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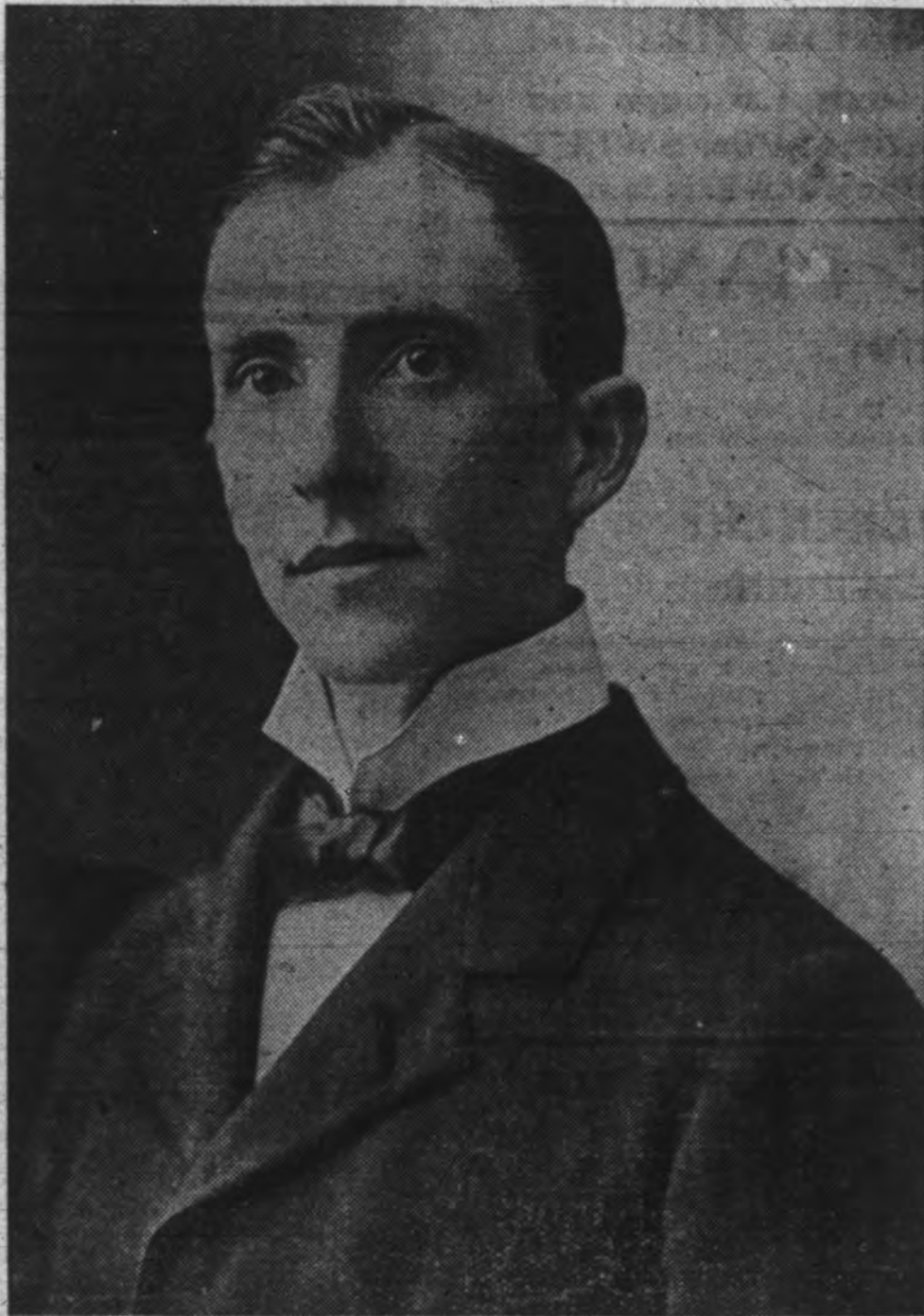
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In 1902 we gave our time almost exclusively to the business management of the paper but during 1903 we expect to devote our best thought to the editorial department, and with the aid of Brother Hamner, the Corresponding Editor, and Brother Ray, the Field Editor, we hope to publish a readable paper. Thanking the Baptists of Alabama for their support during the past year and confident that they will stand by us this year, and wishing you all a prosperous and happy new year,

Yours for Service, FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.



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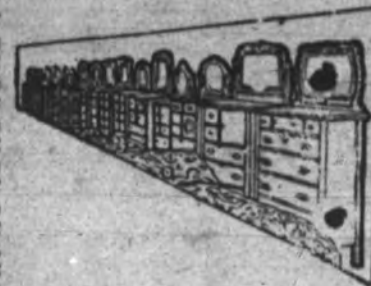
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KIND WORDS

Success to the dear old paper.—Mrs. R. M. Hunter.

The paper has been a great pleasure in my home.—Mrs. Beddie Simmons.

Wishing you great success in your work for the Lord, I am—D. W. Watson.

Accept my best wishes for a happy and useful New Year.—W. Y. Quisenberry.

May this be a glorious year for the paper and all connected with it.—J. V. Dickinson.

May the blessing of God attend you in your work for Baptists in Alabama.—I. Windsor.

Am well pleased with the paper; don't see how we could get along without it.—D. D. Cannon.

I have been a subscriber to the Baptist for fifteen years and it gets better every week.—G. T. Wall.

I cheerfully recommend the paper to my people. The Lord bless you in your responsible work.—A. T. Sims.

Would not do without the paper for anything. I live in Mississippi now, but still love old Alabama.—H. J. Han.

I am well pleased with your paper and your manner of conducting it. I wish you success.—Mrs. L. N. Aiken.

May the Lord bless you, Brother Barnett, and help you to accomplish great good through the paper.—J. S. Watts.

Better and better you are making our paper, and don't see how any live Baptist can do without it.—John A. Fry.

You are giving us a good paper. May you have a happy New Year, and may God bless you in all things.—J. E. White.

Wishing for you and the Baptist great success, I am, with the best compliments of the season.—Robert G. Patrick.

Your paper continues to get better, we are glad to say. May God continue to bless both the editor and paper.—J. I. McCollum.

If that "Stocking" is still hanging, I hasten to get there before New Year. Hope old Santa Claus filled it full.—Mrs. Sim Orr.

The Lord has been good to us this year. Pray that His blessing may continue. God bless you and the paper.—A. J. Preston.

May you be prosperous and happy and your labors productive of great good to the cause of God and humanity.—A. J. Monerief.

I enjoy the paper and look forward to its coming with much pleasure. Wish every Baptist in the State would take it.—Mrs. T. A. Mooring.

I am doing all I can for the paper. Oh, if I could get my people to take it, how great would be the benefit to me as pastor.—J. B. Kilpatrick.

I am much pleased with the constant improvement of your paper. Others are speaking favorably who are your regular readers.—J. E. Barnes.

The Lord grant to you a happy and prosperous year. You will never be able to know how anxious I am for your success.—John P. Shaffer.

Your excellent paper continues to improve in Christian quality. May it become a fixture in every Baptist home in Alabama during the coming year.—E. P. Smith.

I am wishing and expecting for you much success with the Alabama Baptist, and whenever I may be of service to you, please permit me the privilege.—Michael Cody.

Be assured of my best wishes for your New Year, for your paper—our paper; for yourself and for your wife. May God bless, guide and keep you.—A. P. Montague.

I note with pleasure the improvement gradually being made in the paper. It ought to be in every Baptist home in the State. God bless you and your efforts.—J. S. Falkner.

I hope that you may succeed in the coming year beyond your hopes and expectations. God bless you and the paper and the cause for which you stand.—Mrs. D. B. Fitzgerald.

I am well pleased with the paper; it is a welcome weekly visitor in our home and has been for a number of years. Wishing you great success in your undertaking.—E. Crawford.

I don't see how I can do without the Baptist. We all rejoice to get the paper, and are delighted with the change and improvements you have made.—Mrs. Malinda Underwood.

You may discontinue paper. I don't mean by this not to read, love and pray for the paper and its editor. Father takes the paper and one to the family these tight times is enough.—J. Thos. Bell.

I always look forward to the coming of my Alabama Baptist. There is nothing I enjoy more than reading it. I feel now like I would not do without it. I wish you much success.—(Mrs.) E. C. Sems.

Success to you, Brother Barnett. I feel that I know you personally. I, too, was raised in Barbour county, Ala. God has been good to me in Florida, and yet Alabama will always be home to me.—Geo. W. McRae.

I am with you in tongue, body, voice, pen, and all that is without and within me. I have had a poor way of showing my appreciation in the past, but hope in many ways to prove my friendship in the future. You are giving us a great paper.—James W. Kramer.

I will do everything in my power to put the Alabama Baptist into every home of my members. Must do it in self-defense if I had no other reason. People who do not read their denominational paper are not worth a great deal to the denomination.—J. W. Sandlin.

Something must be wrong with the mails as all the Judson people failed to get their copies of the Alabama Baptist the past week. Will you please mail us several copies at once and greatly oblige. We do not like to miss even a single number of our paper.—Robert G. Patrick.

A few weeks after you bought the Alabama Baptist and I found out that the price would be raised to \$2 I was about to decide that I could not take it any longer, but when you cut the price to us until the first of January, I took advantage of it, and after reading it up to date, have decided to send you \$2 to have my subscription advanced to Jan. 1, 1904.—J. C. King.

May the God of all grace help you during the new year to be of great service in His kingdom. If our brethren could just realize the far-reaching power for good of a religious newspaper in the home, surely no Baptist home in Alabama would be without the Alabama Baptist during the year 1903. I hope to be able to render you some substantial assistance during the year.—C. W. Hare.

I stand ready at all times to aid you in any way that I can, and trust that you will never hesitate to call on me when you see, or think that I can be of service to you. I feel so anxious that you have the hearty co-operation of our brotherhood in making our paper better and better. There is a great deal of indifference, however, which seems hard to remove. God will bless you though, and already I see success perched in the future for you. God bless you, your dear family and your business in detail and help you in giving us the best paper we have ever had, is the prayer of your brother.—S. P. Lindsey.

Dr. A. P. Montague in a personal note says: I can sympathize truly with you, for I remember so well my feelings when my father, also a devoted preacher, was taken, and when my beloved mother "fell on sleep." May God comfort and bless you. You will be glad to know that our brethren in Alabama are making generous responses to our call for money. The Alabama Convention promised Howard College \$6,000 a year for five years. This is the first year for the gifts. The churches are doubling and more than doubling the amounts asked of them. I have traveled, since Aug. 26th, last, 3,810 miles and spoken fifty-eight times. How well I remember our journeys together in South Carolina. With love for you and family, and best wishes for "The Baptist"—S. C. Baptist.

PERSONAL

Evangelist H. M. Wharton has engagements till next July.

Mr. B. I. Dennison, who recently died in Philadelphia, was a leading Baptist layman.

Rev. G. A. Chunn has moved from Blountsville to Alabama City. We trust he will like his new home.

Rev. J. J. Bishop has moved from Somerville to Priceville. Correspondents will please take note.

Bro. D. M. Muellino, clerk of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church at Blossburg, called and paid up a renewal for 1903.

Bro. F. M. Caine of Fayette, has been confined to his room for a month and a half, but we hope he will soon be out.

Rev. I. Windsor sends in the following: "A Christmas morning thought. The Dispensary reminds me of the kiss of Judas."

Rev. W. V. Vice has changed his postoffice from Shiloh to Sweetwater, Marengo county. Correspondents will please take note.

Rev. J. E. Cox has changed his residence from Littleton to Fayette. We hope the good people of Fayette will give him a warm welcome.

Mr. H. W. Craddock of Jackson's Gap, and Miss Carrie Wallace were married at the residence of W. M. Wallace near Opelika recently.

