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Home News

The watch-ery for Ohio Baptists is, \$12,000 for State Missions for 1904, and an offering from every Baptist in the State for this work.

Kentucky House passed the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the erection of a new Capitol building at Frankfort, the vote having been 91 to 1.

A monument has been erected to John Jasper, the Richmond negro preacher, who preached so often from the theme: "The Sun do Move."

The following were elected officers of the Florida Baptist Convention for the ensuing year: President, S. B. Rogers, Marianna; First Vice-president, C. A. Carson, Kissimmee; Second Vice-president, Geo. T. Leitner, Leesburg; Secretary, E. H. Reynolds, Sr., Jacksonville; Assistant Secretary, F. C. Edwards, Micanopy; Treasurer, L. D. Geiger, Apoka.

A bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Morgan providing for the annexation of Panama to the United States, and appropriating \$10,000,000 as compensation to Panama for its concession, placing \$10,000,000 at the disposal of the President for the compensation of Colombia, and \$60,000,000 for the purchase of the property of the Panama Canal Company in Colombia.

The tornado which swept over Moundville left destruction in its track and it made the little town desolate as about forty lives were lost. Our heart goes out to those who lost their loved ones. The relief being sent to Moundville by the cities and towns is being received with heartfelt thanks. Any who have not contributed but wish to do so can send their contributions to the Birmingham News.

The bronze bust of Washington presented to the people of the United States by the people of France has reached Washington, and will be placed in position as soon as its resting place is selected by the Joint Committee on the Library, but the statute of Frederick the Great, presented by Emperor William to the United States, has been ready for shipment to this country for some time, but the authorities at Washington have not yet notified the donor that they are ready to receive his gift.

Of all the articles for use in religious services of the Central Church which were taken to the Iroquois Theatre the day before the fire, only the Bible escaped destruction. Its covers were burned off and its edges charred, but every word of the text remains.

Besides the Bible, there were taken to the theatre two pulpits, a communion service, consisting of a large silver pitcher and eight silver cups and some linen. The property was stored in one side of the stage in an alcove. The Central Church had taken a lease on the Iroquois Theatre for a year for the Sunday service hours.



Rev. Leo Cohn, Editor Chosen People.

Notes from Florida Convention.

During the past ten years the W. M. S. of Florida have contributed \$22,000 to mission work.

The report of the corresponding secretary of the W. M. S., read by Miss Spaulding, was encouraging.

At the close of Dr. Willingham's speech Miss Julia McKenzie, returned missionary from Central China, was introduced to the Convention.

The Florida Baptist State Convention met in its forty-ninth annual session with the First Baptist Church in Kissimmee, Fla., Jan. 13-15, 1904.

Dr. R. T. Bryan of Shanghai, China, addressed the Convention upon the conditions of the mission work in China and the opportunities open to Baptists.

Rev. B. W. Spillman, field secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the Convention on Sunday school work.

Resolutions looking to a closer relationship between the Stetson University and the State Convention, were offered and announced as passed by the Convention.

Dr. W. A. Hobson preached the Convention sermon. He had the closest attention of the large audience, and delivered this eloquent sermon in a masterly manner.

Dr. Eager addressed the Convention in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and pledges for min-

isterial education were taken to the amount of \$186.

Dr. L. D. Geiger, Secretary of the State Board of Missions of Florida, made a fine report. The total receipts this year were \$24,353, while the total last year was \$17,565.

Rev. J. B. Holley, senior editor of the Southern Baptist, has resigned the pastoral care of the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, and will henceforth devote his entire time to the paper.

Dr. D. B. Gray, Secretary of the Home Board, was introduced and captured the hearts of the Convention in a masterly address. It is not possible to give our readers any true conception of this speech.

The report on aged ministers showed that \$344 had been expended for the aged ministers during the past year. A collection amounting to \$226 in pledges was taken for the work of the ensuing year.

Brother Mahon, agent of the Orphanage, said: "There is no institution of its age so prosperous in the South. During the year there has been erected a two-story brick building capable of caring for 100 children. This building is supplied with hot and cold water, thoroughly lighted with electricity. The present indebtedness of \$1,500 is covered by pledges as good as gold. The house is now ready for dedication and for the reception of children."

Foreign News

Two regiments of Russian troops have started for the Yalu River, says a Port Arthur dispatch to the Herald. A concentration of Russian troops is being made near the Yalu.

The Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico has made a favorable report on Senator Blackburn's bill to pay Liliuokalani, formerly Queen of Hawaii, the sum of \$200,000 in full satisfaction of all claims to the crown lands in Hawaii.

The Italian government has just ordered an official to come to this country to look after the interests of Italian immigrants, and especially to devise methods of inducing them to settle in agricultural districts, instead of congesting in large cities.

The first exchange of views between the Russian officials on the Japanese note has not resulted in a definite decision and the answer probably will be delayed longer than was anticipated. The Russian Government is disposed to arbitrate Japan's aggressiveness to the attitude of the United States.

The dowager empress has promoted Wu Ting-fang, who was formerly Chinese minister at Washington, to a responsible position in the foreign office at Peking. She grew scared at the prospect of war and was glad enough to get the benefit of the advice of this statesman, who is the ablest man connected with the Chinese government. He is, however, too progressive for her.

The native inhabitants of Hawaii are gradually dying out, and out of a total population of about 155,000, only 30,000 are now natives. Sugar continues to be the chief product of the islands, and the 1903 crop was a record-breaker, it being worth over \$25,000,000. The islands exported \$12,000,000 worth of products above what they imported and are therefore prosperous in this sense.

The Turkish government has given its full and final consent to the reform program for the government of Macedonia under Russian and Austrian supervision. But it urges as a condition to its fulfillment that Bulgaria shall not be allowed to foster uprisings. Boris Sarafoff, the Bulgarian leader, is already planning to resume the insurrection in Macedonia as soon as spring opens.

Sixty prominent men in England have forwarded cablegrams to the Czar of Russia and the Mikado of Japan urging that the Far Eastern dispute, in the event of the failure of diplomatic negotiations, be submitted to The Hague Tribunal. The International Peace Commission, a branch of The Hague Tribunal, has sent a circular note to the Powers soliciting their influence in having the question settled by arbitration.

CORRESPONDENCE

Men Seen in Washington.

XIII.

At the close of my last paper I spoke of the fact that three denominations were leading in education in Washington City, Baptists, Methodists, and Roman Catholics.

To my profound sorrow I read in "The Religious Herald" of this week, December 17th, these words: "We are sincerely troubled to learn that by and with the consent and approval of the Board of Trustees of Columbian University a bill has been introduced into the Congress of the United States, whose effect will be to alienate that institution from the Baptists." So that which for years has been threatened is about to be realized, and the Baptists will probably lose the Columbian University. It was thought in Washington long ago that a Baptist college which had an Episcopalian as president of its broad of trustees was not pursuing a course that would commend it to our denomination. Mr. W. W. Corcoran was a worthy old gentleman, a man who had made money and used it wisely and generously; but not for one hour ought he to have been the official head of that college, founded by the toils and in the prayers of Luther Rice and other devoted Baptists. It was said that his connection as president with the university prevented its obtaining aid from certain prominent Baptists in New York.

What were the dreams and hopes and toils of Luther Rice, friend and contemporary of Judson, to Mr. Corcoran, Episcopal banker? The policy of those years, when an institution, established by Baptists, had as the head of its management a pedo-baptist, is bearing the fruit that was to be expected; and the school, having its conception in Baptist brain and heart, its foundation at Baptist hands, its history connected for generations with Baptist development, now departs forever from the fellowship and control of Baptists, and becomes practically a secular institution, "not sectarian," as they call it.

While Dr. C. A. Stakely was in Washington, he, Mr. J. J. Darlington, a noble Baptist and a leader of the Washington bar, and one or two other Baptists, kept the Columbian University true to the spirit of its foundation, to the traditions of our people. Dr. Stakely left Washington; Mr. Darlington, I think, resigned his place on the board; and the Columbian is no longer a Baptist school. And yet something is to be said on the other side.

The Columbian has been of late years neither distinctively Northern nor distinctively Southern; and so it could not appeal especially to either section for financial aid. Again, every Southern State has its own denominational college, and it seems all that each State can do to take care of its own. New York has Colgate; Pennsylvania has Lewisburg. Virginia, which once gave strong support to the Columbian, has in Richmond College one of the very best colleges in our country. So the Columbian has virtually no financial territory. It was hoped that the Baptists of the whole country would support it; but this proved but a dream. President Needham and his Board probably felt that, as many Baptists could not help, and more would not help, the

only thing left was to make the institution unsectarian and appeal for support on the ground of general education, and not for denominational alignment. Finally, the Baptists of Washington never gave the Columbian the help which they owed it. In one department of the University, at one time, out of an attendance of 100 students, there were about ten Baptist boys! Many sent their sons to Princeton, Harvard, and other Eastern colleges, when they could have obtained for their children just as solid an education in their own college.

About seventeen years ago a young Italian came to Washington and obtained a position in the scientific faculty of the Columbian University. Working faithfully, he finally became professor of engineering, and served for years in this capacity. His health was poor, and at last he fell a victim to consumption. Raised a Roman Catholic, he had virtually left that denomination; and so he could not be buried according to its rites. He had labored patiently, without ostentation, as a simple, kindly gentleman among his colleagues, and had claimed no privilege by reason of high official connection. He was the son of the Italian Ambassador, then dean of the diplomatic corps, Baron Fava. The funeral services were held at the house of the Ambassador. The rooms were filled with representatives of the foreign legations, European, Asiatic, and South American. The services were conducted by three Baptist ministers, connected with the Columbian University. If I remember aright, a selection from the Scriptures was read; some remarks were made; but not a prayer was offered. It was the strangest funeral that I ever attended.

Some days after the funeral, a friend and I called to pay our respects to the ambassador and to offer our sympathy. He received us with great courtesy; but he looked old, sad, and broken.

It was our custom in the Columbian College to have prominent men come, from time to time, to address our students. Among these speakers on one occasion was Mr. Cannon, now Speaker of the House of Representatives. That distinguished man was in his talk earnest, energetic, and business-like. He was in appearance plain, matter-of-fact, and more like a practical farmer than a great leader in Congress. He had none of "the airs and graces" of the orator.

On the spectacular side of education, if education may be said to have such a side, nothing could be more impressive and interesting than the commencement exercises of the Columbian University, especially those of the law department. Held usually in the leading theatre, attended by nearly, if not quite, two thousand people with the graduates seated upon the platform, and there, too, the faculty and others distinguished in position, the finest band in Washington playing airs that stirred the pulse and moved the heart, such a commencement could not fail to prove memorable in one's experience. Generally some man of national, or even inter-national, reputation addressed the graduating class. One scene, not a commencement, but the inauguration of Dr. Whitman as president of the

Columbian, I recall especially. This function was held in Convention Hall and was attended by perhaps 5,000 people. The speakers were Drs. Whitman, Strong of Rochester, and Patton, then president of Princeton University. The crowd was too large for a satisfactory audience; the noise was almost incessant; it would have taken lungs of brass and a megaphone to reach the people. The speakers lost "their grip"; men applauded at the wrong time and most inopportunistly; hundreds grew tired; and perhaps every one was glad when the evening of rush, push, uproar, and confusion came to an end.

We attended another public function in this building, and then our Oriental friends were out in force. My wife was with a friend, the wife a high Chinese official. The Eastern lady looked with any thing but admiration upon the dress of another Oriental lady of a different nation and uttered comments of a caustic nature, by which she made it evident that she regarded the toilet of the lady in question as a century or so behind the times.

On another occasion a friend of ours, a most delightful Chinese gentleman, of small stature, accepted an invitation to a party. There was a great crowd, and in some way three or four people fell down some steps, among them our friend. Asked why he did not assist a lady to rise, replied, with some asperity, "How could I do anything, when I lay flat on my face, and a fat woman sat on me!"

A. P. Montague.

Rev. Claude L. Chilton's Abandonment of Methodism.

By Rev. M. B. Wharton, D.D.

