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Home News

Hon. W. C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy under Cleveland's administration, died last week at his home in New York under a second operation performed on him for appendicitis.

The Secretary of the Interior has set aside \$2,500,000 for an irrigation project in Wyoming, in the Big Horn Basin. It will provide water for 90,000 acres in the Big Horn country.

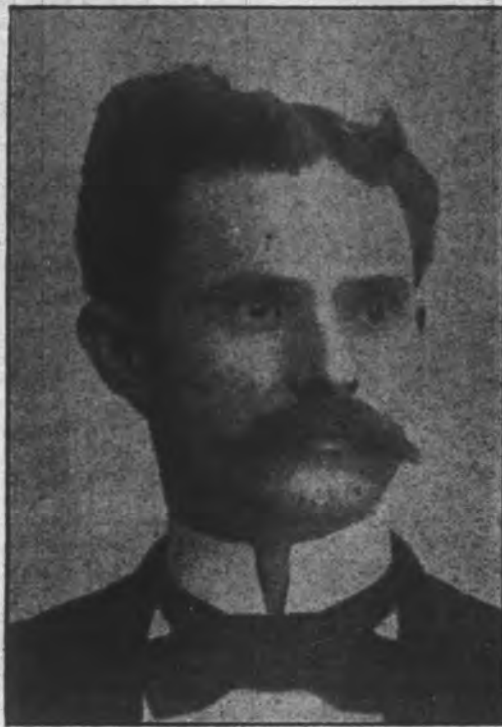
The burned area in Baltimore covers seventy-five blocks, and contained 2,500 buildings. Only a few walls are left standing. The district is guarded by Maryland militia and United States troops, to prevent thieves from searching for valuables in the ruins.

Members of the Hebrew order, Friends of Zion, have called a mass meeting to pledge their moral support and financial aid to Japan in her struggle against Russia. It is announced that this meeting and others called in all parts of the country will afford the Jews some practical means of redress for the Kishinef horror and hundreds of years of oppression by Russia.

Gen. Luke E. Wright and Vice Governor Henry C. Ide were inaugurated at Manila, Feb. 1st. There was an imposing demonstration, including a brilliant military pageant, about 3,000 troops being in line. After taking the oath of office Governor Wright delivered his inaugural address. It was a straightforward speech dealing with the most important interests of the islands.

The Baltimore fire loss is now approximately estimated at \$125,000,000. Of this amount the insurance companies will have to pay about \$90,000,000. The Star Fire Insurance Company, of Louisville, lost a \$4,000 risk. The treasure in bank and safety vaults was found intact. Business firms that were burned out have found new quarters and the rebuilding of the burned district will begin at once.

Secretary Hay addressed notes to Russia and Japan inviting their cooperation in the movement started by the United States to preserve the integrity of China by the observance of the neutrality of that nation in localizing the field of war. Secretary Hay yesterday received enough favorable replies from the European Powers to warrant this action. No reference is made to Korea. An American warship will no doubt be sent to Chemulpo to maintain communication with the American Minister at Seoul. The American declaration of neutrality has been made.



Rev. W. A. Hobson, D.D.
Pastor First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.



First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

The building is of Romanesque design, and is built of Bedford stone, a beautiful Indiana gray stone. The cost of the building when finished and furnished will be about \$50,000. The structure is massive and symmetrical, and occupying one of the highest points in the city, it presents an imposing and pleasing appearance. Covering a space of 86x105 feet, there is hardly a foot of space that is not made to serve some practical purpose.

Foreign News

The British Parliament was opened Feb. 2d. King Edward and Queen Alexandra drove in State to the House of Lords, where with much ceremony the session was declared open.

A revolution is in progress in Uruguay. The government forces suffered a serious defeat at San Ramon. The revolutionist forces captured the ammunition of the government forces. The government forces are being concentrated at Montevideo.

Replying to a question in the British House of Commons, Feb. 4th, Home Secretary Akers-Dougllass confirmed the reports that Mrs. Florence Maybrick had been removed from Aylsbury prison to a convalescent home, where she will remain until summer, when she will be allowed her freedom, and said that she had been granted a license, under the penal servitude acts.

People who care to follow the progress of the Russian-Japanese war upon the maps will find considerable difficulty, owing to the various spelling of names. There is a clique in Washington which is trying to Germanize our spelling, and especially Asiatic names. Mapmakers spell by different systems, so that important places reported in dispatches may not be found on the maps. In any war an insignificant place, perhaps found on only the best maps, may suddenly spring into importance, because of military operations.

Dispatches received at London from several sources indicate that there has been a renewal of hostilities at Port Arthur and that Japan has inflicted further damage upon the Russian fleet. The extent of the damage is not clearly defined. A report from Tokio says that four battleships and three cruisers were destroyed and that two Japanese warships were damaged. A later report coming by way of Shanghai says three Russian cruisers have been sunk and that the Russian Bank building was destroyed. A dispatch from Nagasaki says seven Russian ships were captured.

The last battalion of United States soldiers left Cuba Feb. 4th, and the American flag was lowered from the Cuban barracks. President Palma, in a farewell speech, paid the highest compliment to the United States, which has fully kept its pledge. He said the United States troops could have easily found a pretext for remaining longer, and the United States could have forced upon Cuba any conditions it desired; but her action of withdrawing "makes us proud of ourselves," since no one any longer doubts Cuba's capacity for self-government, and the maintenance of an independent nation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Men Seen in Washington.

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DEPARTMENT LIFE.

To stand on the corner of 15th and G streets, N. W., in Washington, at four o'clock any afternoon during the week and to see the crowd of men and women leaving the Treasury Department and taking their various ways to their homes will furnish the observer a study in government life. A few step briskly and wear a cheerful expression; very many walk slowly, look pale and worn, and seem to feel little or no interest in objects about them. Their lives are spent largely in duties that are perfunctory and become mechanical; independent thought on original work is unknown; with the coming of the last day of every month hundreds dread the appearance upon their desks of the envelope containing the words, "Your services will not be required after the first of the month." Discharge of these clerks generally means poverty; they save little or nothing; and government service seems to unfit them for any other kind of work. Many a bright young man, who might at his home in some state have made not only a comfortable living but also an enviable reputation, enters a department at Washington; his plan is to remain there only three or four years, during which he will in some evening school prepare for law or medicine; the money comes easily; ambition languishes, then dies; at fifty he is dismissed, "a machine" which will only run in the grooves in which he has moved for twenty-five years or more.

A painful necessity often imposed upon the government clerk is obedience to the orders of a petty chief of division, his or her inferior socially and mentally and morally, who, as a reward for service in some city precinct or country district, as a reward for sharp practices and sometimes questionable political methods, is given office through the recommendation of a congressman, as unworthy to hold a place in the national legislature as his tool is unworthy to receive a place in government service.

Once upon a time I had a friend who feared that she would lose her position and she requested me to see her chief. He was a Democrat, as I was and am; the lady was a Republican. I went to the government building; after so long a time I was admitted to "the presence;" the young man who ruled in that division received me with freezing coldness and treated me with marked discourtesy and a haughtiness as ridiculous as it was disgusting. I longed to tell the creature my opinion of him; but this would have wrought havoc with my friend's fortunes; so I had to be polite. Perhaps I owed that to myself; but it was hard, and politeness certainly cost something that time. This young person was the son of a man in very high official place; and he was so small that he abused the privileges of his connection.

Some of our bright Alabama boys and girls may even now be endeavoring to secure government positions in Washington. To them all I say "Do not enter a department. Pursue any respectable calling, but stay out of the Washington departments."

SOCIETY.

There are in Washington society very many charming, cultivated, refined men and women, some of the best in our land. There are also, as elsewhere, some who can lay no claim to attractive personality or culture, whose key to the door of society is a fortune in six or seven figures. A man in Chicago begins with his cart, going the rounds selling beef and pork; time passes, and he becomes very rich. His family, and perhaps he also, wish to mingle with the famous in Washington, and thither he goes, buys or leases a fine mansion, gives elegant dinners, and is admitted to "society," although he may not know whether Shakespeare was a poet or an Australian sheep-raiser, and may think Tennyson was a sea-captain. Finally his family want a crest for their note paper and carriages. He hires some man in New York to prepare one, and rest assured it is not a pig, although it was the honest hog that brought him and his in a Pullman to Washington and there bought him a stone palace. And yet in Washington even those in limited circumstances may attend the parties and receptions of the great and have a pleasant time socially.

Some of the leading society women are regular in attendance at Sunday school and church. I recall two ladies especially whom no society "functions" prevented from attendance at church and from the discharge of Christian duties generally. One was a Baptist, the wife of a cabinet officer, the other a Presbyterian, whose husband was the leader among American diplomats, respectively Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson and Mrs. John W. Foster.

In no city in our country are responses to the calls of charity readier or larger than in the capital city.

Having no inclinations toward fashion and being no dancer, I seldom went to the gatherings of the gay; but now and then I accepted an invitation and looked on at those who found in these things pleasure, if not profit. I remember going in 1875 or 1876 to a great party at a house of fashion, and it was my privilege to take to the refreshment room Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, the famous New Orleans litigant. That esteemed lady, if courtesy will permit me to say it, was somewhat my senior in years, having then perhaps been fighting for her rights in the courts for forty years. Yet richly dressed and full of interest in everything, she was as bright and cheery as a girl of twenty years.

A Washington ball or reception furnishes a wonderful picture. Held in some vast room, beautifully equipped with furniture, bright with flowers obtained sometimes at fabulous prices, filled with ladies whose silks and satins represent a fortune, gleaming with diamonds, rubies, and sundry precious stones, which flash back light to gas or electricity until the poet might have sung

"The sheen of their gems shines like stars on the light."

(With apologies to "the Assyrian-Wolf" author), it is doubtless to those whose minds are in touch with such amusements "a thing of beauty," if not "a joy forever." Of course there

are men present, but their garbs do not count being the conventional dress suit. And then some man, good perhaps for nothing else, leads with some girl the german, of all pastimes, as it seems to me, the silliest, not to speak of another side, from the Christian viewpoint.

Thus things go until lent drives the votaries of pleasure into quasi-retirement. Now, when the end comes and earth's journey is past, can these balls and other kindred pleasures bring happiness in reminiscence or for the solemn future? I would be no censor of the young. I would have them bright and joyous; but there is a line beyond which the Christian man and the Christian woman cannot go and still hold fellowship with the Lamb of God.

A. P. Montague.

Ministerial Students in Howard College.

