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THE THOUGHT OF GOD.

Oh, how the thought of God attracts
And draws the heart from earth,
And sickens it of passing shows
And dissipating mirth.

'Tis not enough to save our souls'
To shun the eternal fires;
The thought of God will rouse the heart
To more sublime desires.

God only is the creature's home,
Though rough and straight the road;
Yet nothing less can satisfy
The love that longs for God.

Oh, utter but the name of God
Down in your heart of hearts,
And see how from the world at once
All tempting light departs.

A trusting heart, a yearning eye,
Can win their way above;
If mountains can be moved by faith,
Is there less power in love?

—Frederick W. Faber.

WOMEN'S WORK.

We left Paducah for Corydon June 12 reaching this point we were met by a gallant young man who escorted us to our stopping place, the home of sister Mattie Cole's, whom we found to be a niece of the late Rev. Andrew Heath; we had a pleasant stay in this inviting home. At night we reached the beautiful S. Paul Church of which Rev. Dr. Sylvey is the honored pastor here we met a large congregation assembled after devotional exercise we were introduced in a most pleasing manner by Dr. Sylvey we made a plea for our work and succeeded in raising $1.50 sold 8 charts: the following named persons donated 25 cents each: Rev. W. T. Sylvey, brethren James Jones and Lon Dickerson, sister Eliza Yates also pledges were taken to the amount of $1.00 payable at our next annual meeting. Dr. Sylvey kindly consented to collect same and bring or send to us at Franklin. We left at 7 30 p. m. for Henderson reaching this point and finding no one to meet us we took car for Sources City, reaching this point and finding no one to meet us, we inquiring our way, through the kindness of Rev. Jones to the home of deacon———. He and his pleasant wife received us kindly: Rev. Leavell was absent and no appointment had been made. We visited the church only a few were present but we presented our claims a collection of $1.00 was given us, on the early morning train we left for Madisonville, here we were met by Brother I. Mitchison and Rev. R. P. Whiteside through the kindly consideration of Brother Mitchison we took carriage for the home of Rev. Ellis Diggs where we were welcomed by these dear old soldiers of the Cross to every comfort of their home. At the usual hour of service we visited East View Baptist church. Rev. Whiteside in a timely speech introduced us, after we had presented our claims the following person contributed Revs R. P. Whiteside, 50 cents; Prof. P. R. Cabbell, 50 cents; M. D. Sharp, 25 cents A. Mitchison 50 cents; Bros. Lapp Buster, 25 cents Ephram Porter, 25 cents; Ellis Diggs, 25 cents; E. W. Diggs, 25 cents; G. J. Sebree, 25 cents, total amount collected $4.00 and four charts sold for 40 cents also pledges to the amount of $7.00 was taken. We are off now to Central City to attend the Green River Valley Sunday School Convention.

L. M. JACKSON.

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New Era Institutes.

I will conduct New Era Institutes at the following times and places and urge a large attendance upon the part of the Christian workers:

Lebanon	May 27, 28 and 29
Lebanon	June 2, 4 and 5
Greenburg	" 10, 11 and 12
Maysville	July 1, 2 and 3
Junction City	" 7, 8 and 9
Sharpsburg	August 26, 27 and 28

Ministers pastors and Christian workers in these vicinities are cordially requested to be present and help make the meeting a success.

H. H. BUTLER.
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STATE MISSION WORK

REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

Henderson St. John	$8.00
Rineyville	2.00
Paducah Washington St.	4.00
Baptist Woman's Missionary Conv'n	2.00
Hillside Mrs. D. A. Frush	1.00
Danville Ascue church	.50
Bowling Green New Bethel	3.00
Central District Association	15.00

T. P. H. KAMAMY,
General Missionary.
Henderson, Ky.

THE STATEMENT DENIED.

Permit me through your columns to correct certain mis-statements which have appeared in some of the daily papers concerning a Conference on Home Mission work, the recent International Convention of the Christian Endeavor Society in Denver. These statements were so wide of mark, and so utterly untrue to the facts in case that justice alike to those who participated in the Conference, and to a race whom these utterances malign, demands this correction.