Any one sending me a copy of their Minutes will receive one of ours in return. J. E. Creel, Clerk Cullman Baptist Association, Hanceville, Ala.

Rev. E. C. Romine of Philadelphia, Pa., can tell you of an easy, new, novel and quick way to get money for a Bell, Carpet, Chairs, Coal, Library or Organ.

Bro. W. H. Moore of Jasper, called at the office and spoke feelingly of the way Bro. John Dickinson was getting hold of the work laid down by Brother Longcrier.

Mr. E. R. Stamps of Birmingham, paid us a visit. He has taken the paper ever since it was started. He is the kind of a subscriber that makes the editor's heart glad.

The Tremont Temple Church seems bent on getting Dr. Lorimer to return to Boston and the friends of the able Doctor in New York are hoping to keep him for a long time to come.

Rev. J. A. Howard, formerly Field Agent of the Alabama Baptist and now holding a similar position with the Texas Baptist Standard, is visiting his family at Marion, Ala. We hope "Joe" has had a good year. He is a hustler. We wish him a happy New Year and hope he will drop in on us before returning to the Lone Star State.

WOMAN'S WORK

Send all Communications for this Department to Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake, Ala.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

- Mrs. L. F. Stratton 1705 12th Avenue..... South Birmingham
- Mrs. N. A. Barrett..... East Lake
- Mrs. T. A. Hamilton..... Birmingham
- Mrs. D. M. Malone..... East Lake
- Mrs. G. M. Morrow..... Birmingham

A Week of Prayer.

PROGRAM

Of January Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Birmingham Association, Jan. 9th, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., at South Side Church.

Devotional Exercises—Conducted by Mrs. Bussey.

Prayer.
 Song—"Holy Spirit Faithful Guide."
 Scripture Reading—Math. xiv, 15-21. The truth to impress—"Give ye them to eat." Song—"Come ye that love the Lord." Reports from each society in the Association. "Looking Backward"—Mrs. Stratton. "Looking Forward"—Mrs. Dickenson. Prayer for our work for missions during this year—Mrs. Osburn.

Recess. Song—"Come thou Fount of every blessing." Prayer—Mrs. Barrett. "Twenty facts for thinking Christians"—Conducted by Mrs. Malone. What has the Christian religion done for heathen women?—Mrs. Hamilton. Prayer for our lady missionaries in China—Mrs. Franklin. Song—Stand up for Jesus. Closing prayer—Mrs. Stratton.

"On, worker, on! nor deem thy task complete till thou
 Hast risen to that highest, noblest womanhood
 God hath in thought for thee.

"On, worker, on! thy strength in Him increase
 Until thy life hath touched
 And glorified the world."

The women of the Baptist Churches of Birmingham are observing this week as the week of prayer. This is customary in all the Baptist Churches in the South. A meeting will be held every afternoon in the various churches, and on next Friday afternoon the final meeting will be held in the Southside Baptist Church.

The last meeting will be an all-day prayer meeting, and the ladies will serve luncheon at noon in the church. They cordially invite the ladies of all the Baptist Churches and of all other denominations to be present at this meeting.

This week of prayer was started several years ago by the Woman's Missionary Union, of which Miss Annie Armstrong of Baltimore, Md., is corresponding secretary. Before Christmas thousands of little Christmas missionary boxes are sent out over the South and they are collected on the first Monday afternoon in the year. These are sent to Miss Armstrong, who uses the money for missionary purposes.—Age-Herald.

As laborers together for God and in harmony with other Christians, Southern Baptist women in various places are meeting together at the beginning of this new year to observe "A Week of Prayer."

In God's Word and in the history of all God-given work, we find that prayer is the mightiest of the Christian's

command, the connecting link between His boundless supply and the world's boundless need. How gracious the invitation, how precious the promise. "Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not!"

In time of need, the early disciples always prayed. As a result, "the word of God increased and multiplied." Paul understood the necessity of prayer and made frequent calls to the churches thus to strive together with him. Wm. Carey said, "One of the most important duties incumbent upon us is fervent and united prayer." Dr. A. T. Pierson's testimony is, "The story of missions is the story of answered prayer." George Muller, the man who aided hundreds of missionaries, distributed millions of Bibles, built and supported immense orphanages, emphasized prayer as the power by which to command not only spiritual but temporal blessings. In "Prayer and Missions," says Robert Speer, "the evangelization of the world in this generation depends first of all upon revival of prayer."

Doubtless we all appreciate the possibilities of prayer. We must also recognize that there are inseparable conditions with all divine promises—"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you." Are we so abiding in Christ that we can claim this promise? Are we so filled with His spirit that as burning and shining lights our lives continually reflect his glory? If not, let us begin the service of the week by sincere confession. Let us put our selves in the right attitude before God. Then indeed through the ministry of our intercession, the blessing will come upon our societies and churches, our missionary agencies, the home-land and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

To be Remembered—"The power for holy service is intercourse with God."

Opening Hymns—"Sweet Hour of Prayer." "Come Holy Spirit."

Thanksgiving—For the privilege of Prayer.

THURSDAY JAN. 8TH.

Papal Fields.
 Prayer Pearls for Leaders—Prayer is the essential connecting link between God's boundless supply and the world's boundless need.

"More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of."

"Let us Pray. Oh, for a new spirit of prayer to God! Let the new year now opening be—whatever else it may not be—a year of missions."—A. T. Pierson.

Opening Prayer—Invoking Presence of the Holy Spirit.

A Study of Prayer—Heb. xi, 1-6; John 4, 23, 24; John xvi, 23-30; Heb. x, 16-22; Matt. vi, 6; Matt. vii, 7; Phil. iv, 6; Jer. xxix, 13; John xvi, 23.

Jottings on Papal Fields—In some parts of Mexico, the Virgin of Guadalupe is preached as "the only refuge and protector of Mexicans." Southern Baptist Convention missionaries bap-

tized 150 in Mexico last year. As an example of superstition in Brazil, an object of worship is the track of an ass, said to have been made by the animal which bore Christ and his mother into Egypt. In Brazil our cause is progressing rapidly; the Womans Aid Society of the church at Rio contributed \$400 to the work in two years. The unification of Italy in 1870 when Victor Emmanuel was declared King is one of the most important events in modern history; by it, closed doors were opened to the preaching of the gospel. From Italy, steady progress is reported; suitable buildings are greatly needed. The truth preached by missionaries, and Bibles distributed, are quietly doing their work. Cuba is appealing "Come over and help us." Eleven Cuban Baptist Churches are without a church building.

Chain of Prayer—That God may hasten the down-fall of ignorance and superstition. Remember our missionaries appreciate the support of special prayer.

Open Parliament on Superstitions of Roman Catholic countries. Some have visited these, some have heard missionaries, some have read. Let all contribute something.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9TH.

The Southern Baptist Convention. Its Boards: Home, Foreign, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Union.

Let us look backward with gratitude, upward with devotion, and forward with hope.

Hymns—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." "How Firm a Foundation."

Precious Messages from God's Word—Josh. i, 9; Matt. xxviii, 19, 20; Psa. xxxii, 8; Isa. xl, 28-31; Psa. 126, 5, 6; Isa. xliii, 6; Isa. xlii, 16; Isa. xlv, 23, 24.

Items of Interest for Leader—Woman's Missionary Union contributed to the Foreign Board last year \$34,787. Cash contributions of Woman's Missionary Union to the Home Board were \$19,510. Baptisms of last year as follows: China, 484; Japan, 25; Africa, 93; Mexico, 150; Italy, 71; Brazil, 616. Baptisms reported by Home Missionaries, 8,150. The educational influences of the Sunday School Board, especially in the development of young people along missionary lines, can hardly be over estimated.

Prayer Subjects—The Privilege of Service. The Need of Guidance. Obligation for the Right Use of Money. Bring all needs in connection with the work of the Boards and Local Societies to Him who promises, "Ask and ye shall receive."

Worth Repeating—An elderly gentleman in Norfolk, Va., delights to say, in referring to the splendid statue of Washington in the Capitol Square at Richmond, Va., "I put it there." Truly he did, for says he, "I pulled the rope that lifted it to its place." So shall it come to pass that all helpers—those who go and those who give—may say: "I sent the knowledge of Christ, the Savior, to those in darkness, and God uses me as a helper in winning souls to Him."

Current Missionary Events worldwide and denominational. (These should be gleaned previous to the meeting and be distributed.)

SATURDAY, JAN. 10TH.

Personal Consecration.
 "And His life. 'Twas the best gift He gave us;
 What more could He offer than this—
 To die on the cross for His loved ones,
 And dying, draw our lives to His."

Opening Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Scripture—John xix, 17-30; Acts i, 1-14.

Thanksgiving—For the steps into the soul's sunshine—Penitence, faith, pardon, peace, service, joy.

Food for Thought—In no way can we so effectively bring the Savior the reward of His passion as by missionary labor, whether we go ourselves, or enable others to go. Get the burning thought, "Personal love to the Savior who redeemed me," into the heart, and you have the most powerful incentive for missionary work of every kind.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Calvary. It is not the spirit of worldly interest or endeavor, but the spirit of sacrifice.

The world would have been evangelized long ago if Christians had perceived the relation of money to the kingdom, and accepted their stewardship.

A missionary heard two heathens talking about Christmas. One said to the other: "What do you think of this new faith? Are you going to be a Christian, too?" The other answered: "No, how could I? I have to think of myself, and these Christians, they are always thinking of others." Are we that kind of Christians?

Paper—Woman's Responsibility for Mission Work.

Silent Prayers of Consecration.

WOMAN'S WORK.

My dear Mrs. Malone: As the time rapidly approaches for the annual Christmas offering for China, arranged for by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, I find myself deeply interested as to what response the women of our own State will make

When I finished reading the December number of the Foreign Mission Journal, I felt that those who read those pages would make a glad and liberal offering, but what of the thousands of our women who never see our papers? Surely we have a great and important work in informing, interesting and directing our own sisterhood in Alabama.

A spirit of hope and cheer runs through and through all of the recent letters from our missionaries in China. In almost every instance they speak of enlarged opportunities for usefulness, and plead for more workers.

Our own beloved Miss Lottie Moon says in regard to her proposed visit to America after years of absence, "There is but one drawback to the pleasure of going, and that is the very favorable opportunity here now of giving the gospel to the people. I have never known such friendliness on the part of the people, and my experience embraces nearly twenty-nine years."

Another says: "I have spent thirty-four years in China and never has there been as free access to all classes as today. Since the disturbances two years ago—possibly to a large extent as a result of them—those who hitherto have kept themselves in proud seclusion are now seeking acquaintance with the missionary, and are ready to converse freely about western science, civilization and religion. While the door is open let us enter in."

Truly the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Will not the Baptist women of Alabama by making a liberal Christmas offering, make it possible for our Foreign Board to send still others into the whitened fields of China?

Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.
 (We regret that this letter did not get in sooner.)

About Men, Women and Things.

Tips to Correspondents.

(Cut this out.)

We ask the indulgence of the brethren until we get well into the harness for we take up the editorial work with a large supply of sermons and special articles on hand, not to mention a large batch of correspondence and field notes and obituaries. Just be patient until we can print the accumulation of the past year. Then a lot of good material piled up during the past two weeks. If you don't see your article in the next issue, please don't get mad. We will get it in at the first opportunity.

We have on hand a large number of splendid articles, some of them are really fine, but alas, most of them are too long to print. We got a letter, and it is a bright one, for tired and rushed as we were when it came in we laughed over it and enjoyed it, but it would fill two pages and this is more space than we can give. Now we want you to send us letters, but make them short. We want you to send us items about your work, but be brief. Our desire is to publish news each week from all parts of the State, but if we do this we can only handle the matter in the most condensed form.

