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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. W. W. Falkner now gets his mail at Geneva.

Rev. R. L. Quinn now receives his mail at Moulton.

Rev. S. P. C. Adams now gets his mail at Newnan, Ga.

Rev. S. M. Adams now gets his mail at Plant City, Fla.

Rev. A. Y. Napier's address is Shanghai, China, care R. T. Bryan.

Field Sunday School Secretary Leavell is spending ten days in a tour of churches in Louisiana.

Funds have been provided to erect a home for Dr. P. T. Hale, President of the Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson, Tenn., on the University campus.

Rev. T. V. Neal now gets his mail at New York Hall, Louisville, Ky. We believe Brother Neal will find his work at the Seminary pleasant and profitable.

Please change my paper from Georgiana, Ala., to Whistler, Ala. We were received royally by the people here, and found our pantry filled with good things to eat.—A. B. Metcalf.

Please change my address from Marshall Falls, Texas, to Austin, Texas. I have resigned at Marshall Falls and accepted a call to Hyde Park church, this city. God bless you.—W. J. Dunham.

Vincent:—Amid all the rainy weather we are having a flourishing school. I believe that Prof. S. J. Strock is one of the best teachers that I ever saw. Am glad that I have the assistance of such a man. Bro. C. J. Bentley has been giving us some very interesting sermons.—R. R. Brasler.

The paper is still improving, wish I could get all my members to take it. Our church at Coffeeville is near completion. I hope to be able to put in some substantial work for the paper soon. May the Lord bless you in your work.—J. L. Tucker.

Carson:—I want to tell you that we have one of the prettiest churches in South Alabama. It cost us \$1,800, and we want you to know that we are proud of it. I want to say too that we have one of the best pastors in South Alabama. You will probably want to know who he is. It is Brother Riffe, a true Baptist, and I want to say that he has got one of the nicest little women for a wife I ever saw; we just love them both, Brother Barnett. We want to say something about our Brother Coleman. He is one of the most open hearted men I ever saw in my life to the cause of Christ. He gave the Church here at least about \$215, besides about five or six hundred dollars. He is one of the best Superintendents I ever saw. May God bless your paper and cause is my prayer.—G. M. Little.



REV. J. R. WELLS, PIEDMONT.

One of our young men who has gifts as writer, preacher and pastor.

## REPORT FROM ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

It is proper that the brethren in general should know what has been done by the committee on endowment of Howard College. After getting our plans somewhat organized for a canvass of the State it was thought best by some of the brethren most interested in the College, to defer any further special effort on endowment until the debt of \$3,500 on the new dormitory was paid. Through the earnest efforts of Dr. Montague and Brother D. L. Lewis this indebtedness has been liquidated, though there are a few subscriptions unpaid.

As soon as this difficulty was removed another of even greater importance demanded our attention. After thoroughly canvassing the situation the committee unanimously adopted the suggestion made by Bro. D. L. Lewis, of Sycamore, which is embodied in the following resolutions presented to the committee by Dr. Montague:

Whereas, There is pressing and immediate need of more room for teaching purposes and for chemical and physical laboratories, with equipment, at the College, and hence of a new building, evidence of which necessity is shown by the fact that every room is in double or triple service, and that the chemical laboratory is utterly inadequate, while there is practically no physical laboratory, I respectfully recommend,

First, That the Committee on Endowment suspend for a time active work.

Secondly, That this Committee adopt the plan suggested by Mr. D. L. Lewis, of Sycamore, to-wit: the erection of a neat brick building on the site of the present, and only remaining frame building, to contain on the first floor four recitation rooms, each capable of seating fifty students, and on the second floor two large rooms, one for a chemical laboratory, the other for a library, with perhaps a basement suitable for a gymnasium, the total cost of which shall be \$10,000 or \$11,000.

Thirdly, That \$4,000 in addition be raised for the purpose of repairing the old buildings and for certain other improvements.

When this matter was first suggested to me by Brother Lewis in a letter I was not very favorably impressed. I felt that the endowment was the one thing needed and was already chafing somewhat under the delay caused by the debt on the dormitory. But after talking with Dr. Montague and Professors Brand and Hogan and making some personal investigation at the College I became fully convinced that the one thing needed above all others, at present, is the new building referred to. It ought to be erected, adequately equipped, and ready for use by the opening of next session. In an article by Dr. Montague found elsewhere in this issue of the Alabama Baptist, the pressing need of this building is more fully presented.

The above information I have given to the brethren by the authority of the Endowment Committee.

W. J. E. Cox, Chairman.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the London City Temple, has been ordered by his physician to suspend work and to take some weeks of complete rest.

Mr. Heber Radcliffe, a bury layman of Liverpool, England, has given \$100,000 to build an auditorium, called "Sun Hall," where working people may learn the value of temperance and right living.

Grateful to God for so many blessings and for so much done, I have to ask Him to forgive me for not having done more and better. I never before so keenly felt the need of forming a league offensive and defensive with all the people of God. How I do hunger for the larger fellowship of my brethren.—Dr. John D. Jordan in Religious Herald.

The State Library of California has made arrangements to issue embossed books to blind persons. A list of the blind in the State is being prepared and they will be notified that they can get standard works at the library. The post-office department has ordered that books for the blind be sent by mail postage free.

Apalachicola, Fla.:—I close my pastorate here on the 12th to accept a call to Geneva, Ala. I have greatly enjoyed my work in Apalachicola. We have just completed a handsome church. I feel proud to identify myself with the work in the great State of Alabama. Put me down for co-operation in your organized work.—T. O. Reese. We are glad to welcome Brother Reese to Alabama.

I have just entered my fourteenth year as pastor of the Church at Lowndesboro. The thirteen years I have spent in serving this church have been pleasant and happy years. Our membership has more than doubled during that time, and we lost by death only two members. We have often wished that we might have seen more pronounced progress in some ways. But we must remember that the kingdom is an organism and follows the laws of growth, and growth is nearly always slow.—W. J. Elliott.

"Rev. W. R. Ivey and family will leave Oxford the last of this month for Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Ivey will spend three months at the Theological Seminary. After that, his plans are, as yet, indefinite. He has received several very flattering letters, tendering him calls to influential churches, but his decision remains to be made. Rev. Ivey and family hold a warm place in many Oxford hearts, and wherever his lot may be cast, the best wishes of his people will follow him and his."—Evening Star. We trust that Brother Ivey will find his stay at the Seminary helpful.

## Our Sermon.

### CHRIST FEEDING THE MULTITUDE.

By Rev. G. L. Yates.

Text, Matt. 14:16.

The verses which precede my text present to us a heart rending tragedy, one which must have brought profound grief and sorrow to many hearts, and especially to the great heart of Jesus. John the Baptist, his cousin, by the ties of the flesh, his fore-runner by Divine appointment, and whom he had himself distinguished as being the greatest man ever born of woman, had been treacherously and cruelly murdered by the wicked despot, Herod, at the instigation of his companion in shame, Herodias.

How strangely beautiful had been that life! How tragic its end! His disciples came, and with aching hearts took up the body and buried it, and then did the wisest thing possible under the circumstances, then did what every sorrow stricken one should do, they went and told Jesus, who immediately upon hearing it departed thence by ship to a desert place apart.

He doubtless had several reasons for retiring across the lake to the desert of Bethsaida. In the first place, there he would be out of the jurisdiction of the wicked despot, who had slain his cousin. In all probability Herod would have been moved at once to proceed against Jesus, if he had remained within his reach, for we learn from the opening verses of the chapter that he had already suspected Jesus as being his victim risen from the dead. Of course he could have secured and protected himself by Divine power, but this was not his plan. As our exemplar He chose to do so by human prudence.

And again his retirement may have been in order to avoid the pressure of the people, and gain some leisure to converse with his disciples newly returned from their mission of preaching and teaching, and indeed Mark tells us plainly that this was one reason, for the apostles gathered about him to tell him all things, whatsoever they had done and taught, and he said unto them, "Come ye yourselves apart unto a desert place, and rest awhile, for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." This he did many times, and oh! what glorious privileges these withdrawals must have afforded the disciples. What precious hours they must have spent, as they sat at his feet, and he taught them.

But the accounts leave on me the impression that our Lord was specially affected by the news of John's tragic death, and felt the longing for quietness, and seclusion which is the first impulse of the sorrow stricken. Sorrow always sends us into retirement. Silence and separation are the felt needs of such an hour. This same desire for seclusion, and quietude is seen in the case of Gethsemane, when he was in immediate anticipation of calamity, and overwhelmed with mental distress. Then he sought the quiet of the garden, the shade of the olives, and separation even from the trusted three. But here in the instance before us was one of

his trials, in which he was forbidden the rest of privacy when he most craved it. The multitudes in some way heard of his retirement, and on foot they made their way around the lake, they followed with such enthusiasm that they quite forgot to provide themselves with needful food, and therefore when the evening was come they were out among the lonely mountains faint, and hungry. Jesus had not brought about this awkward situation, but he could not see distress without desiring to remove it.

How infinitely compassionate! How utterly forgetful of self, of his own great sorrow, as he saw the hungering multitude. As he looked out over them we are told that he was moved with compassion upon them, for he saw them fainting, and scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Here was a miniature, a faint picture, of his yearning and heart-ache, and compassion for the hungering, thirsting, and dying multitudes of the world today, who are starving for the bread of life.