In these published reports, I am represented as saying from "Negro preachers and professors present the admission that not one colored preacher in the south was an educated man." No such statement was made. My personal acquaintance with Negro preachers teachers, whom I hold in esteem as cultured Christian gentlemen, and my knowledge of the work done in the schools of our American Baptist Home Mission Society, as well as in other kindred institutions, would have prevented me from allowing such a statement to pass, even if it had been made. I asked some Negro preachers and educators who were present at the Conference what proportion of the Negro ministry had received a thorough education, meaning by that a full college and seminary course. Their reply was "not more than 10 per cent." I added, "That seems to me to be well within the mark." This was the only statement made on the matter, and it was followed with a plea for the support of our higher institutions of learning among the Negroes, in order that they migh have a thoroughly trainedt body of preachers.

I am further represented as getting "all the colored people present to agree that the outrages committed by the victims of mob violence was of the most fiendish sort and called for the severest punishment." The inference drawn from this and indeed stated in head lines was the condoning of mob violence. This, too, is utterly untrue to the facts in the case. I am well aware that mob violence has been visited upon Negroes for all sorts of offenses, real and imaginary. Not a word was said either by any of the Negroes present or by the leader of the Conference that could be construed as a condoning of such outrages upon justice.

Mob violence was not justified. The broad principle was asserted that no Commonwealth could be stable or permanent that did not rest upon the broad foundations of righteousness and justice, and that disregard for sanctity and orderly processes of law would assuredly lead to disaster. A protest was entered against discrimination in the matter of punishment on account of a man's color as an act of injustice; but this was not meant to justify mob violence, and still less to justify fiendish cruelty.

I have sympathized with the Negro in his struggles, and have always pleaded for fair and righteous dealing, and regret exceedingly that I should be placed in a false light by newspaper reports. I am utterly at a loss to know how such reports could possibly have been made, unless, indeed, it was with malicious intent.

Yours very truly,
E. E. CHIVERS.
Field Secretary.
New York, July 25th 1903.

A Successful Meeting of the Central District Association.

The Central District Association convened at Bardstown, Thursday July 9th.

On Wednesday the Ministers and Deacons met.

The following are newly elected officers Rev. H. Fishback, Moderator; Rev. C. J. Murphy, Vice-Moderator, Dr. D. A. Gaddie, Secretary and Rev. H. W. Jones Treasurer.

There were quite a number of interesting topics discussed. Rev. J. M. Caldwell preached an excellent sermon at night. On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the association was called to order by Dr. C. H. Parrish, moderator. After several prayers and songs the moderator read and commented on a passage of scripture. The committee on Credentials and Finance were appointed. The secretary proceeded to read letters—The committee on Credentials made a partial report. The moderator appointed a committee on Permanent Organization. Adjourned for dinner.

First Day—Afternoon Session.—The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock, after devotional exercises the secretary proceeded to read letters. A partial report of the committee on credentials were read and adopted. Mr. Tarb was [illegible] equal to the task. A handsome collection was taken for State University.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was then introduced, who spoke very rapidly on Foreign Mission Work; showing very conclusively that his work deserves our attention.

After some promiscious business, the association adjourned to attend a special reception tendered by the members of Bardstown Baptist church. This was a unique affair and is indeed a new and appreciative feature added to the Central District associatin.

The session shows progress in the denomination, spiritually, financially and numerically. Let us all join in one great phalanx and assist in taking Kentucky for Christ and the Baptists.

REPORTER.

A PERFECT TRIP.

Grand Army Headquarters Train to the Reunion at San Francisco.

Louisville, Ky., July 25, 1903.—All arrangements have now been completed by W. G. Force, Commander Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kentucky, for the most elaborate trip ever planned for the Kentucky Veterans and their friends to the 37th National Encampment, which will be held at San Francisco, Agust 17 24 1903.

Through Pullman tourist sleepers will be operated from Louisville, over the lines selected as the official Route on evening train of August 9th leaving Union Depot at 8:35 p. m. via the popular Henderson Route to St. Louis, the Missouri Pacific R'y to Pueblo, the scenic Rio Grande Lines to Ogden and the Southern Pacific R.y to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Arrangements have been made permitting those that go with the Headquarters train, to spend one day in Denver one day in Colorado Springs, one day in Salt Lake City, and the schedule is so prepared as to permit a day light ride through the Rocky Mountains. When Denver is reached the "Seeing Denver" car will take the party through all of the principal streets and in sight of all points of interest in this wonderful city. After supper the summer gardens, parks and other places of high class amusements can be visited, and sleepers will be ready and convenient to the depot, where they can be occupied for the night.

