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Home News

A report just out shows that 1903 was a record-breaking year for patents. There were 50,200 applications filed and 31,700 patents issued. The patent-office took in, in fees, \$1,617,000, which left a balance of \$189,000 above the expenses.

This office, which is the only money-making bureau connected with the government, has a fund of \$5,583,000 in the treasury which it has accumulated since it was started, in 1836.

The state department has dispatched by the quickest routes Messrs. Cheshire and Davidson the newly-appointed U. S. consuls at Mukden and Antung the Manchurian ports which were opened up to the world's trade by the treaty just ratified with China.

Five of the appointees for the Isthmian Canal Commission have accepted, and two names remain to be decided upon by the President. Those who have accepted are Rear Admiral Walker, Gen. George W. Davis, Col. Frank Hecker, of Detroit; William B. Parsons, of New York, and Prof. William H. Burr, of Columbia University.

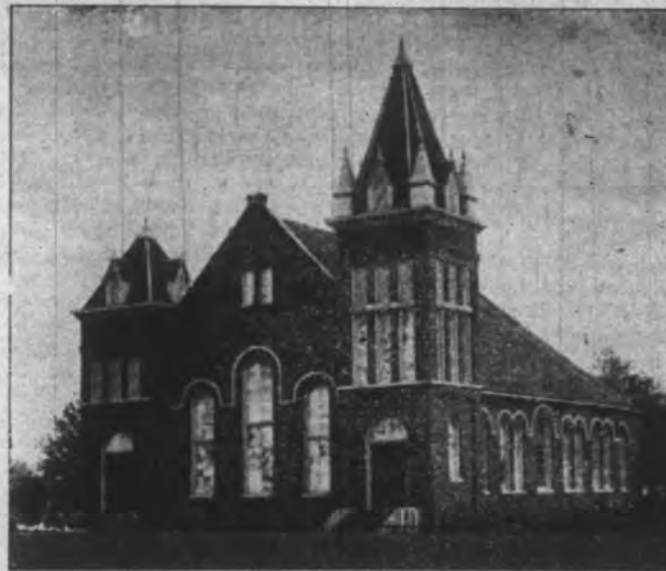
Russia withdraws from exhibition at the World's Fair at St. Louis, and will save the money for war expense. Japan has made application for increased space, and will make a larger exhibit than she intended, practically adding to her own the space of Russia.

Both Houses of Congress voted a bill appropriating an additional \$4,600,000 for the World's Fair at St. Louis, although the bill has gone back to the Senate, because of amendment. Congress is treating the St. Louis Fair very liberally.

The commerce of the countries fronting on the scene of the war in the Far East amounts to about \$600,000,000 per year, of which the United States has about one-sixth, or \$100,000,000.

The lectures on the Sunday school at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this winter were delivered by Dr. S. H. Greene, of Washington, D. C. Dr. Greene spoke from the standpoint of a pastor who is all the time doing the things he spoke about, or at least trying to do them, although he succeeds whether others fail. His lectures are said to have been unusually helpful. They will in due time be published by the Sunday School Board.

A few days ago there was an uprising of Albanians against the new reform policy which Turkey is trying to introduce, at the behest of Russia and Austria. The Turks under Shensi Pasha routed the Albanians and massacred several hundred of them, and now Shensi Pasha has been degraded for exercising such cruelty.



First Baptist Church, Abbeville, Ala.



Rev. R. H. Gilbert, Pastor First Baptist Church, Abbeville.

We take pleasure in publishing a picture of Rev. R. H. Gilbert and the First Church, Abbeville. We owe it to Brother Gilbert to explain that some time ago we wrote asking him for photographs and a short account of the Church and sufficient data about himself to enable us to rewrite an article for the paper. By mistake his letter, which was intended solely for us, was published in "Field Notes" over his signature, and while he gave a mere statement of facts about himself we

feel that it is due him that we make this explanation. He is doing a fine work, and those who know him personally, know that he is not the kind of a man who boasts either of his work or his accomplishments. We congratulate him and his loyal people for having built such a beautiful church and such a lovely little cottage for the pastor's home, and feel that with a membership of 160 under his leadership that the Church has a useful future.

Foreign News

War Minister Kuropatkin, who is going to the Far East, will be appointed Commander-in-Chief of the army operations there, and Vice Admiral Makaroff, who is now on his way east on a train which is expected to reach Port Arthur in ten days, breaking all previous records, is to be Commander-in-Chief of the navy.

The Austrian ministry of agriculture has just refused to allow 40 carloads of beef shipped to Austria from Argentina to enter the country. The reason is that there is a powerful sentiment among the agrarian or rural classes against the admission of foreign meats, to compete with local products.

The vague fear that the Japano-Russian war may entangle the nations of Europe in the long-feared general war has prompted Spain to undertake a sudden mobilization of troops. The rumor has gone out that in case of war England would seize the Balearic islands, Spain's Mediterranean possessions, the Canaries, and even strategic points on the Spanish coast, as she did Gibraltar just two centuries ago. This seems to be a "scare" pure and simple, but it illustrates the tense and touchy state of feeling that exists in Europe.

The occasion is ripe for a general war, and though the chances are greatly in favor of peace, things are likely to occur any time, in the Far East or in the Balkans, that will set the European powers fighting on 24 hours' notice. Russia, Germany and France, and very likely all the Continental countries, would side against Great Britain in case the lines had to be drawn. Germany and France are both well known to sympathize with Russia in the present war, just as England and the United States do with Japan, in spite of decrees of neutrality.

The following are some of the more prominent fires of this country:

1835—New York,	\$20,000,000
1838—New York,	10,000,000
1845—New York,	8,000,000
1845—Pittsburg,	6,000,000
1848—Albany,	3,000,000
1849—St. Louis,	5,000,000
1851—San Francisco,	7,000,000
1866—Portland, Me.,	15,000,000
1871—Chicago,	200,000,000
1872—Boston,	80,000,000
1901—Jacksonville, Fla.,	15,000,000

February 23 will be a red-letter day in the history of the Panama canal, for on that date the final vote on the ratification of the treaty with the Panama republic for the acquisition of the canal site was taken by the senate in executive session. As anticipated, the treaty was in no danger of being rejected, the vote being strongly affirmative, namely 66 to 14.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Howard College Faculty.

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"Born and bred in old Kentucky," Prof. Edward Brand has been since 1898 a member of the Howard College Faculty. His birth-place was Cynthiana; and his education was obtained in the public schools and in Smith's Classical Academy. Finally he entered the Kentucky State University, from which he graduated with the honors of his class in 1894. He obtained first the degree of A. B., and two years later that of Master of Arts. In June, 1899, he was admitted as a graduate student of mathematics to the University of Chicago, where he has spent since several vacations in the study of mathematics, physics, and astronomy. In 1901 he was elected to membership in the American Math. Society.

For one year he taught in the public schools of his native State, and for the same length of time he was principal of the Cynthiana High school. He is now Professor of Mathematics, Physics, and Astronomy in our College.

The same success that marked Prof. Brand's career as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student attends him today, but in a far broader sense and with a much wider influence. He is essentially a thinker and a student, going with accuracy and zeal to the heart of every subject which he takes in hand. In all the South there is no more careful, thorough, and successful teacher of mathematics. No superficial work can satisfy him; he requires appreciation and understanding of the subject. His ability commands the respect not only of the faculty and students, but of all who know him. Both as a specialist and a man of general culture he adds strength to Howard College.

In manner he is quiet and dignified, kindly and courteous. As a deacon in Ruhama Baptist Church, he is a conscientious, faithful worker.

Allen J. Moon, Professor of Greek and Latin in Howard College, was born near Lineville, Clay county, Alabama, and received his early training in the public schools and in Lineville College, from which he received in the spring of 1896 the bachelor's degree. In this college he taught for two-years. He entered Howard College in 1896, and received here in 1897 the degree of A. B. During the two years following he taught in Hartselle College, Morgan county, Alabama. From 1899 to 1901 he was a graduate student in the University of Va.; and during the academic year 1901 and '02, he taught Latin and Greek in Rawlings Female Institute, Charlottesville, whence he came to a professorship in Howard College.

Pupil of the man whom many—the writer among them—regard as the ablest teacher of Latin that the South ever produced, Dr. William E. Pette's of the University of Virginia, Prof. Moon has brought to his class room the methods of his incomparable instructor, with the addition, of course, of characteristics that mark every strong man. The result is that the instruction in Greek and Latin in Howard College is of the highest order,

taking rank with that in any other institution. In searching questions, in bringing out the force of syntax, in exercises, in short, in the various lines of classical philology, Prof. Moon is an expert, giving his boys the results of sound thought and earnest study.

As to himself and attainments, modest and silent; to every duty wide-awake and scrupulous in the discharge thereof; thoroughly at home in his subjects; this admirable teacher is the friend to every student and he holds the respect of all who are brought into touch with him.

G. W. Cunningham, A. M., professor of English and Philosophy in Howard College, born at Madden, Laurens county, South Carolina, entered school when three years of age, obtaining his first training in the public schools of his native county. When seventeen years of age he entered Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and at the end of four years, he won the master's degree.

While in Furman University, Prof. Cunningham led his class, obtained the medal given at the State oratorical contest, and was regarded as one of the strongest men intellectually that his famous Alma Mater has sent forth.

As a student, he was grave and thoughtful; and used every opportunity for culture. In 1902 he was elected instructor in Howard College; last May the trustees promoted him to a full professorship.

The fine record that he made as a student in college Prof. Cunningham is maintaining as a teacher. He possesses the full confidence of the faculty and the genuine respect of the student-body. Making himself master of the different subjects which he teaches, he shows his classes that he knows those things of which he speaks. Whether he has to meet a class in English or in political science or in ethics, he modestly but effectively proves that he is leading his boys along paths familiar to himself.

Prof. Cunningham so impressed his pastor and fellow members of Ruhama Church, that he was recently unanimously chosen superintendent of the Sunday school, a position in which he will, God willing, attain the same success that has marked his other work.

A. P. Montague.

From Nixon.

Our Peterman Baptists are rejoicing. Her church ceiling is finished—a big job. Her one coat of paint must be covered with another—not a good color. Her shop-made, up-to-date pulpit is in position. Her splendid chandeliers are such a credit to the good women. Her pair of large silver-mounted heaters are such a comfort. Her newly placed organ is such a help in the music. Her pastor is doubtly glad because with all this expense upon her she has almost rounded up his last year's salary, and is leading the churches of Bethlehem Association in missionary liberality.

Messrs. Holmes and Swanson, of the Holmes Lumber Company, Finchburg, in Monroe county, have just erected as their own expense a most commodious and beautiful chapel in their town and seated and furnished it beau-

tifully. What a blessing we enjoy in the new sweet-toned organ—and how queenly the gifted player, the young Sister Holmes—one of the finest musicians in the country. And Sister Holmes, her mother-in-law, is such a power in "every good word and work." How divinely does she also sing and play. What a blessed Sunday school worker among her already forty pupils. How her little folks do sing. Though a milltown congregation, yet they are refined, chaste, orderly and devout as any city congregation in the State.

How ye editor's face does smile down upon us from the walls of those homes, as it centers their calendars. Why, Brother Barnett, as I climbed upon one of those beautiful engines upon their perfectly splendid railroad whom should I greet again but that editorial, smiling face tacked upon the engine's front.

God bless them all, for they a Christian crew, Bible readers, known by their good works; one, for instance, the purchaser of a handsome \$15 pulpit Bible by the noble young men about the works. Ye scribe has just left in almost every home, boarding house and camp, with the rich and with the poor, with both white and black, God's Holy Word, and has furnished all with either the Gospel Hymns or the Baptist Hymnal.

Dear Grandma Holmes is our tract distributor in our absence. Even the children run out to greet us welcome at every visit; and more, their nickles fall in with their parents' offering at every service. God only knows how all contribute to make a tired missionary glad.

