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## Home News

Palma, President of Cuba, sends a personal message of good-will to the President of the United States by Admiral Dewey, who stopped at Havana during the recent naval maneuvers. Palma reports that lawlessness has been generally suppressed and that the adoption of reciprocity will bring closer commercial relations with the United States, and add to the prosperity of the island.

The features of the fiftieth convocation of the University of Chicago were a letter from President Roosevelt, a message from Emperor William of Germany, and the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws upon the German Ambassador to the United States, Baron Speck von Sternburg, and upon five professors of German universities invited to visit the university by President Harper. After the conferring of the usual collegiate degrees upon the graduates from the different schools an address was delivered on behalf of the university by Prof. John Merte Coulter, which was followed by addresses by Prof. Eduard Meyer and Baron von Sternburg.

Gussilan Jack, who says she is thirty-five years old, was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market police court recently, because she enjoyed a meal in the Waldorf Astoria and then had no money to pay for it. The bill amounted to \$2.05. The meal was eaten in the palm room. After the woman had enjoyed a large, juicy tenderloin steak, and its accessories her bill was presented.

"I have no money," she told the waiter. The waiter reported the matter to the cashier and Detective Smith, of the hotel staff, arrested her.

In court the prisoner, in reply to a question, said: "Well, I had to eat somewhere."

Mrs. Jack was well dressed and as she appeared in the court room was whistling softly.

Dean Hudson, of the Chicago University, at the 50th Convocation read a greeting from President Roosevelt, in part as follows:

It is especially gratifying to me to have a share in this demonstration of the strong friendship which binds together the scholars and the men of high ideals in Germany and the United States. The gain to the higher life of both countries from such friendship cannot easily be exaggerated; and I am glad to be able on such an occasion to wish you well with all my heart.

The honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws was then conferred upon Profs. Berthold Delbruck, Paul Ehrlich, Wilhelm Hermann, Joseph Kohler and Eduard Meyer; Charlemagne Tower, United States Ambassador to Germany, and Baron von Sternburg.

## The Alabama Vulcan



An Iron Colossus, 50 Feet High, to Represent This State at St. Louis Exposition.

## ENGLAND'S QUEEN PAYS 9 CTS. FOR A DINNER.

London, March 24.—The routine of royal life was interestingly broken today when Queen Alexandra paid an informal visit to the Alexandra "Trust" and there enjoyed a nine-cent dinner among the factory employes and the children of East End of London.

The queen always has taken keen interest in the institution, which was founded on her plan to give the poor the cheapest possible food without savoring of charity.

She arranged today's visit privately with Sir Thomas Lipton, who is the principal contributor to the institution.

Like a factory girl who had just preceded her, the queen went to the desk and asked for eight dinner tickets, tendering half a crown. She was told that they would be six pence more, which Earl deGrey promptly contributed.

Sir Thomas Lipton then conducted the royal guest, who was simply dressed in black through the dining rooms.

The news of the identity of the extraordinary young looking woman soon spread and the children crowded around her, curiously touching her dress and looking up in her face.

The queen saw two mites crying.

"What is the matter?" she asked.

They had lost their dinner tickets. Their grief was quickly turned to joy by the gift of a shilling from the royal purse.

So thickly did the children crowd around the royal visitor that one of the attendants tried to make a passage way for her.

"Don't bother," said the queen. "I did not come here to bother them."

For her nine cents the queen had soup, lamb, potatoes, a large helping of plum pudding a glass of water and a mug of coffee. She seemed to enjoy it.

After another walk around the rooms the queen drove off amidst hearty cheers, expressing herself delighted to see so many people enjoying themselves and confessing that she really quite liked the bill of fare.

## Foreign News

The Japanese squadron bombarded Port Arthur on the nights March 21 and 22, and, according to official reports of the Russian officers, five soldiers were killed and nine wounded. One Japanese vessel is said to have been disabled by the Russian shore batteries. The bombardment was preceded by two attacks by Japanese torpedo boats, which were forced to retire under fire of the forts and the guard ships.

Sir Edwin Arnold, the well known author and journalist, died in London last week. He was distinguished as a poet, journalist, and orientalist. He was educated at King College, London, and at Oxford, became principal of the government Sanscrit College at Puna, India, and later served on the staff of the "Daily Telegraph" of London. Among his poems are "The Light of Asia," "Light of the World," "Indian Song of Songs," "Indian Poetry," "The Song Celestial," and "Lotus and Jewel."

Naples, March 24.—Emperor William arrived here today on board the North German Lloyd steamer, Koenig Albert, escorted by the German cruiser Prinz Frederick Karl, and was saluted by the whole Italian Mediterranean fleet. The members of the German colony here met the emperor at Capri.

The first message received by Emperor William was a telegram from King Victor Emanuel bidding him welcome and signing himself, "Your affectionate friend and loyal ally."

An immense crowd of people witnessed the emperor's arrival and cheered while the cannons boomed. The ladies of Naples sent many beautiful floral decorations to the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which the emperor boarded soon after his arrival here.

Among the foes that Russia must cope with in Manchuria the bandits are to be counted. They are largely troops that were disbanded at the close of the Boxer war, and have been drilled by European officers. They are well armed with rifles, but have no artillery, unless it may be a few pieces. Last week they drove in a considerable force of Russians, capturing their machine guns. They are said to be 200,000 strong. China has stationed a considerable force on the frontier, professing to keep these robber bands out of China proper, as with the coming of spring Russian forces are expected to drive them out of Manchuria. It remains to be seen whether they will not join forces with the Japanese, as they hate the Russians.

### Confirmation.

By W. J. E. Cox.

Much is said at this season of the year, in some quarters, on this subject. Those who hold to the doctrine consider it as one of the fundamental principles of the gospel which must not be neglected. Indeed, it is regarded by them as being of equal importance with repentance and faith.

What is the Scripture authority for the doctrine? It is claimed that it was the custom of the apostles to confer the gift of the Holy Spirit on those who had been baptized by "the laying on of hands," and that this custom was to continue through the successors of the apostles. The successors of the apostles, of course, are the bishops of the denominations holding to the doctrine of "confirmation." There are three passages of Scripture referred to in support of the doctrine. Let us examine them:

The first is found in the eighth chapter of the book of Acts. When the apostle at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of the Lord, under the preaching of Philip, "they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." But that which the apostles prayed the Samaritans might receive and that which they bestowed upon them by laying their hands on them was the miraculous power of the Spirit. This is clearly seen from the following verses: The communication of the Spirit was visible. Simon saw it, desired it and offered money for it.

The second proof text is found in the nineteenth chapter of Acts. Paul went to Ephesus and found about a dozen men who had been baptized but confessed that they had not even heard that there was such a person as the Holy Spirit. They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the 6th verse says, "And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." The last half of this verse is omitted when used as a proof text for "confirmation." Why? The last half clearly shows that it was miraculous power which Paul imparted to them by the "laying on of hands." These are the only two instances that can be referred to showing the custom of the apostles, and in both instances miraculous power was conferred.

But the power of the Holy Spirit was given without the "laying on of hands" by the apostles. When Peter went to Cesarea and preached to Cornelius, his kinsmen and near friends, while he was yet speaking the Holy Spirit fell upon those who heard, and Peter seeing the effect said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we." In this case the Holy Spirit was given without the laying on of hands. The reason Peter gives for their baptism is that they had received the Holy Spirit.

The third and last proof text for the doctrine of "confirmation" is Hebrews vi, 1, 2. The main argument is based on this text. The epistle to the Hebrews, probably though not certainly

written by Paul, was written to the Jews of Palestine who were being persecuted by their countrymen. The first verse of this Scripture begins with the word "therefore," which means that it has reference to what immediately precedes it. The writer tells them that they ought not to be teaching others when they required to be taught themselves; they are still drinking milk as babes instead of eating meat as full grown men, "Therefore," he says, "leaving the principle of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on into perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptism, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." It is claimed that here are six fundamental, essential principles of the gospel no one of which can be neglected without the destruction of Christianity.

The writer is exhorting those to whom he is writing to leave certain things—beginnings, and go on to greater things, even perfection, leave childhood and go on to maturity. Among the things mentioned are "baptisms" and "laying on of hands." Observe, it does not say "baptism" but the plural form is used—"baptisms." The word always and everywhere used in the New Testament to describe the act of Christian baptism is baptisma. The word used here is the plural form of baptimos, a word never used to describe Christian baptism. There are three other passages in the New Testament where this word baptimos is used. They are Mark vii, 4, "the washing of cups and pots"; Mark vii, 3, "the washing of pots and cups"; and Heb. ix, 10, "meats and drinks, and divers washings." Thus it will be seen that the use of this word in every instance in the New Testament is of "washings" or "immersions" that are not understood to be Christian baptism. Why not in this instance also? Certainly there is nothing to justify the position that it refers to Christian baptism only.

What is meant by the phrase the "laying on of hands"? Those who believe in the doctrine of "confirmation" confine the meaning of this phrase to the "laying on of hands" by the apostles after baptism, only two instances of which, as we have seen, occur in the New Testament, and in both of these instances the act was accompanied with the impartation of miraculous power. There is absolutely nothing in this passage or the context to justify this limitation of the phrase. The Jews were familiar with the laying on of hands for various purposes. It was customary to bring the younger ones to the elders, that they might lay their hands on their heads and bless them. Mark x, 13. In addition to the laying on of hands by the apostles mentioned in chapters eight and nineteen of Acts, there was the laying on of hands after the selection of deacons by the "whole multitude." Acts vi, 5, 6; and the laying on of hands mentioned in Acts xiii, 3. Both of these occasions were the setting apart certain persons for special duties, one for serving tables and the other for a special mission. Laying on of hands was for healing the sick also, Mark xvi, 18 and Acts xxviii, 8; and on the occasion of what we call ordination. 1 Timothy iv, 14.

Now what "laying on of hands" does the apostle mean in Heb. vi 2? for

healing the sick, for special duties for ordination or for imparting the special and miraculous power of the Holy Spirit? Certainly there is no authority for confining it to one special occasion. When this is remembered and the fact that miraculous power was given to the early disciples that they might attest their divine mission and was to continue only until ordinary proof could be given that they were sent of God, the doctrine of "confirmation" falls.

### The Origin, Nature and Eternity of Love.

(1 Jno. iv, 7; 1 Cor. xiii; Jno. xvii, 3.)

What is faith? Faith is as the tree sending forth its roots into the earth, silently, but far-reaching, to firmly plant itself; drawing its strength from the soil, preparing to sustain the demands of its increasing growth and balancing its weight so as not to be uprooted by storm and tempest.

What is hope? Hope is as the tree spreading out its boughs, robing itself in living green, swaying with the gentle breeze (a manifestation of hope's life and activity), reaching up toward the sun for development and tinge of beauty.

What is love? Love is the tree in bloom and fruit, gladdening young and old, the high, the low; inspiring all alike with the loveliness of love's own holy character. Thus it is, that love through faith and hope, must, like the remnant of the house of Judah, "Take root downward to bear fruit upward."

To illustrate: blight may take hold upon the tree (hope), and the roots (faith), may also decay; but love (the fragrant fruit), contains—What? The germ. That which when planted (symbolic of death also!) springs again into life making another tree to gladden the weary passer-by. Herein is Love's progress, onward and upward, into beautiful fruition. Thus the death of love is life, and the life of love is endless. Just so with the loving human heart, when its work on earth is finished, and it is swallowed up by death, by Christ's redemption to bloom again—though in a new and better clime—even still will that heart's good and faithful work, the cheerful words spoken, the deeds of kindness done, the steady example and noble influence live on in the hearts left behind.