Most people when they write a telegram unless they are millionaires, count the words. Generally ten words is the limit. Now when you write for the paper just be as stingy with your words as if they were going into a prepared dispatch. Six hundred words make a column and a page will carry about 2,400 words. A great many write or tell us when they see us we had no idea that our article would take up so much space. It is as simple as A. B. C. Just count your words.

If you want to lighten our heavy work don't mix up business and news on the same page. Write them on separate sheets of paper. If you knew how much labor it takes for us to weed the news items out of the business notes, you would take pity on us. Please write on one side only, and if you forget all of the above, write your name so that we can read it or we will get it wrong every time and make you mad because you didn't sign legibly enough for anybody connected with the paper to decipher your hieroglyphics.

We begin the year with enough articles on hand about Prohibition and Dispensary to run us until after the State Convention. Please take warning and don't get mad if your article gets pigeon-holed until those now on file are printed. We realize the importance of the issue, but we can't turn the entire paper over to the subject. There are various enterprises at stake and no one ought to monopolize the other. Let's give them all a fair hearing.

It Can be Done.

What can be done? Possibly you do not believe it; but we do. Before 1904 the Alabama Baptist can be a welcome visitor in ten thousand homes in Alabama. If—if what? If you really want it to. Why, what do you mean? We mean simply that if those who take it and are pleased with it will only begin to talk, work, and pray for it the paper will reach the ten thousand mark before the year is out. Try it.

Paragraphs from State Press.

It will be news to many to know that delicious oranges are grown to fruition, on a small scale, right here in Roanoke. The green house of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Carlisle furnishes the only instance so far, however.—The Roanoke Leader.

Editor Barnett, of the Alabama Baptist, preached an able sermon to a good congregation at the First Baptist Church last Sunday. Rev. Barnett filled Rev. W. A. McCain's pulpit, he being absent in South Alabama visiting.—Gullman Democrat.

Rev. J. A. Jenkins has accepted a call to the Baptist Church in Gurley, Ala.—Bullock County Breeze.

Brother Jenkins is one of our rising young ministers and we feel sure that he and his bride will have a warm reception in their new home.

Rev. J. F. Watson announced from his pulpit at the Baptist Church last night that on Thursday evening he would give the officers and deacons of his church a supper at his residence adjoining the church. The guests will number twelve or fifteen.—The News.

The pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. C. C. Pugh, is busy in his pastoral work, and he is also arranging a series of themes for Sunday night services through January and part of February. These services will be full of interest to all who attend.—Lafayette Sun.

The Watchman returns thanks to Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, editor and owner of that excellent publication, the Alabama Baptist, for a New Year's greeting in the shape of a likeness of that talented divine. It shall have a place on the walls of our home, Bro. Barnett.—Greensboro Watchman.

Rev. Wm. A. McCain of Cullman, who was recently called to serve the Baptist Church here for another year, preached splendid sermons Saturday night, Sunday morning and night and Monday night to good congregations here. He is evidently the right man to be the pastor of the Bay Minette Baptist Church, and will doubtless accept the call. He returned to his home Tuesday.—Baldwin Times.

At a conference of the First Baptist Church held Wednesday night, Rev. W. A. McCain was unanimously elected pastor for the ensuing year. The church has made great progress since he has been pastor and it is to be congratulated upon securing his services for another year. The new parsonage is ready for Rev. McCain and his estimable wife to enter.—Cullman Democrat.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Eley, Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, offered a prize to all who would attend every Sunday during the year. The following have done so: Mrs. Geo. Carlisle, Jamie Rainer and Walton Orr. Mr. Eley has been present every Sunday, and Mrs. Beverly and Mr. S. P. Rainer, the efficient Secretary of the school, have only missed one Sunday. Mr. Eley will present these prizes next Sunday week.—Bullock County Breeze.

Birmingham District.

The West End Church took in four members in December.

At East Birmingham Church four were received by letter last month.

Fountain Heights' Church had baptizing the last Sunday in the year just closed.

A week of prayer will be held at the Fountain Heights' Church every night at seven o'clock, beginning January 4th.

Brother O'Hara at Wylam just keeps an open house all the time, receiving members; baptized one the first Sunday in this year.

The South Side pastor reported a fine day Sunday with his saints. Their Christmas Sunday school exercises were above the average.

Brother Watson at Pratt City had an ordination of deacons in which Dr. W. L. Jones and H. H. Haygood were inducted into that office.

Many of our Sunday schools did not give any presents to their children, having only some pleasant entertaining exercises that were instructive.

At the Fountain Heights' Sunday school they had a delightful program that elevated Christ all through and taught the mission idea in a very pleasant way.

The January number of Harpers Monthly Magazine is simply a work of art. One cannot over praise the beautiful illustrations and the make up of the magazine.

At Woodlawn Brother Blackwelder received three by letter. He was feeling good over the fine services of Sunday and the pleasant time the Sunday school had at Christmas.

The old idea of teaching the children to expect to receive something at Christmas from the Sunday school is passing, and the better idea of giving, instead, to the neglected ones is taking its place.

That was a very kind and thoughtful act of Deacon Harold of West End church, to provide his new pastor with a new overcoat. If good deeds are contagious an epidemic would not be objectionable.

The good people at Bessemer rally to their pastor in good style and this makes him happy. He was rejoicing at the attendance and attention given. They are no doubt repaid by the wholesome food he gives them.

We have just received a copy of The Household Realm, for January. It is a beautifully illustrated paper, published monthly at 325 Dearborn St., Chicago, by the Household Realm Co. Miss Alice Webster is Editor-in-Chief.

As soon as the weather will permit their use, a good tent and a Gospel wagon ought to be ready for an early and active campaign. Not to have these things is like trying to farm without implements when the season opens.

East Birmingham, which is really Kingston, lost Brother Colley to West End, and then elected Rev. L. T. Reeves as pastor. He took charge January 1st. The money for the lot, \$400, has been secured and \$300 more in subscriptions on the building. It is hoped to keep this moving right on now until the house is up. The outlook is brightening. This is a growing community with many Baptists in it. They ought to have a nice church building.



REV. W. S. BROWN.

"This year thou shalt die."—Jer. xxviii, 16.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Psa. xc, 12.

The above was the text of one of our pastors last Sunday.

The church at Brookside has called Rev. E. G. Fenn to serve them. They are struggling to build, and have been saving money for this for some time. A little help from outside would stimulate them very much at this juncture. They really lost ground by not getting encouragement at the proper time, but are now taking heart again.

We have just received a copy of "The Nickel," an illustrated magazine of short stories and are surprised at its many good things for December. We thought the ten-cent magazines marvels of cheapness but here is one for five cents. The circulation must run over one hundred thousand to make it possible to market it for a nickel.

A suggestion comes from Brother Crumpton that we hold more protracted meetings on the mission field. That is good. They always bear rich results, and for the money invested, show more in numbers of professions and material progress than the older church work. The great obstacle in the way, until warm weather when they can be held outdoors, is the need of houses.

At Adamsville, where the church had its building blown down last spring, Rev. A. F. Loftin has been installed as pastor. In restoring their house they had to go in debt and now have this mortgage to lift. To do that and support their pastor in keeping with the surrounding conditions is more than the little band can do unaided. They deserve and ought to receive help in some way.

The Ensley Church closed the year with a balance in the treasury and a spirit of growing enthusiasm among the members. The pastor reports the outlook as in every way encouraging. There is a general disposition to make a decided forward movement this year. On Sunday the church had a roll call and covenant meeting. There was a large attendance and the service was very impressive and spiritual. At the last business meeting the pledge card system of raising mission money was cordially adopted and we look for substantial gains in their contributions to missions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes.

The Master, in speaking of the disaster which was to befall Jerusalem, said: "Pray that your flight be not in the winter." I would say to those contemplating visiting

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pray that your visit be not in a rainy spell. "Our streets are torn up now," the Mobilians said to me, in a sort of apologetic way; but I suspect they are always horrid when it rains much.

But I had a good time anyway—always do have there. Bro. Cox told me it was State Mission day at St. Francis Street Church and I must come loaded with the best speech I had on that subject. Scattered over the immense church, the crowd looked awful small that rainy day; but how they did listen! and how they did give! after the sermon was over. Five hundred dollars was the amount the pastor asked for and by the time it is rounded up, it will be more than that sum.

I heard from several that Pastor Cox was drawing great congregations at St. Francis Street. He is preaching a series of sermons Sunday nights, on the Commandments. "Adultery" was the subject of one, which the pastor read to me. I hope it will be published in the Alabama Baptist, then, if I can get the money to pay for it, I want to put it in tract form. It needs to have a wide reading.

I preached at night for Pastor Shell at Palmetto Street to a small number of good listeners. For the first time in the twelve years of his pastorate, the pastor lives in the pastor's home, "hard by the synagogue." With a growing and enthusiastic membership, a good wife, a fine baby, and in an elegant home, Shell claims to be the happiest man in Mobile.

I heard of a **NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.** This church has a mission at an important point where they are erecting a Chapel. The work is being done by the members, at night. While the men work, the women and children hold the lights. What do you think of that? I glowed with enthusiasm down to my toes, as the pastor told me about it. The future of that Mission, which is certain to develop into a church in a little while, is assured. With a spirit like that, success is certain.

There are many points about Mobile where Mission work needs to be done and the brethren are realizing it more than ever before. The city is growing continually. The Baptists have not been as aggressive as they should have been. We have but two white Baptist churches in the city; one less than we had thirty years ago. I believe the spirit of the brethren is to move forward. I hear much of new settlements in the country around. These will be looked after in due time.

The Association at its last session instructed the Executive Committee to take the question of full co-operation with the State Board of Missions under advisement and do whatever they deemed wisest. At a meeting of the Committee it was agreed that hereafter all the Mission money and work should be entrusted to the State Board. If the churches will heartily co-operate with us now, I am sure more and better work is going to be done.

I caught glimpses of Brethren Yates and Bennett; the former, pastor at Citronelle and Bayou la Batre; the latter, at Whistler. As I am to visit these places in January, I will reserve my notes of them until that time.

BAY MINETTE

is twenty-six miles from Mobile, on the L. & N. It has been the County seat of Baldwin County for a few months; the old capitol was Daphne on Mobile Bay, whose citizens are yet contending in the courts for the plumb, which was the life of the town.

In all these years, while I have passed there many times, I have never stopped at Bay Minette. The Baptists have a good, strong organization there and a very good house. They gave me a good hearing at two services. They are now without a pastor, but are on the lookout for the right man to locate and give them half his time. I fear there will be some trouble in arranging a field. There is prospect of a good town here. A handsome Court House, a good school building, a bank, and other good buildings, have been erected. The town is not incorporated; the County is prohibition territory. The best citizens oppose incorporation, for fear liquor will be brought in.

The County of Baldwin is the largest in the State, covering 1,620 square miles; Fort Morgan, on the Gulf of Mexico, is in its bounds—but in population it stands fourth from the bottom, only Escambia, Washington, and Winston having less. Many northern people are locating in Baldwin.

I ran up to

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a thriving saw-mill town, and preached at night to a good audience of earnest listeners. Brother B. J. Skinner, one of the best preachers in all this section, lives here and gives half his time to the church. He was reared in Wilcox and has spent most of his Ministerial life in Monroe County. A few years ago the Lone Star State tempted him away; but like some of the balance of us, he returned to his native heath, a wiser man. He is giving himself entirely to the Ministry now and deserves a good support. The church is probably the strongest in the Elim Association, of which it is a member. They have a handsome house of worship. The immense mill of Mr. W. M. Carney is the center of activity. He owns most of the country hereabouts, but is anxious to have good people settle in the town or country. I had the pleasure of talking to him for more than an hour on the way to Mobile. He is an interesting character; a native of North Carolina, but has been in South Alabama in the turpentine and lumber business for many years. From a poor boy, he has worked himself up to be the owner of a vast estate. He has always lived in an humble home until last year he built a palatial dwelling. In his old age he keeps the run of his immense business; but turns over the details to trusted lieutenants. With his farm and stock and orchard and deer park, he has quite enough to interest him outside the mill. He said to me: "Mr. Crumpton, I would be glad to live to see the day when all these thousands of acres of pine lands, from which I have taken the timbers, are settled up with good white people. People up the coun-

try think we have much sickness here, but there was never such a mistake."