You may soon speak to this hustling, little town, near the banks of the Alabama, when their present telephone system is connected with the long-distance system. With "no drinking nor gaming about these works" as their motto, you may expect great things of this company—their future is so bright. Yes, you may look out here for another Smith and Marbury firm as to Christian liberality. They are noble broad-gauge Methodists, I must say, but the mother and mother-in-law of the firm is one of the most noble, sincere, consistent and able Baptists in our ranks, and will look lovingly and winningly after our interests thereabouts with others to help.

We've said nothing at this writing of our noble Hamilton Hill here at home, nor of Bells Landing, twenty miles away, but they are becoming regulars. Neither have we written anything of other mission stations, but in all our work our prospects are just as bright as God's Word is sure.

Here's to you for another year's activities on wheels in the mission colportage work, singing at every turn of our buggy wheels, excelsior.

Yours in the work, and we trust fully in the harness for the Master.

J. B. Kilpatrick.

Dr. Montague's Work In and for Howard College.

Dr. Montague has written at different times concerning the work at Howard College and has taken particular care to give credit to others in connection with the work, and not to say anything about what he has done and is doing. So I wish to say something concerning his work.

In the short time Dr. Montague has

been in the State, he has visited every section of it. He has also visited the Associations, most of the large churches, and many of the smaller ones. He has gone in the interest of Howard College, the Baptist denomination, and with a consecrated determination to do all in his power for Christian education. He has been most cordially received by our people and has returned from each trip much encouraged concerning the future of the College. He believes in Howard College and denominational education, and has taken such a decided and firm stand in this question, and has spoken wherever he has gone with such earnestness and power that I feel sure you will agree with me when I say that we all believe more firmly that our denomination must not neglect to have the best educational institutions, and also that we desire to co-operate with him in his enlarged plans for Howard College.

Dr. Montague's work in raising the money for Renfro Hall has been remarkably successful. He has pushed this work with great vigor and earnestness. He has visited the churches of the Birmingham District in the interest of the dormitory and has seen the people in person. He has enlisted the interest of many people who have never before taken any interest in Howard College or denominational education. He has gone to the people of Birmingham and has secured subscriptions from her citizens irrespective of religious or denominational affiliations. This general interest in Howard College which is manifested by not only the Baptists of Birmingham and the State at large, but also by the people in general is something which we have desired to see and which we can appreciate to the fullest. The people see in Dr. Montague a great educator—a man eminently qualified in mind and heart to lead in the educational affairs in our State. He could lead in educational affairs in any State or in any institution. The trustees have certainly acted wisely in securing his services. Dr. Montague has been in great demand as a speaker since coming to Alabama, and wherever he has spoken, Howard College and the Baptists of Alabama have been most ably represented. All the people see in him a great and able representative of Christian education under Baptist ownership and control.

The work in Howard College has been enlarged since Dr. Montague's coming. Prof. Dawson, an able teacher of modern languages, has been added to the teaching force. Other departments have been strengthened by a division of the work. This increase in the faculty and division of work is having a very satisfactory effect. The lectures on literature and history that are delivered by Dr. Montague from time to time are always interesting and helpful. His lectures not only give valuable information, but also create a desire for and stimulate to effort in the acquisition of the best literature and history. A recent lecture on "Manhood" was greatly enjoyed. The lectures by Dr. Montague in the department of English have added much to the very efficient work done by Prof. Cunningham. Every department has had the pleasure of having Dr. Montague visit the classes. He has thus had an opportunity to know the character of work done in each department.

Let me ask and urge the moneyed

men of our State, and every man, woman, boy and girl who believes in Christian education to aid Dr. Montague in carrying out his plans for Howard College.
E. P. Hogan.

What the Brethren Say.

W. B. Crumpton.

T. E. Tucker, Healing Springs.—"I received the booklet 'Every Creature.' Many thanks for it. I read it through at one sitting and I hope to some profit. I think I see several sermons in it. It opened my eyes to some things that I ought to have known, but perhaps would never have thought of. I hope it will be blessed of God in the saving of souls."

Arnold S. Smith, Alexander City.—"I received your nice, good book, the Christmas present, and have read it once. I will reread it. Please allow me to thank you warmly for so useful a gift. I think it will be fruitful of several sermons."

H. M. Long, Carrollton.—"Many thanks for the tract 'Every Creature.' It is surely an eye opener. Shall utilize it as opportunity offers. If I can serve you any time, command me. Wishing you a happy and prosperous year, I remain."

H. W. Williams, Opelika.—"I write to thank you for the little book entitled 'Every Creature,' which I received from you several days ago. It is a clear presentation of an important truth, or, rather, set of truths. I have read it through with a great degree of pleasure and deep emotion. The subject on which the author enlarges is one which has burned on my heart for a long time, and one which I have tried to present in numerous sermons. I am more deeply than ever impressed with its importance, and I have already begun a series of sermons in which I am going to stress the one idea that, if this world is to be evangelized, it must be done by the individual, personal effort of every saved person to bring someone else into the kingdom. Again I thank you for the booklet."

Walter S. Brown, North Birmingham.—"Your Christmas present 'Every Creature' received. I appreciate this very much and thank you. It is a good work you are doing. This has been my idea for many years. My way of putting it is 'Individual for the individual.' A church trained to that will be itself spiritually alive and always aggressive, a continuous revival."

A. C. Shell, Georgiana.—"I was made the happy recipient of the little book 'Every Creature' last week, that you so kindly sent me and hasten to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness of me, and can assure you it has afforded me a lot of pleasure and satisfaction."

"We have organized in our church a 'travelling' prayer meeting, every Wednesday night at different places, and are having good attendance and splendid meetings. I carried the box with me to our last meeting and am glad to say its contents were heartily endorsed by all the brethren."

R. H. Hudson, Millbrook.—"My heart was made to rejoice when I arrived at home and received your letter and the valuable Christmas gift,

which so fully expresses my sentiments, which I was unable to do in words. I have tried hard, in my feeble way, to impress the importance of personal work on the brotherhood. Your letters and words of encouragement, your zeal and perseverance, all stimulate me to push forward the claims and works of the Master."

"Then, I received five copies of the Missionary edition of the Alabama Baptist. I will give them out and try to get the members to read and give to some one else to read. May God bless you."

Paul V. Bomar, Marion.—"Thank you very much for the book 'Every Creature' that you sent me Christmas. I have just finished reading it, and trust that I have been helped by it. It gave me a talk for to-morrow and suggested a simple plan of work which I may attempt."

Sermon on Prayer Meeting Topics.

Rev. Junius W. Millard, pastor of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, sent us a topic card for the weekly prayer meetings during January and February. We were struck with these motto words: My engagement for Wednesday evening is one that I cannot break." Frequently Christians forget their engagement more easily than their social ones. If church members would live up to the motto, a thrill would run through church work.

The following topics used by Brother Millard may be helpful to some.

God's Methods in Providence—Romans viii, 32.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?"

Home and State Missions in the Southern States—Acts i, 8.

"Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria."

Four Steps to Soul Rest—Psalm xxxvii, 1-7.

"Fret not thyself because of evil-doers. . . . Rest in Jehovah and wait patiently for him."

Keeping the Faith—2 Timothy i, 14.
"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Spirit with dwelleth in us."

If Our Church Were the Only Church—Rev. iii, 8.

"Individual suggestions as to how the efficiency of our church may be increased."

The Singing Christian—A Praise Service.

"Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song; For he hath done marvelous things."

Pastor of Enaley Baptist Church, Rev. H. W. Provence, preached a series of helpful and striking sermons during the past month on "What if Christ Should Come?"

February 7. What if Christ Should Come Into My Town?

February 14. What if Christ Should Come Into My Church?

February 21. What if Christ Should Come Into My Home?

February 28. What if Christ Should Come Into My Life?

That Midwinter Pastors' Meeting.

In the Pastors' Conference preceding the State Convention at Troy last July a resolution was adopted which recommended, and provided for the estab-

lishment of, an annual midwinter conference of pastors, to be held at some convenient point in the State. The resolution was discussed with much interest and adopted with considerable enthusiasm, and a committee was appointed to arrange a time, place and program for the first meeting. That committee has maintained a profound silence from that day to this, and the winter is almost gone. But I am not going to criticize that committee; the aim of this article is to suggest, what seems to me, "a more excellent way," for, although I took no part in the discussion of that resolution, I am sorry we have missed that meeting, and believe the good predicted for such a conference would be realized.

Why not establish an annual pastors' conference, or winter school, at, and under the auspices of, Howard College, with the president of Howard as permanent chairman? This conference, or school (as you please) might be held for ten days, or two weeks, or a month as was deemed desirable, and might embrace as many features as expedient. It might be made a school of doctrines and methods, with set lectures, open discussions, special studies. The speakers could be drawn from our own and from other States, with reference to their peculiar fitness to discuss the subjects assigned. The conference might be put under the entire control of the Howard Faculty and made a permanent feature of the college session, or it might be annually arranged by a committee, appointed by the chairman or by the convention.

Such a conference would serve every purpose for which the mid-winter meeting was desired and many others. It would insure a larger fellowship among the pastors; it would afford opportunity for study and discussion of live questions and issues; it would bring the denomination's leaders, and through them the churches, into closer touch and sympathy with the denomination's college. Indeed such a conference could be made a source of great profit and an efficient promoter of the organized work in the State.

Other Southern Baptist colleges have such schools for pastors, and some States have them under other auspices, and they have proved a success. In some instances they are schools in the strict sense, and in others they are conferences merely. Let us combine the school and conference ideas. What say you brethren?

A. J. Moncrief.

Union Springs, Ala., Feb. 16, 1904.

For "The Alabama Baptist:"

It has been my privilege to see Brother Moncrief's suggestions in regard to a Pastors' School at Howard College, and personally and officially I endorse his plan, with some small modifications.

Before this plan can be carried out, our trustees must vote upon it; but I believe, while of course I cannot speak for those gentlemen, that they will not only grant the request, but will also do all in their power for the success of the undertaking.

In order to bring out better suggestions, I submit the following recommendations:

1. That the conference or school be held in June for four weeks. Brethren can secure board at reasonable rates in Renfroe Hall; and that month the weather here is very pleasant.

2. That a committee of three members of our faculty (I shall be glad to

serve on it) and four preachers, representing four sections of the State, be appointed; that Brother Moncrief be chairman of this committee. It might be well for the trustees to meet in March to discuss this matter and, if they approve, to authorize the plan, appoint the committee, if this shall be deemed best, and take such other action as may be desirable and necessary. Or the trustees might appoint the committee of the Faculty and the President of the State Convention the preachers.

3. That the committee, if appointed, solicit money with which to pay the expenses of lecturers from a distance. Some of us here might take part in the lectures, and of course our services would be rendered without cost.

A. P. Montague.

Profit and Loss.

It is no secret that with perhaps four or five exceptions the denominational papers of the first rank are at present published with slight profit or none at all. Some that appear prosperous so far as expensive papers and illustrations are concerned are able to do this because they can meet deficits by new issues of stock sold to friends who have faith in the future. The many Advocates sustained by the Methodist denomination occupy an exceptional position because of the advantage due to their financial backing and the obligatory activity in their behalf. A few of the older denominational weeklies have some income from endowment. But the great majority that survive are just able to pay salaries and bills, with little to show in return for the capital invested in former years. Notwithstanding these facts, which are known to most intelligent people, there are always critics who, multiplying the supposed circulation by subscription price, imagine that the publisher must be laying up a secret hoard, and could easily omit the advertisements which sometimes encroach upon the reading matter to their annoyance. If it were more generally known that the net income from subscriptions is usually considerably below the mere mechanical cost of printing and mailing the paper, aside from all payments for editorial and contributed matter, we should not have so much foolish and harmful talk about the "dollar paper" that the people are supposed to demand. Not until a weekly reaches 100,000 circulation can it make enough profit through the law of increasing returns and the patronage of a new class of large advertisers to be sold to subscribers at \$1 without suffering in quality. When the Baptists of the West raise the circulation of The Standard to that figure it is not improbable that the publishers will be open to suggestions for lowering the price. As for cutting a price with the expectation that increased demand will more than make up the difference, it has been tried with disastrous results by nearly all the denominational papers in the country.—John R. Slater, in Standard.

From Providence.