Influence is the seed, remember; and heart-soil is the only soil in which this seed is sown, whether the seed be good or evil. "A tree is known by its fruit." They who continue in trespasses and sins, "their root shall be rottenness," saith the Lord. That tree which cumber the ground is cut down and borne away. Woe to the sluggard who cumber God's property! "He shall blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubbles."

What does the Lord of the harvest behold? Fruits meet for repentance? He sees all. Oh, are we refusing to grow in grace (power) and wisdom from day unto day? Or has our soul gone on from glory to glory with the swiftly passing years? Has our life so developed into love as to compel the world to know Jesus? Have we borne much fruit!—things honest, pure and of good report; love, joy, temperance, long-suffering, etc? Does our life help, encourage, and gladden others? If not, O Christian, then why not? Most assuredly our God

planted us right, if he set us out. Beloved, why do we not take deeper root and better growth? Growth is one essential element of life. And "life more abundant" compels growth and vitality. Without the Spirit we are dead!

Love labors to be "acceptable unto God." The bold friend of Jesus enjoins us to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor." Love exhibits an humble spirit both in defeat and in triumph; and finds joy only in the utterance of truth through the faith in Jesus. Such rich soil is prepared for our nourishment and growth! Made ours by the knowledge of Jesus Christ, as we have received him; as we walk in him; as we are established in his faith and are taught by the Holy Spirit; "abounding therein with thanksgiving, being rooted and grounded in love, that we may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, length, depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge that we might be filled with all the fullness of God."

There is no darkness so dark, no tempest so raging, no sorrow so deep, no suffering so great, that pure human love would shrink from passing through to prove its devotion and receive Love's compensation or satisfaction,—the realization of the ideal in the real and real in the ideal. And the same is just as true of the soul that is born of God. Yea, stranger, more faithful and enduring is the clinging nature of man's love and relation to the Spirit of God; for, where spirituality leads, love follows.

Therefore, there is no foundation more steadfast than love's. No fountain of deeper depths; no resolve stronger; no understanding clearer; no patience profounder; no appeal tenderer; no thought more swaying; no rule more controlling; no toiling more rejoicing; no words more comforting; no life more beautiful; no character more safe; no soul so great; no forgiveness so genuine,—no measure more far-reaching—than love's! For God so loved the world that he sealed it with the hallowed blood of his only begotten Son; and there is no seal more cementing than the crimson seal of God's eternal love. For the Lamb that was slain is the Rock of refuge from every blasting storm; the Rock which is the soldier's shadow from the battle heat; the Rock that is the orphan's shelter from want; the strength of them that go—not stand still—in search of perishing souls; the Rock which tempers the overwhelming waves and calms our fears; the Rock upon which our faith is written and our hope is built; the magnetic Rock which attracts all to order, and stands firm and unchanging, from everlasting to everlasting! For Jesus, who laid the sure foundation; who is the chief corner-stone, came to substantiate the impregnable rock holy Scripture of which he was the substance hoped for; and the fulfillment of which hope the Father was "well-pleased," and mortal man was made heir of God.

Happy the soul whose "delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the river of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Addie C. Crumpton.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes.

Years ago it was my privilege to know at the saw-mill town of Bozeman, on the L. & N. Railroad above Montgomery, a modest, unassuming layman, Joseph H. Marbury. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Institute. In the meetings of that Board he seldom spoke except to vote. Now and then some question of policy, or business, would divide the trustees. Then it became necessary for him to speak. In almost every instance his word decided the matter under discussion. He educated a large family of daughters in the Judson, giving them the best advantages the institute could afford.

In his home plain, in his business prompt, in his church faithful; everywhere modest and unassuming. He gave his money liberally but carefully. The place is now very properly called **MARBURY**.

The Marbury Lumber Company is located there, doing an immense business. D. H. Marbury is the worthy son of a noble sire. The Company owns forty-two thousand acres of pine land in Autauga and Chilton counties. Most of the timber has been taken off and the land is now for sale. No healthier section can be found. Here is the finest chance I ever knew for a poor man to get himself a home. Five dollars an acre and ten years time! What poor people want to crowd into towns for, where they cannot hope ever to have anything, I cannot understand. I believe pastors would be doing good service to induce such people to move to the country.

Some Western Congressman was called **"THE TALL SYCAMORE OF THE WABASH."**

Rev. Lamar Jones, pastor of the church at Bozeman, reminded me of that. He is a fortunate pastor of a good church. They have preaching and an interesting Sunday school every Sunday. Mountain Creek, a prosperous village, where many of Montgomery's citizens have their summer homes, is only a mile away.

These Georgians make good men for Alabama, when we can get them out of sight of the "goober-pea" State. Uncle Jimmie Edens is another sort of preacher they tell me, since he left Girard, in sight of Georgia, and located at Brundidge. This long Bozeman preacher, so long as he was at Phoenix City, didn't know exactly "where he was at." He gazed at Georgia during all his working hours; every day he went over to Columbus, and he was constantly expecting a call to Georgia. But we have him now right in the heart of the State, and it is beautiful to see how he is adjusting himself to his Alabama surroundings. If I mistake not, pastor and people are wedded for a long while to come. Already a good missionary body, I expect to see Bozeman Church grow in missionary zeal.

I went out on Sunday afternoon to **THE OLD SOLDIER HOME.**

Capt. J. M. Falkner, in the goodness of his big heart, conceived the idea and gave eighty acres of land for its location. It is marvelous what he has accomplished. In the center is the large two-story central building, with

spacious galleries on every side, assembly rooms, offices, parlors and a fine audience room, where there will be concerts, lectures and preaching. Besides this, there are seven handsome cottages, costing \$2,000 and upward. Each cottage has its own dining room and kitchen. A cook is to be provided for each and live in the servant's room in the rear of the building. Six or eight old soldiers will constitute a "mess." Not more than two will occupy a room. The rooms are neatly furnished, with single beds, chairs, rockers and dressers. A fine garden spot furnishes an abundance of vegetables and a dairy supplies all the milk and butter consumed. I do not remember the number of old soldiers in the home, but they seem to have every attention and certainly ought to be contented and happy. The Captain pointed me to a spot where he contemplates having two fish ponds. I hope they will be in good shape when I become an inmate of the home. I know of no better way an old veteran could while away the weary hours, than sitting under the shade on the banks of a good pond in constant expectancy for a bite.

I asked Captain Fulkner where he got all the money for this magnificent lay out. His reply was: "From everywhere. Most of it, of course, was given, but we made \$4,000 on the Bob Taylor lecture at Montgomery." "God bless Captain J. M. Falkner," will be the grateful wish of every devout old Confederate. The State will take charge of the property soon; but, I doubt not, the faithful promoter will be allowed to keep his hand on it. Anybody knowing an old Confederate soldier, without a home and no one to care for him, would do well to get him into these pleasant quarters, so generously provided for him. One old "Confed." who is a Baptist, wants the editor to know the Alabama Baptist is greatly prized.

W. B. Crumpton.

## Good Words to Bro. Crumpton.

A brother sends ten dollars from his church and says: "We hope to be more powerfully felt in the future than in the past."

A brother writing from Healing Springs: "Brother Windham is all right for this place. He is working heroically and wisely. His preaching is to the point and very acceptable. He has done and had done some fine work in the Academy grounds. He is not afraid of work, his industry is untiring and of a practical kind. We thank the Lord for him."

William Kerridge: "Here is fourteen dollars for Missions from Elam Church. We are going to raise our full contribution this year. I expect great things of this church. It is one of the oldest in Clark county. I preach to five hundred Baptists in Clark and Marengo. We ought to give twice as much as we do give; but we are improving every year. My churches are going to send me to the Convention. It is ten years since I was in a Convention. Brother Yates of Thomasville, has been a great help to me."

Gholston Yates: "My heart overflows with gratitude to God. Yesterday people here gave two hundred and

twenty dollars for missions. The amount is increasing. I confidently believe that in a little while our church here will support a missionary in the foreign field. We have just raised one thousand dollars for a pastorium. This will swell our contributions this year to more than two thousand dollars. Truly God is doing great things for us here. I wrote you to come and help me take this collection, but you did not reply, so I decided to trust God and do the best we could without you. You will hear from Grove Hill before April 30th. We will remit in time to help up to the twenty-one thousand mark."

R. N. Tanby, the new pastor at Florence: "I want to assure you I shall take great pleasure in standing by all of the organized work in the State."

B. D. Gray, Atlanta: "We know what the Home Mission Board has had to pass through in the last few years. We are getting on solid ground and I think a great future is before us."

J. W. Willis, Montevallo: "We have had a great meeting. In our local congregation there have been ten conversions, six of whom have joined the church and others will come. Six joined by letter. Thirty-five young ladies were converted at the college and a large number of church members, among the students, renewed their faith and consecration. The interest is universal in the school. Attendance was purely voluntary and every one staid to the service every day. Interest at its height now, but we had to close yesterday on account of a case of smallpox in the school."

A Brother: "I am trying to train my church to contribute regularly to the enterprises of the denomination; but they want to hold on to the old idea of sending their 'little offering' to the Association in the fall. They do not pay me anything except a few dollars in the autumn. In my private and family devotions, I continually pray God's blessings upon you and our Board."

Brother J. J. White: "Pray for me, brother, that I may do better work. The early preachers prayed for each other. May the Lord bless you." He closes with a promise that all his churches will contribute.

J. G. Lowry: "I have never failed since I began to serve as pastor to take collections for missions. I can be counted among the regulars. As in the past, you may depend upon me to stand by you to the extent of my ability. I wish every Baptist family in the United States would read your little book, 'Every Creature.' If its teachings were heeded it would revolutionize things."

Brethren Williams and Pugh, of Opelika and Lafayette, have promised to do their best for home and foreign missions. Brother Catts has \$200 in sight for Fort Deposit and that sum will be increased. I want his church to send him as their delegate to Nashville. \$250 will entitle him to a seat.

J. W. Kramer, of Brewton, said: "Brother Crumpton, I am going to get in my buggy and go from house to house and get every member I have to give liberally, and then on the first Sunday we will have a grand 'round-up.' One of his members said: 'He always gets what he asks for,' so there is another church I put down to have its own representative at Nashville.

I spoke to Pastor Metcalf, of Geor-

giana, from the car window in passing; he is soon to make a grand rally.

Brother Sam Campbell writes from Dothan: "The little Jap 'Fushida,' got \$27 out of us in January, which we, in good faith, thought was going to foreign missions, indirectly; but we rallied from that blow and raised \$339 more. I will do my best for home missions before April 30th."

Arnold Smith, from Alexander City: "You do us honor by asking for a large amount. How I wish that we might honor the request by going beyond the mark you have set. Though we have gone through the fire and have before us a new church building project, I sincerely trust we may show ourselves practical friends of the cause."

\* \* \* I should greatly regret to see Alabama fall short of the amount apportioned her. Dadveville will be heard from too. I preached there on Sunday on 'The Commission' with much liberty and announced our mission offering for our next meeting."

Brother Stewart, of Columbia, says: "I am urging my people to the need."

I don't hear from the pastors of the large city churches. Hope they are planning a surprise for me.

Receipts for March to 24th, for all purposes, \$1660. W. B. C.