In fact these verses of the text present to my mind three distinct and successive scenes, scenes full of dramatic power, and overflowing with tenderness and pathos, the last of which leads to a climax that thrills my soul with a heavenly rapture, and which should thrill every Christian heart with a boundless and unspeakable joy. As I read here now how that the great multitude followed him on foot out of their cities, and how that they remained weary and hungry till the day was far spent, still lingering to catch every word that fell from his sacred lips, the scene before me is that of the hungering, starving and dying multitude of the world today, who in their blindness are reaching out after Christ, if haply they might find Him.

Oh, how I love to read of how the multitude pressed him then to hear his preaching, and see his miracles. What an encouragement to us. He could not lie hid, but wherever he appeared a congregation soon assembled, indeed the crowds became too large and too pressing, "Insomuch that they trod one upon the other." It was a frequent necessity with Him to use means to diminish the crowd by repairing to desert places, or taking ship. "They came to Him from every quarter" in keeping with the prophetic words of Jacob who said "To Him shall the gathering of the people be." How it thrills our hearts to think of them pressing him then. But oh, beloved, look out over the world today, and see how that all eyes are turned to Him as never before. See how the millions who have lived in heathen darkness are stretching out their hands to him, and crying out after God as never before, and hear the cry of spiritual yearning which comes to us from the destitute places in this our own fair land, and it is enough to bring tears to every eye, and move every Christian heart with a profound compassion. This multitude of five thousand, hungered for temporal bread, but the world today is hungering, and starving for the "Bread of Life."

China with her four hundred million in darkness, turns to us with a look of intense pleading, and with a heart rending pathos in her voice, and cries to us through our missionaries, "We are per-

ishing without Christ, come Oh come to our rescue." And although the war clouds hang heavy over Japan, yet with outstretched arms she pleads for the light. Only recently we sent her some of our noblest sons, and with the news of their safe voyage, came the appeal for more men to instruct the multitudes. And little Cuba, here at our door whom we recently rescued from Spanish oppression, is looking to Southern Baptists as to no one else for the Light. And New Orleans and Memphis are crying to us for help, to stem the tide of wickedness, and infidelity that threatens to engulf them. The Methodists are planning for a great forward movement there, and shall we not reinforce our forces there? Oh what a fearful picture it all presents. How mightily it ought to stir our hearts, urging us on to attempt great things for God, and expect great things from Him.

But alas! alas! this picture is marred today by the same spirit that characterized the disciples upon this occasion in the wilderness. Although the day was far spent, and the multitudes were weary, and hungry, they cared not for their wants, but went to Jesus with the presumptuous advice, "Send the multitudes away" to villages that they may buy victuals for themselves. Send them away, we have not enough to divide. This accursed spirit of indifference is today the blighting curse of our denomination, and not only so but of all denominations. Knowing the truth as we do, and possessing the only remedy that will heal the desperate wound of the sinning, and dying, yet we are withholding it from others, and turning a deaf ear to their pitiable cry saying, let them hunger still, and even as the disciples did, we say to Christ send them away, it is nothing to us, if they faint, and falter, and are lost.

A missionary meeting was held recently in a little town in New Jersey. One of the richest men in the State was there worth millions of dollars. During the meeting he went to sleep, before it closed the pastor got out some photographs, which he invited the congregation to come up afterwards, and see. The old man waking when the benediction was pronounced went up to look at them. He saw the pictures of some Chinese men and women showing their poverty, and need, and this was his only exclamation, "Well aint them queer looking folks." Oh brethren, the pathetic thing about it was not his poor English, but that all the photographs awakened in him, was an exclamation of surprise and curiosity. He had no real knowledge of their real condition, yet some day he will have to give an account for his neglect of them. Speak of our little orphans, and immediately our eyes fill with tears and indeed they ought, for they are dependent upon us for their daily bread. But, Oh beloved, there are millions about us starving for the bread of life, without which they are lost for time, and for eternity. Oh that you could appreciate their real condition!

A few years ago, a little boy the sunshine and happiness of a western home wandered too far from the house and was lost in the tall grass of the prairie. As night came on, you can imagine the

agony and suspense of the father and mother. Searching parties were organized and were scouring the country far and near. Night came on, the suspense and agony increasing with the passing hours. At last as the dawn of another day came on one of the parties heard in the distance a faint cry. Ah how their hearts beat faster as they followed on in the direction of the cry. At last they came on the little fellow lying on the cold damp ground. As the rescuers bent over him, he turned to them with a look of intense pleading on his childish face, and with a voice husky from the repeated cries of the night said, "Oh sir, won't you take me to my mamma, I am so hungry and cold." Who could have held them back? Oh, friends, just such a pathetic appeal I bring you today from those who are lost in the mazes of sin and darkness, and are dying without the Bread of Life which is yours without measure.

"Send them away," said the disciples. "Oh no," said the great friend to publicans and sinners as His heart throbbed with unbounded and unspeakable compassion for the multitude, "They need not depart, give ye them to eat."

And this leads us to the second picture Christ feeding the hungering multitudes, by human instrumentality. How profoundly significant the picture. How earnestly and prayerfully I would have you study it.

"Give ye them to eat." How helpless they must have felt, for they had only five loaves and two fishes, but he said "bring them hither to me." And commanding the multitudes to sit down in companies of fifty, he took the five loaves and two fishes and looking up to heaven he blest and break and gave the loaves to the disciples and the disciples to the multitude. Do you see them threading their way through the multitude satisfying their hunger and dispensing plenty? Oh that you may get a glimpse in this picture of your own personal responsibility, and that these words "give ye them to eat" may continue to ring in your ears, and burn in your hearts till like your Lord you will take up your cross, bear it out to Calvary and die on it for others. We have been saved by his sacrifice, and now we are to go out into the world of sinful men, and offer ourselves in sacrifice, that they may know God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, for the cross of Jesus is not a substitute for the cross of the disciples, but it is the type, the pattern, the power of that cross, which every Christian is to bear for the perishing world.

Some one said to me recently, why this continuous cry for missions? Why these continued appeals for the home and foreign board? May I answer the question now? I would feel that I was a vile and contemptible traitor to Him who called me by His grace, and unworthy of your confidence and affections, as your pastor, if I did not do all in my power to point out to you clearly your duty and responsibility in this matter.

It is our claim as Baptists, that we have the truth, that in this, we surpass all others. The claim is all right, but how are we to make it good? The constant assertion of it will not make it good, appeals to Scripture will not suf-

see, for Jesus Himself said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." But the argument we need more than any other to prove our superior claim is our superior obedience, and beyond all controversy, the greatest obedience required by our Lord, is to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Regard then, for our own name, and loyalty to Christ and compassion for the lost world, unite in making it our supreme duty to go forward in this great work of soul-saving.

But as plain as our duty and responsibility is shown us here in God's word, there is opposition to this great work. The devil has always opposed missions. He knows how that thousands year after year are liberated from the thralldom of sin and made heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, and he used men to carry out his plans, just as God uses human instrumentality to carry out His plans. He uses open opposition. He gets men openly to oppose the work, they laugh at it and ridicule it, by tongue and pen claiming it to be illogical, impractical, unscriptural and impossible. All manner of denunciation is hurled at it, sometime by men who stand high in society and sometime in church, but in this they stand with Satan in opposition to God's glorious cause. They tell us that Christ can do this without us, we answer yes, but he has seen fit to commit it to us, and therein we rejoice and will rejoice. They tell us that there is enough to do at home, we answer, Christ knew the home needs when he told his disciples to go into all the world to every creature, and it has always been true "that the light that shines the furthest shines the brightest at home."

But the most harmful opposition comes from the passive indorsers, those who would be offended if you did not call them missionaries, but in whose hands the cause languishes. Oh they believe in missions, but always have sufficient reason for doing nothing for the cause. They have personal debts to pay, but why rob God to pay man? Be sure the first fruits belong to God. But perhaps the meanest excuse they offer is their lack of faith in our workers at the front. They cast aspersions at our missionaries, some say they are cranky, weak minded, or unworthy, and many such damaging charges they bring against them. Now, no one holds that all the missionaries are what they ought to be, but taken together they are as good and noble and true a set of beings as can be found on God's earth, and I beg you let not the devil use you to decry them, for they are doing a work that makes the angels in heaven rejoice and delights the Infinite Father, and through these we are carrying the command of Jesus to make Him known to all men.

But here is one who says the Chinese religion is good enough for the Chinese, I say let them alone. I will support home missions, but I say let the heathen alone. The trouble with that man is he does not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. If he believed this he would believe that the gospel is the only gospel and that Christianity is divine, and that there is no other name whereby men might be saved, therefore,

the Chinese must have that gospel and that name above every other name. Foreign missions depend not upon our love for the heathen, but upon our love for Jesus Christ. We are not surprised then that some do not believe in foreign missions. Do not sit in judgment on foreign missions, they judge you. If you do not believe in foreign missions examine well your credentials of salvation. You may find that you do not believe in home or State missions, and at the bottom, you do not believe in Christ.

My friend you are bound by an unalterable obligation to a stewardship in all things for God, and no power can absolve you from it. As surely as God directed Israel of old, He directs his people now. Then they would not be led and they had to drink the bitter cup of consequences to the bottom, and if we refuse to obey His positive command today, we must drink the cup of disobedience and know the retribution that comes to disobedient commonwealths.

Never as now has the providences of God been so plain. Never as now has the thunder of commandment echoed around the world. Never as now has the pillar of cloud been seen to, rise and move forward, but the people so busy gathering the quail have not struck their tents. Oh brethren, the watchmen at the front are not sounding a false alarm. They are not pushing the work, but the work is pushing them with impetuous and ever-increasing force.