Forty-two ministers have been enrolled to date. Nine of them are married men, about thirty are preaching to churches or mission stations in this district, and neighboring towns and communities. Nine of them receive small "sums of money from the State Board of Missions for mission work done. Ten of them are supported by the churches to which they preach. Ten or twelve receive aid from the Board of Ministerial Education while the balance receive no aid from the denomination, nor any support from the churches or Board. It can readily be seen from the above facts that the spirit of self-support runs high among the young ministers here, this is true too when to be independent some of them with families live on less than \$20 per month, some as low as \$15, out of which house rent, coal bills, and college dues are paid, and to maintain themselves many of them go out to preach every week, visiting the churches on Saturday and preaching twice in many cases on Sunday, others preach twice each month giving Saturdays to visiting, while many of them go every Saturday and do what they can receiving for their work whatever is given them, while some do mission work under the employment of the Board, for which they receive \$5 per month, none of them with one or two exceptions receiving over \$25 per month and many of them less than \$10 per month. It must be apparent from these statements that much time is given to church work, not only in visiting and preaching but in preparation for preaching, all of which means (in most cases) inefficient college work, low standing in their classes, subjecting them to hurtful criticism. To avoid this in some cases lighter courses are arranged and a longer time taken to finish, but this is not much better for it prolongs the matter to such an extent that a fellow is worn to frazzles before he gets out, or is laughed out of school by those who do not know his difficulties before he can finish. One of our best young men said to me the other day, "I must give up two of my churches so as to be able to do better work, and that meant to him 50 per cent. less money than he has been receiving, and hardships from now on to the finish unless help is afforded him from other sources. Another said to me, "I get less than \$10 from my Church where I preach every Sunday." Another said, "Me and wife live on \$15 per month,"

and he is not in debt. Now, here is "Grit to count on," and men who can be counted on in the days to come, but ought the Baptists of the State let these young men bear all these burdens? Why can't they share them with these noble young men? True, they are not asking much of them, but all the more necessary it seems to me, it would become, men like these who are willing to suffer and toil to become efficient pastors of our Churches deserve help all the more, and we need these men on the field as soon as we can get them, the demand for such men can't be supplied. Then, why keep them here for weary ages trying to pull themselves through school when a little help would make it so easy? Brethren, send help to these men; they are worthy; share the burdens with them. Won't you do it at once? Send all money to Dr. C. C. Jones, East Lake, Ala., and send it now. S. O. Y. Ray.

Resolutions Adopted by Seale Baptist Church, Jan. 31, 1904.

Whereas, A Wise Providence has directed our beloved pastor, Rev. James F. Edens, D.D., to another field of labor and usefulness in His vineyard, Brother Edens having located at Brundidge, Ala., therefore, be it

Resolved first, That it is with sincere regret that we accept Brother Edens' resignation, but feeling that it is for the cause.

Second, That we commend him to the brethren of his new field as an exceptionally good pastor, a man of God, well equipped, strong in the faith, whose child-like confidence and trust in Christ are ever an inspiration.

W. B. Prather,

S. R. Boykin,

Committee.

To the Baptists of Alabama.

We are in three months of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville. The most important subjects to come before us at that meeting are those pertaining to missions at home and abroad.

Let us pray that we may rightly consider the importance and magnitude of the work to be done by our Home Mission Board. Reference need not be made at this time to the needs of Cuba, the mountain districts, the church building department of the Home Board, nor to the negro problem. All these are of sufficient importance to emphasize the necessity of enlarging our contributions to this Board. But we are brought face to face with new conditions that call for prompt and effective consideration. New problems are presenting themselves in our mill and factory districts. Foreigners, hostile to our religion and civilization, a menace to our social and spiritual life, are pouring into the South as never before. Our only hope is the enthronement of Jesus Christ in their hearts. "How can they believe except they hear?" Their evangelization can be more effectually accomplished by the Home Board than by any other agency. Leave it to the State Boards and the destitution in Maryland, Missouri and Louisiana could scarcely be touched. Do not forget the other Boards, but remember that in giving to Home Missions you are laying a foundation for enlarged contributions to State and Foreign Missions in the future. A failure to seize strategic points at this time would be suicidal.

Our past neglects in New Orleans,

St. Louis and Baltimore have put us at great disadvantage in these cities. Our opportunities and responsibilities today are tremendous; but, by the grace of God, we are abundantly able to meet them. Shall we not, for the next three months, press upon our churches the importance of contributing, with increased liberality, to Home Missions? Are there not laymen, to whom God has entrusted much of this world's goods, who will make special contributions for the carrying forward of this important work?

J. H. Foster, Jr.,
V. P. Home Mis. Board for Ala.

Preservation and Propagation.

The magnitude and importance of the work of our Home Missions Boards is not a new theme. The ambition of the world lies often in a desire for new machinery, new methods and new men. With the world, the new is acceptable, often simply because it is new, and the old, unacceptable simple because it is old. But our Christian energies are directed mainly in propagating the old faith, by old methods, against the old enemy. Our success comes not so much from the discovery of new truth, as from the discovering the new shades and coloring of the old truth; not from the invention of a new sword, but from the attainment of greater skill, in handling the old one.

Each State, with its own peculiar needs, and its relation to other States, demands our careful study. The objects of the Home Mission Board, and of the various State Mission Boards, are practically the same. They are, speaking briefly, to promote the preaching of the gospel by every proper means, and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist churches;—the one in the borders of their own State; the other, wherever the denomination in a given State may be unable by themselves to carry on the work; this is especially the case in such States as Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

The greatness of this work consists not in broad acres of tillable land; not in mountain clusters, with their wealth of forest and minerals; not in the great riches of our cities; not in the fact that the New South is rapidly becoming the centre of wealth and population;—all this is true, and yet it is not the truth that calls for the continued existence and work of both Home and State Mission Boards. It lies in the great and pressing need of our own people. If every part of our South land was occupied by our own or some other body of Christians; if the people within these borders were really, or at least nominal Christians, then perhaps, we might excuse ourselves from doing Home Mission work, and turn our energies into other channels, where there is greater need. But in point of fact, the need of Christian work is as great and pressing here as elsewhere; and every argument for Foreign Missions will apply with equal emphasis to Home and State Mission work. This work opens out into two distinct and well marked lines; it is a work of conservation, and, it is a work of aggression. In other words it is, as the title of this tract implies, a work of Preservation and a work of Propagation. The fact that the work is two-fold often complicates it, and calls for great wisdom and tact.

PRESERVATION.

By this I mean the sustenance of

those churches which have done good service in the past, but have come under special influences of weakness and adversity. There are churches in localities where the constituency is constantly moving away, or where its character has entirely changed, but where the church shows a disposition to evangelize its own neighborhood; such cases, of course, ought to receive aid in their struggle for future existence. Every State of the Convention sends forth her sons and daughters to become citizens of other States; therefore the work of the State Board in its own limits is in thorough harmony with the wider work of the Home Board in its more extended territory. God means us to evangelize the foreigners and others who move into our communities, to carry the gospel to these new-comers, in the country as well as in the city, and to fill up the depleted ranks of the churches by accession through evangelistic efforts. We need more faith in God, more missionary zeal, more of the old revival aggressiveness. Unless there is this zeal to evangelize these communities where these weaker churches are located, the churches will die, and all the aid of State or Home Board will not save them. The Boards therefore, as a rule, in the work of preservation, help those who help themselves.

Neither of these organizations is organized simply to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, but for mutual help. They are not charities organized to support the needy, but for the union of brethren, in which the stronger says to the weaker, "Take my arm, brother, and let me help you until your limbs get strong enough to carry you alone."

PROPAGATION.

By this I mean, the sending of missionaries into new and inviting fields where the Gospel may be preached and new Churches established. It is a work of aggression. Compelled by the limited contributions of the Churches to curtail their fields of labor, too often both the Home and State Boards, have often had to expend so much in the work of preservation of Churches already planted, that they have been unable to do as much work, as is necessary, in places where no Church exists.

We are Missionary Baptists. Missionary work is not the work of sustentation alone, nor chiefly; but more strictly, it is the work bearing the gospel to those who have it not, whether it be in Foreign lands, in the great South-West, or in our own immediate State. And the need is great. Foreigners are pouring into all our cities, and all over our land are making homes for themselves. Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches are springing up in sections where twenty years ago they were unknown. Since 1855 an average of nearly one million foreigners a year have landed on our shores; a large part of this new nation building material passed on through the territory of the various State Boards to the vaster field of the Home Mission Board; and must be cared for by that Board, if they are to receive the gospel. Many thousands settled in the older States along the Atlantic, and by their presence and need call for aggressive work among them.

Never before was there a time, when the Christian world was asking as it does today, "What says the Book?" This is our opportunity to lead them to know the Book and our Lord. Our opportunity is the signal of our respon-

sibility. Perhaps, as never before, the duty is laid upon us of maintaining and disseminating these principles, for the good of the cause and glory of Christ. In this work of Preservation and Propagation we need men, of heroic souls to enter upon this foundation work, to give themselves to it as honestly and prayerfully as others to the foreign fields; we need more interest in the churches in the work of "preaching at home;" we need more money to carry on this work, for the field is the whole broad land, and the work is only limited by the meagre contributions of the Churches. The time has come to be up and doing, to win our whole Southland for our Master, and to bring to the knowledge of His truth the people who must either be foes or friends of His cause, and with whom our children must live and labor.

O. F. Gregory.

Montgomery, Ala.

The Most Prominent Baptist in England.

One day last summer some English gentlemen by the side of a Swiss lake were discussing social questions with that freedom with which men often do when away from home, when one said: "I know John Clifford well and assert that he is more my idea of a true saint of God than any I have read of canonized by Rome." The remark is just. Taking our ideal from the New Testament, an earnest Baptist pastor, following an unpopular religion, walking before God, yet becoming popular amongst men by his fiery advocacy of righteousness and antagonism to social iniquity and class prejudice, far more deserves to be sainted than the squalid, self-tormenting recluses that the papacy delights to honor. John Clifford, carrying through the land the flaming cross of the call for religious freedom, is far grander than St. Bernard preaching the insane crusades. A happy, cleanly home life, with a bright beloved wife and children, at the last will be seen to be holier than St. Francis scattering dirt upon his food or St. Bernard jumping when naked into thorn bushes to tear his flesh.

THE "JACKER-OFF" BOY.

John Clifford was born in Sawley, a little village in Derbyshire, Oct. 16, 1836. He came from among the poor in worldly things but from the aristocracy in spiritual things. From his father he got Methodist fire and from his mother Baptist steel. Of his mother he once said: "She was a noble woman, highly intelligent and full of sanctified common sense; a fine devout character." John was the eldest of a family of six. I think I remember hearing him once speak of the blessing of being one of a large family as the best school for learning freedom aright. He got the usual education of those days at the village school, which consisted of a little learning and an abundance of knuckle-rapping with an occasional severe thrashing. When ten years of age he entered a lace factory at Beeston as a "jacker-off," some lowly employment.

The great change came when in his fourteenth year he became greatly distressed by the problems of sin and salvation. New life came in the grand old way. One evening he was at a prayer meeting at the village chapel. The hymn was sung:

The soul that longs to seek my face
Is sure my love to gain,

And those that early seek my grace
Shall never seek in vain.

Mr. Clifford says: "Instantly the burden was lifted, the problem of peace was solved, the good news of the gospel understood, and the new life-purpose found." With spiritual life came the awakening of Christian activity and mental culture and eventually, at the age of nineteen, he entered the General Baptist College, then at Leicester, to prepare for the Christian ministry in the General Baptist Denomination. John Clifford was ever a student, so that it goes without saying that his college course was happy and creditable. He gained prizes in Greek and in Latin and for "the long jump," "which," he says, "was the only athletic distinction I ever won." Dr. Clifford is, and ever was, thin and spare, with far more of the philosopher than the athlete in his physical appearance. I have frequently heard him compare to the great Darwin, with whom there is a resemblance, but with Clifford there comes the impression of an inner life. It is the face of a student, but of one who has an immortal soul; like that of a man who has looked into things and seen their eternal side.

