

SECOND DAY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BOARD  
OF MISSIONS.

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Your Attention, Baptists of Ala-  
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Dear Brethren and Sisters: With  
thankfulness to God we stand at  
the opening of a new year. We  
have been brought by his mercy

through great difficulties, every step of the way we have asked his guidance and blessing, and, looking to the future, we steadfastly believe that he will continue to be with us in all we are trying to do to advance the interests of Islamdom. We beseech you, first of all that you pray for the cause of missions. In your closets, around the family altar, and in the great congregations of Mohammedan mosques, let there be a throne of grace for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

of the Master's spirit, and hear  
that there may be a new awak-  
ening of desire to give the gospel  
to the world. Then, in the next  
place, lay your offerings upon the  
altar. Give to the cause liberally  
as God has blessed you. Your  
board resolves to extend largely to

Weak points are to be sustained and destitute places supplied with the gospel. Our hearts are yearning to do this work, but we cannot do it without the liberal support of the churches. You will bear in

mind that we begin the year with some indebtedness that is embarrassing. We need funds at once to make up for the deficit occasioned by the epidemic that so sadly crippled us. We rely, dear brethren and sisters, upon your prompt and liberal help. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, presidents

of the ladies' mission societies and Sunbeams, the leaders of the B. Y. P. U., we beg that you call earnest

Fraternally,  
J. L. THOMPSON,  
Pres. Board.  
W. C. BLEDSOE,  
Cor. Sec'y.

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Now for a Great Year's Work for  
Missions!

The greatest convention ever held

by the Baptists of Alabama has passed into history. We face a new year under the most favorable auspices. God's Holy Spirit points the way toward such achievement as the influence of the Baptists in Alabama may have in the coming year. We will heed the cry that comes up to us from over the state. We will heed and

help if the brethren and sisters come to our prompt aid. It is impossible for the board to strengthen the weak places or send the gospel to the destitute unless the denomination furnishes means.

Brethren, we need \$1,000 during the next thirty days. This is a small amount for the great hosts of Baptists in Alabama to raise.

can be sent in to the board in  
to be specified if the pastors will  
to determine that it shall be done,  
us all, every one, come up to  
help of this cause now. A sacred  
duty presses upon us; help is sadly  
needed in many places; the board  
is anxious to help; may the Spirit  
of Christ incline you to help.

W. C. B., Cor. Sec'y.

**The Direction of Funds.**

Brethren all over the state will please take notice that all funds for the Orphanage should be sent directly to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Esq., Oregon; all funds for ministers' education to Dr. C. C. Jones, Esq., Lake; all funds for institute work to Rev. G. S. Anderson, Auburn; and send me only the funds for Home missions, Foreign missions and State Missions. J. W. Stewart.

age, Ministerial Education and Institute Work have each a board of trustees and it is proper that funds designed for them be sent directly to them.

W. C. BLEDSOE,  
Cor. Sec'y

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Because He Says So.

"My papa says so," How much that sentence means to a child! Facts are perplexing things to him. Most that he sees is not so. He has hardly any experience to argue from, and he has not yet learned to use the experience of others. But if "papa" tells

him something, he is satisfied. For he may not understand in the least the philosophy of the matter, and some of his playmates may tell him that he is mistaken, but that does not shake his confidence. "My papa says so." When he has that to fall back upon, he cares for nothing more.

Cannot we, children of an Atonement Father, learn a lesson from this little fellow? We meet a great deal which puzzles us. Some things are hard to hear, and we cannot see the reason for them. But wisdom is necessary for us to understand

The Christian church is not a hospital, an almshouse, or a nursing home. We want to make men feel that they are standing in the presence of the living God.—Dr. Donald, *ibid.*



It has no occupiers 196,800 acres of land, or 307½ square miles. It has 1,002 miles of paved streets, 1,000 miles of public sewerage; a weekly supply daily of 330,000,000 gallons of water; 65,865 acres of public parks and pleasure grounds; schools that cost \$15,000,000 annually. We do not that in a few decades Great New York will surpass London and become the most marvellous city the world has ever seen. Its history and general make-up worthy of close study, especially you contemplate going abroad. People should feel proud of this wonderful city.