## Let the Old Church Bell Ring.

One of the most backward steps some of our churches are taking today is the failure to ring their church bells. The writer regrets this fashion on the part of any congregation and believes that in time the sad mistake will be realized and the old familiar ring of the church bell will peal forth its melodious chimes until everyone in hearing distance would be drawn to the house of worship when otherwise throngs of people would stay away, the same as they would refuse to deal with the merchant who always keeps his front door locked. Sad and pitiable it is to us to see this most lovable of all customs abandoned, caused by a few (the pastor perhaps) who say it is out of style anyway and try to throw the blame on some defective plastering in a remote part of the church. The thing to do is to put the edifice in repair at once if such be the case and resume the ringing of the bell at every service. The church bell will reach the cold indifferent church member who has a tendency to remain at home, take a drive or stroll around the town during church service quicker than all the railing of the pastor and pounding of the newspapers. After they reach the house of God make the service attractive with plain simple gospel truth and nine cases out of ten will result successful. A church with silent bell evidences a dead Christian community, remindful of the one who dines without first thanking God for the blessing of life. You had just as well live in the country, own a fine horse and buggy and walk to town. In other words, if you are not going to use the bell get rid of it. If your church has drifted into this habit by all means have the old bell tolled just once more and if the sweet echoes beckoning the people to service don't show up a better and stronger church, a more progressive Christian citizenship, and give the devil an underhand lick that will go thundering down the corridors of time we will lift our hat for all we have said and pursue the even tenor of our way. The old church bell and the old-time religion are good enough for me.

J. E. Pierce.

**From Montgomery.**

As regularly as the welcome face of the Alabama Baptist appears weekly in my study and its contents are duly devoured, have I felt ashamed of my silence; not that my communications are of such special value, but that I knew full well that an editor cannot manufacture news, and that if we want a real live Baptist newspaper in Alabama, we must not only increase the number of subscribers, but help Brother Barnett to give them something to read.

**FIRST CHURCH.**

The First Church pastor and people are resting from their successful canvass for building funds, long enough to decide what manner of structure it shall be. They do not talk much at this stage of their plans but are nevertheless quietly and persistently bringing this thing to pass. And when it does come to pass it will be a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

**ADAMS STREET.**

1. The City Council has been, and is still engaged in laying granolithic sidewalk on Adams street, which only lacks about four blocks of completion, but unfortunately our church stands on the highest point on the street, and we are waiting patiently for that pavement to be placed in front of our church, while the city fathers meet and talk about cutting down the grade and have postponed the matter so frequently that "hope deferred, maketh the heart sick." Meanwhile we continue to hope that "the ancient and honorable ordinances" will some day assume definite shape.

2. And this desire for a paved sidewalk is intensified because, at last, we have at Adams Street Church a pretty and new carpet on our floor. Come and see it, but wipe your feet carefully in the vestibule. Nor is this all. The walls and ceiling have been tastefully painted and decorated, a new and handsome desk is on the rostrum, and with beautiful stained windows, and handsome antique oak pews, we have as fine an auditorium as you will see in this city. The ladies' Aid Society, of the Church, aided by their Auxiliary Society at Highland Park furnished the funds for this greatly needed improvement.

3. The pastor's class in Sunday school have had a stairway built connecting their cozy room on the first floor of the annex with the main floor of the Sunday school room, and here he has the pleasure of teaching a large class of young men and women every Sunday morning. We cordially invite all readers of the Alabama Baptist, if in Montgomery to drop in on us; they will be welcome.

**OUR MEETING.**

We are looking forward with prayerful hope to the coming of our brother, Rev. J. J. Bennett, pastor First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga., who is to assist us in a meeting of ten days, beginning Wednesday, April 13th. Brother Bennett has held pastorates at Albany, Ga. and Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta, Ga., and has been greatly blessed in leading souls to Christ in both of these pastorates, and in his present field. He is in great demand for evangelistic services, and we count ourselves fortunate in securing him. He is the brother of one of our members (Mrs. Charles H. Scott.) We ask the Baptists of Alaba-

ma to pray earnestly that this meeting may be greatly blessed of God, and that before the last of April, for after that Adams Street Church may have a genuine revival of religion.

**OTHER CHURCHES.**

West End Church has been without a pastor for several months; our brother, W. A. Windham, having accepted a call to another field.

Rev. R. F. Tredway resigned at Clayton Street March 1st. He has not yet accepted any other charge, and is open to engagements as supply or to hold protracted meetings. His address for the present is Mansfield, La.

Rev. D. P. Lee is doing a faithful work at Southside Church, and we hope will remain with us for many years to come.

**FORT DEPOSIT.**

It was the privilege of your scribe to pay two visits, since I last wrote you, to this town. This place has a population of about 1500. It derived its name from the fact that during the Seminole war General Andrew Jackson made it the base of supplies for his army. It is the highest point for many miles, and is beautiful for situation. During my first visit, which by the way, was the occasion of the fifth Sunday meeting, I saw several immense pine logs, nearly all of same size. One of them was eighty-seven feet long, and almost entirely free from knots; it had been sawed down to 12x20 feet. As an illustration of the value of education, or getting the most out of rough material, this log cost in the woods \$1.50. For labor \$40 was expended. For transportation \$30; when finished as a ship's mast it sells for \$500.

My second visit was last week, when at the invitation of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the Ft. Deposit Baptist Church, I delivered my serio-comic lecture on "Queer Double Knots by one who Ties them," being an account of some queer wedding ceremonies, with practical lessons. The lecture was delivered in the auditorium to a fine audience.

**THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

meets this year at Nashville, Tenn., Friday, May 13—one week later than usual. The Woman's Missionary Union, the Baptist Young People's Union and the American Baptist Education Society, all meet on Thursday, May 12. I am planning for a Baptist Special to leave Montgomery by L. and N. R. R., Wednesday, May 11 at 8:25 a. m., reaching Nashville that evening about 6 o'clock. A rate of one fare for the round trip plus 25 cents has been granted. This means from Montgomery \$9.38 for the round trip. Be sure and raise the money and send your pastor. He needs it and it will do you good. I would be glad if all friends from Alabama or connecting points who desire seats on this train and the delightful fellowship of a day's travel together, would send me their names and addresses. This will enable me to know how many cars it is necessary to provide, and I will keep you posted as to our arrangements. If a sufficient number desire it a Pullman car will be placed on the train, seats \$1.00 each way.

**DON'T FORGET**

that the number of delegates Alabama is entitled to depends on our contributions to the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards of the convention. Dr.

Crumpton says we are behind in the matter of giving to these objects. So brethren, let all our churches do their best it is too late to raise funds for these important objects.

**On to Huntsville.**

On next Tuesday evening we will expect you with us to enjoy the Eleventh Annual State Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union, to be held in the city of Huntsville, beginning April 5th, and ending April 7th. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the entertainment of delegates and in all a magnificent time is what we will have. We want Alabama here, in other words we want a widespread delegation from all parts of the State. Plenty of homes have been secured and lots of names are coming in. The kindness of the railroads in granting one and a third fare plus 25 cents for the round trip will make it possible for everybody who wills to attend. Beside the royal entertainment our Union has arranged for you we have the pleasure to say that the program prepared for this convention is second to none ever rendered in the State. Briefly, Huntsville has done her best in advance for you and most earnestly urges every one who can to come. Enough said, and all we add is our prayers for the success of the convention and the confident belief that you will be here beyond question of doubt.

J. E. Pierce.

**Greenville.**

It is enough to say that Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, of Birmingham, has made us a delightful visit. Words of praise would only be a repetition of what has already been uttered. Hear her, and be thankful! Her coming to Greenville was pleasantly anticipated and her short stay, we are quite sure, mutually enjoyable and beneficial. All who come in contact with such an attractive personality must feel, for the time being at least, that there is a different sort of atmosphere. The distinguished trait of her style is her pure tone and delicate insight, and her charming talks warmed our hearts to the core. A very sensible person once said that he considered Dr. R. J. Willingham the most spiritual man among Southern Baptists, and if such distinction could be made among our lovely Southern women, we wonder if Mrs. T. A. Hamilton would not rise just a tiny bit superior.

Kate McMullan.

**From Bro. Lindsey.**

We buried our pious mother last Sabbath. She died suddenly Friday evening from paralysis. She was ready for the change. She leaves one brother, Captain W. S. Wiggins, of Monroeville, Ala., who is now the only representative of a large family of brothers and sisters. He has been a true brother to her and her children. She left two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Franklin and Mrs. Dr. W. M. Hestle, both of Buena Vista, Alabama, and myself. She was a devoted, true, loving mother. She is asleep in Jesus, yet she lives in the life of each of her children. We are sad and sorrowful, but know that she is at rest.

God bless you.

S. P. Lindsey.

**Personal**

The church at Chapel Hill, N. C., has called Rev. O. A. Jenkins.

Rev. A. J. Diaz, of Cuba, is a candidate for the Cuban Assembly.

Rev. T. N. Compton has accepted a call to the First Church, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Secretary J. F. Love has declined a call to the Second Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The death of Deacon H. H. Hickman occurred at Augusta, Ga., recently at the age of 80 years.

The meeting of John R. Mott, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, at the University of Virginia was greatly blessed.

Rev. John T. Mason, of Albany, Mo., is supplying the East Church, Louisville, Ky., while its pastor, Rev. Everett Gill, is visiting the Holy Land.

Rev. M. Ashby Jones, son of Rev. Wm. Jones, D. D., will go from the Leigh Street Church of Richmond to the Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

The First Church, Richmond, Virginia, did a great thing in presenting \$800 to Dr. Cooper when he retired from the care of the Church.

The Baccalaureate sermon at the Louisville Seminary will be delivered by Rev. B. H. Carroll, D. D., of Waco, Texas, and the Alumni address will be made by Rev. E. M. Potest, President of Furman University.

Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., who is now engaged in evangelistic services with the First Baptist Church, of Tallahassee, Fla., will begin a series of meetings in the Immanuel Church on April 17. Dr. Wharton assisted in a meeting with the First Baptist Church here during the pastorate of Rev. W. I. Pickard, D. D.

**From Red Level.**

We have painted our house of worship inside and out. Have built a school house that would be a credit to any community. Bro. Lindsey is our pastor and we think he is one of the best in South Alabama.

J. E. Cheatham is the principal of our school, Miss Ella Durham, a splendid Christian lady from Havana, Alabama, is primary teacher, and Miss Fannie Parker from Georgiana, has charge of the music department. We have a splendid school. Prof. Cheatham is a natural born disciplinarian, and is at home in the school room.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton was with us two days last week. She held a service at the church last Wednesday (only the ladies were allowed to attend). She had a good crowd to listen to her. The future will only reveal the good that this splendid Christian woman is doing all over our State wherever she goes. May the Lord bless her in all her efforts for good is the prayer of all good people.

Our Sunday school has held up well all the winter and now as the beautiful spring-like days have come we hope for still greater efforts in the future.

John M. Sims.

