimmerson" as he is affectionately called by some of his Barnwell supporters. These people love the Orphanage and love him so much that he need never fear that it will not stand foremost in this Association. Equally as warm a welcome awaited the other brethren who were expected, affectionately asked after, but who unfortunately for themselves didn't come. Home, Foreign, and all other phases of missions were duly considered. The sessions of the body were enlivened by some striking speeches on temperance, and questions affecting some changes to the constitution of the body.

SOME REFLECTIONS. One of the contested matters involved the change of meeting so as not to include Sunday in its session, as at present. Formerly Sunday was the grand climax of a successful meeting, but latterly the pastors and delegates leave on Saturday and the appointee for the missionary sermon holds forth in solitary glory. There are weighty reasons for the desired change of date. Churches having services on that Sunday will lose one month's preaching if their pastors remain at the Association. The same reasons apply to teachers who are absent from their classes. The body at first voted down the motion for an earlier date in the week, but later by common consent passed a resolution instructing their executive committee to refer the question to the churches, and to announce their decision if they desire the change.

The increasing impetus placed on missions in the past two decades is obliterating the former conception of the function of an association. Then it was a meeting for counsel, for receiving letters and reports from the churches telling of their spiritual triumphs and defeats during the past year. The associational sermons of those days were frequent and sometimes marked by doctrinal acuteness or great converting power. The modern tendency is to make an association something on the order of a missionary rally or institute, while the sermons mark the official starting and finishing points of its work. Doubtless the reading of letters as practiced in some quarters has partly contributed to this end, but it is an unhealthy symptom to be so zealous for the triumph of the kingdom elsewhere that we become indifferent to hear of its progress at home.

The attendance of the pastors of churches in the body was very small, and as contrasts are odious it will not do to mention the names of those who came up missing. But those who were present did a yeoman's service toward making the meeting a success. It was a delight to see the interest of the laymen. The finance committee was composed of three gentlemen, one a farmer, another a farmer and merchant, the third a

bank president and one of the largest merchants in the county, and they were as proud of their report as if it had been their work instead of the Master's. Another prominent layman was former Senator S. G. Mayfield, who is one of the brainiest men in the State. There was also Senator J. B. Black whose interest was second to none. Another interesting couple were Drs. E. C. Smith and F. M. Willis of Williston. When at home they are both given to the refinements of that modern chair of torture, the dentists, but at Springtown they handled in a masterly manner the cornet and violin respectively. Something ought to be said of the hospitable people of that community. But what can one say to fitly describe them? Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you might have done them justice because you are accustomed to such things. But for myself I was glad that I came, when I had preached the missionary sermon which marked the close of the session I was sorry it was over, and wanted to come again.—W. M. J. in Baptist Courier.

Taft Going to Rest.

Cincinnati, Nov. 4.—"Please say that I am perfectly healthy but tired," was the message Judge Taft wished uttered for him tonight. "I am going away for a complete rest for two weeks," said Judge Taft tonight. "No I am not going to hold political conferences, neither am I going to consider cabinet construction nor make any political appointments during this time. It is a period of as near absolute rest and quiet as I can make it."

Taft leaves for Hot Springs, Virginia, Friday. After Hot Springs the Taft family is considering a number of places for residence during the months that will intervene before his inauguration. Among these is Asheville, N. C., which has some objection because of the cold, and Atlanta, Ga., consideration of which is now being brought forward. Three thousand and more telegrams of congratulations have been delivered to Judge Taft to-day. Judge Taft early this morning gave hearty expression to the gratification he felt in the election.

Bryan Gives Statement.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 4.—While not caring to discuss at this time the political effect of the Democratic victory in his home state, or to analyze the causes, William J. Bryan, this afternoon in an informal talk to a number of his friends, expressed his pleasure at the result in Nebraska and the satisfaction it afforded him to learn of the election of so many of his political and personal friends. Mr. Bryan said: "I am highly gratified over the results in this state. The national defeat has not been such a disappointment when I have had so many things to console us. I hope I have convinced my friends that running for office has only been incident to my work. My heart has never been set on holding office, but I wanted to do certain work and it looks as though the presidency might offer an opportunity to do that work. I am sure that in private life I can have a chance to do something. One is not required to hold office to do big things. One is simply required to do those things within his reach and that much is in reach of us all. I still hope to be of influence in bringing about the needed reforms."

Small Majority in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., November 4.—The Georgia Republican congressional committee gave out the following: "Indications now point to a Bryan majority of 5,000 or less. State gave Parker 37,000 in 1904. We claim greatest victory of campaign, as fight was made without outside aid of money or speakers and with the negro not voting. Had the registered negro vote been cast the State would have given Taft a majority over all. It was a white man's fight and result makes Georgia battleground in 1912. The people generally are pleased over Taft's election."

Night Rider by Compulsion.