I reached my field with my family all right, and have gone to work. I have the pastoral care of two churches 1 1-2 miles apart. The Mission Board has employed half of my time. This is a good farming country. As soon as I make my rounds I will write you a letter and give you the news secular and religious.
D. L. James.

WOMAN'S WORK

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

More Prayer—Larger Gifts.

The supreme duty of the Christian should be to seek to establish the kingdom of God in the world, and one of the very first evidences of conversion is the intense desire to have others participate in the joy which comes with the knowledge that God has forgiven our sins and made us heirs of eternal life. Unless we have this desire, we may reasonably question whether or not we have been "born of God"—certainly we are not showing a spirit of obedience to His command to disciple all nations. Nor are we grateful for His mercy and goodness toward us.

A poor traveller, sick and faint, hungry and in rags, found rest, comfort, food and clothes in the home of a good man. He was tenderly nursed back to health, and no charge was made against him save only that he should direct others in his sad condition to the same home for similar treatment. What a monster of ingratitude would he prove to refuse this request! And so Christ has healed us and fed us and made us joint-heirs with Himself and the only return demanded is that we shall tell others who are sinsick and dying of this tender, loving Saviour.

By praying and giving it is possible for us to proclaim the glad tidings to all men. "Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Prayer brings the child of God into the presence of his Father, and, it is the invisible chain that links together the hearts of all the Father's children. Prayer may be called the wireless telegraphy of the spirit that flashes from heart to heart bearing the message of peace and pardon to all the nations of the earth, uniting in thrilling awe every continent and every isle of the sea. God has told us that He will give us the uttermost parts of the earth and the heathen for an inheritance. Will He not give us America? Surely He will if we ask it. Then let us be definite as we shall come before Him in this season of prayer and special effort for the Home Board, and let us plead with Him to save our Southland.

We are confronted by the degrading influence of many nations so that the problem to be solved is not alone that of winning these people but of holding our own against them. Already there has come the necessity of protecting our homes and other institutions against the invasion of foreign "isms" and vices and, upon the basis of love of native land, of home, of all that is noblest and best, we should work and pray unceasingly for America. But, above all other reasons, loyalty to Christ and obedience to His last command should be the motive—power for meeting this issue.

Some one has hinted that m-i-s-s-i-o-n-s spells money. While this is not true, it is true that to send the gospel everywhere—at home or abroad—there must be an expenditure of money. All the money in the universe cannot save a lost soul, but a reasonable proportion of the money in the possession of Christians can be the means of sending men and women to preach and teach. Thus, indirectly, it may bring many to a knowledge of Christ.

Much has been said and written about the proportion that should be returned to God and how much should be retained for one's own use. A recent article along this line suggests a solution of the problem. Starting out upon the basis that the Christian has no money—save what is entrusted to him as a steward—the writer speaks of the carelessness of Christian people in their relation to money and the tendency to minister first to the self-life, then, out of what may be left, give a small part to God. This of course is entirely wrong. The Christian should recognize, rather, that he belongs to God—soul, body, mind—and whatever he may possess is God's also, to be used for His glory alone. Of his income, he should honestly seek to find out how much is necessary for food, clothing, shelter, mental culture, recreation, etc. to the glory of God. All that remains should be used for God. Upon this basis the tenth—which I believe is the very lowest financial mark for Christian efforts—sinks into insignificance, and our irregular, spasmodic giving seems an insult. What a difference in our manner of living would such a distribution of our means make, and how full would be the treasuries of the Boards of the Convention and of the States!

Sisters of the South, applying this principle to ourselves, how much have we spent of the Lord's money that we had no right to during the past year? If it were possible for us to gather it all together and bring it as an offering to our Home Board during this "Week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions" what an enlargement there would be in its income! Since we cannot do this, with hearts overflowing with gratitude for God's wonderful love and mercy towards us, and to show our intense desire that our own land may know Christ throughout its length and breadth, let us make at this time, such an offering to our Home Board as we have never made before! Indeed, if we raise the \$40,000 for which we are aiming, we must make this effort and make it now. May God help us to see and seize the opportunity given us!

Mrs. J. A. Barker
President W. M. U.
Clifton Forge, Va.

Literature from Baltimore.

In answer to inquiries from all over the State, I am so glad to tell our readers that I have a letter from Miss Armstrong tonight (Feb. 26th) saying that the literature for the Week of Self-Denial has been shipped from Baltimore. Isn't this glorious news! But while we are rejoicing we must remember that our pleasure has been gained by the extra hard work at the Mission Rooms and by a large expenditure of money for reprinting by the Home Board. If there ever was a time when extra effort on our part was needed it seems to me that it is now. I hope by the time you read this that your Vice-president will have received literature and that she will send it out to the societies at once. Then all societies that have no Vice-president, write me as soon as you read this notice. With enthusiasm and energy we can accomplish just as much as if we had re-

ceived the literature two weeks ago. My heart's desire is that you will rally about the Home Board and send up such an offering as Alabama has never sent.
Mrs. D. M. Malone.

A Request.

I cannot tell you how shocked and distressed I was to learn of the terrible calamity that has just fallen upon Baltimore. Truly every W. M. U. worker ought to thank God, from a heart overflowing with gratitude, for His mercy in changing the direction of the wind and making it possible for the flames to be arrested before they had reached the Mission Rooms. And, in humbleness of spirit let us recommit to His loving care our faithful Corresponding Secretary, asking for her a double portion of His abiding love and watchfulness, and strength and wisdom in sufficient measure to perform the duties that have thus multiplied so heavily at a time which was already very full. With best wishes, I am,
Mrs. J. A. Barker.

Cuba.

My Dear Mrs. Malone: Are you gifted with mental telepathy; or did you just imagine that I was so full of Cuba, that I could talk of nothing else? My experience is so fresh that really it is the uppermost thought at present with me; and I am glad to find some one who invites a conversation. How my heart glowed, and a feeling of exhilaration took possession of me, when after a smooth uneventful sail of forty-eight hours over the Gulf of Mexico; old historical "Morro" came into view, and I realized that with my own natural eyes, I beheld "Cuba the pearl of the Antilles." A gem indeed, but to my mind a veritable emerald, beginning with the green waters of the gulf, and ending with the mountain tops beautifully crowned with the "Royal Palm." You are familiar with historical facts, and descriptions of tropical verdure, so I will mention a few curious customs which impress a visitor. The language is foreign, and claims to be Spanish; but I was told that it is not pure Castilian; it is a kind of "patois." Mexicans and Cubans cannot understand each other, and neither can converse with a genuine Spaniard. To the American, accustomed to cities of sky scrapers, the buildings seem very flat, most of the houses are only one story, with a roof garden; so we cannot join the higher critics, and think it "impossible" for Peter to get on the house top to pray; though I seriously doubt if these house tops are ever utilized in such a way. Such a noisy people; they remind one of the "old woman with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes." Every dray mule is decorated with red tassels and masses of bells on the collar, and gaudy taste extends even to funerals. We saw several funeral processions. The hearse was elaborately trimmed in gold, and upon the driver's seat, were two men in vivid red; the four horses had yellow fringe on their trappings, plumes like our circus horses tipped with red on their heads and long yellow ribbon tied and flowing from their tails. Of course the poor people cannot indulge in all this display; they walk, and carry the coffin on poles resting upon their shoulders; in some instances the coffins are rented, and on reaching the cemetery, the remains are taken out, and placed in a vault which is also rented, for a period of five years. The Prade, a most magnificent

street with two rows of palms and gorgeous flowers, extends from Columbus park to the gulf, but the principal shopping streets are so narrow that carriages cannot pass, but use one street to go down and another to come up, the sidewalks on these streets are likewise inconvenient, as one pedestrian must step down into the street for another to pass. Their railroad system is very crude. When the hour for a train to depart, arrives, a man with a bell, like a country hotel dinner bell; walks up and down the platform ringing it vigorously, the conductor blows a whistle, and off they go with pomp and consequential airs, that would do credit to the average American Pullman porter. They have the advantage of us in getting pure undiluted milk. Instead of a wagon with cans, a drove of "Burros" or donkeys are brought up and milked in the presence of the customer. My digestion was not sufficiently strong for "cream" in my coffee, and though the latter was a native product and miserably poor, I took it "straight."

Of course every Baptist wishes to see "our church in Havana," and we were no exceptions. Services are held in the morning in English, and at night in the Spanish language. The building was at one time used for a circus, and now the floor of the auditorium covers the old ring, where the joke of the clown and the crack of the whip mingled with the cheers which rose from several tiers of spectators. The good old gospel hymns sounded a little queer in such a place, but a fine Scripture sermon from Dr. Gray, our Secretary of Home Board, who is there on business, soon made us feel that at home or abroad the same Heavenly Father watches over and cares for us. Our ex-Brother Diaz is now a street preacher, holding his meetings just across the street and striving hard to make himself a counter attraction; and as our native guide (a Catholic) informed us, "doing everything he can against the Baptists."

In closing let me say that the deference and respect shown to an American in Cuba makes us feel that we are citizens of no mean country, but the pride in our nationality is verily that pride which goes before a fall; destined to come in the New Orleans Custom House. Like the Queen of Sheba, we had seen the glories of our neighbor, behold the half was never told, but when "his majesty" the customs official, had finished his search, to see if there were any evil ways in us, we shared again the Queen's sensation "there was no more spirit in us." Begging your pardon for such a lengthy one-sided chat, I am
M.

Orphans' Home.

We have 103 children now, 55 girls and 48 boys, 87 in school, 38 in the kindergarten department. The school will close May 20th, which is "Friends' Day" at the Home. It is hoped for and believed that the many friends throughout the State will do something for the children on this day and make it a great day for the Orphanage.

The trustees have given me three months leave of absence that I may go to the World's Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem. I leave March 2d to join that delegation in New York. Brother Stewart will be superintendent while I am away. Correspondents and friends will communicate with him in my absence. Please remember "Friends' Day," and may God bless the Orphanage.
J. D. Pittman.

Birmingham Notes

The paper before the Ministers' Conference this week was read by Bro. Walter S. Brown on "Individualism," or personal individual work being the basis of the next great revival.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached Sunday morning at Park Avenue Church and at North Birmingham in the evening.

Dr. A. C. Davidson at South Side, preached in the morning on "The Promise suited to all hours and time," Ps. lv, 22, and at night on "God's method of fulfilling His promise," Act xxii, 4. Three were received by letter.

The Wylam Church turned out in force at both services and Pastor O'Hara gave them two good sermons on "The Pure Heart," Matt. v, 8, in the forenoon, and in the evening, "Doubts Dislodged," Jno. xx, 25, 28. The Sunday school reached 107. They received one by letter and one on profession of faith.

The First Church had usual good services. Pastor Dr. Dickinson preached at both hours. The Building Committee will open bids for finishing the church building on March 8th.

Rev. Geo. E. Mize of East Lake, with the American Sunday School Union, makes a fine report of his State Mission work for the year ending March, 1904. Organized sixty-nine Sunday schools with a membership of 2,070. Re-organized five schools with 123 members. Addressed twenty-eight Sunday schools with 1,114 members. Distributed books to value of \$344.99, beside 292 Bibles and Testaments. Made 1,211 visits to families. Traveled 4,125 miles. Delivered 210 sermons and addresses. Wrote seventy-seven missionary letters. Had 500 conversions from Sunday schools. Five Churches grew out of the Sunday school organized. Placed twenty-four libraries in Sunday schools.

Pastor W. R. Adams of the Packer Memorial at North Avondale, has just gotten up from the measles. He had good company as about half his congregation have been down with the same. He had two good congregations out Sunday and things are looking up finely there, both in Church and Sunday school. His morning theme was "The Glorious Ministry of Suffering," 1 Pet. v, 10, and in the evening "The Glory of the Suffering Christ," 1 Pet. i, 11.

At Woodlawn Pastor W. M. Blackwelder preached in the morning on "Heart Harvest," and in the evening on "The Wayside Hearer." Had two additions to the Church.

At East Lake they had Dr. H. W. Provenee to preach in the forenoon, a telling sermon on Rom. i, 14, while Pastor Shelburne filled the Ensley pulpit. At the evening service the pastor preached on "The man whom God gives up," and received one for membership.