**EUREKA.**

Eureka Springs, Ark., March 15th, 1904.  
 Dr. J. T. Shuptrine:  
 Enclose find 50 cts. in stamps for a box of Tetterine. I sent for a box over a year ago. It took a place off my face that I feared was Cancer. I send for another box. It is the only remedy I ever had that did any good. Respectfully,  
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**The Negro is a Man.**

**Rev. W. S. Armistead vs. Prof. Charles Carroll.**  
 Some three years ago, as the reading public knows, Prof. Carroll published a book, "The Negro is a Beast, or in the Image of God." In the book he goes to work and proves, by perverting the Bible, that the negro is a beast.  
 This subject has been agitated from time to time by like arguments from different people, generally the ungodly.  
 Prof. Carroll, by his wholesale onslaught makes all his attempts insignificant. He says there is no soul where there is any blood but the Caucasian. He perverts the Scripture, and sets at naught the plain teachings of the book that has been sacred to all ages.  
 Rev. Armistead feels it his sacred duty to defend the Bible and refute this outrage committed against the negro.  
 For this purpose he has had under consideration for two years a book with the above mentioned title, "The Negro is a Man." This book proves that the negro has the right to God as other races of the human family. It is a complete answer in every way to Prof. Carroll's argument. This book is now ready for the public. It is easy to see it will meet with ready sale.  
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**Interesting Facts as to Foreign  
 Missions.—Books Close  
 April 30.**

It is well for all of our pastors and churches to remember that in less than six weeks our Foreign Mission Books close for this Convention year. All the funds which are intended to be sent in for this year, must reach Richmond by Saturday night, April 30th. Every year somebody sends funds which get here after the 30th of April, and writes, saying, "I hope this will be counted on this Convention year." It is counted on the Convention year on which it is received, but that means the year after the writer intended. What reaches Richmond by the 30th is counted on that year. Please let all pastors and churches remember this.

**TAKING THE COLLECTION.**

Along with the above facts remember another, that if your church sends a good collection, it should be taken at once, in case it has not already been taken. Earnest prayer should be made and the cause faithfully presented to the people, and then they should be called on to give. Each and every member should have the privilege of giving something. We want a larger number of contributors as well as larger contributions. Tens of thousands of our people even yet give nothing for Foreign Missions. What noble blessings would come not only to those in heathen lands, but in our own land, if only our people would do what God has told them to do. Let those of us who believe His Word, urge implicit obedience to the command of our once crucified, but now risen and ascended Lord. The day of His resurrection, He said to His disciples, "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." The day of His ascension, He promised His Holy Spirit, and along with the gift of that Spirit He said we "should have power, and be witnesses unto Him to the uttermost part of the earth." If our people have a few weeks to gather their contribution, they will give more than when told to give without any preparation in heart, mind and pocket book. It is well to let them subscribe beforehand, with the privilege of paying a few weeks later. Hence the advisability of taking the subscription in your church at once.

**LEADERS—PASTORS AND OTHERS.**

In every great collection, as in every great movement, somebody must lead. The pastor is the God-appointed leader, and he should not only teach the people to give but lead them in giving—not necessarily contributing the largest amount, but surely contributing freely in proportion to what he has. The people know whether he is in earnest or not, and he may preach all the year abounding love to God, and deny all that he has said in the contribution he makes, when the time comes to give. Oftentimes some consecrated man or woman sends an inspiration throughout the church by a noble, liberal gift. We have seen where a church gave two or three times as much as asked for, by a liberal giver making a noble contribution, which thrilled the hearts of all present. We praise God for those churches which have one or more liberal leaders in them. You can go throughout the bounds of our convention, and take church after church which has made a noble advance and easily find that there is some earnest consecrated soul, which has led the people of God to higher, holier things.

**RECEIPTS.**

We give below the amounts which have been received the 1st of May, 1903, to the 15th of March, 1904. Notice and see whether your State will come up to the amount which the delegates from your State to the Convention in Savannah last year, promised to try, to raise this year. The receipts are as follows:

Georgia	\$21,368.11
Virginia	17,562.47
Kentucky	12,835.36
South Carolina	12,847.88
Alabama	9,750.32
Missouri	9,407.50
North Carolina	9,375.03
Tennessee	9,105.10
Arkansas	6,048.84
Texas	3,961.80
Louisiana	2,283.17
Maryland	2,019.77
Arkansas	1,850.09
Florida	1,313.56
District Columbia	615.75
Oklahoma	393.03
Indian Territory	257.43
Other Sources	2,067.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$123,107.14</b>

**REPORTS GLORIOUS.**

The reports which are coming from our mission fields are glorious. All of these reports for last year have not been received as yet, but enough have come in for us to say to the brethren that we will have cause for praise and thanksgiving to God when we meet in Nashville. The Board will have some glorious news to tell the brotherhood of the advance of the Lord's host on the foreign field. We would be glad to give some of the facts here, but think it best to wait until we make the report at the Convention in Nashville.

**TROUBLE IN THE MIDST OF JOY.**

One cause of trouble in the midst of all of our joy is that with the glorious advance and the missionaries pleading for workers to help press forward, we cannot get enough men and women to send out. We have presented this subject in conventions, through the papers and in conformity to the instructions of Christ, we have prayed to the Lord to thrust forth laborers into the fields white to the harvest, but somehow it seems that we cannot get enough men and women. Does not the Lord want some of our successful young pastors to give up the work here and go to the foreign fields? We ask that preachers and people pray over the matter. With the open doors, wonderful opportunities, the churches giving the means to send out workers, surely something is wrong, if we cannot get the men and women to go. May the Spirit of God come upon mothers and fathers, making them not only willing but glad to send their children and upon the churches, so that if they have strong, consecrated pastors, they will be willing to send them to those who need the Word of Life. May God show us our duty, and give us grace to perform it.

**LITERATURE.**

The Board has on hand a large supply of literature, which we will gladly send to any pastor or church, which wants the same. All that is necessary is to drop a postal card to the Corresponding Secretary at Richmond, and the literature will be returned free by next mail.

**PRAYER FOR THE CONVENTION.**

We expect soon to meet in Nashville to confer together about the Lord's work. It has been a blessed year for Seminary, Sunday School Board, State

Home and Foreign Missions. There has been healthy development and constant growth, but even with this development and growth, comes the important question of yet greater enlargement lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes. For this we need great wisdom and grace. Let us pray beforehand for our Convention in Nashville, and then meet there with earnest hearts, looking to God to guide us in strengthening and enduring the work which He has committed to us. May the coming convention be pre-eminently one of joyful praise, earnest prayer and wise planning for the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom, and as we thus praise, pray and plan, surely our Heavenly Father will stand in our midst to guide and bless us.

R. J. Willingham,  
 Corresponding Secretary.

**BAPTIST EXCHANGES.**

The great sermons are the ones that lead sinners to Christ. The flowers of speech, rhetorical flourishes and high-sounding words, so dear to the hearts of some pulpites, measure very small in the sight of God.—Baptist Standard.

When the plan of allowing the Jesuits to return to Germany was first broached, the Protestant protest caused the dropping of it. But in these Laodicean days Protestants care little for their religion or anything but their money-making, and the opposition quieted down. Von Bulow has succeeded in getting a bill passed allowing the Jesuits to return. They were expelled 32 years ago. The Catholics vote as a unit and give their votes to whatever party promises them the most. Hence the Chancellor's action—Western Recorder.

A writer in Country Life says that a balking horse—when the balking fit is on—is possessed of one fixed idea. The remedy is not to beat or punish him, but to divert his mind. Get him to think of something else and his mental tension is relieved. This furnishes a timely hint for dealing with balking Baptist editors and their sympathizers. Don't abuse the poor fellows. Wait for "the psychological moment" and create a diversion. Then with their attention fixed on something else they may be relieved, though perhaps a radical cure is not to be hoped for.

P. S.—When the horse both balks and kicks the case is almost hopeless.—Religious Herald.

President Greene says in Central Baptist: "We wish all the Baptists of Missouri and of the whole country to know that we are going to have a college display at the World's Fair. We shall have a prominent place right next to the office of the Missouri Commission in the Education Building. We expect to make a display simple but appropriate. There will be some pictures of the college and an ample supply of good literature, showing what the college is. There will be registration books for visitors. We hope that all Baptists that visit the fair will come to see this display. We shall have a nice office with comfortable chairs where our friends may sit down and rest. It will be a good place for our friends to meet one another and to spend a few minutes in conversation. This display will cost us about a thousand dollars.

## Sunbeams.



My Dear Sunbeams: I thought I would tell you this month how brightly I found the Sunbeams shining, both big and tiny, as I have been visiting them. You will see a number of Bands have joined our ranks, and we hope to be a great army by and bye.

Lovingly,  
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.  
VINCENT.

It is well worth the trip from Birmingham to hear of the young ladies' prayer meeting, which has been held regularly for two years in Bro. O. P. Bentley's Church at Vincent, and to meet these consecrated girls, who are also the leaders of the Sunbeams. A special favor was granted us in having the school dismissed at the hour of the woman's meeting, so that the children graced the occasion with their bright faces and good attention.

The Aid Society was reorganized with a missionary feature added thereto, with the following officers elected: Miss Jeffie D. Bell, President; Mrs. A. E. McGraw, Vice-president; Miss Ethel C. Kidd, Secretary; Miss Ruby Kidd, Treasurer.

The Sunbeams are well cared for under the leadership of Miss Nannie S. Davis and Miss May T. Kidd.

Some one has said that we should read "disappointment" as "His appointment," and taking that view of the failure to have a meeting at Childersburg, we are glad to attend Bro. Bentley's prayer meeting, which was most helpful and to meet the sisters at

### HARPERSVILLE,

another of Bro. Bentley's Churches, three miles from Vincent. The faithful few gathered at short notice and welcomed the visiting sisters and the delegation sent down from Vincent to strengthen their purpose and to uphold their hands in the effort to reorganize their society. Their former president, Sister Caldwell, will undertake the matter, and we feel it is in good hands.

Hurrying back to Vincent, just in time to say "good-bye" to our most hospitable hostess, Mrs. J. H. Wilder, and to leave as faithful a body-guard as were ever self-constituted for one's pleasure and assistance, we caught the afternoon train for

### SYLACAUGA,

where the pastor, Bro. C. J. Bentley, and Mrs. E. J. Smith, President of the Aid Society, gave cordial welcome. The Aid Society, which has been doing good work, gladly added the missionary feature to their society and will observe the week of self-denial in March. The quarterly literature which they ordered will be of great gain to them. There was formerly a Sunbeam Band at Sy-

lacauga, but it has disbanded, so the children were organized under Mrs. Neelie Berry's leadership. They were enthusiastic in their meeting and have the hearty "godspeed" of their pastor.

### GOODWATER.

It is not considered good form to discourse on "the weather," but it is very much in evidence and obtrudes itself persistently upon one's attention when meetings are to be held every afternoon and a train taken every evening to reach another appointment. The children and saints of Goodwater were truly heroic in attending their meetings on a most inclement afternoon, but the results were such as warmed the visiting sister's heart and sent her "on her way rejoicing." The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are interested in every good work. They will pledge for our beloved Miss Kelly's support, observe the week of prayer and self-denial provided a leader for their Sunbeams in Mrs. Crew, and will give the children their fostering care. They made this scribe's heart "sing for joy," and she turned her face toward

### ALEXANDER CITY

to find most cordial greeting and comfortable quarters in the pastorium. Here resides the V. P. of the Association, Mrs. Harland, who was recovering from a spell of illness, but whose "fame is in all the churches" of her territory. There is no telling how great the influence of one consecrated may be! The ladies are well organized here and are most intelligent regarding mission fields, workings of our boards and denominational matters generally. The Sunbeams are enthusiastic and gathered, notwithstanding the miserable weather, to complete their organization and "scatter sunshine" within doors, if it was drear without!