Camp Nemo, Tenn., November 6.—A party of nine alleged night riders were taken to Union City today under charge of Capt. Cappell of Memphis. Col. Tatom's instructions to Capt. Cappell were: "Get them there, dead or alive." A feature of interest was discovered to-day when John Cochran stated that he was a night rider by compulsion. It is generally admitted that a number were simply forced to ride with the outlaw bands or suffer punishment at their hands. Frank James, one of the prisoners at Camp Nemo, said to-day that he is a distant relative of Frank James, the famous outlaw.

American Tobacco Co. a Trust.

New York, November 7.—The contention of the government that the American Tobacco Company is a trust operating in restraint of trade and competition involving the anti-trust law, was sustained to-day in a decision handed down by Judge Lacombe, Coxe and Noyers in the United States Circuit court here. Judge Ward handed down a dissenting opinion.

Besides asking for an injunction dissolving the tobacco company on the ground that it is operating in restraint of trade, the government asked the court to appoint a receiver to wind up the affairs of allied corporations.

While finding there is illegal combination as charged in the opinion the judges say an injunction should be issued against all defendants except the United Cigar Stores Company and the R. P. Richardson, Jr., Company.

Injunctions are, however, stayed, pending an appeal to the United States supreme court. The petition asking for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of companies included in the combine was refused as being impracticable and wholly unnecessary.

A pair of ox blood shoes to match that red suit. We have them, for ladies or gentlemen. C. R. BRABHAM'S SONS.

COUNTERFEITING CHARGED.

Spartanburg Man Arrested on Grave Charge in Asheville.

Asheville, N. C., November 4.—J. E. Moore, who claims to be from Spartanburg, was arrested in this city Monday on the charge of attempting to pass counterfeit money on a colored restaurant keeper. The negro soon notified the officers and after some clever work on their part he was beguiled into giving them change for a dollar. The money proved to be counterfeit and he was arrested and searched on the spot. The officers found on his person about ten pieces of the false coin. He has been in the city prison since his arrest and to-day was turned over to the government authorities. He was sent to the county jail to await his hearing which will take place Friday morning before United States Commissioner McCall. It is believed that many more are implicated in the affair and secret service men are at work to find them. That Moore has a wife in Spartanburg is known since he addressed a letter to her at that city to-day.

Defrauding by Mail.

Florence, November 7.—There was an interesting preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Dr. Peter B. Bacon, at this place, yesterday. Mr. David H. Fass, a citizen of Dillon, was brought before the commissioner on the charge of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes.

There were a number of witnesses summoned here to testify in the case from various places in the eastern portion of the State.

The commissioner bound Mr. Fass over to the District Court, which meets in Charleston in December, in the sum of \$500.

SECOND LYCEUM ATTRACTION

The Boston Ladies Quartette
SATURDAY NOV. 14TH

At Carlisle Fitting School Auditorium



An entirely new program of Quartettes, Solos and Readings, besides several unique novelties. Among the new features are duets in Spanish costume and a number specially arranged from the light Opera "Pocahontas" by Quartette.

50c---9 P. M.

Your Baby

Has no way to tell of the torture it suffers from rashes, tetter, eczema, ringworm and skin and scalp troubles except by fretting. Baths with warm water and Tetterine Soap followed by

TETTERINE

the fragrant, healing ointment, will immediately relieve and quickly cure the worst skin and scalp troubles. Soap 25c, ointment 50c, at your druggist's or by mail from

SHUPTRINE CO., SAVANNAH, GA.

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A visit to our handsome store is as entertaining and interesting as any entertainment you have ever visited, and this is particularly true at this particular time, as we have just received another shipment of that handsome

Hand Painted China

that was admired and purchased by all who had an opportunity of seeing it. In this lot we have some pieces even prettier than some in the other lot. If you want any of this you will have to hurry as it is going fast. We have also just opened a nice assortment of.....

Silverware Made in Our State

at Hartsville, S. C. You should come and look this over whether you wish to buy or not, just to see what can be and is being done at our very doors. Our line of

Good Things for Christmas

is equaled by few and surpassed by none in this section of the country. We have one of the nicest lines of Mechanical Toys ever brought to Bamberg. We have in this assortment Toys that will interest the old as well as the young, and which are instructive as well as amusing. We also have presents suitable for the older folks. All we ask is for you to pay our place a visit before making your purchases. Looking entails no obligation to buy. Every article marked in plain figures.

The Herald Book Store

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I thought in my last advertisement that I was offering bargains, and I was, but not the offers I have now, for I have a lot of Clothing, Overcoats, etc., which I picked up at a great reduction by paying cash for them. They are simply grand for the money, and I want my friends and customers to get the benefit of these bargains is why I advertise them.

So Come and Look

Look at my line of E. C. Burt shoes for men. They are guaranteed—every pair. In fact every pair of shoes I sell is guaranteed to be worth the money. If not as represented, you can wear them a while and get your money back. Is that not fair? Come to see me often. I will always give you full value for your money and treat you right.

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