THE BEGINNING OF HIS MINISTRY.

On closing his college course Mr. Clifford was invited to the ministry of the Church in the northwest of London, of which he continues pastor to this day. He commenced here Oct. 17, 1858. The chapel was a small, plain, not to say ugly, building in Praed St., which has been called "a sanctified saw-pit." The number of members was sixty. Four years prior to this Rev. C. H. Spurgeon had settled in an almost empty chapel in the south of London and at this time was rapidly rising in his popular career. Mr. Spurgeon and Mr. Clifford, although different in many respects, yet were kindred in holy unquenchable earnestness. Both were of the order of seraphs, blazing spirits that cease not to seek God's glory and continually cry: Holy. The theology of Mr. Clifford was in the direction of Arminianism, that of Mr. Spurgeon of Calvinism. It is recorded that on one occasion Mr. Spurgeon expressed his surprise that as Mr. Clifford had met Calvinists so frequently he had not become one himself. The reply was direct: "I see you about once a month, but I read my Bible every day, and that keeps me straight." Mr. Clifford came to a distinct understanding with his Church that he wished to pursue a course of study in connection with the London University. Examination after examination he passed until he had taken M.A. in arts, LL.B. in law, and B.Sc. in science. In 1883 he received the honorary degree of D.D. from a university in the United States.

While at Praed St. he made a singularly happy choice of Miss Carter, the daughter of a medical gentleman. They were married Jan. 14, 1862, and the union has been most blessed. The wife is precisely the lady a man like Dr. Clifford ought to have as a helpmeet. The family consists of four sons and two daughters.

EXTENDING INFLUENCE.

Soon Praed St. Chapel became too small for his gifts and the fair and noble chapel at Westbourne Park, with its appendages, was erected, and has, by

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Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes.

I frequently hear brethren discuss the question:

IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

Generally I take the hopeful side. But when I go to New Orleans and spend a few days I capitally doubt the correctness of my views. I made my annual pilgrimage to that ancient city in January to see my daughter, who is the wife of C. V. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church. As I study the situation there I become bewildered and confess that some problems are too much for me. The wickedness of most of the people and the intense worldliness of most of those claiming to be evangelical is appalling.

I strolled for miles along the river front. The ships are there from all quarters of the earth. Great armies of men surge about the wharves, engaged in all sorts of business. The saloons and forces of evil are everywhere in evidence. Time and again I saw droves of boys on the open wharves absorbed in games of craps; men were frequently present enjoying the fun and the police were standing leisurely about as if it were all right.

I believe in the power of the gospel to save men; but these people never hear the gospel. If they are ever reached, the gospel must be carried to them.

THE EVANGELISTIC FORCE MUST BE MULTIPLIED IN NEW ORLEANS.

The present force is wholly inadequate—it ought to be increased fifty-fold. The spirit animating the members of the First Baptist Church is excellent; but they are a feeble folk. They are compelled to think much of themselves and their own needs. Bro. A. E. Rimmer, pastor of the St. Charles Church, in a letter to the Religious Herald, states clearly the situation of the First Church:

The "First Church" is even more heavily handicapped. The condition could hardly be worse. The building was formerly a theatre. Outwardly unattractive, its interior is dark and dreary, its walls covered with paintings and frescoes of mythical beings, all as when first purchased, and all of which is out of harmony with the spirit of worship. To heat the structure is impossible, and attendance is at the risk of health of body by pneumonia or kindred ills. To ventilate it in summer is equally impossible, and a more uninviting place of worship can hardly be imagined. Rev. C. V. Edwards has done a magnificent work under the most adverse conditions, and the time has come when it is imperative that if the "First Church" is to continue to do good work—to say nothing of doing its best—it must be by the early erection of a modern and suitably located structure costing not less than \$40,000, so as to meet the opportunities now presenting themselves. Such a Church under Brother Edwards' leadership could be relied upon to become self-supporting in a twelve-month.

Our work is difficult, but God is faithful, and if the brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention will but furnish us with the means with which to advance we will "go forward" and make this the greatest year of Baptist endeavor our city has ever seen.

If a suitable house could be erected and the First Church people put in it,

they would soon become a mighty force. Now, they are barely living. The old theatre needs at this moment \$3,000 spent on repairs to make it safe, to say nothing of comfort. Baptist-new-comers to the city may worship there one Sunday, but they are seldom seen again. Now and then, the genial glow of Christian cordiality which greets them wins in spite of the surroundings. Some first class material has come in in the last year. The Baptists of the city are united in the opinion that the Home Board should concentrate most of its efforts to putting the First Church on its feet. The Baptists of the whole South are interested in this enterprise. We will miss a great opportunity if we do not undertake this building this year.

If the Home Board will undertake it, I believe Alabama could be safely relied on for \$2,500 of the money.

W. B. C.

WATCH THIS JAP!

For more than a year a bright Jap has been working the churches in several states. He landed in Alabama last year about this time, hailing from Baylor University, with letters from J. B. Gambrel and others claiming to be on his way to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Fushida is the name he claims. Brother J. F. Gable of Florala, writes as follows: "A few days after he left here we heard that he had gone to Opp. He gambled and drank up all his money, besides pawning his trunk. I at once wrote the mayor. He said the reports were true. He had gotten into all sorts of trouble, but his penitence had aroused his pity and he not only let him off without a fine, but helped him to get his trunk. He afterwards went to Dothan and got a good collection. He has letters from Dr. Gambrel and other prominent men in Texas." All the papers in the South should warn the pastors and churches of this fellow.

W. B. Crumpton.

From Dr. Montague.

A beloved brother recently wrote me, in reply to an appeal for help along the line of the Christian education fund, recommended by the Convention, and for aid in finishing the payment on our Renfroe Hall these words: "Only a few years ago it was announced that Howard College was out of debt and there was rejoicing in all the land. I am sorry to hear that it is again in such pressing need of funds." Now, permit me, I beg, to say a few words in reply to the statement and regret of my esteemed brother.

An experience of thirty-one years as student, teacher, and executive in colleges has taught me, among other things, two lessons: First, no college, I mean no real college (not a fifth rate high school called "a college"), without endowment can make income meet expenses. Certainly no college with which I have ever been acquainted has done so. Students' fees cannot pay professors and general expenses; and the charge for board is just about the sum required to feed the students and purchase coal. Hence the necessity for the fund recommended by the State Convention, until we secure endowment.

Secondly, a college must have buildings. A State institution—and I say this without a spark of ill feeling—re-

quires a new hall; the Legislature appropriates the sum necessary for its construction; and there is no debt.

A denominational college finds it necessary to erect a dormitory, let us say. It cannot obtain, and it could not accept, if offered, State aid. Who must pay for it? The denomination whose property and servant it is. Of course, if the people to whom alone the college can look for support are either half-hearted, cold, and indifferent, or too poor to give, then the college must languish and at last die. Again, if some upon whom the college authorities would seem to have a Christian right to call cannot or will not give—and this experience has been ours in regard to paying for Renfroe Hall, the managers of the institution must of necessity appeal to others, who can and who will give.

Now, the Baptists of Alabama are not half-hearted, cold, or indifferent, on the one hand, nor are they, on the other hand, in danger of the poor house.

It is my intention, as long as by the will of God I remain a servant of the great Baptist brotherhood of our State, to place before our people precisely the condition of our college, and to ask them, affectionately, yet persistently, for help, when help is needed.

That I may begin at once to redeem this promise, let me say that in several very important matters our college is prospering, and finely too: in the number of students, in the character of the professors' work, and in the admirable conduct and high spirit of the student body.

In several particulars the condition is far less favorable: first, some friends, and among them many Baptists, have not yet, though urged and entreated, paid their subscriptions to the Dormitory fund. Secondly, hundreds of pastors have not replied to letters which I wrote them in November, 1903; and hundreds of churches—some of which we thought would respond among the first—have not sent one cent. I write this in no spirit of censure (for whom I, to censure my brethren?), but to give facts.

If the brethren will give the \$6,000 recommended by the Convention, there will be no further appeal for this kind of aid until next fall; and we shall be able next May to arrange for expansion, demanded by our growing number.

If the Baptist Sunday schools of Alabama will average \$5 apiece, we can pay the residue of the Dormitory debt, and we shall never talk about that again. I am glad to announce that the Sunday schools are beginning to respond, giving from \$5 to \$25 each. If the Baptist Young People's Unions of our State would redeem a promise solemnly made in Convention assembled—, but that is a sad story into which I have not the heart to go!

Then, after we complete the payment on the Dormitory, Renfroe Hall (and how would it do, if every pastor in the State should send one dollar, to hasten this settlement?), our trustees will inaugurate the canvass for a great endowment, a large and magnificent sum; and then, God willing, with life spared and health good, it is my hope to travel by day and by night, on cars, in buggies, in ox-carts, if necessary, from the Tennessee line to Florida and the Gulf, from the Georgia border to the Mississippi confines and to ask every Baptist, rich and poor, young, middle-

aged, and all, to give, to give, to give, until we get the great sum.

Brethren, if we work together, if we pray night and day for Howard College, if we remember the blessed lives spent in the service of our college, if we labor and sacrifice, as in every great enterprise we must labor and sacrifice, then "there's a great day coming" for the institution which must educate the Baptist boys of Alabama, if the Baptists of the State are to lead the army of Christian workers.

Feb. 10, 1904. A. P. Montague.

How to Enjoy Breakfast.

"Just a roll and coffee, is all I ever eat for breakfast." How often you hear this statement, especially among women. Some men talk the same way. What's the trouble? Breakfast should be one of the best meals of the day. It is needed to get up steam for the body and nerves for the daily toil. When a person doesn't enjoy breakfast there's something wrong with the stomach. In the majority of cases it is tired out and weak in the morning from working overtime trying to digest things which should never have been put into it and in fighting to get rid of poisonous, catarrhal waste matter. While this rough and tumble goes on in the stomach, the brain is made unnaturally active by weird dreams, some of them frightful in nature. Result—mental and physical exhaustion in the morning.

The stomach of a healthy person rests at night, so does his brain. If your appetite is bad, if you are restless at night, if you have bad dreams, if you are distressed after eating, if your breath is bad in the morning, if you are troubled with catarrh, if you are bilious, if you are constipated, if your kidneys do not act properly and if you are generally run down, you need Vernal Palmettona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine). Only one dose a day is required. Take it on going to bed. You will have perfect rest at night, a good appetite for breakfast and enjoy all your other meals. You can get it at all drug stores. If you want a free sample bottle, to try before you buy, send us your name and address. It will be sent promptly, postpaid. Vernal Remedy Co., 548 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Old Bottle.