The wonder to me is that people do not leave the rough, rocky, hill country of our State and settle these beautiful pine lands. I do not know a more inviting section for people who are seeking homes than this South Alabama country.

The tramp of the immigrant is being heard and ere long they will be here by the thousands.

A brother said to me: "Out in that old field, a town will soon be built. I saw a map of the proposed town the other day. They are Northern people—some of them will be down this week."

I am anxious about the new-comers. What will they bring to Alabama? Much that is good, no doubt; but unless good influences are put to work among them as soon as they land, like most settlers in a new country, demoralization will soon be developed among them and the last state of the country will be worse than the first.

W. B. C.

State Board of Missions of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

My dear Brother: So many of the pastors have failed to write me about the Howard collection, I have determined to make one more appeal to them. Brother, if your church or churches have made a respectable showing, you need not notice this letter. If you have taken subscriptions and they are not all paid, won't you see to it that they are all collected at once and the amount forwarded to me. If you forgot the November collection, please press the matter now.

Some have done nobly, even going beyond the amounts named. Others have only taken hat collections, which amounted to but little. A collection like this needs to be 'worked' up before hand. Men who would give from one to five dollars, if approached privately, will be content to drop a quarter in the hat.

This is a collection every preacher in the State ought to want to be represented in. Every man who has ever been to the Howard, or ever had a son there, ought to give at least \$5.00. I beg you to make it a point to see every one of them and ask him privately for a contribution. We owe much to the Howard and we need it now more than ever. It was never in a more hopeful condition. We must bridge it over a year or two by extra efforts and then it will have smooth sailing.

Brother, help us please and at once.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. Crumpton,

Howard College.

East Lake, Ala., Dec. 13, 1902.

My dear Brother Crumpton: In answer to your call for a statement as to present conditions and the spirit of the students in Howard College, I gladly comply with your request.

1. More students are here to-day than were present at flood-tide last session, and others are yet to come.

2. The boys will, one and all, become active canvassers, and will endeavor to swell the numbers, and that too right speedily.

3. The order and discipline is the best I have ever known in a college; the spirit of the students is high and helpful, their purposes being hard work and loyalty to the Howard; there is not a better or stronger faculty from Washington to Mexico.

4. The causes for the present excellent condition are apparent:

a. The admirable work of President F. M. Roof, in the years of his administration.

b. The careful and wise management and the fine services of Professors Waldrop, Hogan, Brand, Moon, and Cunningham, and the several assistants.

c. The incomparable spirit and conduct of the student body.

The present is gratifying and delightful. Will not the great Baptist brotherhood and sisterhood join hands to make this present but an earnest of a far nobler future?

Yours for service,

A. P. Montague.

Up in Virginia.

Our General Association recently held a harmonious and profitable meeting in this city. There were about 400 messengers in attendance, and while they expressed themselves as pleased with our city they also left a pleasant impression on us. From reports made to the body it appeared that our contributions for the benevolent work of our denomination for the year ending October 31, amounted to about \$110,000, of which, in round numbers, \$29,000 was for State work, \$27,000 for Foreign Missions, \$21,000 for the Orphanage, \$20,000 for Education, \$14,000 for Home Missions. Virginia is asked to advance her offering to foreign work to \$30,000 this year. And why not? We have been blessed with good crops and great prosperity in business. In gratitude to God we may do larger things.

The emphasis of the meeting was put upon educational work, especially as it is affected by our schools for young women. We have some excellent schools, but they are generally under private control; we have no "Judson," and no "Central." The two schools which belong to the General Association, the Virginia Institute at Bristol, and the Rawlins at Charlottesville, are embarrassed by debt, which it will be the business of the denomination to relieve at the earliest possible moment. Indeed an effort is now being made to raise \$12,000 for the Bristol school by January 1. In presenting this great educational work to the body, Travis Thames, of whom Alabama is so justly proud, made what was regarded by many as the greatest address of the meeting.

On motion of a brother who cherishes many pleasing memories of Alabama, the Alabama idea of having a program with appointed speakers to open the discussion of each topic, was adopted for the meeting at Staunton, next year.

There have been considerable gatherings in some of our churches of late; about forty at Court Street; about thirty at Central; some fifteen at Burrows Memorial; twenty-five at Hampton, where Dr. Woodfin, formerly of Mobile, and Montgomery, is the honored pastor. In the regular services at Freemason Street, there were sixteen additions during November. The Lord's work moves on, not as rapidly as we could wish, but moves in all this region. New houses of worship are going up, one at Court Street, another in Newport News, both of stone and quite handsome. The corner-stone of the splendid \$50,000 structure was recently laid in the latter city, and the speaker for the occasion addressed a great throng in the open air, on "The City Church," meaning of course the building.

There are some changes of another kind. Rev. E. B. Hatcher has offered his resignation at the First Church, to

take effect three months hence. Mr. Hatcher has done a notable work here. This is his first regular pastorate. He came ten years ago, and has led the church bravely into larger efficiency and a new location, and has been instrumental in adding about \$30,000 to the property of the church. After these years of successful toil, Mr. Hatcher, who has surpassed each of his predecessors in the length of his pastorate, has decided that a change would be better, both for him and for the work here, and so he has bravely done what seemed to be his duty in the case, and has made the change on final. When he departs he will carry with him the esteem and affection of the entire church, and of multitudes besides.

And now comes the sorrowful news that Dr. C. F. James, President of Roanoke Female College, Dannville, has passed away. Strong, conscientious, steadfast, brave; a loyal friend, a devout Christian, a staunch Baptist; he will be greatly missed.

To the past go more dead faces,
Every year;
And the loved leave vacant places,
Every year
But the Morning Star climbs higher,
Every year,
And the glorious morn draws nigher,
Every year

J. J. Taylor.

Norfolk, Va.

Rev. John E. Barnard at Thomasville, Ala.

For about thirty days a number of the members of the Thomasville Baptist Church, with other Christians, were praying daily for God to manifest himself with power during the meeting to begin November 23rd, 1902.

At the very first service there were three additions to the church on profession of faith. They continued coming until Wednesday night, when Brother Barnard, of Anniston, arrived. There was increased interest from that time forth.

Sunday, the 30th, was the greatest day, perhaps, in the history of the church. Many gathered at the Sunday school, although rain fell constantly. A number of children in the school expressed faith in Christ. While some went home after the 11 o'clock sermon, others remained all day; for there was no benediction until 4 p.m. At the morning service a number were converted and about seventy-five remained and continued in prayer, without ceasing, for one hour; then we had another sermon. The benefit that the church received from the meeting can scarcely be estimated.

Revs. W. A. Parker, Sr., and J. W. Dunaway, along with our Methodist brethren, Revs. R. A. Moody, and Hasty, threw themselves into the meeting and did much towards bringing about such splendid results. There were about sixty professions of faith, forty of whom joined the Baptist Church and others will likely join in the near future. Fifty-one additions in all. Many did not want the meeting to close on the 30th, but the people had stood so faithfully during all the bad weather for twelve days and it seemed best to close.

The Lord is using Bro. Barnard in a wonderful way, and Alabama ought to thank God for him. When we remember that he received his training at Howard College, and the Seminary at Louisville, we again thank God for these great schools.

In my work of two churches God has given us something over 130 additions during the last year. For all these things we thank God and take courage.
J. F. Savell.

From Lower Peachtree.

For quite a while I have been thinking I would send you some account of the Lord's work in my field of labor.

The fifth Sunday in August I began a meeting at Amity. Truly the Lord was with us; a deep earnestness prevailed throughout, and five happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism. The first Sunday in September, at Salem. From the beginning the interest was good, and increased to the end. Eight were added by baptism. At Lower Peachtree, beginning the second Sunday in September, we had a good meeting. The church revived and five additions by experience and baptism. From here I went to Suggsville, and for five days and nights preached the word of God, which was made effective to the strengthening of the Saints and saving of two precious souls. The Methodist pastor, and Bro. Stabler rendered valuable aid with their earnest prayers and exhortations.

Besides doing all the preaching in my own meetings, I have assisted two other pastors during the summer. The Lord has greatly blessed my work, to Him be all the glory. I feel that I am greatly blessed of God, not only in using me as an instrument for the development of spiritual life among his children and the leading of the unsaved to Christ, but in giving me such a kind and appreciative people to labor among. One of the several tokens I have of their appreciation, is a nice, new buggy, presented by my four churches.

You are giving us a good paper, God bless you and give you the support and co-operation of the brotherhood of Alabama.
C. H. Morgan.

Mississippi Letter.

Being a native Alabamian and having read the Alabama Baptist for years, I felt a little anxious for the results when the paper changed hands, and management and editors. But I cannot wait any longer to say the change has been for good. The paper and the editor both improve, as it seems to me, with each week. Having had considerable experience on the three-legged stool, I know something of the trials and vexations of spirit that come to an editor. You steer your bark straight ahead, between the dangerous rocks of "Scylla" on the one hand and "Charybdis" on the other like an old pilot. All honor to you, and success to your work.

Mississippi Baptists are in a good way now. Our State, Home, and Foreign Mission work are several thousand dollars ahead of what they have ever been at this time in any previous year.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, President of Mississippi College, started out to raise \$45,000, in order to secure Mr. Rockefeller's \$15,000, when he closed the canvass he found he had raised over \$57,000, a balance on the right side of over \$12,000. And now our College is booming with an enrollment of nearly 300 noble boys.

Prof. Landrum Leavell is our State Sunday school man and seems to be bringing things to pass in his line.

Our B. Y. P. U. work seems to be constantly gaining ground. Rev. W. P. Prize, of Jackson, edits a department

in "The Baptist" in the interest of this work.

We think "The Baptist" is the best paper in the world for Mississippi Baptists. Its key-note is "Peace on earth, good will to men."

There have been a few pastoral changes of late, and Granada and Water Valley, in the northern part of the State, and Crystal Springs, in the central part, are now pastorless. These are all strong churches and will doubtless soon have strong pastors.

The Baptist cause is in better condition on the Gulf Coast than ever before. Rev. L. B. Mitchell preaches at Moss Point full time, and the church is self-sustaining. Rev. L. E. Neall is pastor at Scranton for two Sundays in each month, and at Ocean Springs for one Sunday. Your scribe is pastor at Biloxi for full time. We have recently built a nice brick church and a pastor's home, all worth easily \$10,000. Our Sunday school, Young People's Meeting, and regular services, are all well attended. A deep spiritual interest pervades all our meetings. We are praying for a gracious outpouring of God's converting power.

Gulf Port is the new city where they expect deep water. They claim 24 feet over the bar now. Rev. J. L. Johnston is pastor here and has been able to add some sixty members to his church in the last six months. He also preaches at Handsboro, a distance of four miles.

We have a good house at Bay St. Louis, and on last Thanksgiving day a church was organized there, and Rev. C. L. Corwin preaches to them two Sundays in each month.

Our State Mission Board has laid out their work on a basis of \$16,000 this year.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and your readers.

J. B. Searcy.

Not Stewart's Communication, but Cox's Criticism Thereof.