The excitement in religious circles now is about the course of Rev. Claude L. Chilton, one of the most prominent Methodist preachers in the State, who has given up his ministry and his mem-



DR. M. B. WHARTON.

bership in the church in which he has been a member for thirty-one years, and a preacher for twenty-six years. Mr. Chilton is no common man. He comes of one of the best families in the State. He is the son of the eminent Judge W. P. Chilton, who for years was judge of the supreme court of the State, and also at one time member of congress. Judge Chilton died many years ago, having lost his life by a fall, when coming down a flight of steps in Montgomery. He was a Baptist while Rev. Mr. Chilton's mother was a Methodist, and the boy followed his mother in church relationship. After a thorough training in the schools and colleges, Mr. Chilton joined the Alabama Conference, and has filled some of the finest appointments in the gift of

the bishops. After all these years he comes out in a pronouncement, giving his reasons for quitting Methodism.

As his article covers several columns in the newspaper in which it appears, I will give a synopsis of what he says for the convenience of the hurried public. It is not then because he is not heart and soul a good Methodist, as John Wesley expounded Methodism. He believes in the doctrines, teachings and disciplines laid down by Wesley. He thinks Wesley's sermons and Watson's Institutes the finest exposition of doctrines anywhere to be found. It is not because he has been slighted, ignored, or depreciated by the bishops, who have always given him places better than he deserved. It is not because he does not love his Methodist brethren by whose side he has fought and labored, but it is because the Methodist church today is not the church of John Wesley; but it has gone back on all its time-honored teachings and practices. He quits because (1) The preachers do not preach the doctrine of total depravity. (2) They do not preach the doctrine of complete, entire "sanctification and call those cranks and madmen who do." (3) They do not preach sound doctrine on other lines, and the church has decayed in the matter of experience. The lovefeast went because the class meeting went, and the class meeting went because of a want of religion; "Not more than one in fifty who would claim to have been born of God." (4) Laxity in discipline is the next thing that grieves him. The three great moral rules of Methodism are everywhere violated; the Presiding Elders would not aid him in the enforcement of discipline, so that the church is swamped, filled with worldlings and "rich men have become a necessity" to it.

The preacher is powerless before the worldly element in the church. Not alone for these reasons does he leave the church, but because of the dealings of the church in the publishing house scandal when the church gets fraudulently \$288,000; and again because of the church's position on the liquor question not declaring against dispensaries which he thinks the worst form of the evil; and still another difficulty, the "new order of worship," which is ritualistic and savors of the Roman Catholic Church. He modestly says he knows how he will be criticised, and that his quitting is only "like the dropping of a pebble in the ocean," but his conscience is clear and his duty plain. He cannot fight the evils in the church, (as Mr. Wesley did by the way), but he retreats in good order. He does not say what he is going to do; he will live for the present in Montgomery.

His article defining his reasons for the change is well written. While I do not agree with him in his views of doctrine, I do not doubt that he is perfectly sincere, and is true, good man. The same things that have perplexed him have perplexed all ministers of the present time; but I have wondered as I read his abandonment of Methodism where he will go to find things better? I thought as his father was a Baptist maybe he would go to them, but he can never do that with his views; and besides we can furnish as many theatrogoging, dram drinking, dancing members as the Methodists; and I suppose none can doubt that the other denominations have equally their elements of worldliness.

If he could not preach rigid morals

to the people there neither could be to it here. The story is told of a minister of another church who preached against drunkenness and a deacon told him he could not do that as the richest men in the church drank. He then preached against gambling, and was told that would not do as there were two members paying a hundred dollars a year who ran bucket shops. He said he would preach against dancing. He was told that all the young people danced. "Well, what can I preach against?" said the deacon. "There are no Jews in town, give it to the Jews." What will become of my friend Chilton. I do not know, but has he ever thought that the time has come for a reformer like John Wesley? It was in a state of morals but little worse perhaps, that that great man arose to move the world, not by bustling, noisy efforts, he being the "quintessence of turbulence" as Robert Hale said, "unmoved himself but moving everything around him." I hope from his quiet retreat after his twenty-six years of itinerancy that he will send forth such influences as will cause a return to the good old paths. In the meantime, let no one harshly criticize Mr. Chilton for his honest, manly course which however injudicious it may appear to them, is satisfactory to himself as I trust to his God.—Atlanta Journal.

Encouraging Words.

W. B. C.

Sending \$7.50 from Liberty Church: "This church never made a contribution to missions until we held a Rally there last summer, then they gave us \$5.00. Now they are missionary in practice as well as in theory. The pastor is thoroughly in sympathy with the work now, though he has not always been so. After our Rally last summer, the church agreed to release his hands and support him for half his time and let him put in the balance of his time as opportunity offered. All are pleased with it. We had the biggest rally there I ever attended. There were 500 people, seven preachers, and five churches represented."

A. A. Hutto.

"I have read and reread your tract on 'The Old Guard.' As I read something or other would kinder get in my throat and sometimes from my eyes trickled down my cheeks and the thought with me was, 'Am I one of the old guard?' It is no trouble to me to say I want to be and that I am striving hard to that end."

"If we could get our members to read more, they would think more and do more. When we take up a collection the better posted members pay the most, regardless of financial standing."

E. Crawford.

"I want to be one to make this the best year of all for missions."

H. H. Shell.

"Here is a collection from a Baptist Rally. This is the first mission collection from the church this year. They gave nothing last year, and may never have given anything. It is a large church. Most of the members own their homes. The trouble is the pastor, of course."

A Brother.

"From my youth, in contemplating the Christian life, I have desired to be an active Christian. In the morning of my Christian experience, this lesson was impressed upon my heart, that a Christian should stand for what Jesus

Christ stood for, as G. W. Truit said at the Convention, and I have been trying for these years to impress my people with the missionary spirit, and am sure my efforts have not been in vain, although much more ought to have been accomplished. I have no other purpose than to keep at it until my earthly record is finished.

"The spirit that you have manifested these years, traveling over the State and laboring hard in order to get the standard of our church life higher, has been instructive and encouraging to me and to others, and our prayer is that He, who orders the course and controls the destinies of his servants, may qualify and strengthen you for that which remains of your earthly task, and then give you rest in His presence.

"I think that the spirit of growth and higher spiritual development is getting a deeper hold on our people than ever before."

J. R. Conger.

I send \$6.50 from Friendship church taken by the envelope system. It works well."

One lady, who had not walked a step in eight years, arms stiff, worked with her own hands, made and gave \$1.00 for foreign missions.

C. I. Eiland.

In answer to your circular letter—Yes Sir! every time! Put me on roll of Old Guard—command me in any way that I can serve you or the cause of our denomination in Alabama. I will be only too happy to obey. Adams Street has caught the step of the organized host and will be found in line.

O. F. Gregory.

"I received your letters and tracts this morning, and in order to use them wisely and inspire my people to do more, I have carefully read them and sorted them into small lots. Then I placed a 'pass on' label on the package with the names of those whom I wish to read them. So they will reach the entire membership of my church. I have prayed the Lord to bless the reading of all of them and help me to be a wise and efficient leader.

"I pray for you every day, that the Lord will help you to stir up the Baptists of Alabama and put them in remembrance of these things. You can count me as belonging to the 'Old Guard,' and when you drop in over here, you will find us 'everlastingly at it.'"

J. W. O'Hara.

The Model Church.

I am out of a job, so to speak, and would accept a call from the right kind of a church.

The membership must be active, zealous and attend all the services. The church's clerk must not only keep a true minute of all conferences, but must be alive to every good work, and always be on time. The deacons must diligently fill that office with such kindness, dignity, and grace, that they will not appear above the lowly, nor beneath the highest. Their wives must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. The Sabbath school superintendent must be apt to teach, be a good organizer, and keep perfect order. The teachers should all be pious, zealous, apt in teaching, and so control their classes, that the whole school will stay for preaching. The congregation must never find fault, and listen attentively

to even dull sermons. And last, but not least, they must read "The Alabama Baptist."

"Must I be carried to the skies

On flowery beds of ease,

While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas!"

Too many of us Baptist preachers are looking for soft, easy positions. That is but human nature. All men love to enjoy themselves. But if pioneer preachers had not endured many privations and hardships to bring the gospel light to this country, we would still be in darkness. Then if we have the light, is not our imperious duty to carry it into the darkness? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Men here means sinners. It is our duty, as torch-bearers, to let our light shine before them—not to have a good, easy time ourselves, or receive a great reward; but that they may be converted from the error of their ways; the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, and a new song put in their mouths, even praise to our God.

While this is true, there is another fact equally true. If it is the duty of one man to go, it certainly is the duty of those that stay at home to furnish the means. If it was the duty of Moses to hold up his hands, when he became so tired he could not; it was just as much the duty of others to support them. Ex. xvii, 8-13. Just as long as Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, but when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. This being the case, it was the duty of Aaron and Hur, when Moses could no longer hold up his own hands, to hold them up for him.

The old idea, that if a man is called of God to preach, he will preach anyhow, is true; but it is equally true, that if he has to support himself by labor outside of the ministry, the time he can devote to his call, will be very short, and the field of labor small.

Although Elijah was fed by the ravens, it was not while he was prophesying, but while he was hiding from his persecutors. If he ever lacked anything while exercising his prophet's office, we have no record of it. It was when Israel went off in idolatry, and sought the holy man's life, that God hid him and fed him in that strange way.

God has not changed, and now, under similar circumstances would feed his preachers. But in the gospel dispensation, He has made it the duty of the Church to supply the needs of the preachers, so that they may devote their whole time to the ministry.

W. T. Westbrook.

The Value of Tracts.

I want to thank those who wrote the articles on prayer in the Alabama Baptist, December 16, 1903 and January 6, 1904. The lady who wrote the piece on Tangentials has my thanks. They would do good in tract form. We are too sparing with our prayers, and so much depends on prayer. The same may be said of giving. The masses of the people are so ignorant concerning their duty in giving to the Lord, that I feel like calling on the pastors and editors and tract writers in thunder tones to instruct the people on this subject. The tract committees in the churches should put each one his name on his and keep up with it using it as a talent to do good with and make a re-

port to the pastor or church of his stewardship. Thus utilize the tract, and help the members to become interested in church work, by realizing that there is something they should do. The workers should not stop until every member has read the tracts. Indeed meetings should be called to read such tracts. They should be read privately to those who cannot read, and should be read carefully by all, and prayed over. The world can never be converted until we wake up on this vital point. Our Christian growth depends on our giving. Let the pastors cry aloud and warn and instruct the people, or the blood of souls will be on them. We are taught in Cor. 10:2, "Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

I fear the people generally do not understand this to mean that each one must give a certain per cent. of his income, but think it means to chunk off a small part of whatever is left after all of our supposed wants have been gratified, only guessing at the whole business; without any careful investigation as to the amount of their income, or as to what per cent. of it the Lord claims. I'm afraid the masses of Christians do not know that God claims any part, but suppose that giving is left to them to do as they like about it, if they happen to have any thing left.

May God bless the Alabama Baptist and make it a power for good, continually, convincing God's people that we are here, not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh, but to give the Gospel to the unsaved, and to glorify God.

Mrs. J. M. S.

True Sayings.

By Joel D. Murphree.

The man who gives as God prospers him will never die in the poor house.

Too much love for that which is in your pocket may drive the Lord out of your heart.

The man who hopes to be happy in heaven must pave the way by making somebody happy on earth.

The richest man is the one who can give away the most and regret it least.

The less we have the more it means in heaven when we give.

Do not expect much from the man who is always talking about how much he would give if he had some other man's means.

Giving is made easy when we realize our duty to give. If you would learn how and when to pray, first learn how and when to give.

We cannot keep any more religion than we use.

Gold is never so bright as when it is used in doing good.

The man who would reform the world needs to begin with himself.

The man who loves sin is a sinner, no matter how much he puts in the contribution box.

Money is a blessing if properly used.

The devil has no reason to be ashamed of the man who is mean to his wife.

Some of the devil's best work is done by people who claim to love God.

Man will often find himself condemned when measured by the yard stick he proposes for others.