A crisis is upon the nation, the church, the world, it has come to stay, from year to year the battle grows wider and hotter, and always will "till Jesus comes."

An educated ministry is needed, but no one can be truly educated without being saturated with the missionary spirit. Christian teachers are needed with high ideals, but they must be grown around Christian firesides. Mothers, fathers are you preparing your boys and girls for these high ideals, either to go or send? Are you preparing them to go forth with the bread of life to the starving millions, carrying out the command of Jesus "give ye them to eat?"

Some one has said that the climax of a mountain is its illuminated peak. Ought not this land so established, so exalted to find the world's climax in the resplendent forces of the gospel. Which of all nations should claim the privilege of God's standard bearer? Oh, let America! my native land, and especially this glorious Southland be the standard bearer in this great conflict which shall satisfy the hunger and craving of the multitude and win the world for Christ.

And this is the last scene, the glorious climax that thrills my soul with delight. As I read these words, which close the story of the wilderness feast, "And they did all eat and were filled," I catch a vision of the future, when his saving health shall be known to all nations, when His knowledge shall cover the world as the waters cover the sea, yea when all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

O beloved, I cannot describe that scene. I sink amid glories, I stumble among sublimities, I can only point you to what I see, I cannot paint the scene.

But you say, this is a long way off, it will cost too much, and our gifts are too meager, but we answer no, for just as He multiplied the five loaves and two fishes and satisfied the multitude, so he is multiplying our small gifts today, and thousands are hearing the story of the cross and finding refuge from the storm of sin in His great compassionate heart.

Watchman what of the night! Tell us what its signs of promise are! day is breaking. The morning dawneth and the light of life is bursting in floods of glory upon a benighted world. The gentle light of the steadily rising sun is already melting away into the azure dawn of an eternal day. The name of King Jesus is already peerless in power and universal dominion is inscribed upon the snowy folds of his cross banner and to "every creature" we will go with the story of redeeming love.

Oh the day is not distant, when the songs of Zion and the shouts of redemption following the sun and keeping pace with the hours shall encircle the whole world and re-echo again and again: the song of the angels which swept the Judean hills on this night of His nativity, "glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men," for Christ our King shall conquer.

Oh faithful and devoted Christian, thy Master wants thee to have a part with him in this great conflict and to share His glory in the final conquest.

#### ANSWERING LETTERS.

If I meet and salute a friend or acquaintance and he ignores my salutation, I naturally wonder what is wrong and feel much troubled. Is not a letter, which, in a sense, is a greeting from one friend to another, although we have left off the formal words of salutation with which letters were once commenced, akin to a personal salutation, and as such worthy of response? You write to a friend concerning a matter which closely concerns you or your business, hoping that he too will give evidence of some interest in you or your affair; you wait with more or less anxiety for a reply; days and weeks pass; and at last your communication takes the place among things forgotten.

The cause of the failure to reply to letters may be found partly in the distaste for writing that possesses many people, partly in the many engagements and business matters that consume one's time, not, we must believe, in a lack of kindly feeling. The intention to answer is probably in the mind of the recipient. I write to a brother, who says upon the coming of the letter, "Here's a letter from Brother Montague. I am glad to hear from him, and I'll reply tomorrow." Tomorrow a sermon must be prepared, a couple married, a funeral service conducted. Several days pass; my letter, lying on the brother's desk, becomes day by day more and more a reminder of something not done, until at last my friend, with no really unkind feeling for me, but exasperated by a delay which may, perhaps, be unavoidable,

and thinking that it is now too late to reply, wrathfully exclaims, "There's that letter from Montague. I wish he had never written to me and I hope he will never write again;" and with a fell swoop he bears down upon my poor letter and commits it to the oblivion of the waste-basket or the enmity of the flames.

Within the last forty days I wrote concerning a matter of great concern to our College at East Lake to eighty-four brethren. I had unusually good fortune, for thirty-one replied, only fifty-three failing to respond. And yet among the fifty-three were some ten or fifteen upon whose aid and fellowship I had counted, counted with certainty. But I know that many of them had good reasons for not answering, for among them are some of the choicest spirits in our land, true yoke-fellows, devoted to our Master's cause.

I am writing these words in no spirit of complaint (for who am I to complain of the brotherhood?), but, I frankly confess, with the hope that what I have written may move some brethren in the days to come to reply to letters which I may send them concerning an institution dear to them and to me.

I love to write to the brethren. If duties at College or other things prevent my going often to visit portions of the State, it does me good to feel that I may go by my representative, a letter, written from my heart to a brother beloved, and may thus remind him that I am hoping for his co-operation in my work here, but also that I hold him in affectionate remembrance and pray that God will abundantly bless him and his field. A letter may be a small thing; but how often it brings cheer and comfort and the blessed thought that we have the love and fellowship of friends and brethren.

A. P. Montague.

The Revolutionary War ended, or rather the peace between the United States and Great Britain was signed, in 1783, more than one hundred and twenty years ago. On the pensions rolls last year were still the names of two widows and three daughters of Revolutionary soldiers. Of course, the widows must, when very young, have married very old pensioners. The War of 1812 ended more than eighty years ago. One surviving soldier of it was alive June 30, 1903, and may be still alive; and 1,500 widows of soldiers of that war were getting pensions.

The New York subway is at last practically completed and, for a time at least, the congestion of passenger traffic in the city will be somewhat relieved. The subway is by far the longest tunnel in the world, being twenty-two and four-fifth miles in length, while the London "underground," the next in size, is thirteen miles long. The cost of the undertaking is estimated at \$65,000,000, and it was actively begun September 1, 1900.

It is figured that the total wealth of the people of the United States today is \$110,000,000,000. There are 970,000,000 acres of land, ready to be occupied by homeseekers.



A MAN FOR THE CHINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

We present the picture and sketch of Bro. E. W. Provence, who has gone to Canton, China, to help in the work of our great and growing Publication Society. Brother Provence is not a regular missionary, employed by the Board, but by the China Publication Society, and yet he is engaged in important missionary work. The reader will note how the Lord has prepared him and led him to His work:

Ernest Watkins Provence, second son of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Provence, was born in Brownsville, Tenn., March 15, 1879. He received his early education at home, where he was taught by his mother. In 1888 his father moved to Florida on account of the climate. In Monticello, where his father was pastor for some years, and where he had charge of a weekly newspaper, Ernest professed conversion in his thirteenth year, in a meeting in which his father had the assistance of Rev. N. A. Bailey. In this newspaper office, Ernest learned to set type, and by the time he was thirteen years old he was in charge of the paper whenever his father was absent.

In 1893 he was sent to Richmond in response to a telegram from his brother, then in college, who had secured for him a position on the Daily Times. He entered Richmond College in October of that year, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1901, having worked his way through at a printer's "case." He immediately went to Dallas, Texas, to accept a position on the Baptist Standard. In the spring of 1903 he went to South McAlester, I. T., and started the Western Baptist. The combined work of editor, compositor, and business manager proved to be too much for one man, and he associated with him Revs. J. L. Walker and J. W. Collins, to whom he afterwards turned over the business. He returned to Dallas, and accepted a position with the branch house of the American Baptist Publication Society, which he gives up to go to Canton to work with the China Baptist Publication Society. During his residence in Dallas, Brother Provence had charge of the largest of the five missions of the First Baptist Church, in which his work, has been greatly blessed. He leaves Dallas with the love and confidence of all who know him.

BROTHER CRUMPTON IN CALIFORNIA.

I promised to give one more letter and this to be about Baptist affairs. Of course, I can give only impressions. I had neither the time nor the opportunity to study carefully the situation.

The surroundings on the Pacific coast are not conducive to Baptist growth. The population is so mixed, foreigners from every country on the globe, with their religions and irreligions, and Americans from every State in the Union, in pursuit of everything except the pearl of great price. It is almost impossible to reach them with religious instruction. Increased wealth tends to luxurious living and extravagance. This is demonstrated at every turn in California. My observation leads me to believe that pious, consecrated lives are not developed in the midst of such surroundings. The simple faith and forms of Baptists are at a disadvantage in a country like California. The preachers who go West are not fixtures,—the pastorates, from what I could gather, are short. It would be hard to find a finer looking set of men, or men better equipped than those I met on two Monday mornings in San Francisco and Oakland. But I doubt if there was a native Californian among them. One of the veterans, Brother Hill, of Oakland, has been there nine years. He has lately been made President of a Theological Seminary for the Baptists of the Pacific Coast, located hard by the great State University at Berkley. That is a most hopeful sign, I think. A native ministry is their greatest need. I saw preachers in California hunting work. One poor fellow, and he seemed to be a bright man, said sorrowfully: "All the good pastorates are filled."

In California, Alabama and everywhere else Dr. Gambrell's remark is true: "We need men, not to fill places, but to make places." The "open doors" are for the place makers.

"Responsive reading," I learned, was almost universal among the Baptists. A brother asked me if I opposed it. My reply was, "I simply haven't been used to it. Generally I think it is safe, where we have no direct Scriptural rule, not to do what the Ritualists do. Abe Lincoln said: 'Those who like that sort of a thing, that is the sort of thing they like.'" I imagine some of my readers will say, "In giving that answer Brother Crumpton made a graceful straddle." I confess that I do not know. For many years in most of our Sunday schools we have had responsive readings. I see no harm that has come from it, but I don't take to it.