It was a privilege to sit under Bro. Arnold Smith's ministry Sunday morning. It seems not so long ago that he was a Howard boy, and we rejoice in his successful career. His home was a delightful resting place for this pilgrim. May God bless and "keep them all in the hollow of His hand!"

Under dripping skies we started for

### JACKSON'S GAP

but found warm hearts and big pine fires to cheer in the home of Bro. Geo. Bell, who was off at one of his appointments, but being blessed with a helpmeet who is "a woman of affairs," she commands the domestic helm successfully. So gloriously did it clear up before the time came for the Sunbeams to gather at the church that we had sunbeams both within and without, which was delightful. And how those bright children did sing, and how well they are being led by Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Willingham! We never appreciated more the kindness of a teacher in lending his bright pulpits to us, for one hour. After the children's meeting the sisters went into session and the result was the organization of Woman's Aid and Missionary Society with Mrs. Robert Patton, President; Mrs. W. L. Duffie, Vice-President; Miss Ella Stanford, Secretary, and Miss Stella Shepherd, Treasurer. They will gladly observe the week of prayer and bear our loved Miss Kelly upon their hearts and in their prayers.

### DADEVILLE.

The heart oft times outruns one's steps, even if the journey is being made upon the Central Georgia R. R. So before the lights of Dadeville gleamed in

the distance, the thought of loved ones to be greeted there was filling and warming a certain traveler's heart and there was no shadow of disappointment in the realization, be sure.

The W. A. and M. Society is well officered and most intelligently led in this place. So the treat was ours of doing but time and enjoying greatly the success of woman's work. The church newly embellished and most attractive, presented an entrancing sight to the eyes that think no picture so beautiful as children gathered for the purpose of banding themselves into Sunbeam workers. "Hard by the synagogue" we found a leader for them in Mrs. Spratton, whom the consensus of opinion pointed to as "the very one for the work," and she with graciousness all her own, accepted the trust. May she see the work of her hands established! With a heart full of memories of other days spent here, and one especially who this day "beholdest the King in his beauty," we turn away. "At each remove we drag a lengthening chain," but find a warm welcome from a committee at

### CAMP HILL,

and are lodged within the pretty new home of Mr. and Mrs. John Seroy, who are untiring in their attentions. Again we are indebted for the children's attendance from the school nearby, and organized them into a Sunbeam Band under the leadership of Miss Dennie Walker and Miss Nina Spinks. They are fortunate sunbeams, and I bespeak a happy time for their leaders also.

The ladies organized with an unusually strong corps of officers, viz: Mrs. T. L. Landum, President; Miss Emma Jarrel, Vice-President; Mrs. John Seroy, Secretary; Mrs. O. C. Chester, Treasurer. May they be richly blessed in all they undertake for the Master.

### OPELIKA.

No more fitting finale could be suited to this pleasant trip than to wind up at the hospitable home of Mrs. W. E. Hudmon. Its hospitality has been tested by Baptist folk for many a year and never been found wanting.

The Sunbeams, under the guidance of Mrs. George L. Robinson, are shining brightly and have a warm greeting to one who loves them dearly. They are willing to "attempt great things" this year, and they will succeed, no doubt. The Ladies' Aid and Mission Society were most cordial and enter with rare intelligence and interest into new plans of work and the additional objects presented by the W. M. U. They will observe the week of self-denial and prayer in March, and gain new strength for the coming year.

With pleasantest thoughts of the many new friends made and the old friendships renewed, we turned our face homewards, feeling confident that the work is the Lord's and that he will prosper it and bless the workers.

### BLOCTON.

The rain that came down persistently on the saints at Blocton proved their timber, for notwithstanding clouds above and mud underfoot, the faithful few met at Sunday school and for morning service, and for the women's and children's meeting in the afternoon. The sisters, many of them, were kept at home by sickness among their children, but the officers of the L. A. and M. Society and the leader of the Sunbeam Band came together for conference about the affairs of the kingdom, after we had had a lovely meeting with as enthusiastic a set of children

as ever were banded together for service. Mrs. A. F. Burns, the pastor's wife, is president of the Society and Miss Miriam Burns is leader of the children. Miss Kelly is recognized as their missionary and everything concerning that dear, good woman interested them greatly. They will observe the week of prayer and send up an offering for Home Missions, no doubt.

### Honor Roll of Howard College, Six Weeks, Ending March 15.

Beeson, J. J., Berry, W. A., Brock, D. F., Burns, P. P., Cook, J. A., Crossland, C. C., Crumpton, R. C., Davis, C. S., Doss, S. H., Grant, H., Gross, A. J., Gunn, T. A., Haggard, E. M., Henson, W. L., Huey, T. E., Jester, J. N., McCord, C., McKee, J. T., Montague, H. C., Moore, W. A., Oakley, K. L., O'Haro, W. T., Page, A. E., Payne, F. M., Rauschenburg, F. P., Reeves, L. T., Sams, J. H., Smith, A. L., Smith, G. W., Smith, T. M., Sumner, H., Swindall, A. C., Thompson, T. J., Vandiver, J. N., Wade, J. J. S., Weissinger, Jr., W., Wood, R. H., Wood, W. O., Wylie, W. D. Highest average made by Doss, S. H., 98.8. Second by Burns, P. P., 98.26.

### From Goodwater.

Inclose herewith I hand you four dollars which you will please place to my credit on back dues and advance remittance for the Alabama Baptist. The paper the chiefly an organ of Baptist sentiment, and as such has proven faithful and uncompromising in its contest for Baptist supremacy, along lines of doctrinal issue, in its general tone and store of information, I am proud to note is becoming more Catholic or cosmopolitan thus rendering it attractive to members of the family who are not of our order.

Goodwater, notwithstanding the praise worthy and heroic efforts of a few to eliminate from our midst the whiskey traffic, is now subjected to the baneful influence of four commodious bar-rooms. How does that sound from a community where Baptists are supposed to be in the majority? Is it possible that while we have been faithful in persuading men to be baptized, we have failed in our mission to Christianize them; however, if there are none to blame, and some brother should give a satisfactory solution to the problem, it will remain nevertheless a paradox to the writer. For fear that I will offend the conscience of some, (those members of the church) whose conduct is such as to justify the opinion that if their sentiment should be proclaimed aloud on the subject, it would be like the cry of the Ephesian mob "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

I shall not attempt a temperance lecture, but by the way of apology would say that these remarks are not intended as a reflection upon the ministry of our town for we are highly pleased with our pastor, Brother Upshaw and I don't believe there is a vice prevalent that could be charged to unfaithfulness on the part of any minister of any denomination of this place. What we need is genuine Christian conviction and Christ-like conduct among the laity of our churches. We have a good Sunday school which is becoming more vitalized under the friendly influence of the red and blue button contestants. The plan is a novelty but has proven satisfactory so far.

W. H. Richardson.

Field Notes

From Enterprise.

I must occasionally write something, else the brethren will think "the cat's got my tongue." or the children have got my pen. But if they think so they are mistaken, for neither cat nor child abideth where I do.

Last January 28th, I moved from Elba to Enterprise and "lit" on Hunter's Hill, where I shall abide awhile. My removal here severed my pastoral connection with Elba.

Enterprise is all that its name implies. About six years old, yet it is well equipped with water works, electricity, cotton mill and is building an oil mill. The pine timber is being rapidly cut away, and the beautiful lands are opening up to agriculture.

Our cause through all this country is improving fast. The Enterprise Church has more than doubled its membership during my pastorate of two years. We have in our church Rev. J. M. Rowe, Coffee county's faithful pioneer preacher. Though crowned not by the world, a few years and he will be by the one whom he has so long and so faithfully served. Bro Ambut Pelham, distantly related to the immortal John, sells books and does much good. Col. Blockman, attorney and preacher, one of the Lord's anointed, is a good man and full of the Holy Ghost, a great friend to his pastor, a fine preacher of the Word, a missionary, and a zealous temperance lecturer. Rev. P. L. Mosley, the least of stature, bald headed and eloquent, charms every audience that hears him, and makes the people wonder why he stays in the sticks. But seriously, this man has done just what some other gifted men should do. All the time a struggle goes on for the pastorate of the "Grand Old First." "Lord grant that John may sit at thy right hand and James at thy left." But Lord, grant that we may have more Mosleys in our country and village churches. J. H. McLane, not a preacher, but father of this church, level headed, honest, faithful old servant, deacon and pastor's friend.

R. M. Hunter.

From Montevallo.

I have just recently closed a delightful and successful series of meetings with my church. Bro. Thompson was to have assisted me, but at the last decided to go to Jerusalem with the great Sunday school party. I tried to get Dr. Gross, but he was tied up with sickness and previous engagements, so I did the preaching myself, with some assistance from Bro. H. E. Wheeler of the Methodist Church. He is a noble fellow and fine preacher and, very much loved by all denominations in Montevallo.

We held the services daily, two in the church and one at the college. The interest was great from the beginning and large crowds attended. The college girl were deeply moved and the entire 400 attended each service at the college. So far I have received twelve into the church from the town. At the college thirty five (35) young ladies professed conversion and a great many backsliders repented and renewed their vows to God. I look for a large percentage of these to join our church. We closed the meeting at the college

rather abruptly, when the interest was highest, for reasons, chief of which was a case of smallpox among the girls. No other case has developed and no fears are entertained either by faculty or student body. On next Sunday we expect to press a special collection for Home and Foreign missions. Our Sunday school last Sunday was the largest of the year and the house was packed at both preaching services.

J. W. Willis.

Early Spring.

A Souvenir of Marion.

A glorious, bright day after rain, cool and bracing. The birds are so happy, it is their wedding day, and they are singing and chirping and twittering and flying in every direction, making ready their homes. How lovely their flight from the brown earth, and how entrancing the love songs of the mocking birds.

The mists are rising from the earth in the warm sunshine; the mosses and ferns on the tree trunks are in a state of the highest beauty, the sky is of intense blue which is deep and profound, opening into the very heights of Heaven. White clouds begin to rise from the horizon and streak the blue.

Yellow daffodils are blooming, and crocuses, and white hyacinths; the elms are putting forth their red buds; the dark green of the pines, the brown of the oaks that have not shed their leaves the mixed green and brown of vines and bushes which the cold of January has hurt, the gray of the bare sweet-gums, the manifold tints of purple and green and brown and red that lie over all the fields, and the bright red of the clay hillsides, all these make a symphony of colors indescribably beautiful and impressive.

In the sky are the white and blue of God's love and truth; on the earth the green of his life, the brown and gray of his rest, the red of his underlying power, and all around, the dim blue distance of hope resting over the hills and forests and veiling fair regions beyond.

Louise Manly.

College Campus Club.

On Monday night, March 14, a large number of the citizens met and inaugurated a club known as the College Campus Club. The following officers were elected: Capt. J. M. Huey, President; R. G. Rogers, Vice-president; Y. L. Senn, Secretary-Treasurer; J. W. Beasley, J. W. Hargrove, N. E. Hitt, S. R. Hawley and D. W. Nash, Executive Committeemen.

The Club has a charter membership of about 55 members.

It is the intention of the Club to grade and beautify the campus grounds of Howard College, and all persons interested are earnestly requested to join us. A charge of one dollar is made for a membership fee. S. R. Hawley, E. P. Hogan, S. O. Y. Ray, Committee.

Married in Woodlawn, Alabama, March 23rd, 1904, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wood, Rev. M. M. Wood, of Fayette Alabama, brother of the bride, officiating, Miss Caroline Wood, to Mr. Fred D. Fletcher, of Birmingham, Alabama.