O thou mighty of the mightiest amongst us! How couldst thou from thine high and over-much exalted pinnacle of the St. Francis Street Baptist Church pulpit so forget thine own dignity or thy regal surroundings as to vacate thy perch and descend to the role of a Shemei, and with thy cruel stones essay to do violence to the feelings and influence of one so lowly as the faithful president of an humble institution whose sole mission it is to care for the bodies and souls of the helpless and the "rag-a-muffin"? Didst it ever occur to thee, O thou one of luxuriant, aristocratic old Virginia, who wast born amongst visions of jumping-jacks, candy hogs, tin horns, and sky rockets, who wast rocked in the lap of luxury and hast kept company with plenty and extravagance from thy childhood even unto now; that there are amongst us those less (?) fortunate who have had to see life under the less lurid light of common sense economy, who were born amidst the rattle of rakes, the humming of hammers and the song of the saw, and who have had to walk hand in hand through life with necessity, hardship and toil?

And didst thy schools, O beloved, teach thee that 'twas wisest and kindest to thus find fault with and arraign thy faithful fellow-worker, and with thy brazen trumpet from house-top, proclaim thy grievances both real and imaginary, against him, because forsooth his anti-jumping-jack, anti-tin

horn and anti-sky-rocket proclivities co-incide not with thine own?

And wouldst thou call it crime O beloved, should one plead for food and clothing rather than for jumping-jacks and doll rags if those committed to his care be hungry or naked? And dost thou seek to chide him and stay his words, "full of good sense," by attending to thine own boasted charity to himself and his help meet? Methinks 'twould make him feel if not utter with Ophelia,

"Take back thy gifts,
For to the noble mind,
Rich gifts prove poor indeed
When givers prove unkind."

It ill becomes thee, O brother, with thy weighty words of wisdom, to thus criticise the wisdom and management of thy brother, who, from nothing save the help of God and the confidential support of the brethren, has builded, and is successfully conducting at Evergreen, a magnificent Home for the Orphan Children of our State.

If again thou shouldst behold other notes in thy brother's eye, in a loving and brotherly way, take him into thine own confidence and tell him of his faults 'twixt him and thee, and verily thou shalt win him from the error of his way.

As to thy brother's having to make "personal appeals to the individuals" of the great commonwealth of Alabama for the "table furnishings," of which thou dost make mention, we do verily believe that thou art demanding of him a thing both unreasonable and unnecessary, since thine own self as an under shepherd (and we also of like faith and order) do well know our duty to the support of the Home. Be it necessary, to more than make these needs known, if we to our sacred trust be faithful?

Come now, brother beloved, let jumping-jacks, imaginary "reflections," quilt scraps, lost letters and old hatchets be buried and forgotten, and since we know it to be our duty, let's take up a collection in an "individual way," as thou dost suggest, and supply those much-needed "furnishings for the table." I'll start it with \$5.00. Add thine own subscription, then turn it over to Editor Barnett, let him add his unto mine and thine, and keep the list open till the amount needed be raised. What sayest thou?

Verily and fraternally,
A Country Preacher.

To the Baptist Brotherhood of Alabama.

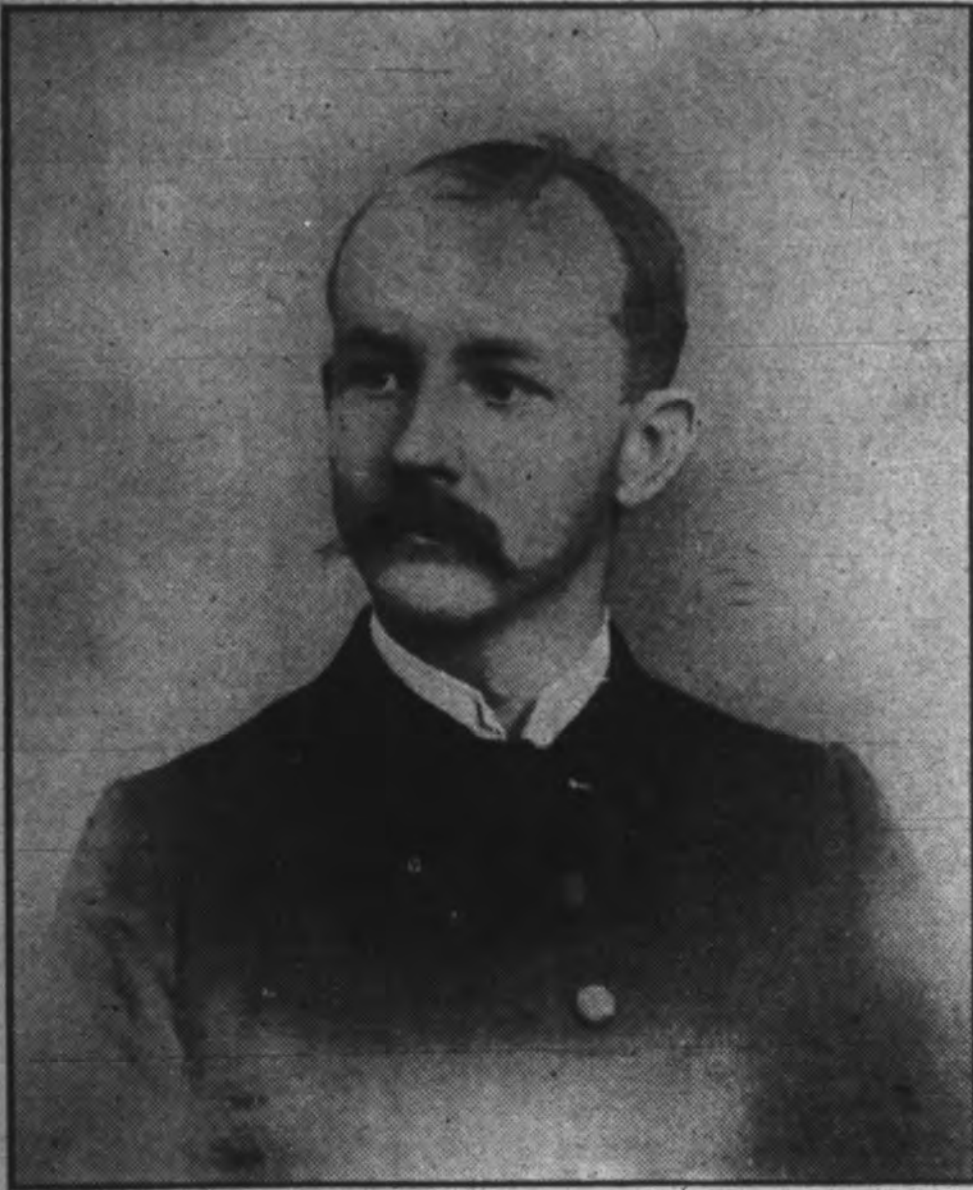
Dear Brethren: At the last meeting of our State Convention a resolution was unanimously passed petitioning the Alabama Legislature to maintain the prohibition law in Evergreen, where our Orphans' Home is located. Will you not urge upon your representatives to oppose the establishment of a dispensary there? Notice is already given of an attempt to establish it. You can prevent it if you will. Speak to them or write, and do so before the Legislature meets.
J. V. Dickinson.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE.



J. W. Hamner, Corresponding Editor.

Our Field Force for 1903,

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We reprint the pictures of our editorial associates for the coming year. Please cut them out and study them well, so that you will know them when they visit you. These good men will give their entire time helping to make the Alabama Baptist the pride of the Baptists of Alabama. They will be our field force and will visit all parts of the State during the coming year. Pastors, ask them to visit your people. We commend them to the people as cultivated Christian gentlemen and any help or courtesy shown them in their work will be accepted and credited as if shown to us personally. We count ourselves fortunate in having secured the services of Brethren Ray and Hamner for we feel confident that at all times they will uphold the great cause for which we are all striving with our means, our pens, our voices and our prayers, that of building up the Baptist Kingdom in the State of Alabama. Rally around them and us and let's make 1903 the greatest year in the history of the Baptists of Alabama.



S. O. Y. Ray, Field Editor.

Editorial

Paragraphs

A Word to Our Subscribers.

During the present year we shall make special efforts to enlarge our circulation. We most earnestly request the co-operation of every subscriber in this undertaking. Here are some of the things which each can do:

1. A large number have been waiting to be called on by our field representatives to pay their subscriptions. If these will forward their subscriptions by money order, direct to the office, it would save much of the time of our field men, which can be devoted to securing new subscribers. The label on the first page of the paper tells when the subscription expires. It is much more satisfactory, both to subscribers and to us, for subscriptions to be paid in advance. Waiting for agents causes hundreds of subscribers to get behind and finally to the dropping of their names from the lists.

2. Find out who in your church are not subscribers to the paper and then tell them of the good that comes to you and family by reading its pages. It is said the reason why women succeed better with their enterprises than men, is that they "talk up" these enterprises. Much good can be done by "talking up" the merits of the paper. Many would become subscribers if you would propose to send in their subscriptions.

3. But most of all, we covet the earnest prayers of every one of our readers. Our highest aim is to help them to live better lives and, through them, to extend the Master's kingdom to the "uttermost part of the earth."

The above plea of the Index is our plea and we hope that its subscribers as well as ours will do the three things asked.

What We Stand For.

"We will stand for the teachings of God's Word, which we declare to be the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

"We will strive to exemplify in our lives and in the conduct of this business, the spirit of the teachings of our divine Lord.

"We shall have in view always the one great object for which we have been redeemed: The bringing of this lost world under the reign of the Lord Christ."

We wish to plant our feet firmly on the above planks in the Baptist Courier's platform for 1903 and to say Amen to many of the others set forth in the new year number.

To the Preachers.

In order to try and build up our circulation in January we beg you to send us a list of the members of your churches who could take, but are not taking the paper. We want to mail out sample copies to them. Don't take the trouble to write a letter, just send in their names and addresses on a postal card. If you will do this at once you will aid us greatly in pushing our campaign for new subscribers, but if you read this and say well, tomorrow I will do it, our plan will fail, but if you will just put down the paper and get out your pencil and jot down a list you will help us to win a victory. Keep a list of the names you send and in a week or two call on the parties and ask them if they received a copy of the Alabama Baptist and then speak a good word for the paper. A religious newspaper is largely dependent on the efforts of the preachers. If they are active the paper lives, but when they are indifferent it either dies or leads a sickly existence.

We congratulate the Western Recorder upon the great improvement in the looks of the paper since putting in the new Mergenthaler Linotype machine.

We have deeply sympathized with Brothers Lister and Risner in their trying times during the illness of their little ones with scarlet fever. The glad news comes that they are all improving.

We have received some notices asking us to stop the paper on Jan. 1st, but several forgot to send the money for past dues. When you order your paper stopped, you are expected to pay up to date.

We have received the advanced copies of the January, 1903, issues of the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society and found them to be very helpful and in keeping with the Society's high standard of excellence.

We beg every preacher and pastor in Alabama to send us their correct address on a postal card. We find it impracticable to trust the addresses given in the minutes of the Convention. Look in the minutes and if you are put down wrong be sure and write us at once. We are trying to get a revised list for 1903.

The last issue of the Christian Advocate was one that every Methodist in the State ought to take pride in. Rev. J. H. McCoy, the new editor, is doing fine work, and Rev. S. P. West, the Business Manager, is wearing a happy smile for many new names are being added to the list.

If you did not read the schedule for benevolent objects published in our last

issue and Brother Crumpton's explanation, we ask that you turn to it in the last issue. It is worthy of a very careful reading. Of course it will not be forced on any church or association, but it strikes us as a very wise move to secure concert of action.

Remember what Brother Crumpton said, in an interview in our last issue, about State Missions. January is the month to wipe out all the obligations to the missionaries. We hope the pastors will plan for this. The months of February, March and April will be given almost wholly to Home and Foreign Missions, as their year closes with April 30th.