The question of alien immersion does not disturb the churches in the far West—they receive all who have been immersed.

A thoughtful brother, in replying to a question, said: "The question of close communion has never been submitted to the churches. If it should be, I don't know but it would be voted out. I never extend an invitation to the Lord's Supper." Another brother said: "I extend an invitation, but I think the majority of pastors do not."

This artful way of dodging the issue I found a few years ago to obtain

among Baptists in many places in Kentucky.

Other denominations, so I was told, are out-stripping the Baptists. The latter, I fear, are not aggressive. The State is near twelve hundred miles long. For convenience, they have a South and North California Convention. The Home Mission Society of New York has a contract with the two Conventions, by which each receives a certain sum on certain conditions. Reflecting over the situation, I have been led to ask,—may it not be that the Baptists of California are depending too much upon outside help and not enough upon themselves? The Home Mission Society has doubtless done a great work on the Coast; and should continue to help; but the infant is growing and needs to strengthen itself by healthful exercise.

I was given the hour at one of the Ministers' Conferences to tell about our

Southern Work.

The brethren were eager to know how we did it in Alabama and in the South. I think some of them were much surprised to find that the white Baptists helped the colored people and were friendly to their education.

They were most curious to know how we managed to have only one agency in Alabama to represent all the mission interests. They have an agent from each of the three societies and two others representing the general societies of women. In Alabama one man does it all.

A brother asked: "How it is that you Southern Baptists put more stress upon the independence of the churches than we do and yet you seem to have greater co-operation along benevolent lines?" The answer was about this: "The fact that we recognize the independence of the churches wins their confidence and promotes co-operation."

"One of our Congressmen said to me: 'I do not understand how you Baptists hold together and do so much. You have no government. The tie that binds your churches together is only a rope of sand; but for aggressive work along educational and missionary lines, you seem to do as much as the best. If the time shall ever come that Baptists do not stress church independence they will be shorn of their strength. The rope-of-sand sort of government is one of our strongest points. Then it is God's way, that makes it the best.'"

"Brother, come and speak to my people

Thirty Minutes

Sunday morning," so said pastor Sawyer of the Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco. I accepted the invitation, for I wanted to try the experiment and see if I could preach a thirty minutes sermon. They have the Sunday school after the eleven o'clock service and this necessitates the prompt closing of the preaching. Some of our short sermon fiends, who sit in the pews, can work the Sunday-school-after-the-service racket on the preachers if they will. It is a sure remedy. When applied to the old secretary, whose habit it was to roam around in the delivery

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of his discourses and consume the better part of an hour, it worked beautifully. "Dat rabbit was jest blege to climb," said Uncle Remus. The secretary got a move on him and came very nearly within the limit. The main object, as I understand it, in having the Sunday school after the service is to secure the attendance of the children at preaching. But in that it was a complete failure at Hamilton Square and the pastor said he saw no advantages, in that regard, that this plan had over the old.

I say now, as I said three years ago: "If Mr. Rockefeller is a real Baptist and anxious to help the Baptist cause, it seems strange to me that some of his money does not go into California College. Now, since the Theological Seminary enterprise has been inaugurated, the chances for doing good are very much greater.

Some of the Judson girls will remember Prof. Lorenzo Inskip. I had the pleasure of meeting him in Oakland, where he lives. He is still teaching. He said many kind things about the Judson and asked many questions about friends.

This ends the letters. I thank the Lord for kind brethren who insisted on my making the trip. It did me good. Though California is a great and grand State, I thank God for the privilege of living and laboring in Alabama.

I am glad to be back and at my work again. W. B. C.

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SOME STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

J. A. Hendricks.

I am giving a course of study in the Old Testament this year to the ministerial students and the senior class at Howard College. And by arrangement with the editor I shall put substantially the same course, in outline, and with suitable alterations, in the columns of the Alabama Baptist. I trust that many pastors and Sunday school workers will take opportunity to re-study the Old Bible. Of course, this will be but an outline study, merely an indicator, and each one may carry the study as far as he wishes—the further the better. Any feature the brethren may desire to be incorporated in this course that they peculiarly need, I shall be pleased to consider if they will drop me a card—provided that it be within the limits of available space for this work. Our desire is to make this column helpful to all who want to study God's word more earnestly.

Chapter I. From Creation to the Call of Abraham, Gen. 1:11.

1. An Analysis: (1) Creation, Gen. 1:2; (2) The Temptation and Fall, Gen. 3; (3) Cain and his Descendants, Gen. 4; (4) Seth and his Descendants, Gen. 5; (5) The Flood, Gen. 6:8-14; (6) Beginning Over, Gen. 8:15-19; (7) The Beginning of Nations, Gen. 10; (8) Babel and the Dispensation, Gen. 11:1-9.

2. Some Topics for Study: (1) The Work of Each Creation Day; (2) Is. 2:4, etc., a second account of creation, or a statement of Man's relationship to God, the World and to Woman; (3) The Serpent in chapter 3, and his suggestions, cp. 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; and 20:2; (4) Sin, its nature and results; (5) Relation of Noah's curse upon Ham and the Conquest of Canaan.

3. Some Stupendous Events: (1) The Fall of Man, its Cause, Meaning, Effects and Remedy; (2) The Flood: a. Its Cause; (a) Godlessness of the Cainites, who went away from God, and spiritual worship (Gen. 4), who lived for time, grew worse and worse; (b) Godly Sethites (Gen. 4:26) married the beautiful worldly daughters of the Cainites, and Godliness vanished from the earth, Gen. 6:1 and 5; (c) They grieved away the Spirit of God, Gen. 6:3; (d) They sinned thus against light—Enoch's work, Gen. 5:24 and Jude 14; Enoch also preached righteousness. There were those living who had heard Adam tell of God's walk with men.

b. Its Effects: (a) Every human being, except Noah's family, was utterly destroyed. Consider the age of the world and the longevity of men and realize the vastness of this fact—it was colossal! Stupendous! Nothing else ever made the impression it did, traditions of which everywhere are found; (b) Their souls perished in hell (1 Pet. 3:18-20). There will be another catastrophe as great (2 Pet. 3:10). In the light of this, what sort of persons ought to be! Compare Jesus, Mt. 24:38; (3) Babel the Dispersion, its Message to the World.

4. Some Books that Every One needs: First of all let every one have a good Bible. The American Revision is the best. Then I think Hurlbut's "Manual

of Biblical Geography" is indispensable, and is inexpensive. For plain people like the most of us, Smith's "Old Testament History" is valuable. It helps to larger studies. Some good commentary ought to be had. Possibly the Expositor is the best we have in English. Whole set may be had for \$10. There are other good books and critical, but possibly it is not necessary to name them here.

5. Some Suggestions: (1) If you are at all interested in Old Testament study, clip these studies from your paper and file them for ready, easy reference; (2) You will get richer results as we proceed in the development of the Old Bible. Do some real good, honest study with me; (3) I shall not use my allotted space discussing hard and deep problems, if I could; but if any one may be interested in any subject not noticed here and wants help, I shall be happy either to help him or point him to where he can get help, if he will drop me a card. At any rate write me your interest and needs and we will try to make this column fruitful of good.

MOBILE ITEMS.

The St. Francis Street Church has recently lost one of its oldest and most consecrated members in the death of Mrs. L. L. Ruggles. Mrs. Ruggles was the daughter of Rev. Jacob Henry Schroebler who was the second pastor of St. Anthony St. Baptist Church of Mobile. Brother Schroebler was pastor of this church from April 30, 1841, until his death, which was caused by yellow fever, in September, 1843. He was a man of influence and power in his day and did much for the advancement of the Baptist cause in Mobile. Mrs. Ruggles' husband was related to the noted Ruggles family, of Boston. On June 5, 1845, the Second Baptist church, now known as the St. Francis St. Baptist church was organized with thirty-seven members. Mrs. Ruggles, then a girl of thirteen, was one of the thirty-seven who formed the new organization, and she continued a member of the church until her death, which occurred on the third of this month after a brief illness. No member of the church was more interested in its welfare and none more familiar with its history than Mrs. Ruggles. A prominent physician, who had known her for many years, told me that he supposed she had nursed more sick people than any person in Mobile. She was always ready to give a helping hand to those who were in trouble. She died at the home of a friend where she had gone to take care of the house during the absence of her friend. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

We have just been honored with a visit from Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. He preached at the Saint Francis Street Church last Sunday morning. The day was one of the most disagreeable Sundays we have had this winter and there was not half our usual congregation present, but the collection was the largest we have received during my pastorate. Dr. Willingham asked us for \$2,500 with which to build a

church house in Japan. We have about \$1,750 of the amount—in sight with many yet to hear from. At night Dr. Willingham preached at the Palmetto Street Church to a very small congregation because of the very unfavorable weather. He asked them for \$200 with which to furnish the house. About \$230 was subscribed by the small congregation present and this will be increased. Preston has made a fine start at Palmetto Street Church, and he and his people are very hopeful of the future.

Recently a very interesting and helpful fifth Sunday meeting was held at Semms. Bro. J. M. Kailin is pastor at this place and arranged for the meeting. He is proving himself to be of great value to our cause in this section.

W. J. E. Cox.  
Mobile, Ala., Feb. 8, 1905.

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By W. T. Hill, Atty.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



THE BEAR HUNTER.

If I should meet a grizzly bear  
A-roaming from his mountain lair,  
I'd just get down on hands and knees  
And growl around among the trees.