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## Stopford Brooke and the Nonconformists.

Edwin D. Meade, in an introduction to a book of sermons, "Faith and Freedom," said: "Stopford Brooke is the greatest preacher that the Church of England has had since Robertson, of Brighton; and his withdrawal from the church is, in many respects, the most significant recent occurrence in the English religious world." These words were written nearly a quarter of a century ago, for it was in 1880 that Brooke severed his connection with the Church, giving, among other reasons, the following, which seems to be about as strongly put against a State Church as anything that could be said by the stoniest Nonconformist:

"I shall speak simply and clearly of the theory on which the Church exists, and which I felt it impossible for me to live up to or to retain. Politically, the theory is mixed up with the old aristocratic system which has perished or is perishing so rapidly, the very essence of which is in opposition, as I think, to all the moving and living forms of society. The theory of the Church is an aristocratic theory, and it has ministered to that imperialistic conception of God which in theology has done as much harm as despotism or caste system of any kind has done in society. The way the Church works in society proves what I contend. It has systematized exclusion and supported caste in religion. It has forced the whole body of Dissenters from its forms to suffer under a religious and social stigma, which is scarcely now beginning to be removed.

"It claims to separate from itself and strives to keep down large masses of men whose spiritual life is as deep as its own; nor does the Church recognize their religious movements as upon a level with its own movements. The standard of worthiness, then, in the theory of the Church, not of course, in churchmen, is not spiritual goodness, but union with itself. Many within the Church have tried hard to do what was right in the matter, to hold out the hand of our union to our Nonconformists; but every effort has failed and every effort will fail. The theory of the Church is too strong for these men."

If he felt thus strongly about it then what would have been his condemnation could he have foreseen the status of today. Our prayers, sympathy and means should go out to our brethren in England who are making a wonderful fight against an iniquitous bill.

It is believed in London that should the present British ministry be defeated

the King would send for the Duke of Devonshire to form a cabinet. The Duke was formerly a liberal, and was at one time expected to be the successor of Gladstone. He broke with Gladstone on the Irish question but has now returned to the liberal party because of Mr. Chamberlain's protection campaign, the Duke being an intense freetrader. He is equally against the Nonconformists, and is one of the most radical supporters of the present iniquitous Church Education law.

## Religious Education Association

We are indebted to Mrs. T. A. Hamilton for a program of the second annual convention of the Religious Education Association recently held in Philadelphia with convention headquarters at the First Baptist Church, of which her talented brother, Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, D. D., is pastor:

The Religious Education Association, under whose auspices this convention was held, was organized by the convention for religious and moral education, which met in Chicago, February 10-12, 1903. The Association, in its first year, has enrolled nearly 2,000 members, including persons from nearly every State and from Canada, from practically every denomination, from all organizations for religious training and from educational institutions of all kinds. The Association is, indeed, a union of the best and strongest forces in America to promote religious and moral education.

The purpose of this Association is "to promote religious and moral education." The Convention, which a year ago, created this organization, adopted the following resolution as a definition of the scope and purpose of the movement:

"Inasmuch as an important service can be rendered by co-operation of workers for the studying of problems, for furnishing information, for mutual encouragement, and for the promotion of higher ideals and better methods, a new organization for the United States and Canada has seemed desirable. The organization should be comprehensive and flexible. This will exclude advocacy of the distinctive views of any denomination or school of opinion; it will forbid the limitation of the work to any single phase of religious and moral education, as, for example, the Sunday school; it will prevent the control of the organization by any section of the country, by those interested in any single division of the work, or by those representing any one school of thought. It is not the purpose to publish a series of Sunday school lessons or to compete with existing Sunday school or other organizations; but rather to advance religious and moral education through such agencies."

## On to Huntsville.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Alabama will be held on April 6th and 7th, at the First Baptist Church at Huntsville. The time is near and those who fail to attend will miss a rare opportunity to be entertained by a hospitable people in a beautiful city; and then the programme for this year is an exceptionally fine one. Let the Unions arrange to be represented and let as many pastors as possible be present to give encouragement to the young people in their effort to fit themselves

for usefulness. We look forward with the greatest pleasure to the coming Convention. It will be a great thing to meet a band of enthusiastic young men and women who are eager to do the Lord's work. It will be a great inspiration to hear the various speakers. It will be delightful to enjoy the hospitality of the great hearted people who have made ample preparation for delegates and their friends. It is worth a trip from the Florida borders to see the great spring which is set in the very heart of Huntsville. We hope the Thirteenth Annual Convention will break all records for attendance, enthusiasm and spirituality. Make up your mind to be there.

## Easter Music.

The secular papers this week will publish the musical programmes of the Easter services for cathedrals and churches throughout the land, and many members will attend the church which presents the most brilliant programme, irrespective of their own denominational cleavage. The Catholic Churches will be thronged with Protestant visitors, and the Episcopal Churches will contain many Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. Before our conversion, on Easter Sunday, we used to select the church which offered the best musical performance, and yet somehow even then we felt like the celebrated divine, who, when asked his opinion of the music in some of our churches, said: "I attended a fashionable church, where I sat all through the sermon, wondering how in the world I got in without a ticket!" Some Baptist Churches have a special Easter Service, for fear they will be unable to draw out their members, and are pushing the ritualistic churches pretty closely in the matter of music and decorations. Easter Sunday is fast becoming a day of musical shows and dress parades and we Baptists ought not to help swell the chorus or increase the millinery procession.

## The Yellow Plague.

Don't fail to read the letter of Dr. William Ashmore, on this subject. His long experience in China ought to give his words great weight. The greed and downright selfishness of the European nations is at the bottom of this cry.

When the Japanese, ten years ago, captured Port Arthur and had Manchuria at her mercy then European nations robbed her of the fruit of her victory. Even England entered into the combine and allowed it to be done on condition that she, with the balance, should have a slice of China. Wei-liao-Wei thus became British, Manchuria, Russian; Kiao Chau, German; Kwing Chu Wau, French, and some other territory Italian and the Japanese were put off with the island of Formosa. Dr. Ashmore tells what these nations may expect, "When China gets on her feet."

One of Bro. Crumpton's correspondents reports joyfully that his churches are going to send him to the convention at Nashville. That is the proper thing. A brother said to us sadly: "My people are very clever, but do you know they have never proposed to pay my expenses to a Convention, though I am going as their representative." Doubtless that was only carelessness. If some one person would suggest it the thing would be easily accomplished.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Remember the books of the Home and Foreign Boards close for the year at noon of April 30th.

We call attention to the able article of Rev. W. J. E. Cox, pastor of the St. Francis Street Church, Mobile, Ala. on "Confirmation." At this season it ought to be widely read.

Bro. Crumpton congratulates Bro. A. E. Burns on growing young and handsome so suddenly, though he did not know he had moved his residence from Blocton to Sulligent.

\$250 contributed to home and foreign missions entitles one to a place in the delegation to the Southern Baptist Convention. There are fifty churches in the State that could easily raise that and name a delegate.

Arnold Smith wrote Bro. Crumpton: "You do us honor by asking for a large amount." Doubtless other pastors have said: "The Secretary is unreasonable to ask so much of us." Pastor Smith is right, we are honored when much is expected of us.

We are glad to learn that Rev. Sparks Melton has sufficiently recovered to take up his work. The First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., of which he is the beloved pastor, is one of the most beautiful houses of worship in the South.

Rev. Wm. Shelton, Jr., pastor of the North Edgefield Baptist Church, died last week as a result of an operation which was made in the hope of relieving him. He had been ill for sometime. We extend our sympathies to his bereaved family.

Dr. Willingham spoke at Howard College on Friday afternoon and stirred the boys and enthused the faculty. Our Foreign Mission Secretary is being greatly used of the Lord to impress on Christians the needs of the foreign fields. He says the great need now is for men.

The Howard College Campus Club ought to have 1,000 members. It costs only \$1 to join, and there are no dues. If anybody anywhere in Alabama wants to spend a dollar wisely let them send it to Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, East Lake, to swell the fund to beautify the grounds of Howard College.

What a difference there is in men. Some who were deceived by the little Jap said they would never give another cent to foreign missions. The Dothan saints spurred themselves to renewed efforts and raised a larger sum, probably, than the church ever gave. Remember this: the best things are the ones oftenest counterfeited. Things that are worthless are never counterfeited.

The student body of Howard College, on last Wednesday gave \$10.00 as an offering to Hillman Hospital. We consider this a fine evidence of the Howard College Spirit. The needs were incidentally mentioned at the close of an address made by us on another theme, and their quick response as the hat passed among them was a fine tribute to their generosity.



Rev. W. R. Lambert, of Hickory, S. C., will soon visit his parents, Rev and Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mt. Pleasant, Ala. He will be glad to assist in meetings or supply any pastorless church while in Alabama.

Mr. Samuel Harper, son of President William R. Harper, is now in Paris translating the first Russian textbook to be published in the United States. The book will be used in the study of the Russian language in the Chicago University.

Rev. A. D. Glass writes: "I just lack thirty-six dollars of having money enough to pay for chairs. We need thirty-six chairs for kindergarten, and one hundred and two for dining room. These chairs have been ordered sent to the Home. Who will help me finish paying for them?"

The Secretary's presence will do good anywhere, but he is not needed to take a collection. Pastor Yates did the right thing when he could not hear from the Secretary. "Trusted God and did the best he could." The results were glorious as they always will be when we trust God and do our best.

Pastor Willis had a great meeting in Montevallo without sending for help. If pastors would not depend so much on outside help, they would often report great revivals. The Church many times prays more unitedly and labors more diligently when the pastor is alone. Such a meeting brings pastor and people closer together.

We have often begged our correspondents to write proper names carefully but evidently the new foreman hasn't mastered our chirography, as he got Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Burns under the cut on the front page last week instead of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes. The proofreader failed to note the mistake and we saw it after the edition was off the press.

Rev. R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., called last week. He asked if Bro. Dickinson had commenced work on his new church. This was too much for us. We put down our pen and led him up to the corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-First Street, where with his own eyes he could see the beautiful new First Church. He was astounded to know that the work had progressed so rapidly and was enthusiastic in his praise of the building, the pastor and the people who had done such great things.

The Church Extension Society of the Birmingham Association has recently taken on new life, and will prove to be one of the most useful agencies in supplying our district with the houses of worship so much needed for our struggling new churches, which are being organized in many places in our rapidly growing district. Every one who can ought to join this Society, and every church ought to have part in the work they have in view. It only costs \$10.00 to become an active member, or for \$5.00 you become an honorary member, or for \$50.00 a life member. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray expects to canvass the district as he has opportunity in the interest of this Society. Be sure to treat him well and help him in raising the money necessary to the building of these much needed houses of worship.

Rev. Henry McDonald, D. D., whose death resulted from a stroke of paralysis, on the 21st, at Atlanta, was one of the most beloved Baptist preachers in the South. The Atlanta Journal says of the funeral services: "The services were impressively conducted by Rev. John E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, of which Dr. McDonald was pastor for twenty years; Rev. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky., who is at present assisting in the revival services being held at the Second Baptist Church, and Dr. W. W. Landrum, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The bier was covered with beautiful and handsome floral designs." The body was taken to Georgetown, Ky., for interment. We loved him, for he poured out his great heart to us at a time when we were "feeling after God." His kindly counsels to us then and later, as we entered upon the ministry will never be forgotten.