While Ruhama was enjoying the Ensley pastor, Dr. J. M. Shelburne of East Lake, was giving Ensley Church a fine sermon on Rom. i, 17. In the

evening Pastor Provenee filled his own pulpit and preached "What if Christ should come into my Life?"

First Church Avondale, enjoyed two good sermons from Dr. J. L. Thompson, who preached at both hours. Two members received at prayer meeting.

Dr. J. L. Thompson, who resigned from Bessemer, leaves this week for New York, where he will join a party on a trip to Jerusalem and the East, and expects to be in attendance upon the great World's Sunday School Convention meeting there soon.

Col. Hogan of Howard College, spoke at Jonesboro and Brighton Sunday for Dr. Montague, who on account of his voice could not speak. He made a fine impression and these young Churches responded with a fine collection amounting to about \$125.

The congregations at Fountain Heights Church were up to the average and from expressions made, enjoyed both sermons of their pastor, Walter S. Brown. His morning subject was "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit for Service," and the evening, "The Faith that Saves." Two members were received by letter. Many bowed for prayer at the night service.

Prof. E. P. Hogan was with Pastor Percy C. Barkley at Jonesboro at 11 a. m. Sunday and at Brighton at the evening service in the interest of the Dormitory Fund. Prof. Hogan made good talks from Rom. xii, 2 and Eph. vi, 10-17. After each address he spoke of Howard College, her work and her needs. The people responded liberally by giving \$50 at Jonesboro and \$53 at Brighton. Prof. Hogan was greatly delighted with the work at both places. He spoke of the possibilities of the people in the Bessemer District to do more for the Master. At Brighton he received such a royal welcome and hearty co-operation in the interest and needs of Howard College that he expressed it as being "carried away" with the people and their work. He found that they had just completed the nicest and neatest little church in all of the Birmingham District. He said that he did not feel like asking them to do anything after seeing that they had done so much. They responded liberally by the amount named above. Prof. Hogan found many warm friends at Jonesboro and Brighton, and has a hearty welcome to return at any time. The people were sorry that Dr. Montague could not be with them on account of a throat trouble, but were glad to welcome his "stand-by."

B. Y. P. U.

THE HUNTSVILLE CONVENTION

As corresponding secretary for the big Convention to be held by the Baptist Young Peoples' Unions of the State in this city April 6th and 7th, I desire to appeal strongly to every Union to send a delegation. Do not fail to have a representative here. Arrangements will be made with the railroads for one and a third fare, so you see it will cost little to come. As suggested recently by one of our Executive Committee, the genial William T. Mitchell, if you have a member of your

Union who does not feel able to bear the expense of the trip take a collection and send him by all means. Huntsville furnished an even dozen delegates at the last Convention held at East Lake, where the lovely Mrs. Craker and the good people of East Lake made it possible for one of the best Conventions ever enjoyed. Now Huntsville is ready for you and expects your presence. A gala time is promised you from a social standpoint, not saying anything of the feast to be offered in the way of programs, recitations, etc., at the Convention meetings. Our president, Dr. John T. Jones, is one of the most enthusiastic workers the Union has and he is counting large on the State delegation. There are 115 Unions in Alabama and we do not intend to let a single Union go by without representation if possible. Of course some delegations will be larger than others and may possibly carry our number present up to 150 or more, but what we want is a general State representation. Our work needs to take on broader territory, that is spread and when the time for our State Unions roll around it will be no trouble to have success wherever we meet. All of Huntsville's royal hospitality will be at the disposal of the visiting delegates on the occasion of the State Union here and if you miss the good time in store don't blame anyone save yourself. The object of these State Unions is to bring us closer together in our work and we want you to come and help us. Remember the dates, April 6th and 7th. You have plenty of time to get ready for the trip, but in order to have everything ready for the Convention in advance of your coming we desire that you appoint your delegates at once and send their names to the chairman of our local Entertainment Committee, Dr. John T. Jones, who will assign you to a good home. J. E. Pierce.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH.

By Rev. D. C. Herrell, in Examiner.

May I be permitted to say two words concerning the Young People's modern religious movement?

First of all, it seems to me that in all discussion and consideration of this movement it should be constantly borne in mind that it is no religious exorcism, or unnatural product. The Church, or the Christian life, and it, stand related as cause and effect. Its relation to the Church, in its origin, is even closer than that of being "an integral part of the Church." It is the legitimate child of the Church. It is the outward symptom of the deepening and expanding spiritual life of the Church, asserting itself in new and fresh vigor. Just as the "Reformation under Luther" was more than "a protest against the dead formalism of our effete ecclesiasticism," even an outgrowth and uprising of the deeper undercurrent of the spiritual life then in the world; so this young giant, in all its elements of strength and incidental weakness, is the fresh product of the growing fire of the Church—going on, and ever on to better and greater things, which is the universal law of Christianity. Only let the Church, with true mother instinct, affectionately and wisely provide for, train and guide her own off-spring until she, in turn, becomes mother of some still greater thing.

My second word is that in my own

experience with the Young People's movement in the Church it has always been helpful, and never a failure.

As an example, in my pastorate of twelve years in Perry, before coming to Holland, our Young People's Society was in every way the pride and strength of the Church. In the one matter of the regular mid-week Church prayer-meetings we had an average attendance of about fifteen young people to one of the older members of the Church, and their presence was always an inspiration and spiritual uplift to the pastor.

Rev. Walter Calley, General Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of America, has an interesting account of a recent visit he made to President Roosevelt, and found out that his private secretary, Mr. Loeb, is a Baptist.

Rev. H. E. Tralle, Th.D., recently appointed Sunday School Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society in Missouri, has already had great success in working with and for young people. As a State Secretary and B. Y. P. U. transportation leader he has made a reputation for efficiency that will stand him in good stead in his new work as a Sunday school leader.

Mud Creek Church.

I was with Brother Loffin at this church Saturday and Sunday last. This is one of the best country churches in this county. They have a W. M. U. Society, and take regular collections for missions; and pay their pastor every month. They gave \$11 yesterday for foreign missions. Brother Loffin is one of our best young preachers, and will be heard from in the future wherever he goes. I must say before I close that the church is arranging to build a new church this summer, and the work of collecting money has begun.

S. O. Y. Ray.

Summer Work for College Boys.

If there is any Association who wants to employ a man to do missionary or colportage work or both, or a church that wants a good man to supply for them in the summer, or a pastor who wants an assistant during the summer months, or churches that want some one to hold meeting in a number of churches in the summer, and you will write to me I can put you in correspondence with the man you are looking for. Write me at East Lake, Ala.

S. O. Y. Ray.

Work on the Panama Canal has been going on all the time since the proposition of the French to sell to us. While the canal was under the control of Columbia the Panama Company continued work to avoid any danger of forfeiting their franchise. Since the revolution in Panama, the company has still deemed it wise to continue operations, though not on a large scale. The United States will of course, reimburse the company for the estimated value of the work done since the selling price was fixed.

The matter of supplying the school with periodicals is by no means an unimportant part of the duty of the officers of a school. An up-to-date and effective school will be one in which attention is given to this important matter as well as to all others, although as a rule it is neglected or left to the last moment.

Tokens of Encouragement.

By E. E. Bomar.

Every Bible reader is familiar with the story of the experience of Gideon. His experiences have their parallel today in our Foreign Mission work. What was it the Lord did for Gideon? He encouraged him by assuring him of God's unseen presence, of the real weakness of the hosts of the enemy, and the power of even a few of God's chosen ones when they went forward in His might. Referring to the narrative in Judges vi, 37-40, the Lord gave Gideon the two signs that he craved; He caused dew to come, in drenching quantity, on the fleece on the rock one night, and the next night caused the dew to fall on the rock but not on the fleece. What a beautiful token of the presence and power of the unseen God!

In our Foreign Mission work He has given us similar tokens. We prayed for open doors, and, lo, the world is wide open; we have prayed God to bless our missionaries, and now they are not able to keep up with the work. The mighty hosts of the enemy are before them and us, but God has surely demonstrated that He is with us.

Looking again at the narrative, we find another assurance given by God to His honest-hearted but trembling servant. Judges vii, 9-14, shows how the Lord caused Gideon to see the real weakness of the enemy. In the silence of the night, the Lord caused him to see "the Midianites and the Malikites and all the children of the East in the valley like grasshoppers for a multitude, and their camels without number, as the sands of the sea for multitude." But Gideon heard a man telling his fellows of a dream he had had, "when a cake of barley bread tumbled into the hosts of Gideon, and came unto a tent and smote it, and it fell and overturned it that the tent lay along. And his fellow servant said, 'That is nothing else save the sword of Gideon—for into his hand hath God delivered Midian.'—A host into the hands of Gideon! So it came to pass.

The great hosts of idolaters the whole world over are against the Lord; but great as is their number God has shown us their real weakness—weakness that is almost pitiful. Did you know that up to 1842 all nations were afraid of China, that huge aggregation of strange homogeneous and apparently powerful people? But God has shown us their real weakness, and the weakness of all the nations of the world that know not God. As surely as God delivered the Midianites and Amalikes into the hands of Gideon and his fellows, so has the Lord made it plain by the labors of Carey, Marshman, Ward, Day, Paton, Yates and other faithful ones that there is no overcoming power in the false religions of the earth. On the contrary, though countless as the sands of the sea, they are our prey if we will but go forward.

Another parallel: Gideon at the Lord's command dismissed the fearful and faint of heart (Judges vii, 1-8), and God wrought the victory at the hands of three hundred men who trusted God and were not afraid. When the enemy were turned in flight and men were needed to chase them, He called on all the Ephraimites to help perfect the victory which God had wrought.

It is too early to say that God has given us the victory in full; but already, by the hands of men brave and true, the Lord is turning to fight the hosts of His enemies. He is calling, in some

countries, for chosen ones to go to the front. Many more are required than the three hundred of Gideon, but He is calling on all to perfect the victory already begun.

How the Lord has encouraged Southern Baptists in their rapidly growing work for the evangelization of the world! He has encouraged us in the number of missionaries and native workers. Year after year they have increased until now they number more than 350. He has encouraged us in the steady increase in the number of baptisms. Look at the record: 1341 baptisms in 1900; 1009 in 1901; 1439 in 1902, and 1790 in 1903. He has encouraged us in the number of churches in foreign fields,—from 94 in 1900 to 127 in 1903. He has encouraged us in the growing receipts from His people for this work,—from \$140,102.33 in 1900 to \$213,512.62 in 1903. Best of all He has encouraged us by putting into the hearts of our people a spirit for greater things. What wonderful temporal prosperity, too, He has given us!

In view of all these tokens of encouragement, we should do as Gideon did; worship God and then go right against the hosts of darkness. We can, we must raise this year \$300,000, the amount set by the Convention. Even in this the Lord is encouraging us. We have not yet attained, but our receipts are somewhat ahead of this time last year.

The time of the battle is on us; only a few more weeks and spring will be here, and soon will follow the end of our year, April the 30th, 1904. Let us go up to Nashville with joy!

Two Great Men.

Dr. T. Hartwood Pattison died Feb. 13, 1904. Death was the result of a short attack of Pneumonia. Dr. Pattison was born in England, Dec., 1833. He was the son of a prominent London lawyer. He was educated in England where he received the title of D. D., while holding a prominent pastorate there.

In 1874 he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., but later was called from a pastorate in Albany, N. Y. to become professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in the Seminary in Rochester.

Dr. Pattison was the author of several books, the History of the English Bible and others. He was a popular professor, a genius in wit and constant in demand as a preacher. Sympathetic, he could not hear the account of the crucifixion read without weeping. He was to have preached for us in a series of meetings this year, but God decreed otherwise.