Then if my growling didn't scare  
That great, ferocious grizzly bear,  
I'd sing a song, and, at my ease,  
Just try my best the bear to please.  
—Charles Keeler.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Jan. 30, 1905.  
Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Editor: Allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words. I am a little boy of 14 years. I am a reader of the Alabama Baptist. I enjoy reading it so much and my father and mother like it too. I am going to school this winter, and I like to go very well. Rev. T. V. Neal preached his farewell sermon at our church last Sunday. His sermon was very touching. We all hate to give Brother Neal up for we all love him very much. I will bid you adieu. God's blessings be with you now and forever.

Claud I. Clark.

BE COURTEOUS, BOYS!

"I treat him as well as he treats me," said Joe.

His mother had just reproached him because he did not attempt to amuse or entertain a boy friend who had gone home.

"I often go there and he doesn't notice me," said Joe again.

"Do you enjoy that?"

"Oh, I don't mind; I don't stay long."

"I should call myself a very selfish person if friends came to see me and I should pay no attention to them."

"Well, that's different; you are grown up."

"Then, you really think that politeness and courtesy are not needed among boys?"

Joe, thus pressed, said he didn't exactly mean that; but his father, who had listened, now spoke: "A boy or man who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him has no character of his own. He will never be kind or generous or a Christian. If he is ever to be a gentleman, he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others."

meanness will change his nature." And very earnestly the father added: "Remember this, my boy. You lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because someone else is. Be true to your best self, and no boy can drag you down."—Well-Spring.

A QUESTION.

Little Lucy Locket  
She hasn't any pocket—  
No place to carry anything at all;  
While Lucy's brother Benny  
He has so very many  
In which to put his marbles, top, or ball,  
That when he's in a hurry  
'Tis sometimes quite a worry  
To find the one he wants among them  
all.

Now why should Lucy Locket  
Not have a little pocket—  
A handy little pocket in her dress?  
And why should brother Benny,  
Who doesn't need so many,  
Be favored with a dozen, more or less?  
The reason, if you know it,  
Be kind enough to show it,  
For really 'tis a puzzle, I confess!  
—Ellen Manly in January St. Nicholas.



DEFEATED THE BICYCLIST.

"Go and hitch up the ostrich" is not at all an absurd command on an ostrich farm. There these great birds are often harnessed to a carriage and make fairly good substitutes for horses. Although they cannot draw a heavy load, their speed is a recommendation.

At Jacksonville, Fla., there is a bird named Oliver W. that can run a mile in two minutes and twenty-two seconds. His owners claim that he is more satisfactory than a horse because he eats less, never shies at anything, never runs away, and goes steadily at a good pace without laziness or fatigue.

This particular ostrich appears to like his work. When the little carriage is brought out he comes running toward it at full speed, with both wings spread out, ready to have the harness put on.

On one occasion a cyclist tried to pass Oliver W. on a long smooth stretch of road. He came up behind the carriage, thinking to get ahead and escape the dust. Oliver W. thought differently. He threw his head high in the air, gave a flap with his wings, and went forward with a speed that astonished the cyclist. Putting forth more effort, the latter made another attempt to pass

the ostrich, but the faster the pedals of the bicycle moved the faster sped the long legs of the bird.

It so happened that the cyclist had a record as a fast rider, and to be distanced by an ostrich was not to his liking. For two miles he tried to pass his feathered rival, but was then obliged to give up the race, defeated.

Some fast horses have tried conclusions with Oliver W., who seems to like nothing better than testing their speed, starting slowly, to make them think it easy to distance him, and then gradually increasing his pace.

PRAYER AS A FACTOR IN THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

By R. B. Headden, Rome, Ga.

Prayer as a factor in the evangelization of the world is a subject worthy of earnest thought and wide discussion. For prayer is far more than petition. It is the highest exercise of the human mind and more than anything else human comes nearest to the wielding of divine power. There are emergencies which nothing can meet but prayer, crises in the progress of the Kingdom when the Church has no resource but a prayer. Our Savior says there are some enemies of God and man which yield not except to fasting and praying.

The promises are our warrant for prayer and we need not puzzle ourselves about the answer if we only pray according to God's will. Before we pray there must be desire. The desire will be in proportion to the importance of the thing desired. Prayer and effort cannot spring out of indifference nor can they spring from weak convictions of need. Paul says: "My heart's desire and prayer unto God for Israel is that they might be saved." His desire was so strong that his kinsmen might be saved that he said, "I could wish myself accursed from Christ for their sake." Paul's example teaches us that strong convictions are essential to prevailing prayer. No one will pray earnestly for missions unless they entertain deep convictions as to the lost condition of the heathen, the everlasting punishment of the wicked, the hopelessness of the heathen without the Gospel, and the earnest belief in the ultimate success of the Gospel.

The impulse which gives birth to earnest prayer for missions is the strong desire to see the lost everywhere brought to Christ. Paul in 1 Tim. 2: 1-4, makes prayer a factor in the salvation of all men, and says such prayer is acceptable to God. Anything which destroys or weakens belief in the lost, ruined, and hopeless condition of the heathen chills sympathy, weakens desire, and restrains prayer. Restrain prayer and interest in missions dies, giving ceases, and going will end. Prayer is the pivot of success. Prayer is an index of interest just as an indicator on an engine tells the presence and power of steam.

Prayer is a measure of the sympathy which we have for the progress of a cause like missions. When there is no prayer for an object, or only a feeble prayer, that object does not lie very near the heart. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, both

to God and to man. The most earnest prayers for missions are by our preachers. This is natural, as they know more and feel more for the spread of the Gospel in proportion to ability than any others. The great missionary prayer is, "Thy Kingdom come." This prayer is obligatory, but my observation leads me to conclude that the bulk of Christians do not appreciate its scope. Describe it as you will it means God's glory and the well-being of man for time and eternity. As the kingdom advances in its progress it means a change in present conditions, a change for the better. Some one says, a scientist perhaps, that the valley of the Nile now so fertile was desert once to the very brink of the river. In time came the overflows and lo! a great change, the desert was made to blossom as the rose. In Isaiah 55:13 we see this beneficent law of displacement beautifully illustrated. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name for an everlasting sign, which shall not be cut off.

Wherever the Kingdom is set up it displaces much that is evil and brings in much that is good. The water of life finds a desert, but it leaves a garden.

The command "Preach the Gospel," is what someone has called the marching order of the churches and they are absolute. To preach the Gospel heartily, if a preacher, or to pray for its success, one must believe that the mission of the Gospel is a divinely appointed one. The Gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness and then shall the end come.

The Second Psalm is a missionary Psalm according to all commentators and surely the promise to the Son has not yet been fulfilled. The 72nd Psalm, clearly a Messianic Psalm, is far from fulfillment. To read it is like a trumpet call on the field of battle, and when we read Phil. 2:10 we feel as if the victory was won, but only when we read 1 Cor. 15:24-28 do we cry, "It is finished." The prayer "Thy Kingdom come" contains all these things, which are steps in the progress of the Gospel.

Prayer is also like a pledge of help in behalf of the object prayed for, or otherwise the prayer is not sincere. An illustration of this truth is found in the prayer "Pray ye the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." He who prays this prayer and is neither willing to go nor send cannot be honest in his petition. Every missionary is thrust forth in answer to prayer, either his own or the prayer of another.

In the spring of 1873, at Adairsville, Ga., there was held a general meeting. The prayer above alluded to was proposed for discussion with the question, "Is this prayer obligatory on us in this day and time." We agreed that it was and pledged ourselves to pray in private and the ministers to pray in public that God would answer it. On the following Sunday so impressed was I that I took the prayer for my text. On the second seat from the front sat Miss Lottie Moon, who was then teaching school in Cartersville, Ga. While I preached she resolved to offer her

to our Board at Richmond for mission work. Her associate, a Presbyterian lady, also went to China as a missionary. She wrote me after she had gone to China that the text and sermon revived early impressions which she had of duty to give herself to mission work, and decided her then and there to enter the work as a missionary of our Board. If the missionary is thrust forth in answer to prayer and sustained in the main by those who pray we see that prayer is not only a powerful factor, but an indispensable one in the evangelization of the world. Beyond all question the kingdom of God rests for its progress upon those who pray. Wherever and whenever the gospel makes most progress, the prayers are most frequent and fervent.

Again we notice in many instances that the largest giving is preceded by seasons of prayer. All of us have read of many instances of the kind. In 1895 our church at Rome had a season of prayer in behalf of missions. It was to help pay off the old debt that hung like a mill-stone around the neck of our brother Willingham. The Sunday after the week of prayer the offerings silently dropped in the basket and lacked only a little of being two thousand dollars. Up to that time this was the largest single offering ever made in the South for missions. Such seasons of prayer followed by large offerings are frequent now. There is no substitute for prayer. Preaching and giving are not, for they would soon cease but for prayer. To leave out prayer in our efforts would be practical atheism. So where there is no prayer there is either unbelief or indifference. The great need is to deepen conviction as to the lost condition of the heathen and their utter helplessness without the gospel. Only thus can sympathy for them be awakened and desire for their salvation be aroused. Prayer will spring from desire as the stream from the fountain, and giving will follow prayer. Sincere prayer never goes into the presence of the King without a gift. "Thy prayers and thine alms have come up together as a memorial for thee," said the angel to Cornelius.