Get me out the bottle, wife,
It is our time to take
The nightly drink of the Ore of Life.
The Brew of God's own Make,
That keeps our blood in action still,
Even though our bones are old,
That helps us carry out God's will,
Though the ashes of life grows cold.

You and I know what it be,
Though some there are who mock,
We know what it's done for you and me.
This Ore, this Earth-born rock,
That lifted you up from a siege like death
When the night all around was black,
That carried me through like an Angel's
breath
When my hold on life seemed slack.

'Twas full five years ago, wife,
That time of trouble and pain,
When we thought no power could win the
strife
Nor life in our bodies retain,
But came a rift in the clouds, wife,
When Vitae-Ore to us was brought,
Hope in our bosoms again was rife,
To win the struggle bravely fought.

You and I know how we did win,
How drink after drink we took,
And with each draught gave thanks to Him
As the pangs of disease us forsook,
And since that time with each Moon-rise
We've taken the nightly dose,
A Homage to it and the All-wise,
And so we shall till we close.

A full-sized One Dollar package of Vitae-Ore—the Ore of Life—will be sent on thirty days' trial to every reader of this paper who requests it. Read the offer made in this issue by the proprietors, the Theo. Noel Company of Chicago.

Woman's Missionary Union and the Baltimore Fire.

Anxious thoughts from thousands of loving hearts have been turned toward Baltimore, the headquarters of Woman's Missionary Union. As the news of the great calamity has spread, and the appalling magnitude of the destruction has been realized afar and near, letters of eager inquiry are coming: "Are the Missionary Rooms safe?" "Are you personally affected?" We are most grateful to be able to answer that no harm has come to the Mission Rooms, as they stand. Of the influence on their work we will speak later.

The fire started on Saturday at 10 a. m., in the heart of the wholesale dry goods district, a gasoline tank making destruction swift and sure. Almost from the first, the fury of the flames made resistance seem useless. While we have an efficient fire department, Washington, D. C. was called on for assistance and, in thirty-five minutes, responded with aid. Philadelphia and other cities followed; but all to no purpose. Dynamite was used ahead of the flames, but great chunks of fire were hurled through the air, carried by the high wind which prevailed to a greater or less extent, for the thirty hours duration of the fire, making all human effort unavailing. The entire wholesale business, and part of the retail sections of the city have been eaten out. Nearly all the bank and trust companies have been reduced to ashes. The wharves are blackened ruins. Fortunately the city hall, post office and court house have been saved. All estimates of loss are unreliable, varying from \$100,000,000 to twice that figure. Then there is the stagnation of business!

In the midst of this terrible calamity, which has brought sorrow and suffering to all classes, we who represent the work of Southern Baptist women, have, at times, stood appalled at the thought of what might be the influence upon results of W. M. U. effort this year. So great has been the destruction and so sudden the changes, that the mind suggests and seeks no other explanation than is found in the words of Scripture: "Be still and know that I am God." Recognizing His mighty power behind it all and laying hold of that precious assurance: "All things work together for good to them that love God," we have sought to grasp the conditions of our work in every direction and have asked: "Lord, what wilt Thou have us do just at this time?" The answer seems to have come in the thought that an appeal must be made to the Baptist women of the South, from the officers of the State Central Committees to the humblest worker in the most obscure society, to come to the relief of W. M. U., and to the help of the Lord, by doing all they can.

Only three months remain of the Conventional Year, a year when W. M. U. was asked to raise \$90,000—for Foreign Missions, \$50,000, for Home Missions, \$40,000. Three months that in the planning of the year's work, were to be largely devoted to Home Missions, that include the "Week of Special Effort for Home Missions," March 20-26, and in which it was also hoped that \$20,000 would be raised for the "Tichenor Memorial" to the Church Building Loan Fund.

At the time of writing, it is impossible to say when we shall be able to

supply State Central Committees with the special literature for use during the third week in March, or when the leaflets for the Tichenor Memorial can be furnished. All this material has been prepared and given into the hands of the printers. Samples were received and sent to Central Committees. Some of the literature has been delivered at the Mission Rooms, but this is a comparatively small quantity. While the Baltimore printers have already shown great enterprise, a definite promise cannot be made regarding the remainder. The envelopes were printed in a Northern factory and, owing to the burning of the wharves, there may be some difficulty in their delivery. But, supposing all W. M. U. material should be received at the Mission Rooms in the near future, there is the greatest uncertainty regarding packing, time of delivery at express office, etc. The one fact we know is that the best will be done under the circumstances to furnish the literature to societies. The great desire of our hearts is that the cause of missions should not suffer.

Southern Baptist women, in the past, have proved themselves loyal in emergencies. Therefore, with faith in them, the request is made that they will "Go Forward," whether the literature be received or not; meetings for prayer to be held daily during the suggested week in March, or as often as possible; and liberal offerings made for Home Missions. "In Union is Strength"—let us give ourselves heartily to this work, relying on our divine Co-laborer, who, in such an unexpected manner, has increased the burden of personal responsibility.

Annie W. Armstrong,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

A New Hymn Book.

The Sunday School Board at Nashville has been urged from many quarters and at various times to prepare a new hymn book for general use among our Baptist Churches. They have at last undertaken the work with Dr. Lansing Burrows as editor. He is fitted peculiarly to do the work. Last week a number of brethren were invited to Nashville to examine the rough draft of the work that Dr. Burrows had prepared. The brethren were Dr. Hatcher, Dr. Truett, Dr. Brown of Missouri, Dr. Dargan, Dr. Landrum, and your humble scribe. The first two brethren were not able to get there and Dr. John F. Purser was asked to act for them. The meeting lasted three days, and was held in the splendid quarters of the Sunday School Board which was purchased several months ago. Dr. Burrows had done his work remarkably well. His wide experience proved of vast value. He has heard Baptists North and South sing and is familiar with the old hymns as well as the new. The commission took the work in hand and went over it with great concern. Some hymns were cut out and others put in. A due proportion was sought to be maintained between the old and the new. Our fathers will find the great old hymns and tunes there, and the young people will find the best of the new there also.

It was a great joy to spend the days in such company and work. An expert pianist was with us all the time and a gifted singer for a part of the time. In that way we were able to test the tunes and decide upon their relative value. The sentiment of the hymns

was carefully passed upon also. In some places faulty phraseology was changed and made to conform to the rhythm of the meter as well as to the teaching of the Bible. The main fact ever uppermost in the mind of the commission was to select such hymns and tunes as would help to the worship of God. The marriage of sentiment and melody in such ways as to become fit vehicles for the soul to express its feelings and aspirations. The book ought to be widely used.

The Sunday School Board is now located in most beautiful quarters. The great Baptist hosts who will go to the Convention in May will feel proud of it. In a splendid home entirely paid for. The Sunday school work is now in great shape. Frost, Van Ness, Spillman, Leavell and Inlow. What will not the years tell from such forces! We were sorry to leave Dr. Frost in bed and unable to be with us the last day. The Lord be with him and his mighty work. Brothers Burrows, Van Ness, Ray, Swope, Golden, Loftin and others were very kind in their attentions. The commission left Nashville proud of our work there and of the men who have it in hand.

A. C. Davidson.

Birmingham Notes

Rev. A. F. Loftin was at his post at Pleasant Ridge and had Brother Bailey to preach. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are very good. He is planning for greater undertakings there.

Rev. E. Lee Smith at Park Avenue had his Sunbeams to meet at 9 a. m. seventy-four strong. A good Sunday school followed at 10 a. m. He preached morning and evening to good attentive congregations, and received one by letter.

Dr. A. C. Davidson's morning theme was "The Cry and Prayer of a Godly Man," Jer. x, 23, 24, and at night, "The Real Life," Gal. ii, 20. Three received by letter. The Home Department in Sunday school is doing well, having eighty-six enrolled.

Dr. J. M. Shelburne had a good day at East Lake, both services being up to the mark. His morning subject, "The Cause of the Week," Rom. xv, 1, and at night, "The Righteous Man," Psa. xcii, 12-14, which was a sermon to young people and much appreciated.

Rev. Walter S. Brown filled his pulpit at both hours at Fountain Heights. In the morning he spoke on "The Requirements for Successful Soul Winning," and in the evening on "Salvation," Acts ii, 37, 38. Services well attended and good. Three received by letter.

Dr. W. M. Blackwelder read a fine paper at the Ministers' Conference this week, being a biographical sketch of Dr. Alexander MacLaren of Manchester. It was carefully prepared, thoughtful and scholarly analytical of his life and character. It was much enjoyed and discussed by many.

Rev. Percy C. Barkley filled his regular appointment at Jonesboro and was met by a full house. The Sunday school grows steadily. In the after-

noon he preached at the Bessemer Pipe Shops and organized a Sunday school with fifty present. His Brighton Church is behind this move.

Rev. H. W. Provence of Ensley, reports an excellent Sunday school and a very gracious morning service. The rain had its effect upon the attendance at the evening service. "Helping Others" was the morning subject, text, Mark ii, 3, and the evening subject, "What if Christ Should Come into my Church," Luke iv, 18.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson had a good turnout of the members of the Church at the First Church at the morning hour and talked on the Church covenant. The service was spoken of as fine and very helpful. It was followed by the Lord's Supper. The evening theme was "Why Baptists do not Observe Lent." Four received by letter and one for baptism.

Rev. W. M. Blackwelder had Dr. J. L. Thompson with him at both hours Sunday. Dr. Thompson's sermons were well received and enjoyed by all and were very helpful. He has resigned from Bessemer and leaves for a season of rest at his old home. We all part with Brother Thompson very reluctantly from this district. He is a rare man, strong every way, and to know him is to love him.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara reports a great service in the morning at Wylam. "A Plea for Foreign Missions" was his morning subject. At 3 p. m., assisted by Dr. A. C. Davidson and Rev. C. W. O'Hara, Bros. G. W. Futrell and J. F. Thomas were ordained as deacons. The Sunday school reached high water mark for the winter. Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson will lecture for the benefit of the Church Wednesday night at 7:30. They hope to have a crowded house.