Prof. Moulton of the Chicago University, lectured here Feb. 14th. His theme was, the literary study of the Bible as distinct from theology. He based his remarks on the 4th-5th chapters of Judges, the book of Job and the song of Solomon. He said the theological student came to the Bible as authority. Approaching the Bible from this point of view of his lecture its literary form is the object of attention. The mistake of early translators was that they paid no attention to literary form. They treated the whole Bible as if it was all prose and failed to bring out the beauty of the poetical parts. Furthermore, the older versions printed the Bible as though it was a scrap book. Divided chapters and verses without regard to the meaning of the Scriptures. The author of the Bible

is not responsible for the present form, but the Scribes of the Jews and their successors are. There followed the Scribes an age of commentaries which cared nothing for form, but was particular as to the words themselves. In the middle ages they would say, "It is written," then would follow a Latin quotation. They had no thought that there was poetry in the Bible. This generation must restore the Bible to its literary form, which was disregarded by early commentators. They failed to observe that Deut. and Job are two master pieces of literature.

To master successively the facts in detail is not to master the whole. A commentary must enable you to see the whole and not be lost in the mass of details.

The above are some of the thoughts of the speaker. Prof. Moulton is recognized as one of the first scholars of this century.

J. F. Savell.

Rochester, N. Y.

An Interview.

Dear Brother Blackwelder: As a new member of the Board of Ministerial Education I should like to know more of the details of the Board's workings. Perhaps the best way to get at what I want will be in the form of a few questions.

1. What does the Board require of applicants for aid?

(1) What recommendation from the church?

Answer. An endorsement of the church of which the applicant is a member.

2. What as to conduct?

Ans. It must be above reproach.

3. What number and grade of studies?

Ans. At least three studies, and these not below the freshman class.

4. What supervision is exercised by the Board over its beneficiaries?

Ans. A close and helpful oversight. The faculty furnishes quarterly reports to the Board as to studies and conduct.

5. What aid is given to any one student?

Ans. The maximum limit is \$50 per session. In special cases exception is sometimes made to this rule.

6. What is the relation of the Board to the Seminary?

Ans. All students from Alabama reported to and accepted by the Board become the beneficiaries of the Board.

7. How many ministerial students now in Howard College, and how many are receiving aid?

Ans. There are 40, and of this number 20 are receiving aid.

8. How many at the Seminary, and how many are receiving aid?

Ans. There are 14, and of this number 11 are expecting assistance. Not all of these have yet applied to the Board for aid.

From the above it will be seen that at least \$1500 will be necessary to meet the work of the Board.

From Brother Martin.

Christmas has come and gone and I have visited all my churches. Glad am I to learn that at only one of the four churches that I am serving, that Aaron's calf found many devotees during Christmas times.

Our little church at Mt. Zion promised \$10 for missions, and we have nearly raised the amount at three reg-

ular collections. The February collection will go to the Moundville Church Fund, viz: \$5.40.

The Mt. Zion ladies organized a L. A. S. on Saturday before the third Sunday in February, 1904. Sister D. L. Cruice, president; Sister T. D. Potts, vice-president; Sister Eula Sneed, secretary and treasurer. The interest manifest at the organization indicate great usefulness. Success to the paper.

James D. Martin.

Seminary Notes.

Intermediate examinations are over, and we are again hard at work for the final.

La grippe has had a hold on several of the professors recently. And measles have been in N. Y. Hall.

Dr. B. W. Spillman is now with us, giving a series of lectures on "A Plan of Organization for Sunday Schools." He is certainly an artist in his special line of work.

Quite a number of our men are being called to substantial churches, and they expect to enter upon their work after this session closes.

I hope the churches in Alabama will take advantage of this opportunity to secure some more good pastors. Besides our own Alabama men; Brisco, Woodward, Ellis, Dunlap and others who would like to return to their native State, there are several other splendid men from other States, whom I would like to see settled in old Alabama.

We have always loved the Alabama Baptist, but never so dearly perhaps, as now. To a home-sick man, it is like a letter from home. May the Lord continue to bless the editor in his work.

J. W. Sandlin.

A Note About Home and Foreign Missions.

this year	\$14000
Amount sent to Home Board..	3341
Alabama for Home Missions	

Amount to be raised by April 30	\$10659
Alabama for Foreign Missions	
this year	\$20000
Amount sent to Foreign Board	8945

Amount to be raised by April 30	\$11053
Total amount to be raised for the two Boards by April 30th	\$21714

If it is done we need a strong, sharp pull altogether at once. What do the brethren say? Only a little more than sixty days remain before the closing of the books.

From Brother Risner.

To the Baptist Brotherhood of Alabama:

I am away up here, hard at work. I often think of you. The fellowship in the Baltimore Conference, I mean Pastors' Conference, is simply delightful, but nothing can surpass the unanimity and magnanimity of the Alabama brethren. O! Davidson, Dawson, Stakely, Calloway, Napier and Provence and all of the same faith and order, how I long to see you. I cannot mention all of you, but I love you all. Brother Crumpton, don't neglect the saints at Roanoke.

H. C. Risner.

Subscribe for the Alabama Baptist.

OBITUARIES.

AIKEN.—Jane Clairy Aiken, daughter of Gen. William Alfred Aiken and Elizabeth Noble, was born in Trianna, Madison county, Ala., Dec. 18, 1836. Her father was a native of South Carolina, and moved to Tuscaloosa, Ala., with his father, mother, three brothers and a sister. Her mother's family came from North Carolina, and was closely allied to the Goston, Spicer, Hatch and Collier families.

She first was put in the boarding school of Dr. Hence and his wife, Caroline Lee Hence; then sent to Columbia College, Tennessee; from whence she graduated with the second honors of her class, but remained as a parlor boarder for another session, as companion of her sister, Elizabeth, until she should graduate. A dispatch that their father was dead called the young ladies home only a few days before the college commencement.

The executor of her father's estate, by embezzlement, deprived his widow and children of a large fortune, and left them destitute. He then induced them to move to Stockton, Baldwin county, Ala., where, shortly afterwards the only son and brother died, which left the widow and five girls to their own resources to make their living. Soon she became acquainted with John J. Beck, a young school teacher and Baptist minister. Old Brother Byrne told his pastor that "All Miss Jane needed was wings, and she would fly away to heaven." And, soon that young minister was fearful she would fly away too soon.

In the evening of May 23, 1861, they were united in matrimony by the Rev. Bains in Morehouse Parish, La., where two of her sisters that had married and settled.

To them were born two sons, during the war at Perry's Bridge, Vermillion Parish, La., and one daughter after the war, near Molina, Fla. Twenty-two months later their beautiful little daughter was burned to death while playing with her brothers near the yard. At Almore, Ala., a large pine tree fell on their older son, Theodore, and killed him, but the skill of his father an hour after brought him to life. Their younger son, Eugene, suffered for five months with Texas intermitting malarial fever, which left him a cripple for life, and prevented him from becoming a Baptist minister, and made him an intense sufferer for many years at times. Thus their souls were bathed in sorrows, sufferings and afflictions, therefore, they could give sympathy, and comfort to those who were tortured by sorrow and affliction.

She had a kind, tender, loving, Christian heart for every one. In her young days, she became a member of the Campbellite Church, but after her marriage, she asked for membership in the Pensacola Baptist Church, where her husband presided as pastor, and by order of that Church she was baptized by her husband in Bayou, Texas, and up to her death, was a quiet, but consistent Church member. She departed this life in the midst of a pleasant visit to her only sister, Mrs. Mildred S. Hatch, of Pensacola, and their relatives and friends. She was taken with pneumonia, and in a few days quietly passed on to peace and rest. Her last faint sigh was heard at 5:30 on the morning of Feb. 6th.

Her husband's love, sympathy and friendship lies buried in many graves of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, but his heart lies buried under the beautiful magnolia planted by her dear hand at the corner of his garden. J. D. Beck, Cantonment, Feb. 8, 1904.

BUTTS.—In passing through a life-time of three score years and ten, how pleasant it is to draw from sweet memory's store the helpful influences connected with the life of one whom we have known only to admire and love for her Christian characteristics and deep piety. Ah! her consistent life had its influence on all with whom she was associated, and though sadness naturally follows our separation, how sweet and inspiring are the anticipated joys of the sweet by and by.

Sister Butts was born Jan. 21, 1822. Married G. W. Butts, Dec. 21, 1833. Joined the "Mount Zion" Baptist Church in 1840; baptized by the Rev. Wm. McCain. She was the mother of eleven children, all of whom were members of the Church. She had eighty-six grand-children and forty-five great grand-children, and enjoyed the very highest appreciation of all who knew her up to her death which occurred Feb. 3, 1904. We bless the Lord for the privilege of knowing and witnessing the life of such an amiable Christian character, most fully establishing the truthfulness of the declaration that, "It is not all of life to live," for though Sister Butts has gone to her reward she still lives in her noble Christian influence and example.

By a life long friend, D. B. Oden.

He is sleeping, calmly sleeping In a new made grave today; We are weeping, sadly weeping For our loved one gone away. But one by one the Saviour gathers Earthly minstrels for His own And Clifton has joined the chorus Of the angels round the throne.

Monday morning, Jan. 25, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Melton and took from their midst their beloved son, Clifton. He was just in the bloom of life. He reached his eighteenth birthday a few days before he died. He suffered for five long weeks. But never murmured or complained, beneath the chastening rod, but in the hour of grief or pain he leaned upon his God. He was a very admirable, kind-hearted and amiably disposed young man. He was a welcome and constant visitor to the home of the writer and was always smiling and made friends with every one he met. In August he united with the Baptist Church of Pine Apple and was buried with Christ in baptism by his pas-

tor, Rev. D. W. Ramsey. He died in the full triumph of faith, telling his parents and friends that he was going home to heaven.

Our loss is his gain. May the Lord comfort his parents with the thought that their beloved son died in the Lord and is now waiting with outstretched arm to receive his loved ones in the beautiful home beyond.

A precious one from us has gone A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our homes Which never can be filled. God in His wisdom has recalled The boon his love had given, And though the body slumbers here The soul is safe in heaven. A Friend.

DAVIDSON.—Died at his home near Excel, Ala., on Jan. 2, 1904, Deacon John S. Davidson in his 77th year. Brother Davidson united with the Baptist Church in 1845; was married to Margaret Bailey Jan. 24, 1850; was a deacon fifty-two years. He leaves wife, two sons and two daughters and a number of grand- and great grand-children. This writer can conscientiously testify that Brother Davidson was a true Christian, a loyal friend and a self-sacrificing deacon. I had the honor of being his pastor for ten years and know whereof I speak. Peace be to his ashes. A. T. Sims.

FINCH.—Whereas, Our Heavenly Father saw fit on Jan. 23, 1904, to take from us our beloved brother and fellow Sunday school worker, Mr. Lewis Finch; and,

Whereas, We, the members of the Evergreen Baptist Sunday school feel that by this dispensation of Providence we have suffered an irreparable loss; therefore, be it Resolved first, That we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Second, That in his death the Sunday school has lost one of its most earnest, faithful, and conscientious teachers, the Church an active and consistent member, the community a good citizen, and his family a loving, devoted, and model Christian husband and father.

Third, That his daily walk and conversation were always such as to show to the world that he was a child of God.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed and kept as a part of our permanent Sunday school record; a copy be sent to his family; and a copy be given to the Alabama Baptist, and to each of our town papers, with a request to publish.

C. S. Flabb, Ralphine Walker, Nannie Stamps, J. A. Liner, Committee.

WOOD.—Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved sister, Narcissus Wood, daughter of our faithful deacon, Bro. W. G. Phillips. She was born Nov. 3, 1863; joined the Baptist Church July, 1890, giving God a faithful, earnest, Christian life until her death, Dec. 3, 1903. Was baptized by Rev. J. P. Hunter at Bethel Church in Chambers county, Ala.

She never murmured nor complained. Beneath the chastening rod, But in the hour of her pain, She leaned upon her God.

Therefore, be it Resolved first, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and that we as a Church, feel with deepest sorrow the loss sustained by her death.

Second, That hers was a noble Christian life and that her example as an earnest, faithful and cheerful worker is one worthy of our most sincere emulation.

Third, That personally as a Church, we will fondly treasure the memory of our departed sister and that her beautiful, consecrated life will remain and be an incentive to worthy deeds, and to noble Christian lives.