The day and evening at Colorado Springs may be spent in sightseeing. The principal points of interest are the Garden of the Gods, Rainbow Falls, Cave of the Winds, Ute Pass and the "Cog Roads," amply repay those taking the trip and are a revelation to those who have only read of these natural wonders. They must be seen to realize their wonderful beauty and magnitude.

After leaving Colorado Springs the convenient schedule allows a daylight ride to Glenwood Springs through the "Heart of the Rockies."

One feature of this daylight ride through the mountains, that awes the beholders, and one that will ever be remembered is the Royal Gorge, that awful testimonial of nature's force, the [illegible] over half a mile from the river bed. The train will run very slowly through the gorge so that a good view of the entire eight miles may be secured, Salt Lake City, where a day will be spent, is one of the most remarkable places in all the world. Here the Mormons erected a tabernacle with a seating capacity of 9,000 persons, also the grand Temple costing $4,000,000.00. Fourteen miles away is the Great Salt Lake, the Dead Sea of America. This great and mysterious inland sea has an area of 2,500 square miles and is 4,000 feet above the level of the sea. Thousands go there annually to bathe in its waters. The day spent in this place will be one long remembered and never regretted.

The travel from Salt Lake City is through the states of Nevada and sunny California, San Francisco being reached in the morning of August 16th.

Of San Francisco, no words are sufficient in discription, nor will our space allow of more than a mere mention of a few of the delights of this wonderful and cosmopolitan city. It has hotels of every discription and restaurants of world wide fame—French, Italian, American and Oriental—with prices as various as their characteristics. The Cliff House is worth a visit, not only for the view of Seal Rocks and occasional visits of vagrant whales, but for the excellent beach as well, though for bathing and luxurious Sutro Baths are perhaps more attractive. Among numerous other attractions may be noted Chinatown, the Army Post at the Presidio, the United States Mint, the Hopkins Museum of Art, while near by are numerous and delightful resorts, including the seaside city of Santa Cruz, the fruit orchard of San Jose, the garden city of the West, Mt. Hamilton, where is located the wonderful Lick Observatory, and Mt. Tamalpais, from which may be seen, spread at one's very feet the panorama of the Golden Gate.

There will undoubtedly be a great many people outside of the G. A. R. who will be glad to avail themselves of this through tourist car service and the very cheap railroad and sleeping car rates announced.

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PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Headquarters 1842 Lombard St., Philadelphia.

To the messengers and representatives of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America.

Greeting:—

By a vote of the National Baptist Convention held at Birmingham, Ala., last September, the Convention will hold its 23rd annual session in the city of Philadelphia, at the Holy Trinity Baptist church, September 16 21 inclusive.

The Entertainment Committee is now engaged in making ample arrangements for the entainment of all messengers and visitors who will be in attendance at this great Convention. Everything necessary for the comfort and happiness of the messengers and visitors while in the city, is being carefully looked after.

ENTERTAINMENT OF MESSENGERS.

The committee will entertain all the duly accredited messengers of the National Baptist Convention who come with proper credentials from their churches or some regular Baptist organization, bringing money for any of the objects of the work of the National Baptist Convention. Please see to it that the church or organization from which you come, will give you credentials certifying that you are the regularly elected messenger to the National Baptist convention, which will be accepted by the committee as evidence of the fact that you are entitled to free entertainment while in attendance upon the Convention. Do not fail to bring some money for some of the objects of the Convention; a failure to do so will deprive the messenger of free entertainment. All the messengers will please send their names at once to the committee on Entertainment at their headquarters, 1842 Lombard St. Philadelphia, Pa.

ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS.

The Committee will also seek out for homes for the friends and visitors of the Convention at a small cost to them so that there need be no fear about having a place to stop and proper entertainment. All who expect to attend the Convention will kindly send their names to the Committee on Entertainment and they will be assigned to comfortable places to stop before arrival in the city; so that the inconvenience that visitors generally have to contend with, will be removed. Board and lodging at first class private homes and hotels can be secured for from 75 cents to $1.00 per day.

There are in the city of Philadelphia 50,000 colored people who are generous and hospitable as the honored members of the Baptist churches. Prejudice denomination and [illegible] generally, will be done away [illegible] and visitors to the National Baptist Convention. [illegible]

[illegible] W. [illegible]
Secretary.