What increases prayer increases giving, hence prayer is the secret of success in missions. All missionary movements are born in and fostered by prayer. He who can devise some way to increase the number of intercessions and an increased earnestness on the part of those who pray will have solved many missionary problems. We have the gospel. It needs to be spread abroad. We have no lack of men, no lack of means in the hands of God's people, but they are not available. It seems to me that prayer, widespread earnest prayer, alone can meet the emergency. When a necessity arises, our country can sound a call to arms, and thousands respond with their lives in their hands. O that there was some one who could sound a call to prayer that would reach the ears and also the hearts of God's children, that the work of missions might not lag. Paul's picture is a thrilling one. "I would that men everywhere would lift up holy hands in supplication without wrath and doubting." For what! The com-

ing of the kingdom of God, the realization of the prayer of David, the son of Jesse, the filling of the earth with the glory of God. Who can measure the swelling tide of interest that would rise and overflow hearts and churches if the individual members of our churches should pray as the disciples did before Pentecost, or as the church in Jerusalem did for the deliverance of Peter.

Are we incapable of such prayer? Not if we are God's children. Every true prayer is spirit born and hence is a cause that must have a corresponding effect. God inspires every true prayer and pledges himself to answer it. Here we reach a secret—we need larger measures of the indwelling Spirit to enlarge our sympathies and zeal and thus enlarge our prayers, and thus ultimately our giving.

The Holy Spirit occupies just as much of our heart as we will surrender to him. If the Holy Spirit had full possession of our hearts then we would be consecrated as the First Church at Jerusalem, and no man would call what he had his own. Will the larger giving as now for education ever be true of missions? I think so. I believe that before God burns up all the gold and silver of this world that he will inspire men and women to put a large part of it into his treasury, for the noblest of all uses, the spread of the gospel so that the real work of taking the world for Christ might begin.

Ex-President Harrison in his address of welcome to the Ecumenical Council talking about the slow progress of the kingdom of God says: "A thousand years with God are as a day and a day as a thousand years. Be patient, toil on. He will hasten it in his own time. The world will yet see the day when the stride of the church shall be so quickened that commerce will be the laggard and love outstrip greed in the race." The Lord hasten that day. Amen.

HARBUCK.—Whereas, on the 5th day of December, 1904, through the dispensation of an allwise and merciful God, James Berry Harbuck was called to his heavenly home; therefore be it resolved,

First, That in his death the church has lost one of its most worthy and consistent members, the community a good citizen, his parents a fond and dutiful son, whose life has been singularly pure and useful, and although a young man, he furnished an example that would be helpful to his associates and companions in leading them in the paths of righteousness.

Second, That we tender the sorrowing parents assurance of our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. L. L. Torbert,  
M. L. Long,  
A. J. Head.

Time is a great balm in itself. In 1862 General Grant little thought that his granddaughter would ever marry the son of one of the confederate generals then opposing him at Shiloh. But forty years brings many changes, and out of the blood-red soil springs the rose for a bride to wear.—Ex.

## Money in the Country.

Country people who have money cannot keep it in a place so unsafe as their own houses. It is liable to burn up and is a temptation to robbers.

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## ACCELERATED GROWTH.

At the end of the first thousand years after Christ there were 50,000,000 Christians. It took only one half so long to add the next 50,000,000 to the army of the cross. Within the next three hundred years the second 100,000,000 adherents were gained, 200,000,000 being the number of Christians in A. D. 1800. The next eighty years saw the figures rise to 415,000,000. The growth was as much in 500 years as in previous 1000, as much in 300 years as in previous 1500, and more by 15,000,000 in 80 years than in previous 1800. It is the story of the snow ball slowly enlarging at first, but increasing with accelerated growth at each revolution. The Lord would not be long in winding up the affairs of this world if numbers alone were considered.

This same situation of accelerated growth is to be found in our Foreign Mission work. There were the beginnings, slow, painful and apparently insignificant. What was Carey against a world of heathenism? He was a beginning and that is a vast advance over nothing. We are now feeling the force, not of motion, but of accelerated motion. Decades have done the work of centuries, and single years are surpassing the work of decades in the number of workers, of baptisms, of contributions and of the multiplying forces of truth related to the whole Foreign Mission enterprise.

The work is growing in Alabama, but oh! for the acceleration to be more distinctly felt. Shall we not all be found in this mighty movement of the ages that is sweeping humanity back into the presence of God.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS.

According to figures given by Elizabeth M. Howe in 1903, "Out of a total of \$157,000,000.00 of productive funds held by American colleges the South has but \$15,000,000.00. Out of the 8,550,000 books in college libraries the South holds but 1,250,000. The value of scientific apparatus in the South is a little over \$1,000,000.00 against a total valuation of \$17,000,000.00 in the whole country. The valuation of buildings and grounds of Southern colleges is \$8,500,000.00 in a total of \$146,000,000.00. The total annual income available for higher education in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky is \$19,000,000 less than the yearly income of Harvard University.

Out of forty institutions in the United States with productive funds amounting to \$1,000,000.00 or over, but five are in the South; of twenty-one

with productive funds of between \$500,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 but one is in the South."

Here is food for reflection. We account for the difference partly on the ground of larger territories and populations in the North, and partly on the ground of war wrecked Southern endowments and the subsequent poverty of our people. If this were all it would spare our pride even though it did not relieve our situation.

But it is a fact that we have not set as high a value on education as we should, and our colleges have not received that generous treatment by State, city and private citizens that has been given by our Northern brethren to their institutions.

But there are cheering signs of change to be seen on every side. From 1865 to 1885 the Southern people were engaged in a stern struggle for meat and bread, and in an even sterner struggle to preserve their civilization from destruction. These secured, it became possible to begin planning for the future, and by the time the new century dawned the tide of prosperity once more set in. The South has had an industrial awakening, and is soon to be rich in all material things.

Along with this has come the educational revival. It has long been in the hearts of our leaders, but it is now reaching to all classes. The ability to give, and the will to give are not far off. Then all our schools, State, church, and private will be amply equipped. Speed the day!

And hear this—Southern people must endow their own schools. That is natural and right and even if it were not, it would still be true. We cannot expect others to build up their own and ours too. The duty is ours.

## STEADYING THE ARK.

The apparent looseness of Baptist polity seems to trouble Dr. McArthur of New York, and he favors a closer organization of our churches.

Freedom must ever have its drawbacks. If all men are free, then some will be sure to do silly things. Because of this autocrats, monarchs, and oligarchs have never wanted the masses to have liberty—but nevertheless liberty is the man's right and civilization's best friend. Better be free though sometimes foolish, than to be uniformly proper when propriety is secured by fetters.

The Lord made no room for popes and bosses in his kingdom. "Do you really love me?" asked the Master of penitent Peter. "Look into my inner soul—there thou wilt find thyself," the broken sinner gave answer. And even as he spoke he bared his heart of hearts to the scrutiny of Omniscience. "Then," said the King, "I can trust you. Go to work." This is almost all the organization the kingdom needed. If we love we will work. We cannot help it. If we work, God will bless. That is certain.

The Ark may tremble sometimes, but we need not worry. If some good brother should, out of the goodness of his soul, seek to steady the ark we might worry about him a little.

## BOY WANTED.

The Dodge Manufacturing Co., of Cincinnati, making an extensive line of machinery and having many employees in their big plant, have developed some interesting methods of advertising for employees, as the following will show:

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## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The missionary sermon printed elsewhere which Rev. G. L. Yates preached at Thomasville, resulted in a collection of more than five hundred dollars. Brother Yates is doing a great work in South Alabama.

A good brother writes: "Enclosed find two dollars for back dues and continuance of your highly esteemed paper; nevertheless I haven't as yet sold cotton, but remit the \$2.00 the same." We hope many others will follow in his steps.

Someone has said: "There are three ways to learn the value of a dollar: The first is to spend it, and see what you get for it. The second is to earn it, and see what you give for it. The third is to save it, and yearn for all the things it might buy if you were weak enough to spend it."

There are now nine Young Men's Christian Association Secretaries working among Japanese soldiers at five important military bases in Manchuria including Dalny and Newchwang. Permission to carry on this work was granted in the fall of 1904, after all other attempts to get permission for Christian work at the front had failed.

There is to be a rush of people into the South and Southwest, if inquiries now being received by Western railroads regarding "home-seekers excursions" signify much. On one line alone 487 passengers with home-seekers tickets have left Chicago in the last six weeks for a single county in Alabama. Reports to officials indicate many of these will remain in the South permanently.

Many merchants are forced into bankruptcy through their inability to withstand the oily tongues of salesmen who persuaded them to buy goods for

which they had no sales. Extravagance seems to be a common disease in all walks of life, and the buyer who acquires this malady will sooner or later ruin himself or the firm who employ him. Economy is half the battle in life, and by learning to pay cash for what you buy, you will never squander your money for useless articles.

The Montgomery Journal well says: "There is one characteristic about those who go into a field already filled to establish newspapers. They never give up till they are forced out of business. They will put up every dollar they have, every dollar their cousins and their aunts have. They are always on the eve of success, and if they can just pull over this or that hill, they will get there. There is one in five hundred that succeeds, but it takes an inexhaustible treasury to assure and bring success."

The following invitation brought back to us pleasant memories of our year's work as pastor of the Johnson City Baptist Church. We pray God's blessing upon the work of Brother and Sister Snow, who already have a warm place in the hearts of the Johnson City saints: You are cordially invited to attend the opening services of the Johnson City Baptist Church, Sunday, at ten forty-five a. m., February fifth, nineteen hundred and five. Special music—Rev. J. H. Snow, pastor. Pulpit Committee: Geo. C. Wafford, J. A. Cargille, George W. Sitton, R. C. Hunter.