The Dispensary bids fair to be the liveliest question before the people of Alabama. It is not a religious question. It is a question of liquor and revenue. We do not feel that we are called upon to give the free use of our columns to its discussion. Like many other questions not religious, we do not object to its brief mention by brethren when writing for the paper; but we shall insist upon brevity. Our columns would not hold what we are likely to have sent us on this subject, if we should throw them open.

We believe we have the best pair of editorial shears in the South. We paid \$2 in trade for them. They are long enough to clip a column at a time, yet well adapted to cutting out the shortest paragraph. This is to serve notice on Drs. Bell, Cranfell, Eaton, Folk, Pitt, Prestridge, Thomas, and the many other bright editors in the Southern Baptist Convention that it would be well for them to keep an eye on us whenever they write anything specially good for it will be carved out and served up to our Alabama Baptists.

Paragraphs About People We Know.

Bro. W. Baggatt will conduct a song service at Parker Memorial Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon. Brother Baggatt called at our office. We wish more of the brethren would drop in on us.

Rev. W. C. Golden takes up the work of State Secretary in Tennessee. He holds a unique place in Tennessee. He is a hard worker, conscientious and fearless. We believe the work will prosper under his leadership.

Dr. J. O. Rust of Nashville, refused the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., to succeed Rev. Oscar Haywood. We know this gave great pleasure to a certain Baptist congregation in Nashville.

The Packer Memorial Baptist Church of Avondale, had a Christmas tree on the night of Dec. 24th and it held about \$120 worth of gifts. Bro. W. R. Adams pastor; Bro. W. B. Roebuck, Sunday school superintendent, and Bro. W. Baggett clerk.

Rev. A. S. Hollingsworth, a worthy young man from Grove Hill, has come to Birmingham to get work in order to try and finish his education. He paid us a visit and we feel sure that any one in the district needing an honest, capable man, will do well to give Brother Hollingsworth a trial.

Rev. E. A. Wright, a local minister of the M. E. Church, South, has been re-appointed chaplain at Slope No. 2, Pratt City convict mines, by the Tennessee Coal and Iron R. R. Co., to serve the convicts under their charge for another term. Rev. Mr. Wright has served in this capacity for the past eighteen months very faithfully and efficiently.

Rev. Oscar Haywood, for several years pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Tenn., has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Waterbury, Conn. Brother Haywood will be remembered by his many friends in Alabama as the pastor of the church at Huntsville. We have known Oscar Haywood for a number of years and hope that he will not always remain in the North, but ere long find his way back down in Alabama.

Prof. J. G. Henderson, President of Carson and Newman College, Tenn., did see his way clear to accept the office of corresponding secretary of State Missions, to which office he was elected by the Tennessee Baptist State Convention. Prof. Henderson is a tower of strength in Tennessee and his influence is felt all over the South. He is a strong, clean, capable man and has done a great work for Carson and Newman College.

The Southern and Alabama Baptist with Bro. Frank Willis Barnett at the helm, as editor and owner, has made a good impression, and we feel that the Baptists of Alabama are to have a great paper. Brother Barnett is laying himself out for the enterprise, and doubtless will have the hearty support of the denomination. He is enthusiastic, noble and royal, and his facile pen coupled with his untiring energy will wield an influence that will be duly appreciated by all of our denominational enterprises.—G. G. Miles, in Argus.

Rev. I. A. White of Dothan, is in the city today en route to Marion, where his daughter is in school. He has accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Cuthbert and leaves his Do-

than Church at the close of his five years ministry. He is an able man, and will be missed at Dothan.—Montgomery Journal.

We are sorry to give Brother White up, but in going to Cuthbert, Ga., he has our best wishes and we congratulate the church there on securing him as their pastor.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, who started on a tour around the world in December, 1901, since when he has visited and held missions in Japan, China, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and India—is due to arrive in London, England, the first week of January. An influential council has been formed to plan a campaign for him there. The London Mission will be inaugurated by meetings at the celebrated Mildmay Conference Hall. Further plans will be decided upon after Mr. Torrey's arrival. He is accompanied by Charles Alexander, who takes charge of special gospel singing at all meetings. Mr. Alexander was with Mr. Torrey in his Australian campaign.

The Baptist Publication Society in this city has the most beautiful and best stocked book store in the world. This is a conceded fact by people irrespective of creed, who flock to its tables and shelves and make selections for their holiday gifts. The mechanic, the clerk, the merchant, professional men, from every grade and condition of society make their purchases from a stock which is selected by one if not the best bookman in America—Mr. M. Strien, its accomplished business manager. He has been connected with the work of the Society since it was in a small and insignificant building on Arch street, and has been a participator and director in its progress each year for more than a third of a century and now sees the culmination of his years of labor and toil in the superb and magnificent store at 1420 Chestnut.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Hon. James B. Ellis, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama, appointed G. G. Miles of Montgomery, to the office of grand keeper of records and seal made vacant by the death of Hon. John H. Donahoo at Talladega on Dec. 11th.

Mr. Miles is one of the best known Pythians in the State and has been prominent on committees in the grand lodge for a number of years. He is at present a member of the committee on ways and means and is familiar with the details and duties of the office of grand keeper of records and seal.

The office will remain at Talladega until the meeting of the grand lodge in Birmingham next May. The place pays \$1,500 per year with a considerable allowance for traveling expenses and clerk hire. It is the most important office aside from that of grand chancellor in Pythianism in Alabama.

Wednesday afternoon in the headquarters of the grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias of Alabama, G. G. Miles was installed grand keeper of records and seal of the order. The installation services were conducted by Grand Chancellor J. B. Ellis, assisted by F. P. Nichols of Roanoke, A. M. Garber of Talladega, Rev. J. M. Donnelly of Pensacola, Thomas E. Knight of Greensboro, R. H. Mangum of Selma.

We know of no better man in the

State for this place than our friend, George Miles.

Capt. John G. Smith, who was married, Dec. 18th, at Eufaula, is one of the foremost insurance men in the South and a man of wide experience in fire risks. He has been for several years President of the State Association of Fire Underwriters and at the head of the local fire insurance board almost since its inception. Some years ago when there was an effort to pass some legislation which would have injured the insurance business, Captain Smith threw himself into the fight to defeat it and it is regarded that his work was largely responsible for the efforts on the part of the other agents in the State that caused the downfall of the proposed bills.

Socially Captain Smith is one of the most delightful of men. He was selected to respond to the address of welcome at the convention in October of the National Association of Local Agents, which met at Louisville, Ky., and made a hit in his witty remarks, in which were some delicately expressed compliments for the women of the Blue Grass State. His firm represents here some of the largest and oldest fire insurance companies in the world and controls one of the largest and most lucrative agencies in the State. He is a leading member of the Southside Baptist Church in which he has long taken a great pride. Birmingham will welcome the bride of a man so well beloved with peculiar pleasure.—Birmingham News.

Dr. J. M. Stifler of Crozer Theological Seminary, died suddenly in Boston, Mass., Monday night, Dec. 15th. He had lectured at the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, and expired of apoplexy while on his way to his hotel.

We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. The Baptists lose a strong man and his place will be hard to fill at Crozer. The following short account of his career is taken from the Baptist Commonwealth:

James Madison Stifler, D.D., professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Crozer Theological Seminary, was possibly one of the widest known theologians of the Baptist denomination. He was born on Dec. 8, 1839, in Hollidaysburg, Pa., and was graduated from Shurtleff College, Alton, Ill., in 1866. He was ordained to the ministry in 1869, and served his first charge at Nokomis, Ill. He acted as pulpit supply of the Fifth Baptist Church, also the Second Church in Philadelphia, and Eutaw Place Church, Baltimore. In 1882 he was called to Crozer Theological Seminary.

In 1892 he wrote "An Introduction to the Book of Acts;" in 1897, "A Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans," appeared. Another work which is used in the Baptist libraries extensively as a reference book is his "Life of Christ," which was published in 1890. Dr. Stifler was an active Sunday school worker, and each week had charge of the teachers' study class at the Y. M. C. A., in Chester.

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Field Notes

For several weeks we have all been delighted by a visit from Rev. T. J. Porter, wife and boy. Brother Porter is a former pastor of this good and faithful flock at Fort Deposit. He is held in loving and kind remembrance by his many members here and a warm and tender welcome will always be extended to him when he comes this way. After several more weeks spent in a visitation among his old flock here Brother Porter will enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where we hope many laurels await him.

On last Sunday evening we presented to our deacons here, in our monthly executive meeting, an invitation from Butler county to have our church and the other Lowndes county churches to go in with them and form a new association with Greenville. Fort Deposit, Georgiana, Letohatchie, Hayneville, Hickory Grove, Mount Willing and other churches forming the ground work of the movement. Our deacons acted favorably upon the invitation and recommended its acceptance by the church. So we are now ready for church action upon this movement. We are now in an effort to overthrow the saloons here and put the dispensary in their place. We may have a hard fight. Pray for us.

Yours truly,

Sydney J. Cates.

We regret that this came too late to get in on Dec. 24th. We wish them a happy New Year.

Mrs. Zeria Spear invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Aeolian, to Mr. Dallas Powell Lee, Thursday afternoon, January the first, nineteen hundred and three, at half after five o'clock. South Side Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

FROM EUFAULA.

We had a most interesting marriage in Eufaula yesterday. It was that of Capt. John G. Smith, a leading member of the Southside Church, Birmingham, to Miss Lula A. Locke, a leading member of the First Baptist Church here. I have known Capt. Smith for a quarter of a century or more, and a nobler man or more earnest Christian cannot be found. He possesses all the qualities of a gentleman, and a Christian of the highest order. Miss Locke was the light and ornament of our church, one of its most consecrated and devoted members, and one of the best teachers in our Sunday school. Eufaula's loss is in a most important sense, Birmingham's gain.

On last Sunday, we took up a collection for our Orphans' Home, and raised \$100 cash. The Sunday before we raised \$20 in our Sunday school for the same purpose.

Our contribution to Howard College (\$100 including \$25 already sent, we gave in all) will be forwarded Jan. 1st. Alabama Baptist Day was not forgotten, but we have a very large list here already and renewals will be sent on as they fall due. We are all proud of our paper. A merry Christmas to all.

M. B. Wharton.

SHORT CREEK.

We wish to inform you that Sunday at 11 a. m. we organized a Missionary Baptist Church at this place, Short Creek Missionary Baptist

Church. We had a delightful service. Elder J. Walter Franklin has been giving us the third Sunday each month for some time and as a result of his labor we set apart last Sunday to organize a new church. Elder O. J. Waldrop of Bessemer Association, assisted Brother Franklin with the deacons of Smithville and Rock Creek Churches. Minutes of the services are as follows: Reading of prayer. Rev. J. W. Franklin then spoke on the subject of "What is a Church," showing "The Proper Subjects Which it Required to Form a Church of Christ."

The letters were then called for. Thirty were laid on the table. The church covenant was then read and adopted. Also abstract of principles, the right hand of fellowship was then given. Elder O. J. Waldrop then gave the charge to the newly organized church which was very good indeed, the church then elected a pastor and clerk, Elder J. Walter Franklin was elected moderator and Bro. G. D. Glaze, C. C. Brethren, we wish to say that this is a missionary church in every respect, Home, Foreign, State and all other missions that are in harmony with God's blessed word. We are so glad we have a church with the missionary spirit in it. Pray for us, brethren, that God will add to us such as are called, according to his word. We have a good man for our pastor, one that preaches God's Word in all of its purity, and who does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. Our pastor is holding services each night this week. There have been five additions since Sunday to the church.

Brother Franklin introduced the Alabama Baptist after service Sunday and urged each family to subscribe. I will give you a list of the male members. Send them a sample copy. Pray for us that God will give us success and that by next association we will have a membership of 100. Ned Vines, Clerk of Presbytery.