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Brewersville, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.	3 50
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York, W. M. S., Orphanage.	11 05
Eufaw, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.	1 25
Eufaw, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	3 00
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Birmingham, 1st Ch.	
W. B. U., Miss Hartwell	\$ 14 30
W. B. U., Xmas Offering	10 70
W. B. U., Home Miss. Box.	99 00
W. B. U., Church Aid	51 20
South Side, L. A. S., Miss Hartwell.	20 00
South Side, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	16 00
South Side, L. A. S., Home Miss. Box.	135 00
South Side, L. A. S., Industrial School.	6 00
South Side, L. A. S., Hillman Hospital.	175 00
South Side, Sunday school, Xmas Offering	22 10
South Side, Infant Class, For. Miss.	15 00
Avondale, L. A. S., Miss Hartwell.	12 50
Avondale, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	5 20
Avondale, L. A. S., Orphanage.	24 50
Avondale, L. A. S., Church Aid.	10 50
Avondale, L. A. S., Hillman Hospital.	3 10
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Fountain Heights, L. A. S., Hillman Hos.	24 00
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Wylam, L. A. S., Home Miss.	3 60
Wylam, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	3 25
Wylam, L. A. S., Orphanage.	5 00
Wylam, L. A. S., Home Miss. Box.	31 00
Elyton, L. A. S., Church Aid.	25 00
Elyton, L. A. S., Howard College.	60
Elyton, Sunbeams, Miss Kelly.	1 60
Elyton, Sunbeams, Home Miss.	1 50
Elyton, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering.	2 00
Elyton, Sunbeams, Church Aid.	12 00
Elyton, Sunbeams, Orphanage.	90
Elyton, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	2 00
East Birmingham, L. A. S., Xmas Offering	1 00
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East Birmingham, L. A. S., Church Aid.	\$ 27 00
East Birmingham, Sunbeams, Xmas Off'ng	1 25
North Birmingham, Y. M. S., Xmas Off'ng	1 00
N. Birmingham, W. M. S., For. Miss.	1 60
N. Birmingham, W. M. S., Home Miss.	1 60
N. Birmingham, W. M. S., State Miss.	1 60
N. Birmingham, W. M. S., Church Aid.	17 20
N. Birmingham, W. M. S., Charity.	1 90
New Bethel, W. M. S., For. Miss.	3 45
New Bethel, W. M. S., Church Aid.	7 30
New Bethel, W. M. S., Orphanage.	12 45
New Prospect, W. M. S., Miss Hartwell.	5 00
New Prospect, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	2 60
New Prospect, W. M. S., Church Aid.	30 00
East Lake, L. A. S., Xmas Offering	22 75
East Lake, L. A. S., Home Miss.	16 00
East Lake, L. A. S., Howard College.	10 00
East Lake, L. A. S., Hillman Hospital.	68 00
East Lake, Pastor's Aid, For. Miss.	3 15
East Lake, Pastor's Aid, Home Miss. Box.	159 30
East Lake, Pastor's Aid, Church Aid.	18 00
East Lake, Pastor's Aid, Howard College.	13 75
East Lake, Pastor's Aid, Orphanage.	14 85
East Lake, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering.	4 50
East Lake, Sunbeams, For. Miss.	12 30
East Lake, Sunbeams, Orphanage.	5 00
East Lake, Mrs. A. D. Smith's Sunday School Class, Howard College.	40 00
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Miss Hartwell.	15 00
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	6 85
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Home Miss. Box.	56 76
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Charity.	1 25
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Church Aid.	25 40
Woodlawn, L. A. S., Orphanage.	18 75
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Greenville, W. M. S., Min. Ed.	9 10
Greenville, W. M. S., State Miss.	1 00
Greenville, W. M. S., Orphanage.	16 40
Greenville, W. M. S., Church Aid.	62 95
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Andalusia, L. A. & M. S., Home Miss.	3 25
Andalusia, L. A. & M. S., Orphanage.	19 80
Andalusia, L. A. & M. S., Church Aid.	6 00
Red Level, L. A. & M. S., Miss Kelly.	2 10
Red Level, L. A. & M. S., Xmas Offering	1 50
Red Level, L. A. & M. S., Church Aid.	1 00
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Sheffield, W. M. S., Home Miss. Box.	18 00
Sheffield, W. M. S., Home Miss.	75
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Midway, W. M. S., State Miss.	5 00
Midway, W. M. S., Church Aid.	12 75
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Parker Miss. Jewels, Orphanage	22 00
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Jacksonville, L. W. C., Orphanage.	10 75
Jacksonville, L. W. C., Xmas Offering.	3 00
Jacksonville, L. W. C., State Miss.	5 00
Jacksonville, Y. L. S., State Miss.	5 00
Jacksonville, Y. L. S., Home Miss. Box.	57 00
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Cusseta, W. M. S., Home Miss.	4 00
Cusseta, W. M. S., State Miss.	5 00
Cusseta, W. M. S., Church Aid.	11 25
Cusseta, Sunday S., Xmas Offering.	2 18
Lafayette, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	11 05
Lafayette, W. M. S., Home Miss.	4 50
Lafayette, W. M. S., Orphanage.	17 37
Lafayette, W. M. S., Church Aid.	9 00
Dadeville, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	11 89
Dadeville, W. M. S., State Miss.	2 80
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	\$ 99 85

EUFALA ASSOCIATION.

Clayton, W. M. S., State Miss.	\$ 4 15
Clayton, W. M. S., Home Miss.	2 00
Clayton, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering.	3 00
Prospect, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	3 00
Prospect, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering.	2 25
Louisville, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	2 00
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	\$ 16 40

ETOWAH ASSOCIATION.

Gadsden, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.	\$ 15 50
Gadsden, W. M. S., State Miss.	9 00
Gadsden, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.	5 00
Gadsden, W. M. S., For. Miss.	12 00
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	\$ 41 50

FLORENCE ASSOCIATION.

Florence, L. A. & M. S., For. Miss.	\$ 5 15
Florence, L. A. & M. S., Home Miss.	5 15
Florence, L. A. & M. S., State Miss.	5 15
Florence, L. A. & M. S., Church Aid.	26 15
East Florence, L. A. S., Church Aid.	16 00
East Florence, L. A. S., For. Miss.	45
East Florence, L. A. S., State Miss.	45
East Florence, L. A. S., Home Miss.	45
East Florence, Sunbeams, State Miss.	50
East Florence, Sunbeams, Home Miss.	50
East Florence, Sunbeams, For. Miss.	1 50
Waterloo, L. A. & M. S., For. Miss.	2 50
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	\$ 63 95

HARRIS ASSOCIATION.

Oswichee, W. M. S., State Miss.	\$ 9 00
Oswichee, Sunbeams, State Miss.	3 38
Oswichee, Baby Band, Home Miss.	6 00
Oswichee, Baby Band, For. Miss.	6 00
Crawford, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.	2 00
Hurtsboro, W. M. S., Orphanage.	12 50
Hurtsboro, W. M. S., Church Aid.	8 75
Phoenix City, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.	2 50
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	\$ 50 13

HAW RIDGE ASSOCIATION.

Enterprise, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.	\$ 2 00
Enterprise, L. A. S., Orphanage	13 75

Enterprise, Sunbeams, Orphanage	1 75
Enterprise, Sunbeams, For. Miss	4 00
Enterprise, Sunbeams, Home Miss.....	2 00
Enterprise, Sunbeams, State Miss.....	1 50
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	\$ 25 00

NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Cordova, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering	\$ 1 50
Cordova, Sunbeams, For. Miss.....	1 00
Gamble Mines, Sunbeams, Miss Kelly....	6 00
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	\$ 8 50

MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION.

First Ch., W. M. S., For. Miss.....	13 50
First Ch., W. M. S., Home Miss.....	7 50
First Ch., W. M. S., State Miss.....	2 50
First Ch., W. M. S., Church Aid.....	27 50
First Ch., W. M. S., Orphanage.....	20 00
Town Creek, W. M. S., Min. Ed.....	5 00
Town Creek, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	5 00
Moulton, Sunbeams, State Miss.....	2 50
Hartwell, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	5 20
Progress, W. M. S., For. Miss.....	3 00
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	\$ 232 49

MOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Mobile, St. F. St., W. M. S., State Miss...	\$ 35 35
Mobile, St. F. St., W. M. S., Home Miss..	35 25
Mobile, St. F. St., W. M. S., For. Miss....	35 25
Mobile, St. F. St., Y. M. S., Xmas Offering	15 55
Mobile, St. F. St., W. M. S., Home M. B..	300 00
Mobile, St. F. St., Sunday S., Xmas Offer	26 56
Mobile, St. F. St., Sunbeams, Orphanage..	67 00
Palmetto St., W. M. S., Min Ed.....	400 00
New Decatur—	
Central Ch., W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	\$ 6 00
Central Ch., W. M. S., Church Aid.....	134 70
Palmetto St., W. M. S., Church Aid.....	25 00
Vinegar Bend, L. A. S., Church Aid.....	157 00
Whistler, L. A. S., Xmas Offering.....	3 30
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	\$ 799 96

NEWTON ASSOCIATION.

Ozark, W. M. S., State Miss.....	\$ 2 50
Ozark, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	14 60
Ozark, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	3 75
Pinckard, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	5 00
Newton, W. M. S., Foreign Miss.....	1 00
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	\$ 26 85

NORTH LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Huntsville, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	\$ 10 00
Huntsville, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	6 50
Huntsville, W. M. S., Home Miss. Box..	85 00
Huntsville, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	17 20
Huntsville, Dallas Ave., W. M. S., Miss K	2 00
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	\$ 120 70

MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION.

Montgomery—	
First Ch., W. M. S., For. Miss.....	\$ 3 00
First Ch., W. M. S., State Miss.....	20 23
First Ch., W. M. S., Hakka Home.....	25 00
First Ch., Y. W. M. S., State Miss.....	25 00
First Ch., L. A. S., Church Aid.....	50 90
Clayton St., W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	14 56
Clayton St., W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	5 00
Clayton St., W. M. S., State Miss.....	3 25
Clayton St., W. M. S., Home Miss. Box..	53 30
South Side, W. M. S., Home Miss.....	6 58
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	\$ 601 15

South Side, W. M. S., State Miss.....	6 80
South Side, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	24 05
South Side, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	115 25
West End, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	31 00
Adam St., W. M. S., For. Miss.....	1 00
Adam St., W. M. S., Hakka Home.....	2 00
Adam St., W. M. S., Home Miss.....	10 00
Adam St., W. M. S., Church Aid.....	10 00
Prattville, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	15 00
Prattville, L. A. S., Church Aid.....	127 25
Ft. Deposit, W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	18 00
Ft. Deposit, W. M. S., Home Miss.....	4 75
Ft. Deposit, W. M. S., Home Miss Box..	60 00
Ft. Deposit, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering....	10 00
Lowndesboro, L. A. S., Miss Kelly.....	5 00
Lowndesboro, L. A. S., Orphanage.....	5 00
Fitzpatrick, Sunbeams, Miss Kelly.....	3 25
Wetumpka, L. A. S., Home Miss.....	2 50
Wetumpka, L. A. S., For. Miss.....	2 50
Deatsville, W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	2 00
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	\$ 663 13

PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

Furman, L. A. S., State Miss.....	\$ 5 00
Furman, L. A. S., Church Aid.....	32 40
Furman, L. A. S., Orphanage.....	18 90
Pine Apple, Sunbeams, Church Aid.....	10 00
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	\$ 66 30

SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Thomasville, W. M. S., For. Miss.....	\$ 2 00
Thomasville, W. M. S., Home Miss.....	2 00
Thomasville, W. M. S., State Miss.....	2 00
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	\$ 6 00

SHELBY ASSOCIATION.