Bro. J. J. Bishop, of Priceville, writes that a report is being circulated that he is not an ordained minister of the gospel. He says: "I was ordained in December, 1896, at a Church near Winston, Alabama, the Presbytery consisting of Bro. J. E. Rone, now of Hartselle, Alabama, and J. S. Right, now of Huntsville, Alabama. I have been in the full work of the ministry ever since my ordination. By consulting the minutes of the Mussel Shoals Association you will see I have been ordained to the full work of the ministry. "May God bless you and your work is my prayer for Jesus' sake."

**B. Y. P. U. Convention, Huntsville, Ala., April 6-7.**

The railroads have granted a rate of one and one-third fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, on the certificate plan. Those attending the Convention must pay full fare to the place of meeting, procuring from the ticket agent a certificate indicating that fact. If a through ticket cannot be obtained, be sure that you procure a certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased. It is absolutely necessary that certificates be procured, for the rate of one-third fare for the return journey will not be allowed unless the certificates are presented to the agent at Huntsville, signed by the secretary of the convention. Tickets may be bought three days before the meeting assembles and the certificates will be good for the return journey three days (Sunday not included) after adjournment.

**B. P. U. Announcement.**

The Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention will be held on Thursday, May 12th (day before S. B. C.) in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

While all friends and visitors will be invited to participate in the meetings only those who have been appointed by Church or Society can be enrolled as delegates.

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The office of the secretaries will be in Room 5, Parlor Floor, Maxwell House. Delegates and associational representatives are earnestly requested to register there as soon as possible after arrival in Nashville. Do not wait for the opening of the Convention; come on Thursday, or between 8.30 and 9.30 a. m. Friday. This will greatly assist us and the State Secretaries in presenting at the opening of the session a correct roll of those actually present.

Lansing Burrows,  
Oliver F. Gregory,  
Secretaries.

J. P. Eagle, President.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union and the American Baptist Education Society will meet on Thursday, May 12th, in the First Baptist Church, Broad and Vine Streets.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to S. B. C.—The annual meeting of this Society will be held in the McKendree M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., beginning Thursday, May 12, 1904.

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We are getting on well at Deatsville Our school is doing fine.

Our Sunbeam Society is having some interesting meetings. The society bought a nice lamp for \$4.00 and put it outside of the church and it gives

light all around. They sent Miss Willie Kelly \$1.00. Our church has recently sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Mary A. Ray, the wife of Rev. John Ray, one of the old pioneer preachers of this section, who won many souls for Christ by God's help. He left his wife in good circumstances. She was in her ninety-third year and had been a member of the Baptist Church about sixty-nine years. She was a good, consecrated Christian. We all greatly miss her. She always inquired after her church and pastor and contributed to the church and pastor. She made her will and left her home to be sold and given to the orphans at Evergreen and \$500 to her church, the interest to be paid yearly.

On the second Sunday we had a fine congregation, got \$6.62 for the Moundville Baptist Church. I hope that every church in the South will help this church, they are worthy to be helped. I was their pastor when they built the church that was destroyed and helped put the timbers on the pillars and I know what sacrifices they made to build the church. The Methodists and Presbyterians helped generously. I hope they may soon have their church built. I helped constitute them, only a few in number, but a faithful band.

H. R. Schramm.

**If Russia Had Succeeded.**

William Ashmore, in Baptist Commonwealth.

The question now being put is not—If Russia should succeed. It will be time enough to ask that when we know how she is likely to come out. Her future at this time is in the womb of uncertainty. She is not making her own programme now, as she has been doing since the Japan war with China up to the present date. It is more suitable to state the matter as above. If Russia had succeeded in consummating the plans she had matured so carefully and was executing with such consummate success unchallenged by a single nation, then what?

Russia stepped in at the close of the Japan war with China and, with the aid of France and Germany, succeeded in browbeating Japan and in compelling her to hand back the Lio Tung peninsula to China and accept a money indemnity therefor. Then she went deftly to work and wriggled herself into possession. Germany got her pay in concessions in the Shang Tung province and France got hers by gains in the South. The three worked together and formed the greatest and most successful syndicate of land robbers the world has seen since the days of Imperial Rome. Russia leased Port Arthur. She constructed a branch railroad from Harbin to Port Arthur, and under pretence of protecting the railway from small roving bands of brigands, she put into Manchuria a hundred thousand soldiers. She fortified Port Arthur until it was reported to be almost as strong as Gibraltar. She made provision for the wants of a powerful navy at that port where they could make repairs as called for and where they could stow away vast supplies of all sorts of munitions of war for a time of need. She made secret compacts with Chinese by which she secured enormous concessions to herself, and by which she carefully provided for the exclusion of

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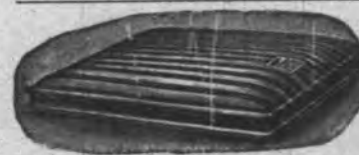
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The other knelt in prayer and asked the Lord to impress upon his mind that portion of His word that He would have him present to the people. He selected his text in this spirit, and began to prepare his sermon. He took a pad of paper and a lead pencil, and lifting his heart in prayer that God would reveal to him just what the Holy Spirit meant when He inspired that passage, he began his work. He said to himself: "Who spoke these words?" "To whom were they addressed?" "Why were they spoken?" "What else was said in connection with them?" "What effect did they have upon those who heard them?" "What do they really mean?" "What lesson did the speaker and the Spirit of God intend to teach?" "What doctrine do they contain?" "How does this doctrine or these facts touch my heart and life?" "How can I apply them to the hearts and lives of my congregation?"

He wrote out full answers to each one of these questions, but to do this he had to read the paragraphs in which the text was found two or three times, and carefully note all the circumstances. He then took his Bible and looked up all the references, and finally turned to some commentaries and read all the authors had to say on the subject. He found he had six pages of full notes and a general view of the subject, and then he began to think. And as he thought the subject grew broader, and deeper, and richer, for he had gotten his sermon out of the Bible, and not out of his head, and his people went down to their homes edified rather than the others.—Southern Advance.

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**Birmingham Notes**

At the Ministers' Conference this week Rev. S. O. Y. Ray conducted the devotions.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached at Pratt City in the morning and at Wylam at night.

Bros. W. S. Gilbert, R. E. R. Wallace and G. B. F. Stovall were in attendance upon the Ministers' Conference.

Rev. J. A. Hendricks read a paper on the "Pauline Conception of Salvation," based on Gal. ii:19-20. It was well received by all the brethren.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson preached at both hours at First Church and had unusually good services. Two members were received by letter.

The next meeting of the Conference will be April 11, and Rev. J. L. McKenney will present a paper on "The Young People in Our Country Churches."

Rev. J. M. Kalin's many friends are glad to welcome him home again from Texas. He dropped in on the Conference this week and was made to feel at home.

Woodlawn had two fine services. Pastor Blackwelder preached at both in the morning on "Mystery of Redeeming Love," and in the evening on "Look Unto Jesus."

Rev. Lee Smith at Park Avenue Church filled both hours and had a good Sunday school and B. C. P. U. meeting. The Sunbeams kept well up to the mark.

Dr. J. M. Shelburne, at East Lake, preached at the morning service on "The Sine Qua Non of Effective Discipleship," and in the evening on "Nashman the Leper."

Rev. J. A. Hendrix had Editor Frank Willis Barnett with him at Pratt City in the morning. The pastor spoke at the evening service to a large house on "David's Great Sin."

Rev. T. W. West reports a good Sunday school at Thompson Town. He preached for Rev. P. C. Barkley at Jonesboro in the morning and evening. Had fine congregations.

Fountain Heights Church was out in force to hear Pastor Walter S. Brown in the morning on "The Destructive Power of Little Sins." They gave Dr. A. P. Montague last week \$53.00 for Howard College.

The Union of the Fountain Heights Church is fully alive to the objects of the B. Y. P. U. in service and preparation for active Christian life. They are a great help to the pastor and their church in all their undertakings.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett has been requested by the Committee to speak at the State meeting of the B. Y. P. U., at Huntsville, on Thursday morning on "Luther Rice as a Denominational Builder," in the place of Rev. T. B. Rev. of Nashville, who, on account of other engagements, cannot be present.

There will be a fine turnout from this District to the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Huntsville, Alabama. Those going should leave here Tuesday noon to make the best connection and be there for the opening Wednesday, April 6.

Dr. Davidson's subject at the morning service at South Side was "Jesus at in 'The Law of the Kingdom,'" (Luke ix:23-24). The Young People's Union of the Valley had a good meeting at 3 p. m. Dr. A. P. Montague made a great address.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray preached for Pastor Bradley at 11 o'clock on "The condition of the District as a Mission Field." At night at Tuxedo Park Bro. Allan Smith was ordained to the work of gospel ministry. He has done a good work. Two are to be baptised next Sunday.

Several protracted meetings have been arranged for in the District. Dr. Tupper, of New York, will begin at South Side April 5 and assist Dr. Davidson. Rev. O. E. Bramber, of Century, Fla., will help Bro. E. Lee Smith at Park Avenue April 2. Pastor J. A. Hendricks, of Pratt City, is arranging to begin a meeting the first Sunday in May.

Pastor J. W. O'Hara at Wylam preached on "Prearranged Blessings," (Eph. i, 3-6), the first of a series of sermons on Ephesians. Received four members by letter and one for baptism. In the evening Rev. Frank Willis Barnett gave a helpful sermon on "The Vices in the Birmingham District." It was much appreciated. The funeral of Bro. Sampson also was very impressive and several hundred were present.

Bro. Allan Smith, a Howard College student, was ordained last night at Tuxedo Park Church, where he is pastor. Rev. S. O. Y. Ray and Bro. Gross, of Howard College, were the Presbytery. Brother Smith is one of our most promising young men. He is a graduate of the Institute of Newton, Ala., and expects when he finishes his course here to take the full seminary course. We expect to hear much from him in the years to come.

Pastor L. M. Bradley, of First Church, Avondale, reports a week of good things last week. The ladies of the Birmingham Association held an all day meeting there on Friday, which was most successful. That night Dr. Willingham preached one of his greatest sermons, and the people showed their appreciation by giving in cash and pledges for Foreign Missions \$548.75. Sunday Rev. S. O. Y. Ray preached in the morning, giving an outline of his work, which was enjoyed very much. At the evening service Rev. J. M. Kalin, of Texas, preached, to the delight of a large congregation. Two members were received by letter.