Rev. G. W. Redd, the pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church at Blossburg, during his pastorate of a year and a half has done a fine work. The first year he baptized thirty and during the past six months he has baptized twenty-two. When he took charge there were only thirty-four members, now there are ninety-six. Under his leadership the church has built a new house of worship. The Sunday school meets every Sunday and is in a prosperous condition and the prayer every Wednesday night is well attended. The church holds services every Sunday.

FROM CARROLLTON.

Had Bro. D. E. Dortch of Columbia, Tenn., with me at Hebron last Sunday. He preached a good sermon and captured the congregation with his singing. He is now teaching a class at Carrollton, using his new book, Gospel Voice No. 3. Dr. E. E. Folk of the Baptist and Reflector, Dr. A. J. Holt and others are associated with him in getting out this new book, which keeps up the high standard attained by his other song books. Brother Dortch is well pleased with Alabama and he may locate among us. Pastors needing his services in meetings or in training their people for congregational singing

would do well to write him at this place while he is in reach.

B. F. Stamps.

I am anxious to plant the paper in the homes of our people. The outlook is brighter than heretofore, the Lord is favoring us in many ways, and we are looking for reinforcements to the general work in the near future.

Bro. Henry Crumpton is now planted at Ashland as a co-laborer. We rejoice in this accession to our working force. Pray for us and command us when we can serve you.

J. R. Stodghill.

FROM SULLIGENT.

On the third Sunday in November I took pastoral care of the Guin Baptist Church in connection with my present field and mission work. As a result of a few days' meeting at the November and December appointments, I immersed six converts on the morning of Dec. 21st. Three others have been received by letter, and one under the watch care pending the reception of her letter. This church has already paid \$8 for Howard College and \$4 for the Orphans' Home at Evergreen. We expect to begin our mission collections on my next trip. The church seems more united and better prepared for a good work than for some time.

We are praying and working for a greater work this year, than was accomplished during the past year, in this part of the State. May you be greatly used of God during 1903 in helping to lead the great host of Alabama Baptists to sure and final victory.

J. E. Barnes.

I closed up my year's labor at Collinsville yesterday and am now out of any pastorate, and it is my desire to remain so for the next year, though I am really stronger than I was a year ago. I cannot endure the hardships I once could, but my desires are just as strong as they ever were for the prosperity of the Master's cause. We are expecting Bother Johnson to begin with us in January next for two Sundays in the month and we are praying for a prosperous year, although times are very hard. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Jno. B. Appleton.

TROY REMEMBERS THE ORPHANS.

Last night our church and Sunday school made their annual joint contribution for the Orphans' Home. According to agreement I asked for \$100. The brethren having charge of the matter inform me they will today forward a check for \$150 and a box of goods besides. This is three times the amount of our annual cash contribution several years ago. The Ladies' Aid Society provides for one of the orphans in addition. I write this to let brethren know that we are not neglecting this part of our work.

Fraternally,

A. B. Campbell.

ORRVILLE.

I am going to preach at Linden two Sunday nights in the month, as the Baptist Church there is without a pastor. They have the strongest church there numerically and financially and ought to have a resident pastor and two Sundays preaching each month. The Methodists not nearly so strong, have made that arrangement for their

preacher for the coming year, and as the little town of Linden has been on a boom ever since the coming of the railroad, it is important that the churches should lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes to meet the enlarged opportunities. I am preaching to the Linden Baptists with the understanding that they shall make better arrangements as soon as practicable.

I do "take an interest in the paper," and will see if I can get you more subscribers at Linden. Send me your present list. I'm not going to tell you pleasant fibs and say that the Alabama Baptist is the best paper in the country, but I'm with you in the effort to make it better, and believe if it improves as much in the next year as it has in the past you will have a very merry Christmas in 1903 and richly deserve a happy New Year, both of which are the wish for the present.

Richard Hall.

AN HONEST MAN.

Dear Brother: I have noticed all of your appeals for help and felt that each one was a personal letter. I have wanted to help you, but have neglected until now. I hope you will excuse me for my negligence. I think I owe you for something over two years; you will find enclosed \$3; if it is not enough, please write me and I will send the remainder. I don't see how I can do without the paper, but I will have to ask you to stop it until I can pay cash for it, as I don't want to go in debt. This will be a hard year with me. I only made two bales of cotton and that won't pay expenses. I hope to be able next fall to take the paper again. I wish you a happy New Year.

This letter has the right kind of a ring. We take pleasure in sending him the paper paid up in full to Jan. 1, 1904. We wish others who are in arrears would read this letter and take it for a model and do their best and see if we don't meet them more than half way.

RILEY-VINES.

At the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Etta Vines, at Dolomite, Ala., Christmas morning at 9:30, Mr. W. D. Riley and Miss Lucy Vines were joined in matrimony, the Rev. J. Walter Franklin officiating. Mr. Riley is a promising young business man of Bessemer, and a son of J. C. Riley of Rock Creek settlement. Miss Vines is the accomplished young daughter of Mr. B. Vines of the Concord settlement. A large number of friends were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have the good wishes of a host of friends. They will make their future home at Bessemer.

SENDS IN FIVE NAMES.

The following kind letter will speak for itself:

Dear Brother Barnett: In accordance with your proposition, we send you the names of five worthy Baptists. (Names sent in and paper will be sent to them for year.)

Accept our thanks for your generosity, and prayers and best wishes for your future happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. McKee.

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Soldier of the Cross.

Extract from a discourse delivered by Elder J. Walter Franklin of the Mud Creek Baptist Association.

"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Tim. ii, 3.

Must the National soldier leave fire-side and family with all their comforts and pleasures and go forth to imperil his life even in dangers and hardships of the camp, the march, and the field? Our Captain saith, "If any man come to me and hate not [that is prefers not my service before] his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also; he cannot be my disciple."

"Whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath and doth not bear his cross and come after me; cannot be my disciple." As therefore the soldier of his country leaves all behind him and goes out to a new and severe experience of rigid discipline, coarse fare and scanty shelter; to meet disease and often want and hardships of various kinds; so in this spiritual warfare the soldier of Jesus must expect to give up every thing that will interfere with the service of his leader, even if it be to surrender his life before he yields up his consistent virtue.

When nearest friends oppose, he is to give them up if necessary. He must expect to meet continual trials and hardships, suffering and self-denial; and foes, very many and very strong. He must sacrifice the evil pleasures and wrong desires to which he has before yielded. He must resist sin at any cost and at every sacrifice, and bear his cross (or trials) for the sake of following his valiant Chieftain.

HOW TRIALS ARE TO BE BORNE.

These trials are to be borne with a quiet, cheerful and soldierly endurance, and that noble patience and resistance to the end; which is so honourable a characteristic of his profession. Nothing may interfere to prevent his faithful discharge of duty so long as he is able to perform it. In his usual strength trials are to be borne as our Leader bore them. He is "Our Example" that we may follow His footsteps.

"OUR LEADER'S EXAMPLE."

Jesus said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man (meaning himself) hath not where to lay His head." He gave up home and friends and went forth on a long campaign of great hardships and much privation. In continual conflict with His enemies and doing good to those who followed Him, he was in all patient and uncomplaining, encouraging His companions, and bearing His trials cheerfully, for the sake of that Glorious Cause in which He was engaged to win the eternal Liberty of human souls in bondage to Satan and sin.

"THE BATTLE FIELD."

The contest is the hour when the Christian soldier's courage, endurance, discipline, and loyalty are most tested; and out of these conflicts to a great degree spring results of triumph or defeat. He is severely tried in those daily skirmishes with the scattering foes, the comparatively "little sins," which hang on the outskirts of the camp in a sort of constant guerrilla warfare, and he must resist them earnestly. He is severely tried in the conflicts with the larger and more "formidable bodies" of the enemy. The many open, gross, and desperate sins which attack him on every side with such

overwhelming power, but "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

"HE MUST BE BRAVE."

The Christian soldier must be no coward, relying on the Divine Power which will always assist those who stand up for truth and for the right. He must meet those temptations and that open resistance from evil men which are employed against his virtue, with a brave heart and unflinching eye, and a resolute hand. He must go forth to the conflict, not in his own strength alone, but praying to his Leader that his soul may be sustained, his arm nerved, his head shielded, and his foot stayed; that he may be led on with determined will and purpose, to that Glorious Victory which is before him.

"DANGERS ARE TO BE FACED."

But before this victory is won there is often fierce and long and desperate conflicts with sin, many dangers are to be met, and great hardships to be endured, which will try his soul most severely; yet, zeal and strength and faith in doing duty will at last surely prevail under the leadership of the Captain of his salvation. With such brave spirits and hearts of faith, and nerves of steel; go forth ye soldiers of Jesus Christ, to encounter in holy contested fields of opposition of the enemies of your souls and the foes of God. Never doubt that Triumph shall certainly settle down upon your banners, and that you will soon rest upon your arms shouting and rejoicing in the victory.

"Halt, in your steps of sin."

March, in the way of life.

Fall in, ye sons of God,

Press onward to the strife."

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W. H. BRUTON,
Pastor Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.

A Plea for Missions from Luverne

My work keeps me busy all the time. You know I am trying to serve five churches; in fact I have had five ever since I began preaching three years ago. They have all called me for this year. Most of them indefinitely. I think that the best way for the preachers and the church.

The Lord has blessed me since I have been in the ministry. Have only been preaching about three years; in a hard field, lot of hard work, and not much

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pay, so far as dollars and cents go; but I have a field I would not swap for anybody's work. My people love me, and I love them, and they are growing. My churches are going to pay \$200.00 for Missions this year. That does real well for country churches, I think, don't you?

I have told all my churches that I was getting tired of seeing the churches do nothing for Missions; that the Bible was too plain as to our duty along this line, and as to me and mine, we were going to move out from the old ruts of "do nothing."

I believe we preachers are to blame to some extent, for lack of the Mission spirit in some of our churches; looks like we are afraid we won't get our little amount; greatest mistake that a preacher ever made. Why if the church is a Missionary you can't keep them from paying the preacher, and I find the churches are willing but don't know their full duty. Why, I believe it's as much a Christian's duty to give to Missions, (and to give until he feels it,) as it is for him to pay the preacher or any other debt that he owes, and most of our Baptists are willing to give, "but they won't give over the preacher."

The preacher who is a Missionary himself will have very little trouble on Missions if he is not afraid of the world's criticisms and losing his own pay, and preaches to his church their Bible duty along the line of giving; we won't have so much trouble about Missions.

Let's try it brother. Be a Missionary ourselves; preach Missions; live Missions; tell our people their duty in love along this line, and lead them gently by giving something ourselves. Best way in the world to get a church to give is for the preacher to give.

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So the next Sunday he placed the matter before the school, who took very kindly to the idea. A Christmas tree then, with a box of candy for each child and a gift of some cash in an envelope and put on the tree for Jesus to help China missions was the plan adopted together with the rendering of a neat, interesting mission program Christmas night. When the offerings of the children were counted up it was found to aggregate \$19. How happy these children were in making their offerings. Some of them gave the last penny. The best of it all was not the amount of cash received, but the beautiful lessons taught and the sweet spirit of remembering Jesus at Christmas that was thus created. I may add that this, the Sunday school of the Grand Bay Baptist Church, is a small one, having only about forty-five in attendance.

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OBITUARIES

CALDWELL.—Rev. J. W. Caldwell died at Carrollton Dec. 11th, after a brief illness. He was a man of strong faith. He leaned hard on the Omnipotent Arm and "His grace was sufficient" in a dying hour. Amid great physical suffering he passed away peacefully. Among his last words were, "The way is clear."

The deceased was born just across the line in Mississippi and was educated at Mississippi College and S. B. T. Seminary. He labored the past year as evangelist for Union Association, but at the time of his death he was pastor at Helena and Ethelville. A companion and two little ones are left behind. The expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family run spontaneous and general. Strong men, even the sinners of the town were touched when they learned that this man of God had gone to his reward.