Fourth, That we tender her sorrowing parents and relatives assurance of our deepest heart-felt sympathy.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be tendered the family, sent to the Alabama Baptist, the Christian Index and a sacred place in our Church book.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. Harrell, H. M. Woodall, Minnie Butler, Emma Driver, Committee.

ROWELL.—Sister Fannie Rowell departed this life Jan. 22, 1904. She was about thirty years of age, and leaves three little children with her dear husband. Mrs. Rowell's maiden name was Duke, being a daughter of W. T. and S. J. Duke. She was baptized by Rev. E. F. Baber in her sixteenth year, and became a member of the Notasulga Baptist Church of which she remained a consistent and useful member to the day of her death. It may be truly said of her that she was a consecrated and lovely Christian woman. She was held in affectionate esteem by all of her neighbors, who join with stricken husband and children in deepest mourning. She bore her affliction with much patience and fortitude and died in full confidence of salvation through her blessed Saviour. The writer and the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Notasulga officiated at her burial. May the dear Lord have mercy on her bereaved ones, and heal their riven hearts. For only He can. Farewell dear sister, till we all meet you in our Father's home. Affectionately her pastor, A. S. Brannan, A. S. Brannan.

HARRISON.—Mt. Hebron Church near Elmore Station has been called upon by the messenger of death to give up another valuable member in the person of Sister

Lou Harrison who had been a member of that Church for a number of years who has during that time, been a consecrated Christian. She never spoke a harm word of any one in her life she was willing to sacrifice to make others happy. She impaired her own life to wait on the afflicted. She was always ready to contribute of her means to the Lord's cause. We all will greatly miss her. Her Pastor, H. R. Schramm.

ALDRIDGE.—Bro. J. H. Aldridge of Shades Valley, was called to the bedside of his aged mother, who quietly passed away at the home of Rev. W. J. Armstrong in Clinton county on the night of Feb. 20, 1904, who had almost filled her three score and ten years and about fifty years of that time in the service of the Lord and a faithful worker in the Baptist Church, leaving a number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but to thank God for a mother in heaven.

BENSON.—In memory of Mrs. R. K. Benson, Jan. 8, 1904, Sister R. K. Benson's spirit sped away from earth to glory. She in early life joined the Baptist Church and through all these years has lived a consistent, beautiful life. Beautiful as a wife, as a mother, as a friend, as a Christian—beautiful to the end. Calling her family she bade them good-by saying, "Weep not for me, I am happier than you all are." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Good-by Sister Benson, we hope to meet you some sweet day on the other shore. C. H. Morgan, Her Pastor.

WALLIS.—The subject of this sketch was one whose history goes to make up the record of seventy-six years of noble living. Mrs. Missouri Wallis was the daughter of Daniel and Mary Welch, who came from Tennessee to Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1816, where they lived until 1822, when they moved to Fayetteville, in Talladega county. Here Sister Wallis was born and reared. Her father was born in 1787; married William Wallis Nov. 2, 1811; joined Ft. Williams Baptist Church at Fayetteville and baptized by Rev. Jesse Collins in August, 1823.

Sister Wallis was one of those unfortunate women who lost her husband during the bloody struggle of the Confederacy. Left a widow with four children, all girls, she braved every difficulty and amid the loneliness and privations consequent upon the war, she with faith unflinching succeeded most admirably in rearing and educating her four girls, all of whom are still living.

Sister Wallis, whose husband was a Baptist deacon, performed the duties of a deacon's wife, in the preparation of the elements of the Lord's supper all her spiritual life time. For fifty-one years she came to prepare the places where the people of the Lord should eat His supper.

She was always faithful to her Church in attendance. Always there on Saturday unless providentially hindered. She took great pleasure in honoring her pastor, and no pastor ever enjoyed a sweeter, more welcome home than those who enjoyed hers. The sainted Drs. Teague, Henderson, Wilkes, Renfro, Collins and others, among whom was this humble scribe, found at Sister Wallis' home a haven of rest for tired mind and body and the helpfulness and sweet spirited devotion of both a Mary and Martha. A faithful, loving, zealous, meek hand-maiden of the Lord of untarnished character.

She was seventy-six years of age at the time of her death, which occurred at her home in Fayetteville on the morning of Jan. 23, 1904. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Fayetteville Baptist Church, and her body gently laid to rest in the old Ft. Williams cemetery on the evening of Jan. 30th.

Sister Wallis died in the full triumph of a Christian's faith, and to the writer, only a few days before her death, she said, "If this is the last it is all right." We all thank God for the loan, so long, of so great and good a woman.

She has heard the summons, "Weary child, come home." "Well done, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Dear bereaved ones, look up! Mother has gone home to God. Be true to God, as was she, and you'll have a sweet reunion in the sweet by and by.

"Yes, we will gather at the river, The beautiful the beautiful river Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God." Lovingly, her former Pastor, O. P. Bentley.

HAWTHORNE.—Dr. Sam' M. Hawthorne, Why was it that death should set its hand upon him whom we loved before we could appreciate his true worth: for each and every one who came within the radiating influence of his smiles could never forget that they had met "Our Doctor." He was always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, and times unnumbered he was the means of causing the deepest of sorrow to disperse at his very appearance and joy and happiness to once again enter the hearts of his distressed friends, creating as it were with his genial way and glad some smile a firmer lease upon life and causing a ray of sunshine to enter the homes of those in distress. He was loved by all who knew him. Gone but not forgotten. For in his journey through this life he has sown seeds which the products thereof day after day will ever keep him in our memory.

"We cannot say and we will not say That he is dead, he is just away With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand, He has wandered into an unknown land, And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be since he lingers there, And we who widest yearn

For the time step and the glad return, Think of him faring on as dear In the love of There, as the love of Here. Thinking of him as still the same, we say: "He is not dead, but just away." Like the "Holy Shadow" his life was an unwritten poem, for

"To make some pale face brighter and to give A second lustre to some tear-dim eye, Or e'en impart one thro' of comfort to an aching heart, Or cheer some way-worn soul in passing by."

Was the utmost he asked. How sadly we all miss him, but love never lets remembrance die.

"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day, And when from that unknown sojourn, Our dear and blessed dead return, Naught shall we lose of all the sum We love and long for, when he comes.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. C.

WILLIAMS.—Many hearts were saddened by the tidings of the passing away of this lovely Christian woman. Those who knew her best, loved her most, and unite in bearing testimony to her faithfulness in the discharge of all her various duties. She was a devoted Christian, helpful and unselfish in every relation of life. A true helpmeet to her husband, a tender and affectionate mother, a self-sacrificing daughter, a kind neighbor and true friend. During her painful illness not a murmur escaped her lips. She bore her sufferings with submission to the will of God.

Thus has passed away from our midst one of God's beloved children, her place of service exchanged from Christ's Kingdom on earth to His Kingdom above.

Whereas, God, in His all-wise power, has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. J. B. Williams; and,

Whereas, A family has been bereft of a loving wife and devoted mother; and,

Whereas, The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society of Jacksonville, Ala., sustains an incalculable loss in her death; therefore, be it

Resolved first, That we bow submissively to Him who in His divine providence, doeth all things well, knowing that our loss is her infinite gain.

Second, That we tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, commending them to the love of God, and praying His richest blessing to rest on them.

Third, That by her death, the Church has lost one of its ablest members, and sincerest workers.

Fourth, That we bear testimony to her upright and Christian character, to her unselfish disposition that always delighted in making others happy.

Mrs. S. Long, Mrs. T. Pritchett, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Committee.

VAUGHAN.—Thursday, Jan. 14, 1904, as the day was dying the spirit of our beloved Rev. C. C. Vaughan passed into the beyond. He was a veteran minister of the gospel and had served Baptist Churches in all this section.

He was a choice spirit, and he was universally loved. His influence will be felt for years. His Godly life illustrated the beauty and power of the gospel. He was everybody's friend and his pastor prized his friendship and counsel more than words can express. He was gentle, courteous, helpful. He spoke often of his former pastors and especially of Rev. C. M. Morris, my predecessor.

We shall miss this gentle, loving husband, father and friend. He leaves a faithful wife and children and many friends to mourn his loss.

Servant of God well done; Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy.

Soldier of Christ! well done; Praise be thy new employ, And while eternal ages run, Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

I. N. Langston, His Pastor, Cuba, Ala., Jan. 23, 1904.

ROBINS.—Died at her daughter's, Mrs. Alice Caffee at Scottsboro, Bibb county, Ala., Sept. 23, 1903, Mrs. Eliza Ann Robins, aged ninety years. She leaves behind two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Angie Mellow, Mr. Joe and John Robins, and Mrs. Alice Caffee, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She joined the Baptist Church at an early age, and remained a true and consistent member for many, many years. How sad is the broken home. Mother, the sweetest flower of all, has been called to that home from whence no traveler returns. A noble Christian woman is gone, but the influence she leaves behind, time cannot efface. All that hands could do was done to alleviate her suffering, but God needed one more jewel, and He chose the brightest and the best, and we bow in humble submission to His divine will, knowing that he doeth all things well. Her dying message was for her children and grand-children to meet her in heaven. She was willing and ready to go. She was a kind and considerate neighbor, an affectionate and indulgent mother, and a tender and loving wife. The world could ill afford to spare her, but her memory and works are left us. Farewell, dear mother, but not forever. Thy life has only begun, though thy star has faded from earthly skies, it has already arisen to shine on a far shore. Her Daughter, Mrs. Angie Mellow.

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Russia and Christianity.

Many are expressing surprise that American sympathy is with Japan, a heathen nation, and against Russia, a Christian nation. The Associated Press sends the following:

TAKE ALONG AN IMAGE.

Moscow, Feb. 25.—The most sacred image in Russia has been sent to St. Petersburg, and it will be taken to the Far East with the army. This image is a representation of the Virgin appearing to Saint Sergius, and is always kept at the Troitko Monastery. It is about one foot square and is covered with precious stones. The image has a remarkable history. It accompanied Alexis, Peter the Great and Alexander I. on all their campaigns. A silver tablet attached to it enumerates the battles at which the Ikon was present.

Are not worshipers of images idolaters? Where does the Christian show himself? The brutality of the Russian soldier is simply barbarous. While Russia claims to be Christian, her people know nothing of religious liberty. In Japan perfect religious freedom is enjoyed, though the people are heathen.

But, while the sympathies of our American people are with the Japs, Christians should be watching for God's hand in the conflict, and praying that the cruel war may be overruled for the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom. As sure as we live, God rules in the kingdoms of men. When the smoke of battle clears away, whether Russia or Japan shall be the victor, the open doors for the soldiers of our King will be everywhere seen. What grave responsibilities now rest upon American Christians! They will be increased a hundred-fold by this war.

God opened Mexico not many years ago. Then the South American Republics, then Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Cruel war was the instrument every time. War opened Japan. Diplomacy opened China at first, but war opened wider the doors and greater freedom came to the Missionaries. Inquirers came in droves and converts by the hundreds are rejoicing in the hope of eternal life.

God is opening the way. Will we follow His leading? Brave men and women will say, as these new fields open up: "Here am I, Lord, send me." Will the Churches hear God's call to support them? The Lord help us to be true to our obligations!

For the Farmer.

There is a bill introduced in Congress by the Hon. Walter P. Brownlow of Tennessee, and the Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, member of the Senate from New Hampshire, appropriating \$24,000,000 on the part of the National Government as National aid in building wagon roads. This money is to be apportioned among the States according to their population, except that no State shall receive less than \$250,000.

Each State receiving National aid from the Government must add a like amount to the sum received. This will, therefore, cause the spending of \$48,000,000 for roads and will build from 6,000 to 7,000 miles of splendid road and will place in each State from 100 to 500 miles of fine hard road, which will not be affected by frost or spring rains and on which the farmer can haul the year round. It will be a great advantage to those living near it, but it will be a far greater advantage to the whole country because it will be a wonderful object lesson and will prove to everyone that a good, hard road which can be used the year round, no matter what the rains are, is a good and desirable thing; it will make everyone who sees this road and who uses it want more roads just like it, and it will cause more roads just like it to be built.