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J. D. Hagan & Co., Plaintiffs, vs Joseph Durkin, Defendant. Attachment No. 2607.  
Whereas, J. D. Hagan & Co., as Plaintiffs in said cause, has obtained an attachment out of this court issued on, to-wit 14th day of March, 1904, against the estate of the said defendant, Joseph Durkin, which attachment has been levied upon the following described money, as the property of said defendant, to-wit: Thirty-three Dollars and Seventy-five cents due said defendant by the Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company, a corporation doing business in the city of Birmingham, in Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and whereas it appears that the said Joseph Durkin, the defendant as aforesaid is a non-resident of the state of Alabama.  
Now, therefore, the said Joseph Durkin wherever he may reside, is hereby notified of the levy and pendency of said attachment.  
Witness my hand this 24th day of March, 1904.  
I. H. BENNERS,  
Judge Inferior Court of Birmingham  
Russell & Lewis,  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

**Non-Resident Notice.**

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Circuit Court, F. J. Roseberg, Plaintiff vs National Improvement Company, a corporation, C. W. Horn and R. L. Duncombe, Defendants Attachment.  
Whereas, F. J. Roseberg as plaintiff in said cause, has obtained an attachment out of this court issued on, to-wit 13th day of February, 1904, against the estate of the said defendants National Improvement Company, a corporation, C. W. Horn and R. L. Duncombe, which attachment has been levied by sheriff's writ of garnishment upon Alabama National Bank, which has on March 15th, 1904, answered said writ of garnishment showing the possession by it of \$53 belonging to said defendants and whereas, it appears that the said National Improvement Company, a corporation, C. W. Horn and R. L. Duncombe defendants as aforesaid are non-residents of the State of Alabama residing in Chicago, Illinois.  
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The engraving on our first page is an accurate picture of the completed statue. It represents primitive man in the person of Vulcan, the mythic God of fire and metal, at the moment when he discovered how to give to iron a keen edge, thus leading to the discovery of the conversion of iron into steel. This was a supreme achievement in the history of civilization, and may be ranked as almost the first step in man's conquest over nature in a material way. Without weapons and tools of steel the progress of the race must have been slow and painful, and at times the inroads of wild beasts and wild tribes of men must have made terrible havoc among the children of men who were striving to dwell in peace. The subject opens up a wide field of speculation and contemplation extending down the ages.

The entire conception of the gigantic figure of the god of metals and fire, is peculiarly fitted to convey to the minds of all who see the concrete representation, a graphic idea of the stupendous mineral resources of Alabama. It has taken pluck and courage of a high order on the part of the Commercial Club and the citizens of the Birmingham District in general to raise the sum of money required for the enterprise and to carry it out in a successful manner. President F. M. Jackson has been, from the day the project was adopted, unfaltering in his faith and unremitting in his labor. When the plan was first laid before him by J. A. MacKnight, originator of the Vulcan project, Mr. Jackson discerned at once that it embraced advertising possibilities for the entire district which were practically immeasurable. Mr. Jackson's enthusiasm drew to his support many of the most solid and progressive business men of Birmingham, who saw as he did, that an advertising plan of permanent strength had been discovered. Events have proven that they were right. The newspapers of this country, of Canada and of Europe have published such a volume of matter about the Vulcan enterprise that it would be practically impossible to estimate its extent and value. In January, a leading advertising man of New York told the representative of the Commercial Club that the space already occupied in the American newspapers by this matter could not be purchased for \$100,000, and he pointed out that had the advertising space been bought and paid for it would not have equaled in value the matter thus published free of charge, because the latter had appeared in the choicest news columns of every paper using it.

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All honor to President Jackson and the Commercial Club. They have builded better than they knew, and for ages to come the great iron Vulcan will stand in the park of Birmingham as one of the wonders of the world, and as a monument to their foresight and public spirit.

**Judson Notes.**

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The second in the series of Senior Recitals at the Judson was given Monday evening by Miss Susie Cowan. Miss Cowan's voice is a high soprano of very pleasing quality and great flexibility. The ease with which she takes the extremely high tones, her excellent breath control and distinct enunciation give evidence of careful training in an excellent method. The program began with an Aria from Hayden's Creation, which was sung with organ accompaniment. A group of classic songs sung in German, Arias by Mozart and Weber and several modern songs followed. The last number, a waltz song from Gounod's Romeo and Juliet was sung with delightful spirit and brilliancy.

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**If Russia Had Succeeded,**  
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other nations. Putting her own construction on all her adroitly worded points she had already practically Russianized Manchuria. She had with surprising success gained ascendancy at Peking, and had a strong party there working in her interests. By dexterous use of cajolery and intimidation, with a sandwich in one hand and a sand bag in the other, she had made the Dynasty stand in awe of her and had led on the Dowager to believe that Russia alone stood between her and the inscrupulous nations of the West. Triumphant with unforeseen success Russia planned other moves. Korea next! Tactics which had availed at Peking were to be applied there as at Fort Arthur; it would have been fortified in the same way; the Russian flag of supremacy would have floated over its ramparts; the same restrictions would have been imposed on other nations. Korea would have become a satrapy of the Czar, and the thing would have been done. Russia reigns.

And now for some of the consequences that would have followed these successes.

The predominance of Russia as an adviser of the Peking Government would have been assured. England had stood first, but now England was superceded, or was being superceded rapidly in the estimation of the Chinese as the chief power they had to fear and to propitiate. Henceforth it would be Russia with Cossack armies and fortresses all along her northern boundary to the sea of Japan. Who else so powerful! The nations had looked on with surprise and dismay, but not one of them had peeped or muttered. How could China oppose her, and still less poor little Korea! Russia's Asiatic viceroy (Alexieff at present) would have filled the post of "Aulic Counsellor" to two Emperors and have become the terror of a third in Japan. Without a nod of approval from that representative of the Czar the former would hardly dare to act in foreign affairs. China's internal administration, too, would have been shaped for her at St. Petersburg not by the kindly hearted and liberal-minded Czar himself, but by the despotic and exacting bureaucracy that had crushed Finland. The management of her Imperial Maritime Customs would have passed into Russia's hands and have been manipulated to the detriment of all other nations by that political machine called the Russian Bank. The dismemberment of China would have become inevitable, and the vision of Daniel of a bear raised up on one side with three ribs in its mouth, one for itself, one for France and one for Germany (without intending to say just what Daniel himself referred to) would have had a repetition in the north of Asia.

Furthermore, if Russia had succeeded it would mean that all the tribes of Central and Southwestern Asia would come to look upon her as "the hammer of the whole earth" as Babylon once was. Once quietly and securely rooted in Manchuria and Korea, which might have taken several years yet, then Tibet and the Pamirs and the Persian Gulf would have come more assertively into the sphere of Russian activities. Disturbances in India were sure to come, and that would mean war with England,

and war by England to retain her hold on India.

The territorial question by no means exhausts the contingencies ahead. Mighty economic and industrial issues are involved and furthermore principles of civil liberty and of human rights and of religious freedom or bondage are also behind and beneath, which Russian supremacy in Asia would have brought to a head. Let it not be forgotten that the Greek Church traditions have long had their eye on Jerusalem, and some day there may be a crusade for its possession, in comparison with which the crusade of Peter the Hermit will dwindle. It is not Peter the Hermit that will make trouble for Jerusalem next time but some descendants of Peter the Russian at present the competitor of Peter the Pope; none of these are kinsmen of Peter the Apostle. That there will come great changes in Russian administration of civil affairs at least, from the advancing spirit of the times cannot be doubted but at present Russia is the most powerful dynamo of political and to some extent of ecclesiastical absolutism in Europe. Rome and Constantinople are quite equal in policy, but they have not the power. Under other influences that are coming to dominate China this latter nation would emerge more rapidly than she can be expected to do under Slav ascendancy.

But now Russia has not succeeded in her grand start to achieve all these ends. She has suddenly met with a check. What the final map of North-eastern Asia is to be is yet undecided. What Russia's position is to be in relation to the government of China and Korea is now under furious consideration. A smaller nation has suddenly risen up to challenge Russia's presumption, and has thrown itself across her path with a navy superior to her own and with an army of two hundred thousand men and more to follow. It is almost a certainty that China will rise up to save her own Manchuria. And now all the world is looking on wondering how it will turn out and holding in abeyance movements of their own, till they see how it is likely to end. Meanwhile Japan is fighting not only her own battle but the battle of Korea, and the battle of China, and the battle of England, and to some extent the battle of civil and religious liberty in Asia and indeed the battle of mankind outside of Russia and France—and possibly Germany.

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A meeting of wide significance was held at the Rochester Theological Seminary, December 29-30 last, when, in response to an invitation from the Rochester faculty, representatives of seven Baptist theological seminaries met at Rochester for conference upon various questions of moment to theological education. As already noted in the Standard, the Baptist Theological Faculties Union was formed at that time. The seminaries represented were, in addition to Rochester, Hamilton, Newton, Louisville, Crozier, McMaster, of Toronto, and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

This conference grew out of the evident need for mutual consideration of important issues and the following sixteen questions were taken up for discussion. They are of sufficient importance to be placed before the members of the churches for consideration. These questions are as follows:

1. Is beneficiary aid necessary? Can the ministry dispense with it as do medicine and the law?
2. What inducements should be held out to men intending to enter the seminary? Should there be financial competition?
3. Is it wise to put agents in the field for the purpose of pledging men to attend any particular seminary?
4. Can we agree upon any plan of proportioning the amount of beneficiary aid in each case to the scholarship of the individual student?
5. How great should be the maximum amount of beneficiary aid received by a seminary student during a single year?
6. Ought students who are aided by one education society also to receive the full amount usually granted by another?
7. How may we combine to urge the claims of the ministry upon college students, without conflicting with one another?
8. Can we suggest to our colleges any needed alterations in their courses which would be helpful to our work? e. g., Greek.
9. What should be our attitude toward the anticipation of seminary work in the college curriculum? e. g., Hebrew.
10. How should we treat seminary students who marry during the theological course? And students who marry between the college and seminary courses?
11. How can we counteract the tendency to carry on pastoral work at the same time with work in the seminary?
12. Can we economize labor and money by employing lecturers who repeat their courses at all our seminaries?
13. Can our professors exchange work for limited times, so giving to many students the advantages now possessed by only a few?
14. What provision can we make for instructing non-college graduates by courses of reading or by summer schools?
15. Is it desirable to hold seminary conferences in the future, and if so will it be well to invite the secretaries of our educational societies to take part in them?
16. Is it wise or expedient for our seminaries to take united action advising the forming of standing councils in convenient centers for the purpose

of the examination of candidates for ordination to the ministry?

It will be of prime interest to churches and especially to young men who anticipate entering the ministry to know the conclusions reached by the conference after careful discussion of these questions. The resolutions adopted covering the first seven questions were as follows:

That aid to students for the ministry in our seminaries is necessary in some form. That as far as practicable such aid should be conditioned either upon service rendered or upon attainment in scholarship, or both. That aid furnished through the school or education society should not exceed the student's actual needs. That whenever aid is conditioned upon service rendered, such service should be as far as possible of such character and under such direction that it will be of disciplinary value in equipping the student for his work as a minister. That competition between schools with a view to inducing students to go to one school in preference to another, or to change from one school to another, should not be practiced; and that a practical plan for avoiding this should be framed by this conference. That in view of the differences in cost of living and of other conditions, it is undesirable to fix any maximum of aid for all students in all schools, and wiser to leave this matter to be controlled by the requirement of scholarship or service, as the condition of any aid. That no larger amount of aid be granted to a student who marries than would be given to a single man. That in the judgment of this conference it is undesirable that students in the several institutions here represented should assume full pastoral service while pursuing their studies unless they are willing to prolong their stay at these schools.

A committee was appointed to formulate a plan to avoid undesirable competition between schools in the obtaining of students. The faculties' union is also to undertake the preparation of literature for circulation among college students, setting forth the opportunities of service in the Christian ministry and the nature of a call to the ministry.

On question fourteen action was taken appointing a committee which shall make a study of the whole question of theological education of non-college graduates, and in particular to consider whether it is desirable to establish two schools for such students, one in the East and one in the West. The conference endorsed the position of the permanent council of New York requiring examination in the English Bible of candidates for ordination, and also approved the idea of an interchange of lecturers and professors among the seminaries. The faculties' union will hold its annual meeting in December of each year, and a special meeting in Cleveland in May in connection with the Baptist anniversaries. Many live questions are under consideration by those who are planning for summer schools and for more adequate provision throughout the West for schools for pastors and Christian workers.—The Standard.

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