The problem of dying solves itself when we learn how to live.

Put a true Christian anywhere and he will find something to remind him of heaven.—Montgomery Journal.

Convention of the Anti-Saloon League.

Five hundred and thirty (530) saloons were closed last year in Virginia. Four thousand, one hundred and forty dollars (\$4,140) were raised for the State work alone. Those brief sentences tell of the widening work of the Anti-Saloon League, as was shown at the inspiring Convention held last week at the Second Baptist Church in Richmond. The speeches, though varied and spicy, were all of an unusually high order, treating this important issue in a statesmanlike way. It was a group of earnest and patriotic men, animated by a lofty spirit.

Dr. James Cannon, Jr., was elected President of the League.

The three marks by which a student of history comes to distinguish a lasting social movement are all found in the present temperance advance in Virginia.

I. A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT.

While persons in all classes of society are identified with the anti-saloon cause, the movement springs primarily from the masses. It is not the crest upon the wave, but a ground-swell of popular sentiment. It expresses not the fashion of a few, but the conscience of the many. Look at the arrayed lines. On the side of temperance in this State are the homes, the churches, the schools, and industrialism, the four pillars upon which the whole structure of society rests. The volume of mail coming daily to the headquarters of the League shows conclusively that this movement has laid hold of the masses of our people with a moral grip that only tightens with every seeming defeat. "Great ideals incarnate themselves in the multitude." Here are the masses on one side; there is the liquor power on the other, with a small contingent of politicians, who serve in the main as attorneys of the saloon. No man who is acquainted with the actual conditions of opinion in this State can for a moment doubt that the great body of our people have made up the final verdict against the saloon.

II. A MORAL MOVEMENT.

"Only moral forces can overcome moral obstacles," was the maxim of the sagacious Cavour, one of the greatest practical thinkers since Napoleon. Politics skim the surface; real issues spring from the inner workings of the social conscience, those mysterious depths whence comes the electric force of public opinion, as subtle in its origin as it is irresistible in its advance toward the goal of its endeavors. In mingling freely with the people of Virginia one discovers with surprise the grim earnestness and the sustained power which they reveal in the cause of temperance. Men have given their money to this reform; and, more, they have put their hearts into it. The ballot is not a true gauge of temperance sentiment in Virginia, for reasons that must occur to every mind. The voters are a small minority of any community; and upon this minority the saloon power, backed by vested interests and skilled in the use of political methods, can easily bring to bear an influence out of all proportion to the real number of the people who sustain it. On the other hand, the church, the school, and the home do not appear in their full strength at the ballot box, while in many instances the temperance people in a local option contest are without proper organization to insure immediate results at the poll. It is a case

of money against moral sentiment, and no one need be surprised if the sordid interest of the saloon wins in the first skirmishes, nor need any one doubt that moral forces will finally prevail.

Believing that temperance reform is primarily a moral issue, and seeing that these four factors—the individual, the State, the saloon, and the local community—enter into the problem, the Anti-Saloon League takes reason as its guide and makes conscience its aim. Hasty results are not desirable. The solution must be worked out by education and the advance of moral sentiment. Thus society is sloughing off the saloon, as it has sloughed off polygamy, dueling, lotteries, and slavery. The Anti-Saloon League believes in bit-by-bit reform, stirs the public conscience, and acts as the clearing-house of all temperance agencies. Unity and sanity are its key-words.

III. A CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT.

Perhaps the chief gain of the temperance cause in Virginia is the fact that it has been free from fanaticism. The man who says that this work is characterized by zeal without knowledge simply shows that he has not watched its development nor felt its spirit. The League grounds itself in reason and aims only at practicable ends. It knows full well that it is needless to secure the passage of laws in advance of public opinion; that it is needless to carry a community by local option, unless at least 80 per cent. of the whole people of that community are heartily in favor of such restriction of the liquor traffic; that, after all, moral sentiment is the chief agency in the enforcement of laws; and that the sober sense of the community will eventually prevail over any temporary influence that tries to mislead or misrepresent the public mind. The League is confident, because it is democratic, having genuine faith in the soundness of the people and in the progress of truth. The League is patient, because it knows that the march of conscience, though slow, is sure. The League is respectful of the rights of all, even the saloon-keeper's, because it knows that many engaged in the liquor traffic are at heart good men and responsive to moral appeals. The League seeks the good of all and the injury of none. As citizens we seek to embrace the good of every interest of the community, economic and political as well as moral. Temperance cannot outrun conscience, nor will this cause lag behind it.—S. C. M., in Religious Herald.

A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.

Methodists and Baptists predominated in the meetings—a fact due, possibly, to their greater numbers. They were generously supported by brethren from the Presbyterian and Disciples' Churches. A prominent Episcopalian minister was present part of the time and was favorably impressed. Here is an arena for practical Christian union, which is all that we need. Doctrinal unity will never be attained, but the practical combination of all our moral forces for the destruction of the whiskey traffic ought to be realized, and that speedily. That time of Christian co-operation ought not to be very distant. More and more are Christ's servants getting together in joint efforts for relief of the poor, the sick, the blind, the lunatic, the ignorant. There is ground of hope that our united

Christian forces may early move on this common foe. The platform of this League is a choice rendezvous of patriotic Christian men and women. Now, if all good men can be brought to see the fact. That is one of the serious problems of the organization. It is not understood. There has been a certain style of flamboyant denunciatory eloquence which effectually disgusted serious and thoughtful people. Certain political methods of some temperance people have been displeasing to some in the past. Now appears a new player on the stage calling itself the Anti-Saloon League. That it should meet the chilling skepticism of some earnest-hearted men is no matter of surprise. They fancy that it is just a new name given to old oratorical eccentricities and extravaganzas. They assume that it has more or less of political character and significance. They can be pardoned for the misconception, but not for maintaining it when the League's true nature is made plain.

The fact is, it is a purely religious organization. It is as pious as a prayer meeting, as genuinely Christian as a Missionary Conference. It has no flavor of partisan politics. It has no nominations to make for public office. It emphatically discourages and disallows all declamatory violence. It does not even denounce the saloon keeper or the drunkard he makes. The League pities and prays for both. But it turns its double-distilled and concentrated wrath on the institution called the saloon. It is set for the demolition of this menace to the material, intellectual, moral, and religious interests of the people. Any good citizen who hates intemperance, any Christian minister who abhors the saloon, can find it possible to co-operate. It is absolutely non-political. Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists, and Mugwumps blend indistinguishable in its councils. The acrimonious speech and the bitter personality in its meetings will discount a man instantly. Sanity is one of the ruling passions of the order. When these characteristics come to be understood it is believed that the League will receive immense reinforcements and that its battle on the saloon will soon end in victory. Oh, no, not in absolute extinguishment, but in a tremendous reduction of its disastrous power. The saloon, as an institution, is an unmitigated evil, and not one deserves to live a moment. Fifteen hundred and sixty-one remain yet in Virginia to curse our people. This League is committed to the task of their destruction. Are you going to help?

Dr. Gordon Moore, the very able superintendent of the League, was re-elected, as was also the very efficient field secretary, Rev. J. W. West.—W. R. L. Smith, in Religious Herald.

To Our Nation-wide Constituency

The first hearing on the Hepburn Inter-State Liquor Bill (H. R. 4073) was had Wednesday, the 20th, before the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Be it enacted, etc., That all fermented, distilled or other intoxicating liquors or liquids transported into any State or Territory for delivery therein or remaining therein for consumption, sale or storage therein, shall, upon the arrival within the boundary of such State or Territory, before and after delivery, be subject to the operation and

effect of the laws of such State or Territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers to the same extent and in the same manner as though such liquids or liquors have been produced in such State or Territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise.

Sec. 2. That all corporations and persons engaged in interstate commerce shall, as to any shipment or transportation of fermented, distilled or other intoxicating liquors or liquids, be subject to all laws and regulations with reference to such liquors or liquids or the shipment or the transportation thereof of the State in which the place of destination is situated, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of such liquors or liquids being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise: But nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize a State to control or in any wise interfere with the transportation of liquors intended for shipment entirely through such a State and not intended for delivery therein."

The liquor people are pleading for delay. They have a large lobby—it is doubted if ever larger—under the auspices of brewers, distillers and wholesalers, and their main cry is delay, after their wholesale denunciation of temperance laws and advocates. The attorney for the brewers said to the committee Wednesday that this is the most important legislation proposed since the Civil War. I quite agree with him, though from an entirely different viewpoint. They mean important because "the God-given right of personal liberty is being invaded." We mean important because the issue is thus joined as to whether the States are to be permitted the effective exercise of their admitted police powers in dealing with the liquor traffic without outside interference under the protection of the Federal Inter-State Commerce Laws. We believe the people will demand and secure the remedial legislation we seek.

Our definite request of our temperance constituency in all the churches and throughout the country at this time is for individuals to write at once to their own Congressman and invoke his aid with the committee and the House for the speedy and favorable report and the early passage of the bill. The liquor men are getting Congressmen from the centers of the distilling and brewing trade to urge delay. This must be offset at once by counter pleas from our friends as indicated. Do not delay. Do this at once from everywhere and stand ready to aid as information shall be given out from this office in regard to the contest. We have arranged that Mrs. M. D. Ellis, Legislative Superintendent W. C. T. U., shall have charge of the petition work so that our efforts are not duplicated and no energies are lost or wasted. Petitions should be for the Hepburn bill only in the House and the Dolliver bill in the Senate. Couple no other measure with these so that the petitions will go to the right committee and be effective. It is deemed unwise to divide our energies on other bills at this time. The liquor men would doubtless be glad to compromise in order to defeat this most important bill. All at it and at once will win the fight.

Edwin C. Dinwiddie,
Legislative Superintendent American
Anti-Saloon League.

Birmingham Notes

The work grows at Jonesboro under Pastor Percy C. Barkley's management. He had two good services and a live Sunday school Sunday.

The Ministers' Conference met in the new building of the First Church this week, all enjoying it and congratulate the First Church people on their progress.

Pastor Walter S. Brown had two fine congregations at Fountain Heights. The Sunday school keeps well up. The new North Highland Mission school grows right along.

Dr. J. L. Thompson has resigned at Bessemer and preached his farewell sermon there. He has not yet accepted the call made him. The new church building is progressing slowly, but surely. The work will go steadily on.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray was out at Warner Mines and Mineral Springs Mine with Bro. A. E. Page of Howard College. Brother Page made a good impression and the people liked the services. Bro. J. G. Murphy has resigned Warner Mines and gone to Mississippi.

Bro. J. W. O'Hara had with him at Wylam Brother Leavell at the morning hour, who gave a very helpful address. The pastor preached at the evening service on "The Superior Name." Acts iv, 12. The B. Y. P. U. is gradually growing and their work is very helpful and interesting.

Maj. J. G. Harris was a welcome visitor at the Conference. He preached to the East Birmingham Church in the morning for Pastor Reeves, and at night made an address at Woodlawn. He has been supplying for the Springville Church for several months, but has now given that up.

At the First Church Pastor Dr. Dickinson is getting his flock together again, which was scattered by being out of their church home so long, but now the new building is nearly completion, each part is put to use as fast as finished. The Sunday school also is taking on new life and growing.

Dr. J. M. Shelburne at East Lake, spoke to a large congregation of his people on "Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God." Matt. iv, 7, and the evening on "The Law of Success." Joshua i, 5-9. Ruhama Church is giving \$100 per month to missions. The Sunday school attendance is fine.

At the morning service Pastor W. M. Blackwelder occupied his pulpit at Woodlawn and told about "Laying up Treasures in Heaven." At 3 p. m., Rev. Wm. F. Ireland talked on "From Stage to Pulpit." At the evening service Maj. J. G. Harris made an interesting and helpful address which was much appreciated.

At Ensley after a fine Sunday school, a large congregation greeted Rev. Wm. Francis Ireland, who spoke on "From the Stage to the Pulpit." A number of the Ensley people went over to Pratt City in the afternoon and heard a fine address by Brother Leavell on "The Possibilities of the Sunday School." At the evening service Pastor H. W.