Montevallo, W. M. S., Home Miss.....	\$ 5 00
Montevallo, W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	3 50
Montevallo, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	15 10
Montevallo, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	2 00
Columbiana, W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	2 65
Columbiana, Sunbeams, Church Aid.....	5 00
Columbiana, Sunbeams, Orphanage.....	23 00
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	\$ 61 25

SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Selma, First Ch.—	
W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	\$ 25 00
W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	10 00
W. M. S., Tichenor M. Fund.....	25 00
W. M. S., State Miss.....	25 00
L. A. S., Howard College.....	30 00
L. A. S., Orphanage.....	75 00
L. A. S., Church Aid.....	20 00
Sunbeams, For. Miss.....	100 00
Sunbeams, Howard College.....	25 00
Sunbeams, Orphanage.....	50 00
Second Ch., W. M. S., Miss Kelly.....	7 50
Second Ch., W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	6 00
Second Ch., W. M. S., Hakka Home.....	3 50
Second Ch., W. M. S., Home Miss. Box..	57 50
Second Ch., W. M. S., Orphanage.....	8 00
Second Ch., W. M. S., Church Aid.....	107 60
Second Ch., Sunbeams, For. Miss.....	3 00
Orrville, W. M. S., Ch. B. & L. Fund....	10 00
Orrville, Sunbeams, Hakka Home.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill, Willing Workers, Home M	1 55
Pleasant Hill, Willing Workers, For. Miss	2 50
Town Creek, W. M. S., Xmas Offering....	4 00
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	\$ 601 15

TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Scottsboro, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	\$ 14 20
Scottsboro, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	26 50
Hollywood, W. M. S., Min. Ed.....	5 00
Hollywood, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	2 00
Fackler, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	9 00
Fackler, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	5 00
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	\$ 61 40

TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

Tuskegee, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	\$ 19 45
Tuskegee, W. M. S., State Miss.....	8 60
Tuskegee, L. A. S., Church Aid.....	32 70
Tuskegee, L. A. S., Orphanage.....	30 00
Tuskegee, Willing Workers, Orphanage..	14 00
Tuskegee, Sunbeams, Orphanage.....	15 00
Opelika, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	404 25
Opelika, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	3 75
Society Hill, W. M. S., For. Miss.....	3 34
Auburn, W. M. S., Home Miss. Box.....	30 00
Auburn, W. M. S., Orphanage.....	50
Auburn, W. M. S., Church Aid.....	1 00
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	\$ 108 59

TUSCALOOSA ASSOCIATION.

Tuscaloosa, W. M. S., Home Miss. Box..	\$ 40 70
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	\$ 40 00

YELLOW CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Sulligent, W. M. S., Xmas Offering.....	\$ 6 00
Sulligent, Sunbeams, Xmas Offering.....	2 50
Sulligent, Sunbeams, Home Miss.....	2 00
Sulligent, Sunbeams, Miss Kelly.....	2 00
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	\$ 12 50

ASSOCIATION UNKNOWN.

Luverne, W. M. S., State Miss.....	\$ 10 50
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	\$ 10 50
Total amount	\$6714 43

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY LADIES SOCIETIES.

Foreign Missions	\$1321 06
Home Mission Box	1844 57
Home Missions	148 95
State Missions	243 68
Orphanage	569 57
Ministerial Education	132 15
Howard College	53 75
Charity	3 15
Industrial Schools	6 00
Hillman Hospital	280 10
Church B. and L. Fund	10 90
Church Aid	1505 25
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Total by Ladies Societies	\$6117 01

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY SUNBEAM BANDS.

Foreign Missions	\$ 250 53
Home Missions	20 25
State Missions	18 38
Orphanage	192 70
Howard College	65 60
Sunday School Board	2 50
Church Aid	46 50
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Total by Sunbeams	\$ 596 52

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow,
Treasurer. Cen. Com.

Birmingham, Jan. 1, 1904.

From Texas.

Abilene (like Texas in general) is a Baptist town; it is a great town for churches, but the Baptists are greatly in the majority, claiming 800 members. There is a real good church building and splendid attendance. Pastor in charge, L. R. Scarbrough. He is a humble, consecrated man, we think, and doing a great work.

We have only been in Texas little over two years; don't feel settled, keep hoping that we will, after a while, have the pleasure of going back to our

own Alabama. We came West in quest of health for my husband; while he is so much better than when we came, he is far from well.

The Baptist College, located at this place, is nice property. It was built and given to the denominations by Dr. Simmons of New York. Dr. Cooper of Baylor University, is president now. I think they have a very able faculty and have 200 students.

Alabama is very dear to us both and gives us great pleasure to have our home paper, more especially, when we

see notices of the great work that is being done there by pastors we know and love. God bless the Alabama Baptist and its cause.

Mrs. P. H. Hammock.

Honor Roll

Of Howard College. Six Weeks Ending Jan. 26, 1904.

- Akins, J. H., Berry, W. A., Beeson, J. J., Burns, P. P., Crossland, C. C., Crumpton, R. C., Day, E., Dickson, J. D., Doss, S. H., Folmer, J. B., Glover, N., Gross, A. J., Haggard, E. M., Huey,

- T. E., Jester, J. N., Jones, S. T., Moore, W. A., Montague, H. C., McCord, C., McKee, J. T., O'Hara, W. T., Oakley, K. L., Preston, T. J., Parker, F. L., Rauschenberg, F. P., Reeves, L. T., Sams, J. H., Shapiro, Ike, Smith, A. L., Smith, T. M., Summer, H., Wade, Jr., J. T. S. Wood, R. H. Wood, W. O.

Highest average made by Doss S. H., 98 3-4; second highest, Burns, P. P., 97 5-8.
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Historical Collection.

Believing that Baptists ought to take more pride in the history of their denomination and in gathering and preserving our records, we thought it might be well to let them know what was being done, for some of the members of the Baptist denomination may not be aware of the existence in America of a very large and valuable collection of Baptist literature, which is accessible to all who may desire to consult it.

It is the purpose of this sketch to inform our readers concerning the Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection, which is permanently located in the fire-proof Library Building of Colgate University, Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y.

Some years ago the late Samuel Colgate of Orange, New Jersey, found it impossible to obtain certain information concerning one of the Baptist Societies. This experience led him to see the necessity for collecting material bearing upon Baptist History, that in the future there might be some center from which facts relating to the denomination might always be obtained. The result of his labors for many years, is found in this collection, which is the largest of Baptist historical material in this country, if not in the world. It contains at the present time 3,500 bound volumes, as well as about 75,000 unbound pamphlets and reports. It is rich in histories and memoirs of distinguished men of the denomination. In reports of conventions, associations, societies and records of missionary work, English and American, from the time of William Carey, it far surpasses all other collections. In fact it constitutes a Library in itself. No expense has been spared in thoroughly cataloguing the material collected, by the use of the well known Dewey system, so that the vast amount of information contained in its volumes may be availed of in the shortest possible time.

The maintenance of this collection, to say nothing of its original cost, is considerable each year, but by a wise provision in the will of the late Samuel Colgate, an ample endowment has been provided for carrying on the work.

An extract from the Curator's report for the academic year 1902-1903, may be of interest as showing the growth and popularity of this collection:

"The number of volumes added this year has been 316. Of this number 98 were donated. Besides these volumes 2,788 reports and 678 magazines and papers were received."

"We have at present in the Histori-

cal Collection 3,500 volumes and perhaps 75,000 pamphlets."

"The growing tendency to consult the collection for reference and study, both at home and abroad, has largely increased during the past year."

There is no charge for consulting the collection to anyone willing to visit Hamilton for that purpose, and a secretary is constantly on hand to afford the visitor every facility. Those, however, who cannot find it convenient to make a personal search, may write the secretary, who will secure the services of some of the students of the Hamilton Theological Seminary who are familiar with this collection, and can easily obtain the information desired.

Thousands of printed reports and pamphlets are still needed to make this collection complete. Probably by far the greater number of these are now in existence, but are in the hands of persons who do not appreciate their worth to the denomination. Anyone having works bearing upon the history of any part of the Baptist Church, such as historical addresses and sketches; ordination, installation, dedication, memorial, anniversary and occasional sermons; Church manuals and old records, reports of societies, minutes of associations and conventions, college catalogues, etc., will confer a favor upon the management of this collection by communicating with the secretary at Hamilton, N. Y.

Something for the Farmer.

The National Government gives the rivers and harbors some \$30,000,000 a year.

It gives the cities great public buildings, post offices, court houses, etc.

It gives manufacturers protection by the tariff.

It pays in pensions \$140,000,000 a year.

It has loaned its credit to private individuals to build railways, and given them grants of millions of acres of land.

It has, however, done but little for the farmer and for agriculture.

The farmer is the backbone of the country; it is he who feeds the entire population, and he is no longer satisfied with poor roads.

At last it seems as if the National Government was going to do something for the farmer. A bill has been introduced in Congress called the Brownlow Bill, which appropriates \$24,000,000 as National aid for the building of roads. The farmer wants this bill to pass, and he is determined that the National Government shall do something for him, as well as for the rest of its citizens.

Tichenor Memorial Fund.

Dr. Lansing Burrows has written a very able leaflet to advocate a \$20,000 addition to the Church Building Loan Fund, in memory of Dr. Tichenor.

The Home Board has called on Woman's Missionary Union to secure this Memorial Fund; and they feel greatly encouraged in their effort by the receipt of \$1,000 through Dr. J. S. Dill, from a lady in Kentucky. The good women earnestly desire to collect this money and turn it over to the Home Board before the Convention.

The need for church buildings is urgent, and a Church Building Loan Fund is a necessity. This form of memorial would be a specially fitting tribute to Dr. Tichenor. Dr. Burrows truly says:

It would be a tribute to the mental keenness and foresight which endowed him with the genius of leadership. By means of this fund many a weak people upon our frontier or in destitute portions of our more settled regions would be encouraged to put forth effort towards a house of prayer, stimulated by the certainty of a helping hand. Money thus invested would return from one field to seek out still another struggling band. Like the blessed brooks that gleefully ripple through the glade for the refreshing of man and cattle, after a time returning through the chariots of clouds to be distilled again upon their native peaks, this memorial of the beloved Tichenor would be a perennial ministry. When the giver has gone to his rest and joined the devoted man whose name is thus perpetuated in praise to God where there is no need of temple, the benefaction will be still working out its gracious purpose, and the praise of God will be going up to join that of the redeemed from countless homes set apart for the worship of God and the uplift of humanity.

Passive Resistance.

We call special attention to an article published in this issue under the heading, "Passive Resistance." Let every Baptist read it carefully. Many of our Baptist parents send their sons and daughters to fashionable schools where they learn to look down on the Baptist Church because they think it will affect their status in society, and frequently without any change of heart unite themselves with a fashionable Church. Read the article and see how Baptists are being treated by the State Church in England and take warning. Put your children, sons and daughters at the Howard and the Judson or other Baptist schools.

The Baptist Weekly says: A passive resistance league has been formed for Central South London, with Pastor Thomas Spurgeon as president. A demonstration will be held at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. Mr. Spurgeon will preside.

The following is from the Examiner: Dear Dr. Calvert: We are grateful for your sympathy and encouragement, and for the resolutions in which you have expressed them. We know we are fighting for the same freedom of conscience that you have secured in the States, and we believe that we shall win. Romanized Anglicanism is persecuting us with all its might, but we shall not yield. We dare not. We will not.