At the National Child Labor Committee Meeting in New York on February 14-16 the following well known friends of children will make addresses: Felix Adler, Bishop Wm. N. McVicker, Dr. W. H. Maxwell, President James H. Kirkland, E. E. Clark, President Gompers, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Homer Folks, Owen R. Lovejoy, Judge Ben. B. Lindsey, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Rev. Neal L. Anderson, Mrs. A. O. Granger, Samuel McCune Lindsay, Rev. A. J. McKelway, Jane Addams, and others.

We pray God's blessing on all those who are working to better the material and spiritual condition of the little ones.

Midway:—The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Midway Baptist Church have recently elected the following officers, viz: Mrs. M. W. Britt, president; Mrs. M. E. Pruett, Secretary; Mrs. B. F. Burch, treasurer; Mrs. C. B. Milner, organist. For six years these dear sisters have been serving this Society, and no Society ever had more faithful or more appreciated officers than these. They as well as the members are faithful and true. We have recently sent a box to a frontier missionary valued at \$75.00, and hope to remember the orphans at an early date. We have each one determined to do more for our blessed Savior than ever.—A Member.

A rich Jewish merchant of Smyrna presented his daughter with a ship as a wedding present, and called the vessel "Esther Estorogo," after the girl. The name is inscribed on the ship in Hebrew letters.



SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

If brother Hubbard will hunt up the minutes of the last Baptist State Convention and read the report of the State Board of Missions he will find that we have a nucleus for an

Aged Minister's Fund.

The churches are urged to take at least one collection a year for this fund. Very few of our pastors seem to remember it. The churches will respond liberally if the pastors will make the appeal. We have all the machinery necessary to run the business without a cent of cost.

Brother Cox's Warning.

We all like for a brother to talk right out, and I, for one, would like to see that loaded blunderbuss, musket, rifle, cannon, popgun, or whatever it is, go off. It is a vital question he has in hand and it ought to be fully ventilated, now that it is up.

Hat Collections Again.

I don't want to be misunderstood on the very important question of "Collections." I took occasion some weeks ago to warn the brethren not to depend upon "hat collections," if they were going to round up a good sum for State Missions, but to take the time and trouble to "work up" collections that would be worthy of the great object for which we pray and labor. Hat collections beat no collections, of course; but they never develop the grace of giving. Alas, that we have so many churches that take no collections at all. I make

An Apology

now, for fear some brother, extracts from whose letters appear in the article headed, "From some of my Correspondents," shall write denying the authorship. The printer failed to put separating points as indicated in my manuscript between the quotations, supposing that putting them in different paragraphs would do, which would have been sufficient if every quotation had the name of the author beneath. The reader naturally attributes the two quotations to the one author whose name appears at the bottom of the second paragraph. One begins: "The majority of our Association are Anti-Missionary, etc." I thought it best not to put the brother's name. Maybe Bro. N. J. Davis, who wrote, "I handed out forty-seven envelopes, etc." will say, "I never wrote Brother Crumpton anything about the Association," and he didn't, but the printers,—well I will excuse them. I am sure Bro. John Buck is sharpening his pencil to write a denial to this: "Our answer to your letter is,—we don't endorse the Board system for Foreign Missions." He is a strong friend to the Board and so is his church. He did write, "I have read the little book I bought of you, etc."

W. B. C.

WHY DON'T YOU PRINT?

From time to time I am asked why I do not print a list of contributors each week or month in the Alabama Baptist? I did it for a long time, but it takes a lot of time and trouble. No one would be interested in it except the parties sending the money and in a

very little while after the funds are received a receipt is sent to the sender from the office. Sometimes we fail, but not often. Then I have compassion on the editor and his readers. It would take more than a column each week, sometimes several columns of valuable space. I don't know of a duller column to be found anywhere than the list of receipts.

I want the brethren to study over this and if a considerable number still want it and will so express themselves to me, by the grace of our kind editor, I will print.

W. B. Crumpton.

(We hope those who don't want the valuable space used for such a purpose will also write Brother Crumpton and let the majority rule.—Ed.)

MRS. HAMILTON'S WORK.

It has been decided that Mrs. Hamilton will take up her work in the Associations as soon as the weather settles. It will be impossible for her to visit every church in an Association. The Vice-Presidents could arrange a series of appointments and group the churches so as to have a few ladies meet her from every church. I want to beg the pastors to co-operate with the Vice-Presidents of the Missionary Union in each Association in making these appointments. I know of nothing which is calculated to more stir the Missionary spirit in the churches than to help Mrs. Hamilton meet the women and fire their hearts with missionary zeal.

Remember! Her mission is only to the women and children. She does not speak to mixed assemblies, nor does she take collections. The last is very important to remember.

W. B. Crumpton.

THE ORPHANAGE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AND THE WORK IT IS DOING.

One day, while the writer was at the Orphanage, Superintendent Pittman handed him a catalogue and prospectus of what he is pleased to call the "Orphanage Industrial School." This pamphlet suggests and in fact sets forth an idea of such far-reaching importance that we shall speak of it a little more than briefly.

We call the institution at Evergreen the Orphans' Home, and we are pleased to think of it as a home. Certainly it is and should be a home in very many respects, a place where the orphan may receive not only food, shelter and training, but love and sympathy as from father and mother. But from the very nature and necessities of the case, it is something more than a home, and something different also. The large number of children and their character make a discipline in some respects military a necessity. And this, with the absence of the actual father and mother, and the gathering together of so many families or parts of families in one household having its own teachers and school, forces the home-idea somewhat into the background; and at the same time, when we have in view practical aims and methods, there arises the idea of the industrial school, a conception more in accordance with real condi-

tions and requirements. But it must be an industrial school of a peculiar kind, not conforming altogether to the usual definition of such an institution, but more primary in its methods and more home-like in its nature. It cannot be, in the usual sense, a reformatory school, though it must have in view very largely the reformation of many characters that come under its discipline. It must not neglect the training of the head and heart, but must at the same time lay special emphasis on the training of the hand. Here is a work to call forth one's best endeavors, deepest sympathies, and most earnest prayers. This is the work that Superintendent Pittman and his co-laborers see before them, but which they are able to do only imperfectly, because of limited means and inadequate equipment.

Yet the ordinary work connected with the Home affords an opportunity for much industrial training: The girls, by actual practice under the supervision of the matrons, are taught house-keeping, sewing, cooking, milking, laundrying, etc. And the boys are taught laundrying, dairying, gardening, farming, etc. The Orphanage also has a small printing outfit, where a number of the boys have learned the art of printing. It needs and hopes soon to have a shop, where the boys may learn carpentry, blacksmithing, etc.

This industrial education has a twofold purpose; first and most important, that the children may be trained for the practical duties of life; and second, that the Home may be as far as possible its own servant and its own supporter. We are able to see the second of these purposes passing into a result in a very short time. We have already, in a former article, remarked upon the fact that nearly all the work in and about the institution is done by the large girls and boys, that consequently the Home employs only a small amount of salaried help, and has a small expense account. We will now note to what extent the Home is self-sustaining, as the outcome of practical industrial training.

During the year 1904 the farm and garden yielded proceeds valued at \$1,800. The dairy, with an average of twelve cows giving milk, furnished, during a period of nine months, 36,000 pounds of milk, and 1800 pounds of butter. The value of the milk, at three cents a pound is \$1,080; and the value of the butter, at 25 cents a pound, is \$450; dry feed, not raised on the farm, cost \$550. Here is a net gain from the dairy in nine months of \$530, or \$766.63 for the year. The chickens and hogs also contributed their share of the profits, but we are unable to give an estimate of the proceeds from these sources. It is to be remembered that the year 1904 is the first that the dairy has more than paid for its maintenance. The failure, or partial failure, in other years, was due to the lack of a cow-barn, and consequently to improper care and management of the cows. The Home has now a well-equipped and well-managed dairy that is furnishing an abundance of rich milk and butter for the children. There

are, in all, thirty-two head of cows, including nineteen milk cows and ten young heifers. The Home has also thirty or forty head of hogs and about sixty hens. The Superintendent is intending to establish a hennery for each building, that the children, under the direction of the matrons, may learn the care of fowls, and may take a pride in furnishing themselves with chickens and eggs. He has also put out something over two hundred pecan trees, and purposes to have four or five hundred in all. And there are about twenty young fruit trees and vines.

In closing we would call your attention to the fact that about nineteen-twentieths of the boys in the Home are under twelve years of age. No great amount of efficient labor can be expected from boys so young, of course.

Samuel J. Ansley.

East Take, Ala., Jan. 6, 1905.

At the morning service last Sunday, Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, this city, tendered his resignation in order to accept a call to LaFayette, Ala. With much reluctance the Church voted to accept the resignation. Dr. Wharton has not been pastor of the Church much more than one year, but in this time he has infused new life into the membership, has led into the Church a goodly number of new members, and has endeared himself to the entire Christian community. His pleasant, affable manner, his soundness in the doctrines, his zeal in prosecuting the Master's work, have all combined to render his ministry among us efficient and agreeable. He has also been a helpful counsellor and an active participant in our general denominational work, having been secretary and treasurer of the Old Ministers' Relief Board for the last year and also president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference, of Little Rock. We commend Dr. Wharton to the brethren of Alabama and serve notice on them now that they must treat him well, or Arkansas will soon be after him again.—Baptist Advance.