Provence preached to a good congregation on "Jesus and the Tempter."

All services well attended at the First Church, Avondale. They are claiming the neatest auditorium in the district since it was finished with a beautiful new carpet. Dr. W. F. Ireland of New York City, will preach there Tuesday evening on "From the Stage to the Pulpit." Next Sunday at 3 p. m., four deacons will be ordained. Drs. Shelburne, Blackwelder and Davidson will assist Pastor L. M. Bradley. At the evening hour Brother Leavell will give one of his matchless lectures on Sunday School Work.

Pastor E. Lee Smith is getting the Park Avenue Church well organized and working smoothly. The Sunbeam Circle met at 9 a. m. with a large attendance. It has sixty-nine enrolled and was started last October. The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. and in excellent shape. At the 11 o'clock service four were received by letter. The pastor preached at Mary Lee Mines at 3 p. m., but was at home for the evening service. There was an interesting B. Y. P. U. service at 6:30 p. m.

Pratt City Church had four fine services Sunday. Twenty new names added to the Sunday school roll, and a new life seems to have awakened in the whole school. Pastor J. A. Hendricks had a fine congregation. His theme was, "The Pauline Consecration of Salvation." Gal. ii, 19. In the afternoon Brother Leavell made a great address and again in the evening on "Some Officers of the Sunday School." It is hoped that Brother Leavell will come again and hold an Institute. It was a helpful day and Ensley Sunday school were over to lend a hand and enjoy it.

Missouri Wins.

With painful suspense the members of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, and the Baptists of the city and State, have awaited the decision of Dr. O'Kelly as to the call recently extended him by the First Church, St. Joseph, Mo. The field to which Dr. O'Kelly goes is said to be a most inviting one. The Church is said to be a large and harmonious and spiritual body. They have just completed a \$75,000 house which is all paid for and which will give pastor and people a fine working plant in the campaign of soul winning. He loves his study, he loves the active work of soul winning. In the new field he will have many things to help him to do the work for which he is especially fitted and for which his heart lovingly longs. It would hardly be too much to say that during his brief residence in Little Rock and Arkansas, O'Kelly has taken a stronger hold upon the hearts of our people, both our Baptist people and the citizens in general, than any other man we have had among us. He had come to be recognized by all as the ablest minister in the city. A peerless preacher, a genial friend, a man of spotless and lofty character, he stood as the first citizen of this city. As we are bereaved in his going, we commend him to the best confidence and love of Missouri.—Baptist Advance.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the Baptist Anniversary, to be held in Cleveland. The meetings will begin in the week commencing May 15th.

Sunday Schools

Rev. H. E. Tralle, superintendent of Sunday school work in Missouri, is now permanently located in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. A. P. Montague writes: Sunday school contributions to the Renfroe Hall debt: Trussville Baptist Sunday school \$5. This school gives first. God bless it.

Rev. R. W. Spillman, the gifted and genial Sunday school worker, has left his home at Kinston, N. S., for a four weeks tour in Florida and Texas. He will stir up the people to greater efforts for Sunday school work wherever he speaks.

We are glad to learn that Brother W. E. Pettus of Huntsville, will make a trip to Jerusalem to attend the great Sunday School Convention, as few laymen in Alabama are better prepared to appreciate and enjoy the sight seeing and the work.

The American Baptist Publication Society has just entered into co-operation with the Missouri State Board in Sunday School and Colportage Wagon work. By the action of the Executive Committee of the Board, the Colportage Wagons will be under the joint control of the Board and the Society, the Society assuming their support.

The Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, now has two workers west of the Mississippi, namely Rev. R. M. Inlow and Rev. M. P. Hunt. The former has been on the field about a year, with headquarters at Nevada, Missouri. The latter is just entering the work, with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri. A strong team. Brother Hunt is also the representative of the Foreign and Home Boards.—Argus.

Plans for arousing renewed attention and attendance at the Sunday school are not infrequently suggested. The latest plan is to divide the school equally into two bands, one band wearing a red badge and the other a blue. A contest then starts, lasting for a couple of months, between these bands to see which can bring in the most new scholars and show the largest average of attendance. The plan has seemingly accomplished great good in many schools.

THE JERUSALEM CONVENTION.

The fourth meeting of the World's Sunday School Convention will be held in the city of Jerusalem, April 18, 19, 20.

The Committee on Management (of which W. N. Hartshorn of Boston, once Superintendent of the world-famous Ruggles Street Baptist Sunday School, is Treasurer) has chartered the "Grosser Kurfust," a magnificent twin-screw steamer of the North German Lloyd Line. This steamer will be the home of the party throughout the trip, except the days spent in the Holy Land and in a few cities inland.

The party will sail from New York March 8th and return May 18th. On March 16th a stop of a day will be made at Madeira Islands and March 19th Gibraltar will be reached. The principal cities and countries of the Mediterranean will be visited, and several

days spent with guides, in Constantinople, Cairo, Athens, Naples, and Rome. Seventeen days, including the Convention, will be spent in Jerusalem and Palestine, including side trips and guides to Samaria, Galilee, the Jordan, Dead Sea and all places of interest to Bible students. The plans for taking the Convention to Jerusalem are for the primary purpose of increasing the Sunday School Teacher's love for the Bible and strengthening his faith.

The tour will be under the personal management of Mr. Herbert E. Clark, present U. S. Consul, and resident of Palestine for thirty-six years.

There will be more than eight hundred delegates from America, and a large delegation from England and Europe, including many missionaries. The missionary feature of the Convention will be prominent. The foreign delegates will join the party at Gibraltar. The American delegation will be composed chiefly of ministerial and lay workers, including almost all the international and State secretaries and many provincial secretaries. The trip will be a magnificent opportunity for acquaintance and fellowship.

Going over, the days will be given to study and discussion. America's most able teachers of teachers will speak of Bible geography and history, especially centering about places to be visited. The choir for the Convention will be trained en route. A Manual of Worship is being prepared by competent directors, including besides standard hymns, special music for meetings or sessions of the Convention to be held at Mars' Hill, Sea of Galilee, Hills of Bethlehem, Abraham's Oak, Olivet, Bethany, Calvary and the Jordan. Another feature will be a series of complete services arranged, such as a praise service, a service of prayer, another of thanksgiving, and so on.

Alabama has registered four delegates; Louisiana, five; Georgia, three; Mississippi, twelve; Ohio heads the list with forty-six; New York comes next with forty.

The remaining berths range in prices from \$500 to \$750. For information, write E. K. Warren, Three Oaks, Mich. I. P. Leavell.

One Was Enough.

In a small town in Pennsylvania, there is a woman preacher. Her experience with a young man desiring to be united in the bonds of matrimony is told as follows in the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph:—

One afternoon she was preparing her sermon for the following Sunday when she heard a timid knock at the parsonage door. She answered it herself, and found a bashful young German standing on the step. He was a stranger, but the minister greeted him pleasantly, and asked him what he wished.

"Dey say der minister lived in dis house, hey?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yess! Vell, I vant to kit marriet."

"All right; I can marry you."

The German jammed his hat on his head, turned, and hurried down the walk.

"What is the matter?" called the parsoness after him.

"You kits no chance mit me!" he called back. "I don't vant you; I haf got me a girl already!"

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Field Notes

STANTON.

Bro. W. H. Connell, and interesting family, have gone to Merrimac Church, Huntsville, and Stanton sustains great loss.

Bishop Windsor comes over once a month and preaches, but not much is being done on account of small-pox in and around Stanton. However, the situation grows better, and we trust all hindrances will soon end. Our Stanton High School moves on nicely, with large attendance and enthusiastic work.

My good people at Valley Creek are working away, and the prospect is encouraging.

Brother Barnett, our paper gets better and better, not because the name has been changed, but because it gets better.

Robert Jones.

FROM BROTHER STEWART.

Two things in the Alabama Baptist last week effected me very sensibly. Brother Shelburne's appeal for the cause of ministerial education, has first this effect on me. I am stirred with profound gratitude to God for the large number of students we have who are striving to prepare themselves for the work to which God has called them. Forty young men in Howard College, and a dozen in the seminary! Our God is putting us to the test. Whose heart would not leap for joy at such a state of things. But along with this comes a feeling akin to shame, when we are forced to believe our churches are not doing their duty to this cause. The great need of our cause is more trained men for our churches. Now that it seems the Lord is giving them to us, let us meet the situation like men. Come up to the help of the young men.

The other thing since I come to think about it, may not have been in the Alabama Baptist, but it was Brother Edwards' letter about New Orleans. Oh, how my heart has yearned over New Orleans! We ought to have before the end of this year, not less than half a dozen additional men in that city. Let's send the best we can secure there, and sustain them. For twenty years I have hoped to see the cause move forward there, but still it does not.

FROM NEW DECATUR.

I am glad to state that we (Central Baptist Church of New Decatur) have at last secured a pastor. As you know we have been without one since Brother Quisenberry left us last August. On yesterday we extended a unanimous call to Dr. W. G. Curry. He has supplied for us part of the time we have been without a pastor, and we feel that we are not making an experiment. We feel sure this noble servant of our Master will do a great work here. To come in contact with this sweet spirited and consecrated man is indeed elevating and edifying, and we are much encouraged. We were getting real "hungry" for a pastor again, and hope our church will fall into line and help our pastor do the great work that is so much needed here.

D. F. Green.

GOODWATER, ALA.

I have recently added Bethel Church, near Columbiana, to my work. I preach for them on Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon of the third Sunday in each month. This church is located

in a very fine farming district, composed of well-to-do farmers. The Baptist have almost full possession of this entire community. They have a prosperous Sunday school, with great possibilities in the future. There are many fine young young people under the influence of the church. They have a splendid church building, well furnished and paid for. They number about sixty members. Last year they gave \$10 for missions. But after an earnest, direct appeal to them, last Sunday afternoon, they readily and most cheerfully subscribed nearly \$60 for all missionary purposes. Don't you think 500 per cent. is a good improvement in their finances! I enter upon this work with great expectations. We also had the best services at Columbiana last Sunday, than we have had for quite awhile. I am pleased with all my work.

W. J. D. Upshaw.

A MID-WINTER MEETING AT AUBURN.

While I was in the seminary at Louisville, Ky., Bro. T. T. Martin held three meetings in the city. He now gives all of his time to evangelistic work. He was then a pastor in Cripple Creek, Colo. His preaching was then a great blessing to me, and I hoped that some day he might come and help me in a meeting. January the 3rd, he came and was with me in a series of services for twelve days. A good number were led to accept Jesus as their Saviour, and a large number were strengthened and took a new and better grasp of salvation by grace. We are grateful to God for the coming of our brother, and for the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God," which he so clearly and tenderly proclaimed.

A. Y. Napier.

FROM LANETT.

On the first Sunday in January, Bro. C. J. Bentley, who has been our faithful pastor for about two and a half years, offered his resignation to the church. Stating that he was impressed that the Lord would have him enter a new field, to which he has received a pressing call. The Church did not quite accept the resignation; but by motion granted him permission to do as he believed the Lord would have him do in the matter after a prayerful consideration of all things connected with the fields. So he has now fully decided to say goodbye to us and his field in East Alabama, at least for a time. He preaches his farewell sermon to us on the coming Sunday night. He goes to labor with and for the good people of Sylacauga, Fayetteville and Shelby. We can commend him to his new field as one of God's called, and most consecrated ministers. His labors among us have been of the highest type. All the interests of the Church have prospered under his charge. He leaves all his churches, not in disruption and confusion, but in love and fellowship with him as well as each other. His churches having all faithfully discharged all present obligations, he leaves them in a good, active, working condition, and a good, little work for the right man, if the good Master will direct him this way. We can commend him, as well as all of his family, to the good people among whom their lots are

cast, as worthy of the very best that this world affords. Our prayers go with him. We are expecting the great Shepherd above to send us another one of His own choosing to lead us in his work.

Jas. D. Norman, church clerk

FROM RUSSELLVILLE.