Yours sincerely,

John Clifford,

25 Sunderland Terrace, Bayswater, W., London, Eng., Dec. 17, 1903.

Chairs Needed at the Orphanage.

Sometime ago I was at the Orphans' Home and finding out that the children had to sit on benches without backs while eating their meals, have undertaken to furnish their need, but need some help in order to do it. Any one caring to assist me in paying for the chairs can send what they care to give to Rev. A. D. Glass, Field Editor Alabama Baptist, Weaver, Ala.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. Willingham writes: \$8,945.13 is the amount of the contributions from Alabama for Foreign Missions up to date.

Rev. J. W. Stewart writes: First week in February has brought us only three gifts. I believe this is the smallest number of offerings that ever came to us for a like period of time. Don't forget the orphans.

We have just received a copy of the Self-Pronouncing Lesson Commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1904 and Helps for Baptist Young People. It is a convenient little commentary and would prove helpful to every pastor and Sunday school worker in the State.

The Ministers' Union at its last meeting appointed a committee to canvass the situation and prepare a report to be read at the next session looking to the forming of a "Committee of 100" to see that the Sunday laws and laws against gambling were enforced. The committee is as follows: Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Drs. Steele, Simpson, Stagg and Moore.

The Southern Baptist says: Dr. Hobson's Church broke the record in the South by presenting him with an automobile. Now a member of the Judson Church has made Pastor S. W. Sheffield a present of a house and lot. We shall not be surprised to hear that some pastor has received a private yacht or an orange grove. This seems no longer to be the day of small things for Florida preachers.

If the editors of the Florida papers keep on publishing abroad the liberality of the Churches in Florida to their pastors they need not wonder if an exodus of preachers from other States begins towards the Land of Flowers.

We have given considerable space to Home Missions this week and hope our readers will read carefully the articles of Drs. Foster and Gregory. Miss Annie Armstrong writes:

We have for some months been earnestly trying to aid the Foreign Board, and now the time has come for the work of the Home Board to be emphasized. Most careful plans have been made and we were in hopes that before the Convention meets in Nashville, the \$40,000 in cash contributions asked by the Home Board from the Woman's Missionary Union, would be secured. Literature had been gotten out and plan arranged for the presentation of the "Tichenor Memorial"—\$20,000. My hands are in a measure tied, and I now make an earnest appeal to you, as editor of State paper, for help in this emergency." On another page Miss Armstrong tells of the situation at Baltimore.

The Figures for Four Years.

Foreign Missions—1889-1900, \$9,008; 1900-1901, \$11,527; 1901-1902, \$14,850; 1902-1903, \$16,424; 1903-1904, amount asked, \$20,000.

Home Missions—1889-1900, \$6,566; 1900-1901, \$6,097; 1902-1903, \$7,100; 1902-1903, \$8,139; 1903-1904, amount asked, \$14,000.

Will we raise it?

W. B. C.

Rev. L. M. Bradley of First Church, Avondale, reports a good day, considering the rain. Sunday school increasing. Had Dr. A. P. Montague from Howard College, with him and gave a good collection for the college. Pastor preached at night. On the first Sunday in this month four young men were set apart to the office of deacon, assisted by Drs. Shelburne and Blackwelder.

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PICTURES—1,000 more large 50c. passe partout pictures, Mill End price.....	10c	TABLE LINEN—Bleached table damask, in beautiful designs, one of the best values in the house, Mill End Sale.....	23c	CLOTHES PIN—50 well made standard grade Clothes Pins.....	5c
SEA ISLAND—Very best quality 8c. grade Sea Island, Mill End Sale.....	6½c	LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS—Ladies' 25c. fine Embroidery and lace trimmed Handkerchiefs, Mill End Sale.....	10c	COTTON THREAD—Seven balls full size cotton thread.....	5c
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A GRATIFYING LETTER.

Dr. Montague writes: "That the McKinley Sunday school has given \$12.25 to the Dormitory Fund.

"Dr. E. E. Bomar visited Howard College Feb. 5th, and spoke strongly and finely to the students, making a most delightful impression."

A. P. Montague.

I am pleased with the continued improvement of the paper. I hope knowledge and appreciation of its helpfulness will grow rapidly and the time soon come when our people generally will read it.

I wish that every Baptist in Alabama would read the Alabama Baptist for their own sakes, for their pastor's sake, for the sake of all who are influenced by their lives, and especially for Christ's sake. I find that whatever my occupation is I cannot get along without the Baptist. So I think the farmer, the merchant, the doctor, the teacher, the preacher and especially we students need to read it weekly. When I get homesick and lonesome the paper comforts me. I don't see how any can do without it.

Rachel Estes.

Hamilton, Ala.

FROM BANKS, ALA.

I feel like the Lord has been very kind to me in respects of Loflin Church as we have peace. Not the peace that idlers have, but that which is the results of labor. We have been having prayer service twice a month when the weather would admit. We love the mission cause and if I may speak for the church I hope we will be able to do more for it this year than ever before. The brethren, sisters and friends are very kind to me, which I very highly appreciate. And I can say as much for Zebulun, except we have prayer meeting but once a month. God bless and prosper both editor and paper.

Rev. Ira E. Myers.

FROM SEALE.

As it has been some time since you heard from me I will write you from my new field, Seale, Ala. This Church and others near by gives me a good field. The people of Seale have treated us very nicely since we came, they are continually doing something nice for us.

I am delighted with my new field. I find the churches alive to the organized work, and are missionary in spirit. The Baptists of this place are building a new house of worship up in town, which is much more convenient than the old one. The way the work is going on we will soon have a new house of worship. Dr. Edens, "Uncle Jimmie" as we call him has been pastor here for sometime. But has been called to Brundige and other churches near by, which locates him there. And Bros. Lamar Jones and Henry J. Bush have also moved from this association, thereby making a great vacancy in this section. Though I think most of the churches have secured pastors. Bro. Bramean of Roanoke, preaches for Hurtsboro, Dr. Anderson of Auburn, for Pittsview, Brother Parrot of Waverley Hall, Ga., preaches for Hatchedubbee. I think Girard is yet without a pastor. I find I am the only located pastor between

Phoenix City and Union Springs. I hope I will be as successful in getting subscribers for your paper as last year. I hear the people saying good things of you and your paper since you were here. Come again. W. T. Foster.

FROM WYLAM.

I want to congratulate you on the new dress and excellent composition of the paper. It is destined to be a great factor in our denominational work.

Our work here in Wylam is progressing very encouragingly. The coming of Brother Leavell was a great benediction to us. Since we have begun a Home Department and Teachers' meeting together with other helpful additions to our school. Much interest is manifested in Sunday school, prayer meeting and Young People's work.

We are making an effort now to raise \$100 for Home and Foreign Missions by April 17th. Our aim is something from everyone and all so far are responding. It will be an easy matter to raise the amount when all help. Our prayer meeting is well attended all the time. Our Young People's Union plan in the near future is to open a library and reading room. Our Ladies' Aid Society will have the church painted in addition to contributing \$5 per month on our church debt. We also have an interesting Sunbeam Band.

At our last business meeting the church selected two additional deacons, brethren G. W. Futrell and J. F. Thomas. Both are noble men and will make efficient officers. The Wylam pastor is fortunate in having such men as Henry Evans, E. A. Harrison, G. W. Futrell and J. F. Thomas as deacons.

So Brother Editor you see we are alive to the work here. We have not forgotten the Alabama Baptist, but almost every family in the church takes it.

J. W. O'Hara.

FROM HAMILTON.

The church at Hamilton is doing excellent work. The members are active, and most every one will conduct devotional exercises. We have a good prayer meeting, and both the old and young attend and do something when they attend. The Sunday school is well attended, and the members are full of enthusiasm. The Ladies' Aid Society is well organized and is now raising money to purchase a chandelier and communion set for the church. They will have a bazar February 13th.

Our people are becoming more liberal, have already raised half the amount we were asked to raise for missions. Sunday we received a contribution for State Missions from an old gentleman who had been a member of the Hard Shell Church all his life. Our pastor, A. N. Reeves, preached an earnest, heartfelt sermon on missions, which no doubt touched the heart of our brother.

Our brother, W. M. Olive, has returned after an absence of several months, and we are more than pleased to welcome him back to our church. He is a great help in prayer meeting, Sunday school and church work, and is a power for God at all times.

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From Brother M'Rae.

Since coming to Bay Minette I have worked and prayed for a missionary for South Baldwin. Our prayers have been answered by the coming of Rev. J. D. Wilkes from Florida, to accept the work. I have just returned from a trip with him over the field. We spent one night at Silver Hill—the Swedish settlement—where we had a sweet service. Most of the people could understand me. They sang both in Swedish and English. They seemed to appreciate our coming so much. At great sacrifice they have completed a good house of worship, and though they have no pastor, and have had none for a long time, they have services each Sunday. From these people, I pray that the country around about may learn a lesson of devotion and love for God and His cause.

We got lost on our way, traveling some ten or fifteen miles without seeing a house. When in the distance I saw what I thought to be a sheet of water, but on getting closer I found it to be a lot of tents, where a lot of hands were camping, building a new town. Streets are being laid off in every direction and graded, a large hotel was being built, "Elberta." A new colony was raising up in strictly western style. I hoped to get directions from them to where I wanted to go, but found they were all Westerners and knew as little of the country as we did. We did, however, finally reach Bon Secour and found a regular preacher's home with Brother August Smith and his good wife. We stayed hereabouts for three days, fishing, hunting, eating oysters and breaking the "bread of life" at night. We dropped down to Shell Banks near by, where you will always find the most hospitable people on the globe. Bro. J. S. Lambert is pastor here. He drives sixty-five miles twice each month to serve them. He is a strong man, and has here a noble people, and the devotion between pastor and people is beautiful to behold. It gives me pleasure to commend Brother Wilkes to the brotherhood of Alabama. While a native of this State his ministerial work has been outside her borders. He is a member of the family of preachers, so well known by that name, and a young man full of the Spirit of the Master. May God richly bless his labors is my prayer.

If credit should be given to any man for the South Baldwin work, it should be Bro. A. M. Thompson of Bay Minette, whose time, team, and money has been at the command of his pastor to plant the cause in this section. Gal 7—Baptist SMTH
My own work is doing as well as could be hoped, and you will pardon me if I say that while I was away on a missionary tour my people at Bayminette "pounded" my good wife till she was overcome with joy. We value it for its intrinsic worth, but most of all for the spirit and love that prompted it. Many things are on my mind to say, but fearing the waste basket, I close.
Geo. W. McRae.

At a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society the statement was made that no known drugs are of any specific benefit in pneumonia cases, though it was said that they might help by easing the patient and exercising a moral influence over him.



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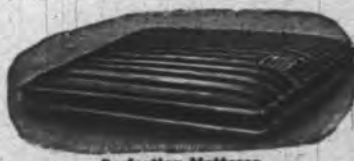
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Report of Baptist Social Committee. Notice of Application for Pardon or Parole.