While under the Brownlow Bill the building of 6,000 to 7,000 miles of splendid road is a great thing, yet it seems to many that the greatest advantage of this bill is the wonderful object lesson which 100 to 500 miles of fine road will produce when built in every State of the Union.

Why Get Mad.

It seems strange to us that after sending statements to many of our subscribers who were in arrears offering them most liberal terms that some should take offence and angrily write back asking that the paper be stopped, without sending one cent for the privilege of having had it in their homes for several years. We are glad to state that many are responding, both with cash and kind words. A few have written us frankly stating that they were unable to pay anything, but would try and send a remittance in the fall. If those who take the paper would pay for it we could print a paper without an advertisement in it and still make a good living. We have to carry hundreds of subscribers who, when the time for a settlement comes, simply request that the paper be discontinued. In this way we lose thousands of dollars during each year. It is impracticable to run the paper on a strictly cash basis. If all of the religious papers should publish a list of those who ordered their papers stopped during the year without paying the full amounts they owed it would be a revelation and a scandal. We are too kind-hearted to do it, and take comfort by knowing that we are engaged in a great work.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Hon. Joshua Levering recently delivered at the Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore, an interesting lecture on "Mission Conditions in the Far East" with personal observations of politics and religion in China and Japan.

We had the pleasure of a call from

Park Nichols of Roanoke last Saturday. A man would have to scour several States to find one who has been kinder to ministers than has this big-hearted layman of East Alabama. He delights in serving his friends.

We regret to learn that Bro. J. C. Porter, the former editor of the Baptist Argus, is gradually growing weaker, and that the end seems not far off. He has made a brave fight and the sympathy of thousands are with him and his dear courageous wife.

The First Church of Atlanta has raised \$60,000 for the purpose of building their new church without debt. This sum with the amount received from the government for the old church building and lot will make it possible for them to have the handsomest church edifice in the city.

Bro. J. D. Pittman writes: "I go as delegate from Alabama to the Jerusalem Convention. I would like to receive a copy of the Baptist at Athens, Constantinople, Jerusalem, Alexandria and Rome. If I can serve the Baptist in any way on this trip will be glad to do so. Will leave Evergreen March 2d."

We hope he will have a fine trip and get his paper regularly.

Ground will be broken for the building of the new house of worship of the Second Baptist Church on March 15th. The lot on which the church will stand cost \$25,000, and the building, without organ or other furniture, will cost \$54,000. The entire cost of the enterprise will be between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

We congratulate Dr. W. R. L. Smith and his people. The design published in the Religious Herald is most attractive.

From Cuba.

Havana impresses me more favorably. It is clean and well kept, and destined some day to be a great city. The improvements made by Gen. Wood during the American occupation are many and important, and the island promises to become more and more "Americanized." The hotels are full of American visitors and tourists, and investments by Americans are becoming fashionable. It will not be very long before we shall see here a great hotel and a great department store owned and controlled by Americans. Who knows? The island itself may become a part of "America," though I do not look for that.

On the Isle of Pines, where I spent several days last week, the Americans have bought up three-fourths of the island. Five or six land companies are exploiting the advantages of this favored little isle, and some day it is destined to become a great field and flower garden, as well as a great health resort.

Two things impress the visitor. It is the time of change, and it is therefore the time of opportunity. It is hard to estimate how important it is for us as Baptists to push the work in Cuba, to push it vigorously, to push it on all lines, to push it now. We have not done on this island what we ought to have done, and what we would have done under wiser leadership, and for lack of this leadership no one at home is to be greatly censured. Indeed, it is not the time to blame any one, or to waste time in useless lamentation over what might have been. It is time for action. We have here now a wise and consecrated leader in the person of Bro. C. D. Daniel, a leader who is building for all time, who realizes that all work must be on a sound and true basis, who is willing to persevere and be patient. Last night in the Calvary Baptist Church I attended the Spanish preaching service. A good audience was present, many of them men. There were received into the Church two young men and one young lady, and two young men baptized. At the English service in the morning very few were present, but we had a most helpful talk from Brother Daniel. I am glad to know that the Board intends to push more vigorously the work among the English speaking people. This will necessitate another strong man from the United States. I hope he will be found and sent out speedily.

Then there is the school work. A good Baptist school is a necessity. Not only do the people here need such a school, but we as a denomination need it, if we are to go to the front, and take the position that belongs to us. For other things being equal the denomination that offers the best educational advantages will win the position of honor and usefulness. I suppose at present the Baptists have on the island more members than any other Protestant denomination, possibly more than all the other Protestant denominations combined. It is cause for rejoicing that God in His mercy has so abundantly blessed us, but this means also opportunity and responsibility. What shall we say when called to give account of our stewardship!

Paul Vernon Bomar.
Hotel Ingaterra, Havana, Cuba, Feb. 16, 1904.

Our Papers.

We have not yet recognized the full value of our Sunday school papers. It is possible to prepare good papers much more cheaply for the Sunday school than for a general circulation. Such a paper as Kind Words could not be maintained at its low price if it depended upon individual subscriptions. It is possible at little cost, comparatively, to put a good paper in every home represented in the Sunday school. This will not only do great good, but will help to keep that home interested in the Sunday school. There is rarely any trouble in securing contributions for this purpose when once the papers are introduced. We have now a well graded set of papers. The Gem for the little ones who cannot read, the Baptist Boys and Girls for the scholars from ten to thirteen, and Kind Words, which is read by all, young and old.

Sunday School Board at Nashville will send samples of these papers to anyone who will write for them.

New Officers Elected.

Prof. S. R. Butler's suggestion to change the Sunday school year of the First Church here so as to conform with the calendar year has been adopted, and the following officers have been elected to serve during the term of twelve months: J. C. Jones, superintendent; Wm. T. Mitchell, assistant superintendent; Inzer B. Wyatt, secretary; J. E. Price assistant secretary; T. G. Brock, treasurer; Miss Beulah Neece, organist; William Nicholson, librarian.

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These exquisite lines justly belong to her. God had been lavish with His gifts; a sweet and quiet life looked out of pure and true eyes and ruled well in the home. "She opened her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue was the law of kindness." Her innate refinement and delicacy of soul was fitly joined to great strength of character. Added to these gifts and graces there was the inspiring love which glowed in her heart toward her Savior, for His people and for His cause. She was a most useful Sunday school teacher, faithful and wise in the management of her class and a great joy to her superintendent and pastor. In the Industrial school work she was very helpful also. Her whole life in the South Side Church was a benediction and a blessing. We miss her sadly. But immeasurably more do they miss her in the home life. The joy and crown of her husband and daughter and the light of all. God sent her into our sphere into the home of that most kindly soul, Marcellus G. Hudson, at Mobile in April, 1866; opened her eyes to see Him in her early youth. United her heart and life with Bro. Mack L. Wyatt Oct. 30, 1890. God gave to them one sweet daughter November, 1891. Another came by and took her back to Himself Jan. 1, 1904. Truly

"Her heart was like a generous fire: How changed the summer scenes! How chill,

How coldly do the mornings break, Since that warm heart is quenched and still,

Which kept so many hearts awake. O Lord! the light, shine thou instead, Quicken and trim the fires she fed And make them burn for her dear sake."

A. C. Davidson.
 Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 29, 1904.

There is more reason than ever to look for war in earnest in southeastern Europe this year. Russia has hitherto only by the sternest measures kept Turkey and Bulgaria from fighting. Now she has her hands full in the Far

East and it will be strange if a clash does not occur. The insurgent elements in Macedonia, who are always aided by the Bulgarians, are in a state of unrest, and Turkey is only waiting for a good excuse to open war direct on Bulgaria. Russia has warned Bulgaria not to fight.

CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

If you contemplate attending the World's Fair read the special offer made by the management of the Epworth Hotel Company in their advertisement on another page. This hotel has the endorsements of churches and ministers everywhere.

Mortgage Foreclosure. Sale Notice.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt, secured by mortgage, executed to the undersigned Jefferson County Savings Bank, on the 12th day of February, 1902, by M. H. Norfleet and her husband, P. E. Norfleet, which said mortgage is recorded in Probate Judge's office of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Volume 304, page 86 of the Records of Mortgages therein, the undersigned Jefferson County Savings Bank, will sell, under the power of sale in said mortgage, on Monday the 4th day of April, 1904, at the Court House door, in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson County, State of Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson County and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Twenty-One (21) in Block One Hundred and Forty-Seven (147), being a rectangle fronting Fifty (50) feet on the South side of Caldwell Avenue and extending back of that same width One Hundred and Sixty-Five (165) feet to an alley according to Addition to East Lake Land Company's survey, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the South-East corner of Caldwell Avenue and Fourteenth Street; thence along the South side of Caldwell Avenue in an Easterly direction One Hundred and Fifty (150) feet to the North-West corner of said lot; thence in Southerly direction and parallel with Fourteenth Street One Hundred and Sixty-Five (165) feet; thence in an Easterly direction Fifty (50) feet; thence in a Northerly direction and parallel with Fourteenth Street One Hundred and Sixty-Five (165) feet to the South side of Caldwell Avenue; thence in a Westerly direction on the South side of Caldwell Avenue Fifty (50) feet to North-West corner of said lot, situated in East Lake, Jefferson County, Alabama; together with all the improvements thereon, consisting among other things of one five room residence.

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Letter from a Pulpit Committee.

Dear Brother:—We are on the lookout for a good man for this field and write to know if you can assist us in securing the kind of minister that is needed here. Our present pastor, a very good man by the way, does not quite fill the bill, has been with us one year, but we think it best to have a change. Send us a young man who can convert our church members, revive our official members, save the sinners, enthrone our young people and gather into our church, increase our finances, popularize our Sunday night service, spiritualize our midweek prayer-meeting and draw men to our church. We wish him to be a man of grace of person, sweetness of disposition, gentleness of speech, social ability, political inactivity, pastoral care and pre-eminent preaching ability. He should have a gentle, gracious, hard-working helpmeet, without children, who will assist but not run either the church or the pastor. We can pay him \$475. We have no parsonage. We hope you will find just the kind of a man we want.—Committee.

The above clipping I take from the "Friend of the Church," a little paper published in Boone, Iowa. Are there not many people today who expect quite as much of their pastor?

Four things might be said about the letter:

1. The man who can come up to the Committee's ideals does not live.

2. By standing more closely by their pastor they might have made him and his services more satisfactory. Churches often have the making of their pastors. It is hard not to be a good pastor of some people.

3. That church was not willing to pay for what it desired. How could they expect the pastor to dress himself and wife in the most approved style on \$475 and pay house rent, doctor's bill and other expenses?

4. They expect the pastor to do all the work. It is the pastor's chief business to put his people to work. Under the leadership of a wise pastor the church might help to bring to pass many of the things referred to in the letter. The word bishop in the Greek means overseer. If the pastor is for anything, it is to inspire and lead his people as they do the Lord's work. Do not expect your pastor and his wife to do it all.—I. G. Murray, in Biblical Record.

Running from a hard field is a species of ministerial cowardice which is becoming all too common in our time.

That, under some circumstances it is best for a pastor to move, goes without question, but that many a pastor gives up and moves when he ought not to do so is equally true. The discipline of the church has been neglected—the cause is in bad repute; the finances of the church are in bad shape, and the Sunday school and prayer meeting are poorly attended; there are dissensions and divisions in the church; there is "strong opposition," etc., etc., so the pastor broods over the situation, tenders his resignation and seeks new quarters. Sometimes he does it to punish the brethren for their short comings, and the sheep left without a shepherd stray further away, the pastor has taken vengeance into his own hands and does no good; he goes to another field and repeats the same program, and then to another, and another, and finally runs out and

settles down a chronic grumbler, and crusty fault finder of his brethren. We humbly suggest two or three things that might help a brother who is thus tempted.

1. There are no easy fields. Some look so at a distance, but people are people, all pretty much alike—made "off the same piece" and all "poor critters," as the old folks used to say. All the territory in this wicked world which is reclaimed for our Master becomes a battle ground before the victory is won. Might as well buckle on the armor and fight where you are.

2. The harder the field the more you are needed, if you are any good, and, if you are "no good" you ought not to seek to afflict another church.