Our work is progressing finely. The small pox and measles have cut our congregations a good deal, but haven't lessened interest any. Our church has been growing steadily since my coming here, the first of September. The membership last reported to the association was 80, it now numbers something over 180. We hope to pull that up to 225 or 250 by the next association in September. I don't think I have ever seen a field as full of possibilities as this one. The Russellville Baptists are taking hold too with renewed energy, and a requickered spirit. Some of these days there ought to be a great church here with four or five hundred members. And if the Baptists will, they can have it so. We took our missionary collection Sunday, and while asked for only \$150 it went to \$250. That is the biggest thing ever done in this whole community. And we did this while we were having smallpox and measles. With the opening of spring we hope for great things from God's hands.

F. H. Watkins.

HOWARD COLLEGE DORMITORY.

Howard College has one of the most beautiful dormitories in the land, all paid for except about \$3,000, caused by the failure to pay of some who subscribed to the building fund, this sum can be easily raised if only the right thing is done. Dr. Montague suggests that the Sunday schools of the State undertake to do this work. I am sure if Brother Crumpton (our man of all work), will get the Women Societies coupled onto the Sunday schools in this effort the money can be raised at once. All we need is a good strong pull altogether, all at once and the work will be done. Why not do it. We can't afford to allow this debt to cripple in any sort of way the noble effort Dr. Montague is making to give us the very best college we have ever had.

S. O. Y. Ray.

ORDINATIONS.

Upon the recommendation of a council, called by the Thomasville Baptist Church, consisting of the deacons of said Church, and Revs. W. M. Parker and G. L. Yates, Bro. Walter Fleming was formally set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry, Sunday evening, Nov. 22, 1903. The ordination sermon was preached by W. A. Parker, who also delivered the charge to the candidate. The prayer was offered by G. L. Yates, and J. W. Dunnaway delivered the Bible. We cheerfully recommend our young brother to the entire brotherhood and pray the Great Head of the Church to endow him with all needful grace and crown his efforts with abundant success. Brother Fleming is now attending the South Alabama Institute at this place.

Jesse B. Doyle, Clerk.

COMMENDS TWO THINGS.

I wish to commend two things: First, Dr. Montague's plea to the Sunday schools of Alabama to pay off the debt on the Renfro Building at Howard College. Our Sunday school on yesterday subscribed \$10, and if necessary will pay more. Let every Bap-

tist Sunday school in the State respond at once to this appeal.

The other thing I wish to commend is the little pamphlet of M. T. Lamb, entitled "Every Creature," sent out recently by Bro. W. B. Crumpton. It is a fine campaign document. It is full of the gospel and good common sense. If a preacher passes it by unnoticed, he has missed a great deal.

T. M. Callaway.

MARRIAGES.

Odum-Hollford—On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17th, the writer solemnized the rites of matrimony between Mr. Robert L. Odum and Miss Lennie Hollford at the residence of the bride's parents, near Grove Hill, Ala. Both of these excellent young people are members of the Grove Hill Baptist Church, and a host of friends unite in wishing for them long, happy and useful lives.

G. L. Yates.

On Jan. 14, 1904, at noon at the residence of the bride's mother, near Ramer, the Rev. J. S. Yarbrough and Miss Julia Mildred Jones were united in marriage, B. A. Jackson officiating.

On the same day at 4 p. m., at Ramer, Dr. R. L. Milligan of Montgomery, and Miss Roberta Sellers, were united in marriage, B. A. Jackson officiating.

On Jan. 17, 1904, at Ramer at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. James D. Collier and Miss Myrtle Rushton were united in marriage, B. A. Jackson officiating.

Jonah as Well as Paul.

As I am again a reader of the Alabama Baptist I am proud of the paper and its editor and the learned brethren that write for it. The above shows that there has been a time that I did not take the paper. Will you step round behind the door and let me tell you the reasons of there being a time I did not take it. I was raised with it in the house and read it carefully when I was a boy and after I became a man I still read it until there were two Baptist preachers that I loved, both learned men who got to writing in the paper on foot washing. One said it was a Church ordinance and ought to be practiced, and the other said it was not and ought not to be, and those good men and preachers went so far that both disputed God's Word and caused men to disbelieve the Bible and I quit taking the paper. But that did not stop it, but it went on and has got back its old name and I am proud of it.

Now, brother, while we are on secrets, I want to drop you a hint and this to the wise is sufficient. I saw an article in my last paper, Jan. 13th, headed, "A Call to the Ministry: What it is and What it Involves," and I read some extravagantly unscriptural statements in that article. If God did not call Jonah the same as He did Paul I don't understand the Book. I like Paul's decision on the duty best, but could not say God did not call Jonah because the last time I heard from the poor fellow he was under the gourd vine, but his preaching saved Nineveh.

Brother Barnett, I hope you will not take me for a critic, if I was to happen to slap a preacher or editor it would be like mothers I have seen who pressing the baby close to her bosom with one arm and slapped it with the other hand at the same time. God bless you in your work.

J. C. Whatley.

Sunbeams



To the Dear Leaders of our Sunbeam Bands, Greeting:

I can think of no sweeter message for you this New Year than that of the consecrated Frances Havergal:

"A bright New Year and a sunny track

Along an upward way,
And a song of praise on looking back,
When the year has passed away,
And golden sheaves nor small nor few
This is my New Year's wish for you."

I am ever your friend and co-worker,
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Demopolis, Ala., Nov. 26, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: It is with a heart almost bursting with gladness and joy I write you, on this bright Thanksgiving day, to tell you of my little Sunbeam Band; and how we have been blessed. Through this past summer it was a struggle for us to hold together, sickness and other things seemed almost to disband us, and we were very fearful our little Chinese girls would think their "foster parents" had forgotten them; but when the cool weather came, we all got well, and with a vim went to work again.

Our efforts have been crowned with success beyond our expectations; and we have not only paid our little girl's tuition, but will be able to send a nice box to the "Orphan's Home"; and have written to ask four little ones at the "Home," to "please write Santa Claus at Demopolis, Ala. what they wish for Christmas." When the letter comes we shall go down town in a body, visit old Santa, and fix him a box to carry to the four little ones.

Our Band gave a little song service last Sunday night, which all seemed to enjoy very much, and I cannot begin to say how happy it made me to see the little ones, whom I try so hard to teach how to serve their Master, using their talents for His glory.

We would be so glad to have an occasional letter from you.

Join with us in praise and thanksgiving.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J. D. Rhodes,
Pres. Sunbeam Band.

Jackson's Gap, Ala., Nov. 29, 1903.
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton,
Birmingham, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Myself and Mrs. Rosa Farrow, organized a "Sunbeam Band" this afternoon with twenty-five willing, little workers, and I write for the proper literature, feeling sure you will take pleasure, as well, as be delighted to help us. I feel there is a great work in our church to do, as we have so many young professors in it, and the children are so very anxious

to do something. Trusting you will send us the help at once I beg to remain yours in the Master's work.
Mrs. Fannie G. Willingham.

East Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Enclosed you will find for our Christmas offering \$1.25. I am so sorry that we could not do better. I was called away from home on account of illness, and the program was not carried out; we hope to do better next time. You cannot imagine how disappointed I was by not getting to be at the meeting on the afternoon you were out. It seems that it is not intended for us to meet. I certainly hope that you may be with us again in the near future. Asking your prayers for a successful new year I will bid you adieu.

Dellie Gardner.

My Dear Sister: Your dear letter with the literature and the pretty cards came. I write to thank you in behalf of the Sunbeam Band. We feel that you should send us a bill. We accept so much and give nothing. The children are always so delighted to hear from you and all appreciate your sweet messages of love. We all want you again. Your visit was a blessing to our Association. I think our women are aroused as never before. Russellville is at work; they have a fine Sunbeam Band with Miss Sallie Watts as Leader. She is anxious for the literature for Christmas. If convenient send her the same as this you sent me. You may send to me and I can supply her. She asked for programs, and I find none better than those given in the Journal. Macedonia and Leighton must have the literature for the children for Christmas. I wish you could write Mrs. Watts at Russellville. She would be so glad of any information you might give.

I am so proud of my noble time workers. They have taken on new life. We are in our new church, and they take pride in keeping flowers on the table and doing nice things to make it inviting. Tusculumbia ladies are so happy over their work. We received a very grateful letter from our brother in Texas, thanking us for the box. Write me when you can conveniently.

Mrs. A. J. Ivie.
Sheffield, Ala.

Esteemed Friend: The last programs you sent me were used very successfully, without any deviation or substitution. Our entertainment was given at the Baptist Church at 4 o'clock p. m., Nov. 29th, and had nothing but the program and we realized \$10. Our little Band has decided to contribute this to our handsome new organ, which they enjoy exceedingly in their meetings.

Now please send at once programs for Christmas. I think if the material reaches us in time, we can prepare another program, and possibly have a greater success. We would love to have you spend the holidays with us.

Mrs. Claude Hardy,
Pres. of Sunbeams and L. A. S.
P. S.—Do not think our Ladies' Aid Society is dead. We meet regularly and have had some new additions recently to the Society.

Mrs. Hardy.
Pine Apple, Ala.
Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Doubtless you wonder if we have given up the Sunbeam work. We organized our Band Nov. 8th and I thought the report was

sent in, but the secretary got it misplaced, hence the delay. We have a very good crowd. I am encouraged very much. We took a collection for Home Missions especially, Nov. 23d. We have \$1 for that purpose which I will send you. Please send another blank report sheet and twenty-five programs for the Christmas meeting and oblige.
Mrs. J. M. Gray,
Cordova, Ala.

Our Sunbeams have undertaken to supply the needs of the youngest boy of the frontier missionary. The little ones have responded so liberally.

Mary Cockrell,
Pratt City, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I will write to you to let you know that we are getting along fine in our Sunbeam work. We are going to have a real nice entertainment at the church Thanksgiving night. We would like very much to have you down. I have a real nice piece that night. I know my piece well. Mrs. Davis visited our Sunbeams last Sunday.
Eula Woods,
Blocton, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I will write to you to let you hear from our Sunbeams. Miss Minnie had to give up the Sunbeams and three of us little girls are going to try to work it up again next Sunday, and Brother Jones was called as pastor at Morbury, Ala., and they are going to leave week after next. Miss Minnie said send the literature to me.
Willie B. Moore,
Phenix City, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I want to tell you about our little Sunbeams. We have a very nice little Band. With Miss Lillie Johnson for our Leader. We all love her very much. I am one of the little flower girls. We carry flowers to the sick every Sunday. We will be glad when the time comes for us to have our little entertainment, which will be some time after the holidays. We would be glad for some of the Sunbeams from other Bands to visit us.
Lassie Masterson, age 10.
New Decatur, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we have re-organized our Sunbeam Band here at Dwight Baptist Church. I will tell you who our officers are. Mrs. Campbell is our Leader, Alderbelle Leach, President; Grace Campbell, Vice-president; Spurgeon Tomblin, Secretary; Palmer Campbell, Treasurer. We meet every other Sunday afternoon. Brother Moore, our beloved pastor, meets with us, and takes great interest in our work. We hope to accomplish some good. Pray for us that we may succeed. Please send us some programs, as early as possible, and pay us a visit at your earliest convenience. Good-bye for the present.

Aldbelle Leach,
Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We had an election of officers on the first Sunday in the year. They were: John Thad Duckett, President; Myrtle Jamison, Vice-president; Gertrude Bellamy, Secretary and Treasurer. We have twenty-six members. Our Sunbeams had a program for the Christmas tree which, we were told, was very fine. We were asked to repeat one of our songs on the following Sunday at Sunday school. We hope to have the mission-

ary program about China on the fourth Sunday in January. Hoping we may hear from you real soon, we are your loving Sunbeams.

John Thad Duckett, Pres.
Florence, Ala.

From Brother C. J. Bentley.

The Alabama Baptist: It may be late to speak New Year greetings, but I wish to congratulate you on the new, good changes in the paper. I am proud that you are enabled to make progress. Now, the great host of Baptists in Alabama should do their best for the paper and for themselves by subscribing, paying and reading and talking for the Alabama Baptist.

I am sure that he is a very short-sighted pastor who has not learned that his members who read and pay for their religious paper are his best members in a majority of cases.