This committee, consisting of J. W. Minor, J. M. Provence, F. W. Barnett, S. O. Y. Ray, J. B. Gibson, met in the Commercial Club rooms on the 11th inst., for the purpose of perfecting plans for the permanent organization of a Baptist Social Union, with a view to more intelligent co-operation and more aggressive work in this great city and district. This organization will be composed of any Baptist in good standing with his Church. This committee had also the matter of organizing the Church Extension Society of the Association. A meeting will be called in a few days of the present members of this Society for the purpose of adopting the plans suggested by this committee if they are thought to be wise. Much good is expected as a result of these two organizations and we commend them to our people.

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From Sulligent.

Our fifth Sunday meeting was not altogether a failure, notwithstanding the snow and rain. Bro. A. N. Reeves of Winfield, our Associational Missionary, was present and preached two helpful sermons at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Sunday. A collection was taken for State Missions, and while the congregations were small, still we got \$6.95.

Bro. "Bob" Clark of Hamilton, was present and gave us a plain practical and helpful talk on Saturday night. I learned that Bro. A. W. Green from near Guin, was in town, but failed to see him. J. E. Raines.

The Memorial Church of this city have a fondness for southern preachers. Their first pastor, Dr. P. S. Henson, was a Virginian; their last one, Dr. Potent, a North Carolinian. This is even noticeable in their summer pulpit supplies; Drs. Rust, Carter Helm Jones, Lynch and others of that brilliant type have discoursed to large congregations, and now the daily papers have it that their new pastor is to be a Carolinian, who is temporarily sojourning in Georgia.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. P. Cook, who was convicted of the crime of murder in the second degree at the September term of 1901, of the Criminal Court of Jefferson County on, to-wit, the 23rd day of December, 1901, and was on, to-wit, January 6th, 1902, sentenced to serve a term of 25 years in the penitentiary of the State of Alabama, will, after the publication of this notice as required by law, make application to the Governor of Alabama for pardon or parole.

J. P. COOK.

Order of Publication.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, 3039. In Chancery at Birmingham, Alabama, Fifth District, Northwestern Chancery Division of Alabama. **Jessie P. Hanson vs. Thomas R. Hanson.** In this cause it being made to appear to the Court by affidavit of Complainant that the defendant Thomas R. Hanson has concealed himself so that process of subpoena cannot be served upon him and that his residence is unknown and further that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is of the age of twenty-one years, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in the city of Birmingham, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks requiring him, the said Thomas R. Hanson to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 18th day of March, 1904, or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be taken against him. Done this 5th day of February, 1904.
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the blessing of God, continued since as the center of Dr. Clifford's ministry. It is not only a place for preaching on Sundays but a great hive of holy activities throughout the week. It is a spiritual banquet to attend a Sabbath worship there. Some few years ago I was able to be present. Throughout the morning service there was evidence that spiritual edification was the aim. The singing was earnest but not concert-like. The prayer was real. Dr. Clifford gave a running, illuminating exposition of the Bible lesson read, and the sermon was marked by spiritual insight. There was certainly an absence of meretricious display or attraction, in the afternoon there was one of those gatherings which have been much misunderstood; the proceedings were left entirely to the young men and they had invited a blatant leader of the neighborhood to address them. His attack on Scripture was of the usual kind of men of his class. I sat by Dr. Clifford's side in astonishment. A free discussion followed. Dr. Clifford did not speak. But the young men thoroughly and fairly routed the skeptic. I have seldom seen a more complete defeat. It is that full belief in freedom of speech that is one source of the strength of Dr. Clifford. The evening sermon was remarkable. He had at least a dozen large volumes on the pulpit from which he read extracts to prove his points. A prolonged learned argument was closed by such an appeal for decision for Christ as I have never heard elsewhere and which came with marvelous force from the elaborate discourse which preceded.

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It is a great benediction that the highly important and rapidly extending "passive resistance" movement has found in Dr. Clifford one of its chief leaders. It is actually a battlefield of the great campaign against the unhallowed union of Church and State in England. For years the Liberation Society has been earnestly seeking something that would awaken the Free churches to the evil. And it has come. Whenever Dr. Clifford speaks on the question he arouses an enthusiasm almost unknown of recent years. One reason is that he raises the argument to a high level. Dr. Clifford is known to be a great lover of peace and unity. Some years ago he took an active part in an endeavor to promote a nearer union with the Episcopal Church by trying to arrange an exchange of pulpits. On that question he said: "I am a little sensitive as to law breaking. When done as, and seen to be, a solemn act I believe that it is a most righteous thing and any one who engages in it must bear the penalty without grumbling." This is the attitude of thousands and of an ever increasing number at the present hour. A step has been taken from which there will be no regress. What will be the outcome remains to be seen. A calculation just published, made on the returns of the different denominations in their own handbooks at the close of the year, for England and Wales, shows that the relative strength of the Established and Evangelical Free Churches in communicants was: Established, 2,050,718; Free Churches, 2,010,530. But

the Established Churches make more of communicants than the Free. In Sunday schools the Established schools have 2,919,413 pupils and the Evangelical Free 3,389,849. So that we are not, in England, thinking of chartering a twentieth century "Mayflower" for emigration to America just yet.

Dr. Clifford is one of those men who can say burning words which leave their mark. Once he said to me, and I have never forgotten: "Whatever you enter a pulpit to preach think that you have been predestinated from eternity past to preach that sermon and that it effects will be throughout eternity to come." As I wish to leave off with something to think about I leave off here with the desire that my ministerial brethren may find as much good in this counsel as I have done.

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Brundidge.....		9 05am	10 05pm
Ozark.....		9 25am	10 25pm
Elba Junction.....		10 15am	11 15pm
Abbeville Junction.....		10 45am	11 45pm
Dothan.....		11 05am	12 05pm
Bainbridge.....		1 00pm	1 40am
Climax.....		1 15pm	2 05am
Thomasville.....		2 10pm	3 15am
Valdosta.....		4 00pm	4 45am
Waycross.....		5 30pm	6 15am
Jacksonville.....		6 00pm	6 45am
Tampa.....		8 10am	10 25pm
Fort Tampa.....		8 45am	11 05pm
Lv. Waycross.....		10 15pm	10 55am
Ar. Savannah.....		1 35am	12 50am
Ar. Charleston.....		8 45am	8 00pm
Lv. Sprague Junction.....	5 40pm	8 00am
Ar. Laverne.....	7 15pm	11 00am
Lv. Abbeville Junction.....		10 45am
Ar. Abbeville.....		12 30pm
Lv. Climax.....		2 40pm
Ar. Chattahoochee.....		4 55pm
Going West.....	40	57	-50
Lv. Elba Junction.....	10 00am		3 15pm
Ar. Enterprise.....	11 30am		4 45pm
Ar. Elba.....	12 00pm		5 00pm
Going East.....	40	50	-70
Lv. Elba.....	7 00am	12 30pm	
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Lv. Opelika.....	8 20pm	3 45pm
Ar. Atlanta.....	11 40pm	7 35pm	11 40am
Ar. Selma.....	11 30pm	10 30am
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 25pm	8 30am
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 25pm	10 55am	4 35pm
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Fraternally,
Mrs. I. A. White.

From Brother Wright.

As I have never written anything to the Baptist I will. My home has been at Lamar, Ala., for ten years until last year I was at Cambridge. I have moved to Roanoke, Ala. You will please change my paper from Cambridge, Ala., to Roanoke, Ala. I have been trying to farm and preach both for fifteen years or more, but I have decided to give my time to the ministry and risk the promise of God and the Bible. It seems that preachers are much needed. There are several Churches in this country without pastors. I have full work preaching four Sundays in the month. We have organized a Preachers' Union in our town. We meet each Wednesday. I think it will be profitable to us all. Success to the Alabama Baptist.
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VITAE-ORE will do the same for you as it has done for hundreds of readers of this paper, if you will give it a trial. **SEND FOR A 30 DAY PACKAGE AT OUR RISK**. You have nothing to lose if the medicine does not benefit you. **WE WANT NO ONE'S MONEY WHOM VITAE-ORE CANNOT BENEFIT**. Can anything be more fair? What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it, would hesitate to try **VITAE-ORE** on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure ordinary cases; two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. **WE MEAN JUST WHAT WE SAY** in this announcement, and will do just as we agree. Write today for a package at our risk and expense, giving your age and ailments, and mention this paper, so that we may know you are entitled to this liberal offer.

ENTIRELY CURED OF RHEUMATISM AT THE AGE OF 78.
Rev. John Fuchs, the Well Known Evangelical Minister, Tells of Wonderfully Quick Results.

I was afflicted with Rheumatism for many years, the attacks being especially strong during last winter. I could not sleep nights on account of the pain, which centered in my back and left leg. My nervous system was also so affected that when I shaved myself I had to support the right hand with the left one. The doctors who treated me said they could not help me, as I was 78 years old and my system, according to them, was entirely worn out. I doctored with so many kinds of medicine



that I had to visit drug store at home, but nothing helped me. I had new hopes, as summer approached, that the warm weather would bring me relief, but this hope was not gratified, as I grew no better. Then I gave up all thought of a cure, thinking that the doctors were right and that nothing could help me.

One day I read the **VITAE-ORE** advertisement in our leading Church paper, and sent for a package on trial as advertised. After five days I remitted the dollar for the treatment, as it had, in that short time, done me so much good that I was entirely willing to pay the money. After using two packages I was entirely cured of the Rheumatism, and my nervous system is now so wonderfully improved and strengthened that I can work with as much force and vigor as I could twenty or twenty-five years ago. **VITAE-ORE** has caused an entire change in my system, seeming to make a new man of me. I wanted to wait with my report until I was fully convinced that the benefit is entire and permanent, and I write at this time without the least inducement from the Theo. Noel Company, merely through appreciation toward God and the wonderful **VITAE-ORE** medicine, as well as the advertisement in our Church paper. I hope that **VITAE-ORE** will continue to be a blessing to all ailing man kind.
REV. JOHN FUCHS,
Pastor United Evang. Church, Terre Haute, Ind.

Rev. N. A. Barr Has Used It and Also Seen Its Action in Other Cases. Read what he says:

I have been troubled for a number of years with an anæmic condition of the blood and weak digestive organs. I tried different remedies that were recommended to me and received treatment from a number of eminent physicians. While I could not say that I received no help at all from



these, the benefit derived was only temporary. When I ceased taking these treatments the beneficial results immediately were lost. I could scarcely eat a full meal without experiencing a nausea and headache. I had about come to the conclusion that what cannot be cured must be endured. Through your advertisement to send a package on trial my attention was directed to **VITAE-ORE**. I sent for a package nearly three months ago. I have now commenced to use the third package, and I can truthfully say that **VITAE-ORE** has helped me more than any other remedy or medical treatment I have ever taken. I can now eat and relish a hearty meal. I have also put out among my personal friends four and a half packages of this medicine. Six different persons are using it, mostly chronic cases of long standing in Liver, Stomach, Blood and Kidney Trouble. The reports that have been received from these people are all favorable. In every instance, where the directions are followed, the writer honestly believes that **VITAE-ORE** will do all that is claimed for it, especially in Digestive, Blood and Kidney Disorders.—**N. A. BARR** Pastor West Market Street Church, Williamstown, Pa.

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