Pastor C. C. Winters and other friends went with the remains to his old home in Mississippi.

"Servant of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy!"

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Carrollton.

ALLEN.—On Nov. 6, 1902, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., God sent His angel to bear away the spirit of Mrs. Fannie E. Allen. Sister Allen was born March 14, 1837. She lived a widow over twenty years, her husband, Dr. E. H. Allen, having died March 23, 1882. She leaves three children, Mrs. John Ingran, Birmingham, Ala., C. Flint Allen and E. Tulley Allen, of Oxford, Ala. A host of friends join these in mourning the loss of this devoted mother, earnest Christian and kind friend. We all miss her, but we bow with submission to our Heavenly Father's will, and pray for the comforts of the Holy Spirit to fill each stricken heart.

Her devoted pastor,

W. R. Ivey.

Oxford, Ala., Nov. 14, 1902.

RAYFIELD.—Only a few months ended the life of our sweet little babe, Thomas Tillman Rayfield. He was born April 19, 1899, and died Nov. 1, 1902. Though very young he had learned to sing. We'll lay down the armour and go home. He said grandpa was in heaven and he was going. So hard to give up one so sweet, so dear, yet God knows best. My Heavenly Father gave the little bud, now I give him back. Good-bye, Tillman. I will not say to you as I do to Carl, "Be a good boy," for I know that all are good in heaven.

His dear mother,

Idah Rayfield.

Resolutions of Respect.

RAYMOND BAILEY.

Whereas, It has pleased an Alwise Creator to remove from our midst, by death, our much esteemed and loving brother, Raymond Bailey, oldest son of our Brother and Sister W. T. and Ellen Bailey, of Isom, Ala. The deceased was born May 8, 1886, and professed faith in Christ under the preaching of Rev. J. S. Phillips and was baptized by him into the fellowship of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church on Aug. 28,

1898, and lived a devoted Christian from that time to the day of his death, Dec. 2, 1902. He heard the voice of his God in childhood and to Him he gave his young heart and life. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties to his parents, to his church, to his Sunday school and to his God. Yet in the morning of life he has been called away; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Hopewell Church, Sunday school and community fully realize that we have lost a useful member, one faithful to every trust, devoted to the best interest of the community, an affectionate son, a loving brother and a conscientious friend.

Resolved, further, That our heartfelt sympathies are hereby extended to the bereaved father and mother and to the heartbroken brothers and sisters that now have to mourn the loss of one so dear to them. And as a token of our affectionate esteem to his memory a page in our minute book be dedicated to the commemoration of his death by having these resolutions recorded thereon and a copy be furnished the bereaved family and one to the Southern and Alabama Baptist for publication.

A face from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A seat is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

He has crossed the shining river;

Safe he rests on yonder shore—

He is in his home eternal

With the loved ones gone before.

Long and patiently he suffered

Scarcely murmuring at the pain,

He seemed conscious that the reaper

Soon would gather in his grain.

How we miss thee! How we miss thee!

There's no earthly tongue can tell,

Yet we hope one day to meet thee

Where we need not say farewell.

While we sojourn in our sorrow

And our hearts with grief do swell

We can only in our weakness

Once more say, Farewell, Farewell.

Read and adopted by Hopewell Sunday school.

P. F. Parker,

H. J. Phillips,

(Miss) Laura Jones,

(Mrs.) Josephene Adams,

(Mrs.) C. T. Smith,

(Mrs.) Ider Adams,

Committee.

REYNOLDS.

Whereas, It has pleased God in His providential dealings to remove by death, Aug. 8, 1902, Sister Laura Reynolds, a beloved member of Pleasant Grove Church. The announcement of the death of this good woman cast a gloom over the entire community, and many were the hearts made sad by such a calamity. Sister Reynolds joined the Baptist Church in early life and has since lived a consistent Christian; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the church, first, That her death deprives this church of one of its oldest, most zealous, faithful and efficient members, and has inflicted upon it an irreparable loss, and upon us inexpressible grief.

Second, That though she be dead, the good she has done lives after her and

that the example of her noble and lofty Christian life and character will ever incite us to things that are lovely and of good repute.

Third, That to her afflicted family we tender our deepest and heartiest sympathy, beseeching them to endure their great loss with Christian resignation, and to find consolation in the blessed thought that their precious mother is now reaping in heaven the reward of her faithful and patient life.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the church record, of which she was a member, and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication. Also that a copy be furnished the bereaved family.

W. A. McClendon,

Miss Babe Spivey,

Mrs. Mollie Wells,

Committee.

DAY.—God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst Sister Georgia Day, who was born March 12, 1875; united with Antioch Church Aug. 2, 1890; married Jan. 20, 1897, and died Oct. 29, 1902, aged twenty-seven years.

A devoted wife, an affectionate mother, an exemplary Christian, she died as she had lived, in hope of eternal glory. Though hard to give her up, yet, Thy

will, O, God, be done!—Our loss is her eternal gain.

We miss thee from our home

We will thee from thy place

A shadow o'er our life is cast

We miss thy sunny face.

Zula Boddie,

I. E. Ward,

C. C. Lloyd,

Committee.

Searcy, Ala., Dec. 3, 1902.

DAY.—Sister Ella Day was born July 6, 1866, united with Antioch Church Aug. 6, 1881, married Feb. 21, 1894, and died Sept. 22, 1902, aged thirty-six years.

God, who a short time before, took the blossom of their family, in His wisdom, took mama also. Sister Ella was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a faithful friend, and in her suffering and death, she exemplified the Christian religion, and we weep not as those without hope. Call not back the dear departed.

Far beyond this world of changes,

Far beyond this world of care

We shall find our missing loved ones

In our Father's mansion fair.

Zula Boddie,

I. E. Ward,

C. C. Lloyd,

Committee.

Searcy, Ala., Dec. 3, 1902.

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Default having been made in the payment of the sum secured thereby, this sale is made for the purpose of enforcing the same, with the costs thereof, as is provided in said mortgage.

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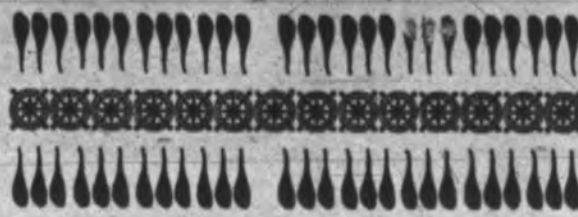
Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 10th day of December, 1902.

Estate of Wilhelm Banman, deceased. This day came Henry Heise, Administrator of the estate of Wilhelm Banman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 16th day of January, 1903, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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Montgomery Notes.

Rev. Oliver F. Gregory, D.D.

The pulpits of all our Baptist Churches were filled on Sunday last by members of the M. E. Conference, then in session in that city.

The Advertiser of Sunday says:

"The improvements on Adams Street Baptist Church are being steadily pushed forward. Electric lights were recently put in both audience and Sunday school rooms. This past week the furnace has been thoroughly overhauled, and important improvements made; and worship may be expected in the main audience room today. Next week work will begin on remodelling the pulpit and choir platforms. The congregations continue to show increase in numbers, and attention to the preaching of the pastor, Dr. O. F. Gregory."

It also has the following notice of the prospective pastor of Clayton Street Church:

"Clayton Street Baptist Church, from the pastorate of which Dr. Provence resigned on Oct. 1st, has extended a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. R. F. Tredway, of Shelly, N. C., to become its pastor.

"Mr. Tredway recently at the invitation of the church, spent a Sunday with the congregation and won his way to all their hearts. His church in Shelly is making every effort to induce him to remain; presenting a petition to this effect signed by the entire church, and asking him to stay with them, and promising to stand by him in any work he would undertake. They also offer an increase of salary. His fellow pastors in the Association also beg him not to leave Shelly.

"This is the kind of man that is wanted by the Baptists in Montgomery, and Dr. C. A. Stakely, of the First Baptist Church, and Dr. O. F. Gregory, of the Adams Street Church, have urged him to accept the call to the Clayton Street Church. While his formal acceptance has not yet been received, it is confidently expected that he will come to Montgomery.

"Rev. R. F. Tredway was born on Christmas day, 1868, at Chatham, Va., and is, therefore, just thirty-four years old. He was educated in his native State. He first served country churches in Virginia where his work was greatly blessed. From 1894 to 1897 he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, La. Here the membership and the Sunday school was doubled, contributions increased fourfold and his salary was twice increased.

In February, 1897, he accepted the unanimous call of the First Baptist Church, Shelly, N. C. In April of the same year, he made a flying visit to Mansfield, returning to Shelly with his wife, nee Miss Margie Cunningham. She has proved a helpmeet to him, and is beloved in Shelly as a devoted church worker, a talented pianiste, and an enthusiastic member of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

"During Mr. Tredway's pastorate in Shelly there have been 200 additions to the church, and contributions to benevolences have doubled. The Sunday school has grown from 140 to 300. A handsome chapel has been built, and the congregations are the largest in its history. He has also been very successful in evangelistic work."

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Ar. Atlanta.....	11 40pm	7 30pm	11 40am
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Thomasville.....	1 45pm	3 15am
Valdosta.....	3 21pm	4 37am
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Lv. Sprague Junction...	5 40pm	8 00am
Ar. Luverne.....	7 15pm	11 00am
Lv. Abbeville Junction...	10 30am
Ar. Abbeville.....	12 15pm
Lv. Climax.....	1 45pm
Ar. Chattahoochee.....	4 35pm
Going West	*65	*67	-60
Lv. Elba Junc.....	10 00am	m	3 00pm
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Going East	*66	*68	-70
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Editor B. Y. P. U. Department in Alabama Baptist, J. L. Thompson, Bessemer, to whom all communications for this Department should be sent.

Through the kindness of Brother Barnett we are enabled to establish the B. Y. P. U. Department in the Southern and Alabama Baptist again. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee held in Birmingham, I was selected to take charge of this department. I preferred that some one else do the work, but the Committee thought otherwise. Since the responsibility has been thrust upon me without any solicitation on my part, I expect to try to do the best I can. Let every one who is interested in B. Y. P. U. work remember

that it will be impossible for me to succeed without his co-operation. Lack of co-operation has been the great obstacle that has hindered the progress of the work in our State from its very incipency. There is no special objection to the young people's movement among our people, but there has been, and is still, much indifference as to its importance. Let us endeavor to overcome this and make this great movement what it ought to be in the State of Alabama.

I will thank pastors and officers of Unions, or any others who may be disposed to do so, to send me short news items. Such items carefully gathered, will serve to stimulate the workers throughout the State, and at the same time it will give each worker a general survey of the field. All communications for this department should be sent directly to me at Bessemer, Ala.

Thanking you in advance for your sympathy, prayers, and hearty co-operation, I am,

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J. L. Thompson.

Bessemer, Ala., Jan. 1, 1903.

The next meeting of the State B. Y. P. U. will be held with South Side Church, Birmingham, March 31st, April 1st and 2nd. Dr. Davidson and his young people are expecting a great convention.

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If in your reading you find anything that will be appropriate for this department, please cut it out and send it to me at Bessemer. By doing this you will aid me very much.—J. L. Thompson.

Rev. Walter Calley, General Secretary of the B. Y. P. U., strikes the key note when he says, "Young people's societies go to the grave because of too little work. . . . It is too little work and lack of purpose that brings death. It is a heroic purpose, and a full day's work that keeps alive."

The Mississippi State B. Y. P. U. has inaugurated a movement that means much for the work in that State. We learn from The Baptist Union of Dec. 27th, that Prof. Landrum P. Leavell of Washington, Miss., the Sunday school field man, will also act as general field man for the B. Y. P. U., the B. Y. P. U. paying his traveling expenses, and the Board of the General Convention paying his salary.

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