Our East Alabama church work is having some changes with the other regular and natural changes incident to the new year.

Bro. J. R. Jarrell, recently chosen as my successor at Milltown, died a few days ago, leaving four pastorless churches.

The school at Milltown is also left without a principal.

The sudden death of Brother Jarrell was quite a severe shock to us all. He was an ordained preacher only about one year, with bright prospects, having already acceptably filled the pulpits of three churches last year.

Our Heavenly Father doeth all things well. May the Lord comfort the wife and children and relatives and churches.

It is also the present experience of this scribe to be at this writing, in the midst of a resigning programme in my hitherto pleasant work in this extreme East Alabama territory. In about ten days I shall go with my family to our new field at Sylacauga, Fayetteville, and Shelby.

It is with genuine regret that I go from this great field of work where there is so much work to do for the Master and where for more than two years my lot has been cast among some of the best of the Lord's people on the earth.

Lanett, Cusseta and Bethlehem are arranging to locate a pastor in their midst in the very near future.

My successor in this field will find plenty of work, some of God's best children, a good section of Alabama, and, withal, a great mission field right here in Lanett.

I turn my face and heart to the work in my new field, trusting the Father of mercies for grace sufficient for all our needs and praying Him for the harvest in due season.

I know I shall love the work and the brethren and sisters who will work with me there, and to each of them in the three churches, together with the pastors and churches round about, I send beforehand Christian greetings, asking one and all for a place in their sympathy, prayers and co-operation in the worthy cause of our Redeemer in their midst.

May the Lord give us in Alabama and the world a rich harvest of saved souls for His glory in this, the year 1904.

Your brother,

C. J. Bentley.
P. S.—We expect (D. V.) to be "at home" in the parsonage, in Sylacauga, by fifth Sunday. Come to see us.

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The Gambling Craze.

Gambling has a strange fascination for men and women and it grips them in many ways. The desire to back ones judgment or bank on ones skill is almost elemental and yet somehow in giving free vent to impulses along these lines one instinctively feels that it is dangerous. Often one begins by risking a little and before he stops he has risked more than he could afford. Many a young fellow who has for a time made small wagers within the limit of his income has waked some morning to realize that under excitement the night before he took the chance and played his employer's money as his own stake and lost. If gambling were not fascinating it would be unnecessary to restrain oneself or for the government to throw restraints about it. Gambling is an evil because it makes men thieves. All gamblers may not be thieves but it has made thieves out of many men who, had they not fallen under its baneful influences, would have remained honest and upright citizens. It is true a man does not have to be a gambler to become a thief, for many men who would scorn to play a wager on anything have stolen right and left to supply their supposed needs. Fast living, the love of display, and numbers of other things cause men to be dishonest, but all fair-minded investigators will concede that gambling is a prolific source of thieving. The "Tinhorn" gambler is less to be feared than the so called "gentleman shark," for the former is looked down upon as a cheat while the latter is thought to be a lucky fellow. The well dressed sports who line up in front of the well known houses and flash their diamonds in the faces of the ladies as they pass are the ones the city can well afford to get rid of. They are the envy of a number of thoughtless youths who deem it quite the thing to be "mashers" and wear loud clothes and much jewelry.

The get up of the true "tin horn" marks him as surely as the long coat does the preacher. Some gamblers in this city appeal strangely to my sympathy, for once they were clean, capable, young men, and now in the eyes of the law they are looked upon as vagrants. But back of the professional gambler sits a number of amateur gamblers, lawyers, doctors, bankers, brokers, merchants and others whose standing in the community is unquestioned and whose names are frequently on club rolls, fraternal rosters, and even church lists,

"good fellows" who will take a hand just for fun, and believe that a man who is twenty-one has a right to do as he pleases and it is nobody's business if he drops a few hundred. These are the men who make "the atmosphere" of our city a place conducive to the health of the "real thing" for many a respectable father of a family thinks his knowledge of "a hand" is that of an expert and so he is quietly let into a "good thing" and is gently "plucked," and yet game enough: not to squeal. And so gambling is made profitable to the man who makes it his life work and furnishes excitement for the ennuied tax payer. We have little sympathy with the merry little war that has been made on the gamblers, although our name has headed several of the committees against pool selling, for we realize the utter futility of ridding Birmingham of the evils of gambling by a few spectacular raids a la Jerome, merely to show that the police department hasn't gone to sleep or the deputy sheriffs played out. It means a story for the papers, a little excitement for the boys and some revenue for the city. But we are against gambling with whole heart and soul, and are doing all in our power to create a sentiment against it which will stand the wear and tear of many months until Birmingham is rid of the evil.

We say it after careful thought that in the last analysis it is not the police, aldermen, mayor, sheriff or judges who are to blame for the present status of affairs, but it is the lackadaisical attitude of the strong men who have made Birmingham what it is, and includes the best professional and business men. Let them once wake up to the enormity of the evil and the gambling houses will not be closed for a night, a week or month, but will stand closed, and when one gets into a game it will be in some private room in a hotel, boarding house, or home.

Instead of finding fault with the sheriff and the chief of police lets get at the root of the matter, for when once they see that the solid men of the city mean business they will get busy with a vengeance.

May God have mercy on the Christian men of this great city who quietly sit by while their sons are being led astray.

Our Baptist Exchanges.

Our first two years work on the Alabama Baptist were largely given to its business side, and we had little time to give to our exchanges, but with the coming of the new year we resolved to give attention to what our editorial brethren were saying as well as to the things they were putting in their papers. The reading of our exchanges makes us feel proud to belong to such a fraternity of editors, for the work now being done by our denominational press is of a very high order, and the great majority of the papers are planning for still greater things. Few of our people realize the hard work and sacrifices of most of the men who publish religious papers, and still fewer realize just how large a part they play in the unbuilding of our Baptist Zion. If these lines are read by any of our subscribers outside of Alabama, we beg them to do all in their power to aid their State papers, and thereby encourage the noble men who are editing them. May God's blessing abide on the editors of our Baptist papers.

Anti-Saloon League.

We devote considerable space this week to the American Anti-Saloon League because it is important that every Baptist in Alabama who sympathizes with the war being made on the saloon in other states and at Washington should know what is happening. Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, and even Kentucky have waged victorious fights against the saloons during the past year, and it is time that we wake up in Alabama and organize and push the work and close the doors of hundreds of saloons that now swing inward to let in our boys. Don't wait until the campaign opens up in Alabama, but write your representative by the first mail and ask him to support the Hepburn Bill. We expect to make the fight of our life against the saloon power in Alabama, and we urge all those who will assist in the warfare to begin to enlist their friends under the prohibition banner. Let the Baptists of our state lead in the matter.

The Brownlow Bill.

There is now pending in Congress a bill introduced by the Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, of Tennessee, and the Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, Senator from New Hampshire, appropriating \$24,000,000 as National aid for the building of wagon roads. This sum is to be distributed to each State according to its population, except that no State is to receive less than \$250,000. The States or countries receiving this money must add a like amount, so that \$48,000,000 will be expended in the building of wagon roads.

Colonel Brownlow says that we have over 200,000 miles of the finest railway in the world, more miles of railway than all the rest of the globe put together, yet we have the poorest wagon roads of any civilized country. He believes that no one thing will do this country so much good as the building of wagon roads, as provided for in this bill. As these are to be built in every State of the Union, they will be especially valuable as an object lesson. Experience has shown that wherever good roads exist every one wants more of them.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

We sympathize deeply with Rev. J. C. Porter, the former editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, who had to give up his editorial work on account of his health.

Rev. W. A. Hobson no doubt will put new life into the Florida Baptist Witness as its editor. He has the sympathy and prayers of his many friends in Alabama in his new venture. We wish him every success.

We have received a copy of "Two Ways," published by Rev. Robert Jones, of Stanton. It is the second booklet of the Youths Friends Series, containing a number of interesting letters written by boys and girls, together with other interesting features.

We are glad to note that Rev. N. R. Pittman, one of the first editors of the Baptist Advance, while pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Ark., suffered a physical breakdown, is now sufficiently recovered to associate himself with his brother, Rev. A. M. A. Pittman, as one of the editors of the S. C. Baptist.

A friend of ours, who holds a respon-

sible position with one of the big railroads, wrote us recently of his engagement, and we immediately wrote inviting him to come South and spend his honeymoon with us. This is the answer we got: "Would only be too glad to accept your kind invitation if time allowed. But, in our line of business our vacations are confined to a few days, and there is only one thing for which we have plenty of time; and that is to die. Wedding tours and trips for mere pleasure are taken on schedule, and if we don't arrive at home on time we find some one else there."

The congregation and friends of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville recently showed their great appreciation of Dr. Hobson by presenting him with a handsome new automobile; so now that popular pastor will go literally "flying" on his missions of mercy and love. Dr. Hobson is doing a magnificent work in Jacksonville.—Florida Baptist Witness. So far as we know, Dr. Hobson is at the head of his class—no other Baptist pastor in the South owning an automobile.—Christian Index.

Brother Hobson having added the duties of an editor to those of a pastor, we will find his "auto" too slow and no doubt will long for a flying machine.

We congratulate Dr. Broughton on his report for 1903. It was the greatest year in the history of the Tabernacle. There was a net increase of 209 members. Number of scholars in Sunday school, 1825. Present membership of the church 1,500. The amount raised during the year including notes maturing each month for settling church debt, which represents year's work, \$40,872.56.

In the Tabernacle system is the pastor, pastor's assistants, lady missionary, stenographer and bookkeeper, lady superintendent of infirmary and Wayside home, head nurse, twelve infirmary and district nurses, superintendent of young ladies' dormitory and editor of The Tabernacle Pulpit, musical director and orchestra.

In making his statement to the church he concluded by saying: "I hope everybody will forget all our mistakes and shortcomings and pray for us during the present year that we may do our best for needy humanity and the salvation of the lost."

Dr. R. H. Pitt who attended the Florida Convention says: "The Christian Index, the Baptist Courier, the Western Recorder, the Baptist Argus, the Religious Herald, and the two Florida papers were all represented, but the Florida Baptist are canny folk and not unacquainted with the pen-pushing tribe and their wiles. Hence the editors from a distance congratulate themselves that they had secured their roundtrip tickets before leaving home. But while they reaped no rich reward in the form of fat lists of new subscribers, they were amply repaid by adding to their list of friends and acquaintances many of the noblest and best of our Baptist ministry and laymen, by the sweet air and gracious hospitality of warm-hearted Kissimmee, by glimpses of orange groves with their shining globes of gold set in among the rich foliage, and by the restful hours in this soft and lazy air."

Pictures conjured up by this last paragraph make us regret that we didn't put down our work and go to the Land of Flowers and forget for awhile the necessity of soliciting subscriptions.

B. Y. P. U.

FROM TEXAS.

At a regular quarterly meeting of the Texas State B. Y. P. U. executive committee at Dallas, the date for the next annual meeting, which had been set for June 14th to 26th, was changed to June 21st to July 3rd, because it was found there would be a conflict with the Baylor Bible School at the earlier date.

One of the principal matters of business calling for attention was the nomination of a field secretary. This nomination is to be presented to Superintendent J. B. Gambrell, to whom was committed by the State Board the appointment of a general missionary for State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school work. After earnest consideration, Joe W. English, of Mt. Calm, was unanimously chosen.

B. Y. P. U. AT CASTLEBERRY.

One year ago last Sunday we organized a B. Y. P. U. with three (3) members. During the year we have grown in numbers to fifty-three, have held a meeting every Sunday with an average attendance of about twenty. We have purchased a library costing nineteen dollars and thirty cents (\$19.30), bought hymn books to the amount of six dollars, and have balance on hand of eleven dollars (\$11.00).

We believe that a great deal of good has been accomplished, both morally and socially. Several of our staunch members have moved out of our midst, yet we are prospering. New officers were elected at our last meeting. Prof. Allen Page, president; Prof. J. D. Griffin, vice-president; Miss Fannie Hancock, secretary; Miss Goldie Latham, treasurer and corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. C. Branner, assistant corresponding secretary; Miss Ola Delony, librarian. May God give them grace in their hearts to perform their duty as Christian workers. Let us hear from the other B. Y. P. U.'s. Wishing the Alabama Baptist and all its readers a prosperous year.