3. The struggle and the victory in the difficult field will do you good. It will develop you personally, and it will give you reputation among your brethren. Better tear up that resignation and remain. No man should ever run from a hard field. If the church is not what it ought to be it is your business to make it so. Do you want to play coward and run away to some field that has been grubbed out by somebody else? Why not pitch in and clear up a field for your self and endure hardness as a good soldier?

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Rev. Henry Clay Risner, pastor of Hampden Baptist Church, Roland and Fourth avenues, has been granted a three-month vacation to begin March next. The congregation voted the pastor his salary for the time last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Risner will leave for New York March 8, and will sail on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company. He will visit Palestine and Egypt, and will attend the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem in April, to which convention he is delegate. Miss Nellie Miller, of the First Baptist Church, will also attend the convention. Rev. Mr. Risner will be accompanied in his travels by Rev. Dr. Junius W. Milliard, of Eutaw Place Baptist Church. He will return to this country about June 1st.—Baltimore American.

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They sent out Sims, who is at home and no longer a Gospel Missionary, I hear: Royal, who has joined Dowie; Croker, who is now in the employ of the Board; Daws, who is at home; Hudson, who has joined the Methodist; leaving only, of those who were sent out according to their plan, Blalock and Tedder. W. B. Crumpton.

Montgomery, Ala.

The anarchist defies the law.
The soldier supports the law.
The Christian fulfills the law.
The anarchist wars against government to bring about anarchy.

The soldier wars for his government to bring about peace.

The Christian wars against evil to usher in Christianity.

The anarchist devotes his time to overturning the kings of this earth.

The soldier sacrifices his life to establish the earthly king on his throne.

The Christian devotes his life to set up the Kingdom of Christ.

The anarchist is inspired by hate.
The soldier is governed by duty.
The Christian is ruled by love.

The anarchist is the incarnation of hate.

The soldier is the incarnation of duty.

The Christian is the incarnation of love.

The anarchist is a destroyer.
The soldier is a preserver.
The Christian is an upbuilder.

The anarchist works by assassination.
The soldier battles on the battlefield.

The Christian struggles in his daily living.

The anarchist loves nothing.
The soldier loves his country.
The Christian loves his Savior.

The anarchist is a pessimist.
The soldier is a materialist.
The Christian is an optimist.

The Russian Government has issued an official proclamation explaining that it was unprepared for war, asking its subjects to be patient and promising to inflict "just chastisement on the nation which has provoked the struggle."

Russian officials have named March 4th as the date most suitable for military attaches of other governments to join the Russian army for purposes of observation.

There were two good services at Wylam by Pastor J. W. O'Hara. In the morning he presented "A Plea for Home Missions," and the evening, "The Great Invitation." Brethren J. F. Thomas and G. W. Futrell have been chosen deacons and will be ordained next Sunday at 3 p. m.

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Col. Caswell Campbell Huckabee.

This noble citizen of the commonwealth and of the Kingdom on Feb. 8, 1904, attained to his 86th year. For seventy-two years he has been a Christian. After talking with him at various times and hearing his testimony I have been anxious that he should give others the benefit of his rare experience and I therefore determined to ask him questions and write as he answered them. What follows therefore will explain itself:

Col. Huckabee, tell me something of your early life. I was born in Wake county, N. C., Feb. 8, 1818. In that great revival period of 31-32 I became greatly interested in my salvation. I was an enquirer for months. I often went to the mourner's bench. Indeed, I was trying to make myself a Christian. At a prayer meeting one night at a private house I was enabled somehow to surrender all to Christ; and there in my mind's eye I saw Him and He smiled on me and I was happy. A young lady that same night accepted Christ and she shouted for joy. I would go all the way back to North Carolina to see her if I could find her. Going home that night through the woods I was very happy. My fears were, however, that my happy feelings would leave me and I would feel badly next morning. I was received into the Holly Springs Baptist Church and baptized by Brother Purifoy, September, 1832. I was only fourteen years old and it was not a custom then to receive children so young into the Church. The old brethren came forward and sat by me and asked me to tell what the Lord had done for me. These men and every person that was a member of that Church thus have passed on before me.

Col. Huckabee, you have been prospered? Yes, the Lord has been good to me. After studying a while in the University at Tuscaloosa—for we had moved to Alabama—I took a course in the University at Chapel Hill, N. C., and then came back to the farm—at first in the management of the negroes I was kept always mad—but I saw that wouldn't do and so I deliberately determined never to get mad. If they needed correction I would correct them, but never in anger. And to that course I have adhered all my life. I never had a quarrel with anybody. (General Rucker says he never knew you to speak ill of anybody). At the close of the war I had about 100 negroes. I made all my provisions and feed and between three and four hundred bales of cotton a year. But the Lord took all these away. It was done by Him and when I called my negroes to me one day and told them they were all free, I told them then that if I could I wouldn't put them back into slavery again.

You have had many happy hours? Yes, the happiest time I ever had—and my family life has always been happy. The good Lord has blessed me greatly, but the happiest hour was when I first professed conversion. I remember so well I was afraid to go to sleep lest the good feelings might leave me. But the Lord has been with me through all the way. I believe in revivals and have seen many and wish we might have them again. The greatest revival I ever saw was in 1831-32. Oh, yes, I have seen many dark hours also. Often evil thoughts have come into my mind and then satan has come to me with the suggestion, "You are not a Christian or you wouldn't think such thoughts." Even in the darkest hours

the Lord has been my guide and blessed and delivered me out of dangers seen and unseen. His promises have been abundantly fulfilled to me. For forty years I have been a deacon and for forty-five years I always observed family worship, reading after supper and breakfast.

You have known a great many Baptist preachers? Yes, I have been intimate with about 100. Dr. DeVolie and Dr. Basil Manly, Sr., were among the greatest preachers I ever heard. I have been a member of eight Churches and have had eighteen pastors. Purifoy, McCraw, Ryan, Bestor, Chilton, Freeman, Sturges, Holman, Wright, McIntosh, Thomasson, Winkler, Davidson, Stratton, Eager, Clopton, Foster and the present pastor, the second time.

Would you like to go back and begin again? If I had the knowledge I have now I am sure I could do better. But to go back as I was with every day, every hour uncertain, I don't see that I could do any better than I did.

What of your hope now? I feel so little and so unprofitable, but through the merits of my Savior I hope that when this life ends I shall enter into that rest that remains for God's people.

A great many have preceded you? Yes, many that were with me once. Out of the old Siloam Church some of the best men I ever knew. We were on the Board of Trustees of the Judson together; we were deacons together; we used to go to the Associations together. There are more on the other side than are on this side. Those old men that sat around me when I was received into the Church all are on the other side.

What would be your final message? If I had but one word to give I would say be a faithful and earnest Christian. A. C. Davidson. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 27, 1904.



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To the White Missionary Baptist Preachers:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society I was elected Secretary-Treasurer and I took charge of the work immediately. This Society was organized June 30, 1902. At present we have a membership of seventy-two with the promise of several other names soon.

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In many of these ancient saws, culled from the text-books of Adam's older children, it is easy to recognize the origin of not a few of our own familiar proverbs. Emerson was not far wrong when he said that the best original things in modern literature are all quotations from the ancients.

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Some Lives that Have Greatly Influenced Me.

Earliest impressions, we are told, are the most lasting. This seems to be true with regard to one of my mother's pastors—at least as far as I am concerned. I refer to Dr. W. C. Cleveland. I was too young to remember when his pastorate began and ended with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, in Dallas county. But to this day there lingers with me impressions which were made on me by this noble servant of God.

Being reared by godly parents, I was taught to respect, love and reverence God's ministers. Dr. Cleveland so impressed me by his preaching, his general bearing in the pulpit and out of the pulpit, that I considered him my ideal as a preacher of the Word. Years afterwards when I felt impressed by the Spirit of God that my life was to be spent in the active ministry, I shrank from it as one who realized his lack of fitness for the work; and who could never reach the ideal standard, which under Dr. Cleveland's ministry I formed. I feel sure I will never reach that high standard of excellency in the ministry, but in many ways the life of this devoted servant of God has greatly helped me.

When I was, perhaps, some twelve (12) years of age there came to the pastorate of that same church, of blessed memory, a young man from our seminary at Louisville, Ky. I refer to Rev. E. J. Forrester. He and his devoted wife, who since has passed over the river, were greatly helpful to the church, and to the young people of the community. It was during his pastorate that I was deeply impressed with a desire to lead a better life and unite with the church. Through the years since then I have loved him, and have watched with keenest interest his successful pastorates in other States.

The next faithful pastor who greatly helped me by his preaching, sympathy and fatherly interest in the young was Bro. B. H. Crumpton. He was born and reared, I believe, at or near Pleasant Hill. All loved and respected him. Through the years there has lingered with me the impression which a sermon he preached from Romans 11, 4, made on me. I do not recall how he treated the text, nor anything he said, but the latter part which says, "Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance," I have thought of so often.

In the summer of 1885, after an excellent meeting, in which Brother J. M. Fortune did the preaching, I, with some sixteen (16) other happy converts, was buried with Christ in baptism, by Brother Crumpton. His sympathy and help have been a great benediction to me. How the boy used to love to see him drive off to his parents home to spend the night with us! His has been a useful life. May Heaven's choicest blessings rest on him in the evening of life. While I was helped more or less by all who served the "old home church," my limited space forbids mention of others.

There are two others who were not my pastors who have been a great help to me that I must mention before closing this article. The first I will mention is Brother S. J. Catts. We were born and reared near each other; used to play and fish together in the "big branch" between our homes; were converted and joined the church during

the same meeting; baptized together by Brother B. H. Crumpton during the same baptismal service; and afterwards did some mission work at the same place. He preached at a little school house some three miles from home, and I tried to help them in a little Sunday school at the same place. It was while riding home from one of our trips from this same mission that he turned to me and said, Evan, have you ever felt that God wanted you to preach? No one had ever asked me that question, and I have often wondered since then why did he do so. Believing as I do in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, perhaps I should not say I have often wondered at this question. What did I say? What else could I say but just tell him, as a friend and brother, all that was in my heart. For weeks and months since my connection with the church this great question was on my heart. But then no one knew about it but God and I. My ideal of a minister was such as I knew I could not attain, and then my educational advantages had been poor and there was no prospect, as far as I knew, of their getting any better. God used Brother Catts not only to lead me to unburden my heart regarding this far-reaching step; work. It was he who first told me how I could attend Howard College and then go to our seminary. And helped me with his experience, influence and means to carry out his suggestions. What a blessing he was to me in those days when I needed a friend, a counsellor and helper! May God use him to help some other timid and shrinking boy, to find what the Lord would have him do, and then stand by him, encourage him and sympathize with him as he did with me. Is it necessary for me to call the name of the other servant of God who has so greatly helped me through the years, who I believe was never my pastor? To speak of him as the young preacher's best earthly friend is to let all who know of his sympathy and help to young preachers know to whom I refer.

When did I first meet Brother W. B. Crumpton? When did I first feel the effects of his influence on my life? These questions I can not answer. I have known him from my early boyhood, and have loved him, and looked upon him as one of God's noblemen. Through my college and seminary days he was my friend and helper. Whether trying to serve as pastor or missionary he has always been ready to help me solve the trying problems that would confront me in my work. Some times when I was blue and felt disheartened, and was ready to give up, his prayers, sympathy and encouraging words have cheered my heart, and caused me to take hold of the work with renewed earnestness and zeal.

Long may this noble servant of God live to exert his helpful influence over the lives of God's people, especially the young, who by and by will be pillars in Church and State.

Other names I would like to mention among the faithful servants of God, who have helped me but I cannot for lack of space. God knows them, each one, and His rewards awaits all who serve Him, while serving His little ones.

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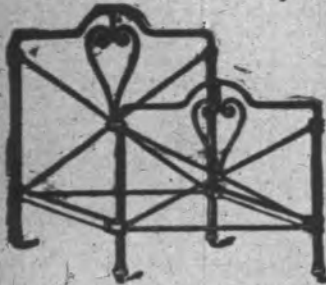
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