Goldie Latham, Cor. Secy.

HUNTSVILLE B. Y. P. U.

Dr. John T. Jones, president of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church, where the State Baptist Young Peoples Union will be held in April, has begun active work to entertain the big convention. Dr. Jones says the Huntsville meeting of this organization shall be the best ever held. As president of the Huntsville Union he desires to say to all of the Unions in the State that there will be room for every one who wants to come. Ye are looking for you, and if you miss the good things that are ahead for you, why then don't hold anyone responsible save yourself.

J. E. Pierce.

PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. Everette Gill, Th. D., has organized a class in the Sacred Literature Course in his church in Louisville for mutes.

At the Florida Baptist Convention recently held at Kissimmee, a standing committee was appointed on B. Y. P. U. Work.

The Young Men's Christian Associations have sent a secretary to Havana,

Cuba, to organize an Association among the 60,000 young men of that city.

We are glad to note that Mr. W. W. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga., is convalescing from a severe attack of fever. Brother Gaines is a devoted B. Y. P. U. worker.

The Baptist Young People's Union of South Carolina will hold its next annual Convention at Anderson, April 5-7. Arrangements are being made which ought to ensure a very interesting and profitable Convention.

A year book for 1904 has been published by the B. Y. P. U. giving an historical sketch of the society's organization, an outline of the Christian Culture Courses from their inauguration to last year, dates of conventions, statistical results of the senior and junior examinations, state organizations, constitution, hints on methods, suggestions to officers and committees, with such other practical information, all of which is valuable to any local society.

"I Am a Baptist."

The Nashville Christian Advocate in an editorial note says:

"Somebody, we take it, has challenged the orthodoxy of our brother editor of the Baptist and Reflector. At any rate, he has printed a declaration of principles. We quote most of it in another column. It has a genuine ring, though we are not overproud of some of the company included with the Methodists. To state your theological principles in rhyme is a new turn. We may get the editor-poet to help us out if Brother Rankin gets after us again! Here is the piece quoted:

We have been before the Baptists of Tennessee for over fourteen years as editor of the Baptist and Reflector. We have gone all over the State speaking and preaching. We have written repeatedly, and in fact every week, on denominational and doctrinal questions. We have fought the battle of Baptists against Campbellites, Methodists, Catholics, Mormons, liquor dealers, the world, the flesh, and the devil. The following little poem well expresses our sentiment:

I'd rather be a Baptist,
In faith and love and hope,
Than be a Catholic
And subject to the Pope.

I'd rather be a Baptist,
And with my Savior go,
Than an Episcopalian
With all his pomp and show.

I'd rather be a Baptist,
Rejoicing every hour,
Than a Presbyterian
And never feel the power.

I'd rather be a Baptist
And wear a beaming face,
Than to be a Methodist
And ever fall from grace.

I'd rather be a Baptist
And know that I am right,
Than to depend upon water,
And be a Campbellite.

I am a Baptist, Baptist while I live,
And Baptist till I die;
And I'll be Baptist evermore
Throughout e-ter-ni-ty.

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To the Baptists of Alabama.

Most of the time since my coming to the Secretaryship, four months ago, has been given to attendance upon State conventions. This has given me a broad view of the field, its imperative needs, its glorious opportunities and our tremendous responsibilities. Marvelous advancement in the commercial and industrial world is giving us a new country. Problems heretofore simple are rapidly becoming more complex and difficult. The tide of foreign immigration is setting in our direction, the movement from country to town it steady and strong. The older States of our Southland, in the mill and mining districts, are confronted with new conditions. People are moving from the old staid country communities to the new railroads and to the mines and mills, making two mission fields, where there was none before, the old from which they go and the new to which they come.

THE GREAT WEST AND GOD'S FAVOR.

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B. D. GRAY.

with wonderful strides. Our Baptist people are in the lead, both in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Work done there now will shape the destiny of that section for all time to come. But the needs are great. Forty churches in Oklahoma Territory just now need help to build houses of worship. It is about the same in the Indian Territory. God is wonderfully blessing our missionaries out there. During the past year there were 2,448 baptisms in Oklahoma Territory, an increase of 25 per cent. of their membership, and nearly as many were added by letter, carrying them from 10,000 to 14,000 in one year, or nearly 50 per cent. increase. Where is the like of that at home or abroad? Our hearts swell with gratitude to God for 1,700 baptisms in all our foreign fields combined, and here are five hundred more baptisms in Oklahoma last year than in China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy and South America. Moreover, in Oklahoma and Indian Territory in Convention assembled they resolved to double their contributions for mission work!

Our co-operative work in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri is prospering greatly. More money would enable us to do more. The field is unlimited. With a great Church Building and Loan Fund we could practically preempt most of the country for Baptists. A few years ago in El Paso,

Texas, the Home Board bought a church lot for \$1,700, which can now be sold for \$10,000. Such opportunities can be repeated in many places, if we had the money.

CUBA.

We have had some trouble in Cuba but our work there is prospering and the future is bright. Conversions and baptisms are frequent. A dozen chapels are needed for that work, and a half dozen men and as many women. The Secretary goes there soon to inspect the entire field.

THE CRY OF THE CITIES!

In many respects the direct need is in our cities. They are the mighty centers of power, there the evil forces are entrenched, thence go forth streams of influence into all the land. The cities will be our ruin if we neglect them. Look at St. Louis and New Orleans! They command the Mississippi valley, one at its head the other at its mouth. Baptists are pitifully weak in both cities. New Orleans has less than 1,000 members in white Baptist churches, and is about three times as large as Atlanta with 8,000 white Baptists. As 1 to 24, so is the Baptist strength in New Orleans to that of Atlanta. St. Louis is in crying need, and Baltimore's condition is almost as necessitous as that of New Orleans. Dr. Pitt of the Religious Herald recently said: "Gray, Baltimore and New Orleans need as much money as is now raised for the entire Home Mission work."

OTHER IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTS.

Beloved brethren, I must reserve for another time a statement about our school work in the mountain regions where among a population chiefly Baptist the Presbyterians are spending more money in school work than we are giving for all Home Missions! Shall we not take care of our own? I must likewise defer any discussion of our work among the negroes, filled with so much delicacy, so needy and so necessary for our very social and civic, as well as religious, existence. It must compel your heartiest support. Our Home Board in calling me to the Secretaryship stressed that work, as they did no other, as an argument for my acceptance. I am glad to know the Board's feeling concerning this work is shown so largely by our brethren over the South, as indicated in resolutions passed at the recent State Conventions of Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina.

SPECIAL NEED FOR IMMEDIATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

We are to give the next four months specially to contributions for home and foreign missions. This is my first appeal for money, really my first appeal of any sort, to the brethren. The change of secretaries, the intervening vacancy, the work of attending conventions, the absence of appeals to the brethren for contributions all combine to make a fearful strain upon our finances, especially in view of the enlargement ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention at Savannah. Even with all this we are at present several thousand dollars ahead of last year in direct contributions from the churches. But we must have a great advance at once. Alabama is asked for \$14,000 for home missions this year. Let us raise it. Will you help now? And may God, in this new year of grace, crown all our work with glorious success.

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Default having been made in the indebtedness by said mortgage, this sale is made under and by authority of said mortgage. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29, 1903.

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Disappointment.

I hate to write the word. The appeals for State Mission collections for January seem not to have impressed the pastors. So much cold weather has been against us. The congregations have been unusually small through December and January. Most of the pastors depend upon hat collections on high pressure methods. Big crowds are essential to success for either method.

The pledge card and envelope system, worked through an efficient committee, is not a failure in bad weather. The size of the congregation has but little to do with it. Brethren think it takes trouble. I am prepared to prove that it takes far less trouble, once it is inaugurated, than the no-method plan. The results cannot be compared.

But so far as State Missions is concerned, for the present, no method will help it. The time is passed. FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL are pledged to home and foreign missions. State missions must wait until May. Meantime our State Missionaries will have to do the best they can.

Alabama has put the figures high this year. We want \$48,000. For home missions \$14,000; for foreign missions \$20,000. There must be generous giving for the next three months if we reach the mark. We can easily do it if we have a mind to work. There is no time to waste. Next week I will furnish the exact figures.

W. B. C.

Rev. John D. Jordan of Savannah, writes: "The old First Church" gives today \$1,500 to Foreign Missions, and it is confidently believed that the amount will reach \$2,000. God be praised for all His mercies."

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This day came F. M. Lowe, administrator of the estate of E. J. Echols, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 18th day of February, 1904, 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.

J. P. STILES, Judge of Probate.



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The evangelical Christians of the world gave last year to Foreign Missions \$19,069,800. Of this, \$6,984,976 was given in America; \$6,957,842 in Great Britain, and the balance, \$5,246,991, was given in the rest of the world. The Foreign Mission strength is mainly in the United States and Great Britain.—Western Recorder.

The South Carolina Convention sets the following figures as a mark for the Churches to raise during the convention year: For Foreign Missions, \$25,000; State Missions, \$20,000; Home Missions, \$13,000; the Orphanage, \$15,000; Aged Ministers, \$4,000; Ministerial Education, \$2,000; Bible distribution, \$1,000, making a total of \$80,000.

A summary of the work done by the Seminary students in December showed the number of workers at the various mission Sunday schools, etc., to be 67; enrollment, 1,125; average attendance, 553; number of meetings held: Sunday school, 32; prayer and praise, 22; preaching services, 10; conversions, 17; pages and tracts distributed, 247; Testaments given away, 200; Bibles, 31; magazines, 50; amount collected for expenses, \$55.95.—Western Recorder.

The Baptist statistics for Great Britain for the last year are very encouraging. The Christian World, un-denominational, says that they "indicate a distinct upward tendency all along the line." The number of churches is 2,875, a gain of seventy-two in the year, and the membership reported is 388,357, a gain of 10,610. Many new houses of worship have been erected, and others enlarged, showing an expenditure of \$675,000. The present seating capacity of the churches is 1,368,666. The Sunday schools show a fine advance in the numbers of teachers and scholars. The theological colleges have 214 students.—Examiner.

According to the year book issued by the prohibitionists, the increase in liquor consumption is startling indeed. Last year the people of the United States spent \$174,965,625 for books, magazines, and newspapers. The whiskey, beer and wine bill was \$1,074,225,829, nearly five times as much as the "literature" bill. In 1880 the consumption of alcoholic liquors per capita in the United States was 10.09 gallons. In the little over thirty years it had nearly doubled, now amounting to 19.48 gallons per capita. The annual liquor bill of Great Britain is 4 per cent. greater than in Germany, commonly supposed to be the great beer drinking country in the world. On the other hand, Great Britain, France, and Germany all consume more whiskey and other ardent spirits per capita than does the United States. Some of the other figures are equally startling, and make wholesome reading for some folks who do not feel like accepting the extreme claims of the prohibitionists. In prohibition Kansas the annual consumption of liquors per capita is less than two gallons, as against nineteen in the country as a whole. Forty counties in the State of Kansas do not have a pauper. The jails in thirty-seven Kansas counties are without a single inmate. Prohibition in Kansas prohibits more than 95 per cent.

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Dr. Montague's Plea.

I wish to thank our dear brother, Rev. W. J. Elliott, for his strong endorsement of my appeal to the Sunday schools of Alabama to contribute largely to the liquidation of the debt on our Renfree Hall.

The sum which was originally proposed as the cost of the Dormitory has been paid, \$11,000. But it seemed wise to the brethren, good men and true, to erect a house considerably larger than the one just planned; hence the extra expense; hence the necessity of getting \$5,000 more than we first expected.

The Birmingham District has done well. Friends here have given generously and with sacrifice. Several noble men in other portions of the State have made very handsome contributions, especially Hon. J. C. Bush of Mobile, and Brethren Davis of Columbia, and Marbury of Marbury.

Now, if the Sunday schools generally will make contributions, and a few other friends will help right at this time, we shall pay for the Dormitory, and then with God's blessing, move on to the work of securing the endowment. Why cannot 300 Sunday schools average \$10?

And then, that B. Y. P. U. pledge, made in State Convention assembled: B. Y. P. Unions of Alabama, is that not a debt of honor, sacred and demanding payment? I so regard it; others so regard it. Can the B. Y. P. U. meet next spring with that promise unredeemed?

Everything at our college is prospering. We have enrolled 173 young men, 36 more than last year, 50 more than the year before; and they still come.

While my health is far better than it was last summer, I have not yet regained my strength as I hope to regain it by God's blessing; but Col. Hogan has managed, as executive officer, with rare tact and power, and every professor has done his duty nobly and with pronounced success. Sometime I want to write a sketch of each professor, that our people may know more of the faithful men who are educating their boys. These men are working on limited salaries; but they are working with a zeal, success, and enthusiasm not surpassed in our country.

We owe them a portion of last year's salaries. We expect to pay this out of the Christian Education Fund. Brethren, will you not hasten, kindly and generously to pay the full \$6,000, suggested at our Troy Convention? The Howard has a great past, a great present; let us bring on, and that, too, right speedily, a far greater future. As I have said before, we have the numbers; we have the money; shall we have the will as well?

Brethren, solemnly, earnestly, affectionately, I invoke your prayers and your co-operation.

A. P. Montague.

Roanoke's New Pastor.

The following interesting shows the esteem in which the new pastor was held in Florida. We welcome him to Alabama. The Roanoke Church knows how to treat its preachers:

"My Dear Brother: The First Baptist Church at Roanoke, Ala., has called me to be its pastor, and I have accepted. My resignation here takes effect Dec. 20th. I have enjoyed my residence and work in Florida. God has blessed us at Lake City. The testimony of our best people is that our Church is not only larger numerically

but is stronger, spiritually, than ever before. Eight have been added since my return from Kentucky. The call to Roanoke is supported by many providential indications, and I cannot be "disobedient unto the heavenly vision." My best love and prayers are yours. Thomas S. Hubert."

It is with deep regret that we read the above private letter from Brother Hubert. The Lake City Church has never had such prosperity, spiritual and material, as it has attained under his ministry. He is greatly beloved by his people and his influence is felt for good in the entire town. He is an eloquent preacher, a fine pastor, and a strong, loyal, Christian gentleman. We can ill afford to lose such men from the State. The Church at Roanoke is to be congratulated.

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A Correction.

In my letter which appears in the Alabama Baptist of this week there is the following sentence: "Many excellent and valuable tokens of appreciation and Christmas affection were received by us." The word Christmas, I am sure, was not in my manuscript. I make the correction because it is possible to interpret it so as to be a reflection on my good people.

W. J. E. Cox.

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In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of Daisy Chatman that the defendant, Peter Chatman, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his whereabouts is unknown, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson county, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Peter Chatman, to answer, plead or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 20th day of February, 1904, or after thirty days therefrom a Decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

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That Pounding.

I must write you of the good things that have come as rich blessings from the gracious Father in the closing out of the year 1903, a year wonderful in history for great and numerous calamities in all parts of the world—on land and on sea; a year, too, that has been studded all along with stars of God's love and mercies to His people.

I will tell you of a heavy pounding my good people gave us on Monday night after Christmas week—would have been in that week but for the absence of my two daughters. They are a clever folk, fine in the spirit of kindly feeling and appreciative regard for their pastor, or any minister who may break unto them the bread of eternal life; they are a generously inclined people, and in this pounding we received from them these facts were abundantly manifest: Packages, parcels, cans, jars, buckets, sacks, etc., were piled into our larder until sixty-seven in number was reached—all good, nice and useful. One good brother, who right recently has been reclaimed like the prodigal son, sent in a pound of coin, full measure by one piece over. Daughter Edna said that was hers as a keep-sake to be held in sweet remembrance of the noble deed. In all this "plenty" the pastor had as from the Lord no one of the dear donors was the least bit in want by it. How many folks could ever and anon gladden the shepherd's heart, sweeten life for his family, and bring themselves under God's tender benedictions as Jesus meant when He said, "As oft as ye do it unto one of the least of these my disciples ye do it unto me," by pounding or similarly treating their pastor.

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The best good thing that has come to us, I wanted to tell you of, is the wonderful renewal as I believe, of our Bro. James P. Montgomery, son of that great and good man, a preacher known and loved all over this section, Rev. Montgomery, who died last spring. This experience of Bro. J. P. Montgomery is almost akin to that of Paul. He had gone away, down into sin and doubt, almost gone in religious life, as it seems, yet God, who loved him as one redeemed by the blood of His own Son, turned onto his heart the light of His love, and he saw himself famishing and perishing, with no source to satisfy the thirst and hunger, when he remembered that his Father had enough and to spare—and after trying all the isms and philosophies he could find, he went back to his old Bible, the book his own father in the flesh had preached so much, and there he found the refreshing water gushing out from the Cross and the bread of life handed down from heaven. He is now full, happy, abounding! It is rich to hear him stand up in the presence of his old friends and relatives and tell of his wanderings, his darkness and sadness, and then the revelation that came to him. He is working for Jesus in his law office, on the streets, in the prayer-meetings. Oh, that God would awaken all!

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"I was born in 1863 in Berezna, a little town in the East of Hungary, where I was brought up in the strict orthodox religion of the Jews. In that country the Roman and Greek Catholics openly exhibit their idolatrous habits, such as prostrations in the public highways before crosses and images. The priests are generally drunkards and great enemies of the Jews. They visit the public inns with the peasants and try to influence their adherents to injure the Jews in their business in every way. The Jews being accustomed to such practices among so-called Christians, look upon Christianity as a phase of ancient heathenism. They regard their religion as did their fathers the worship of the surrounding nations, who were strange to God's promises. Thus I was taught to strictly avoid gentiles, not to even take a drink of water from their vessels.

At twenty I was very proficient in the Hebrew literature and the Talmudic law. I then received from the several Rabbis in whose colleges I had studied, a diploma, consisting of a certificate of my good character and acquirements, and authority to become a Rabbi. Two years later was called to practice Rabbinical duties in three congregations called by one name, Nipso. For four years they sought the law at my mouth. I decided among them all the different religion questions, concerning worship, slaughtering of animals, meat and milk, wine of libation, marriage, and divorce. If two had a quarrel which led to law, they had to come to me and accept my decision without further appeal, for such is the Jewish law. Every controversy was settled by my word. At times I was called to distant places to decide cases of law, for they loved me and my way of dealing very much.

At my leisure I had frequent recourse to the Talmud in which I once read the following: "The world is to stand six thousand years, viz, two thousand confusion and veil, two thousand with the law, and two thousand the time of the Messiah." The very first and most authoritative commentary's explanation on the last clause is, "Because after the second two thousand years, the Messiah must have come and the wicked kingdom should have been destroyed." This struck me very much. I was accustomed to sit on the ground every Friday night at twelve o'clock, weeping and mourning for about an hour, over the destruction of Jerusalem, and repeating the 139th Psalm. Thus I was very anxiously waiting for the coming of the Messiah, and now I saw that it was over a thousand years ago, according to the Jewish reckoning. I was surprised and asked myself, is it possible to believe that the time which God had fixed for the coming of the Messiah has passed away without the promise of our true and living God being fulfilled? I never had any doubt of the truthfulness of the Talmud. I believed every part of it to be holy. But now I looked upon this passage as a simple legend, and I decided to search the prophets concerning the time of the Messiah. My research only led me to

blame myself for having doubted the holy words of the wise men who wrote the Talmud. There was, however a gladness in my heart to find it true that the Messiah should have come about that time, according to Daniel ix, 24. But it was a joy mingled with sorrow. Why has He not come? Mind, dear reader, how you could have gladdened my heart by giving me a New Testament which was utterly unknown to me at that time.

I therefore continued to study the Prophets with greater zeal. While doing so the pure spirit of God's Word took hold of my mind and heart. I then discovered that much of the Talmudic law is subversive to the Word of God. Ah! what an agitation! what a struggle within, between light and darkness! I used to go into my large garden, sit under an apple tree and cry like a child. "Teach me, O Lord, thy ways." Just think, dear reader, how many tears would have been spared if the divine order, "To the Jews first" had been regarded. I could find no rest or peace for my troubled soul. I asked a good many Rabbis how they reconciled certain passages of the Talmud with the Word of God, but I received no satisfactory answer.

A little later I was preaching at its season on a subject connected with the Feast of Dedication. Now, I did not intend to tell publicly anything of what was so deep in my heart, because of fear of persecution. But God, who caused the dumb to speak, opened my mouth and I revealed to my congregation all my discoveries. Probably they would have believed the discovery about the Messiah since they were all ignorant of the fact that such a disclosure related to the crucified one. But when they heard me finding so much fault with the holy Talmud, that was quite enough to make them hiss and wag their heads at me, and to finally leave me to preach to the empty benches. Bitter persecution and excommunication followed. Several Rabbis tried to make peace between us, but without success, for they wanted me to appear barefooted before them, according to the holy law, and swear by the holy roll, not to blaspheme the Talmud any more. I was sure I had not committed any crime, so I simply referred to the plain word of God, and said, "Let any Rabbi give me a satisfactory answer" and I would not submit; so it was impossible to reconcile us. Who could have made me believe that it was the blessed Jesus who saw me under the fig tree, that it was He who spoke through me, that it was His loving gentle hand in the disguise of trouble, and that He had need of me? Who could have made me believe that the crucified one had a people who read the Psalms, believed and worshiped the God of Israel in spirit and in truth.

About the middle of March, 1892, in obedience to the Word of God, "Get thee out of thy country," I found myself in the great city of New York. I received the kindest reception at the hands of my countrymen, and a Rabbi, while looking for a synagogue for me, employed me to assist him for the time.

I passed one day a mission for Jews, which led me to inquire concerning it, for I was totally ignorant of a mission—I did not even know what New Testament was. I then secured a New Testament in Hebrew. When I opened it and saw on the first page "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of

David, the son of Abraham" it was music to my ears, balm to my wounded heart. Why, the Messiah, in whom my whole thought had been absorbed for the past year, and now I get a book about Him! What a wonderful dealing of God. I went straight to my room and began to read this book. It was eleven in the morning. I did not stir until I had finished the entire book, which was at twelve midnight. (Many Rabbis are so absent-minded that they often study a whole day and night without food or sleep.)

When I finished I felt an immense appetite to eat, as I had had nothing the whole day; but Jesus, who, I was convinced, was the true Messiah, came down like the Manna of old, and He satisfied me.

Shortness of space forbids my going into further details of how most miraculously the Lord led me afterwards. I was compelled to leave New York, for as soon as my countrymen heard of my conversion, bitter persecution followed. My own brother offered five hundred dollars to anyone who would shoot me. So I went to Edinburg, Scotland, accompanied by a German pastor who introduced me to the Free Church of Scotland. I stayed there for nearly a year and a half attending the new college there so as to get a mastery of the English language. My baptism was cabled from Scotland to Europe, and my country people in Europe, thinking I had become a Catholic, such as they see there, refused to let my wife and children join me. They set guards over the house to watch that they should not get away. But in the middle of the night they stole away and were brought to me in a most wonderful manner. I had despaired of ever seeing them again.

Soon a call came to return to New York from where I had been driven. I obeyed, and all those who had persecuted me a year before, now came to me and listened to the story of their Messiah.

Since then it has pleased the Lord to bless my efforts among His ancient people, to a large extent. I opened a mission for them in Brownsville and when the financial burden of that was taken off my shoulders by the Baptist brethren of Brooklyn, and by the Home Mission Society, I opened my other mission in Williamsburg in token of gratitude to God for his loving kindness, and this latter mission has been cared for by God's stewards everywhere. No appeals have been made. He puts it in the hearts of His children to support it. Please pray for this work continually."

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Mr. Cohn edits a paper, "The Chosen People," which he will send to anyone on request. His address is 620a Quincy Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The paper tells of the progress of the missions in which he is engaged.

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