ATTENTION.

The Coates House will be headquarters during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12 to 17, 1905.

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F. C. McConnell.

# HEAD SOLID SORE

**Awful Suffering of Baby and Sleepless Nights of Mother.**

## CURED BY CUTICURA

**Skin Fair as a Lily with no Scar to Recall Awful Sore Writes Mother.**

"I herewith write out in full the beginning and end of that terrible disease eczema," says Mrs. Wm. Ryer, Elk River, Minn., "which caused my babe untold suffering and myself many sleepless nights. My babe was born seemingly a fair, healthy child, but when she was three weeks old a swelling appeared on the back of her head, and in course of time broke. It did not heal but grew worse, and the sore spread from the size of a dime to that of a dollar. I used all kinds of remedies that I could think of, but nothing seemed to help; in fact, it grew worse. Her hair fell out where the sore was, and I feared it would never grow again. It continued until my aged father came on a visit, and when he saw the baby he told me to get Cuticura Soap and Ointment right away.

"To please him I did so, and to my surprise by their use the sore began to heal over, the hair grew over it, and to-day she has a nice head of hair, her skin is as fair as a lily, and she has no scar left to recall that awful sore, and it is over eight months and no sign of its returning."

## CURE PERMANENT

"Your letter of the 19th inst. received, asking in regard to the cure of my baby some six years ago. Well, the disease has never returned to her head which at that time was a solid sore on top and down the back."

Mrs. Wm. RYER, Elk River, Minn. Feb. 25, 1905.

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## Field Notes.

**Florida.**—We have 3,000 inhabitants including the three saw mill towns, and for a town full of good people we believe we have as many as any town its size in the State. We can boast of two well organized banks. The wooden structures are fast being removed to be replaced by brick buildings of the most modern designs. The ice factory is complete. We are soon to have electric lights and a perfect system of water works. Our literary school is in excellent condition being conducted by most competent teachers, who by their untiring zeal are unfolding the minds of their pupils as the summer sun does the rose bud. We have four churches, each pulpit is filled by an able minister. These men are earnest workers in the cause of Christ—as is demonstrated by their congregations continually increasing. All the churches have flourishing Sunday schools with about fifty regular attendants at each. January 29, 1905, being the fifth Sunday the Baptist Sunday school according to their regular custom took a collection for their Orphans Home at Evergreen, Ala. The sum of \$50 was contributed by the Sunday school alone. Every student enjoys the blessing of giving a portion of this amount. Our church is more prosperous this year than ever before. A gift of a \$1500 parsonage was presented to the church by one of our most beloved members, J. E. Hughes, better known as "Daddy Hughes," who with his many good qualities has done more towards stamping out the sale of liquor and other evils, than all the rest of Florals combined.—Guy Maxwell.

**A Good Meeting.**—The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Tennessee River Baptist Association met with Center Point Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January. The introductory sermon being preached by Rev. L. W. Sloan from Proverbs, 8:13. Rev. D. S. Collins acted as Moderator. At the afternoon session the following question, "Is conscience a safe guide in matters of religion?" was ably discussed by brethren Sloan, Cooper, Lee, Hill, English, McFaden and Starkey. The triumph of Baptist principles was also discussed. The Saturday morning devotional services were led by A. N. Varnell. What is the deacons duty, and what is the relation of the church to the deacons was discussed by brethren English, Lee and others. The following questions were also discussed: "Is the New Testament church government the only church government that will survive?" What is Scripture repentance? What are the best means to get church members to attend?

After the devotional services Sunday morning the question "Is it scriptural for pastors to ask for or request a stated salary?" A voluntary offering was made to the orphans home. The meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present. By request the next meeting will be held with New Home Church.

Thomas Dixon, the elder, is eighty-four years of age. He has organized more churches, we suppose, than any man in North Carolina. He has baptized 5,000 persons. He is yet a pastor in active service. He has served one church nearly sixty years. He combines as many of the qualities of a patriarch of Israel as any man that has lived in North Carolina.—Biblical Recorder.

**Piedmont.**—I have accepted the work here and am now housed among them. Will give half my time here and half elsewhere. We have a movement on foot to build a \$2,500 church house. The old church is too much out of town and out of date. I find some splendid people here and the prospects encouraging. On our arrival the good people of the community joined heartily in giving a pounding. This will not make us love them any less.—J. R. Wells.

Ernest wrote from Honolulu that the passage thus far had been pretty rough. All were well, however. A recent letter from Herbert says all are well in Shanghai, and the baby is fat and rosy.—S. M. Provence.

**At the Orphanage.**—The year 1904 brought us many blessings and ended with all of our little ones staying up all through the holidays and enjoying more than ever before good things sent in by our many friends. The last five days of the old year our infirmary was closed up, not a light burned late and every member of our family went to the table and enjoyed the luxuries. This blessing followed us all through January and it seemed as if we might go through the winter without even a serious cold. This is February 2nd. The doctor says the epizootic has struck us—and it now has him—nearly half our family are absent from breakfast. The coughing is such that we can have no order. It looks lonely, all is changed in our home. Half of Bro. Glasse's chairs are vacant—a change brought upon us in a day. One little boy very sick. Our teacher and assistant in bed. Mrs. Garrett neglected to get up, and the girls are entirely in charge in the diningroom. When our force that milks sixteen cows in thirty minutes met at the milk room at 5:30 the leading girl and three boys were absent. What a change has come without warning! But with all our primary school is held together by Annie and Jonnie, and our organization is such that our work goes on without any extra help and our nearest neighbor knows not that our orphanage is sick today.

God gave the health and blessings of 1904. He sent the cold wave and bad air that brings the lagrippe today. We expect this affliction to draw us nearer to him and help us to lean more and more upon his loving care. The 8th of February our local trustees meet and this is the day set to eat our Christmas turkeys which we carried over because of our many luxuries Christmas. Ten fine young gobblers will lose their heads that day, and all our friends who will bring us a cake or some fruit may come and see how the orphanage knows what to do with a turkey.—J. D. Pittman.

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### Administrator's Notice.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, in Probate Court, Feb. 2, 1905.  
 Estate of Andrew Banholzer, deceased.  
 This day came John O. Forney, Administrator of said deceased, and filed his application in writing and under oath, praying for the sale of certain real estate therein described, and belonging to the estate of said deceased, for the purpose of division between the heirs thereof, and alleging further that John Banholzer, residing at Sewanee, Tennessee, and Kasper Banholzer, residing at Tracy City, Tennessee, are non-residents of this State.  
 It is ordered that the 15th day of March 1905, be set as a day for hearing said application, and the testimony to be submitted in support of the same. It is further ordered that the notice of the filing of said application and the day appointed for hearing the same, be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks, in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this County.  
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I have been asked to say a word in answer to this double question. In reply to the first question, "Shall we Advance," it ought to be said emphatically, YES. If it is not our purpose to advance, it is doubtful if we ought ever to have undertaken so great an enterprise as is involved in Foreign Mission work. We ought even now to pause and consider if it be worth while to keep our missionaries on the field, and our churches at home pretending to be missionary, if it be not our united and determined purpose to advance. We have advanced already. We must advance still more to hold what has already been achieved. Other missionary denominations and agencies more and more enthused with the results accomplished, and inspired by the prospects of ever growing success, are not only determined to advance, but are projecting their missionary movements on a larger scale than hitherto planned by their leaders. We too must advance in order to meet the exigencies of the hour, and take our rightful place in the great army of twentieth century missionary endeavor.

But how shall we advance? Foreign Missions is a great and complex enterprise, and advancement means far more than some may imagine. To succeed in transforming heathen communities into Christian, we must make our efforts adequate to present day conditions in each special field. Intellectual as well as industrial progress is the order of the day, and the ordinary and inevitable commercial, social, political and intellectual activities of the present and future not only demand large and varied effort, but give most encouraging opportunity for an ever-increasing and manifold evangelistic aggressiveness. How do we advance in our work at home? We preach the Gospel and try to make sincere converts to Christ. Yes, but this is only a part of our home-work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. We find we must build our Churches and Sunday schools and equip them with all modern and improved appliances. We get a stronger hold for Christ, and for the special doctrines we as a denomination promulgate, by so enlarging our work as to include not only the purely evangelistic efforts of our preachers, but also all educational and publication work as powerful accessories to our great and complex denominational system. At home we grow and prosper in proportion to our success in strengthening all existing churches, organizing and equipping new churches, training and indoctrinating our converts. We must have too our colleges, our publication enterprises, our Orphanages, hospitals and benevolent institutions of various kind, and last but by no means least of all we must have our theological Seminary and training schools for our growing army of ministers and special workers in God's service. We must employ very much the same agencies and adopt very nearly the same program in our foreign fields. We have need not only of preachers but of teachers, native helpers, schools, Seminaries, hospitals,

etc. We must have evangelists, pastors, and medical missionaries, and consecrated professors in our institutions of learning. All these we must have if we are to advance. It is easy to see that the foreign mission movement must be a movement of expansion, an enterprise of rapidly increasing magnitude and complexity. Let it therefore be known far and wide that we need men. We need men of culture, courage and consecration. We need to strengthen and better equip every existing missionary station, while the demands for opening up new stations multiply every year. We must therefore have the co-operation of all our home forces. Our pastors must see visions and so preach as to instruct and inspire their churches in the greatest work of this or any age. The prayers and liberality of our people must pass into a holy passion until the widespread and deeply-felt enthusiasm becomes permanent, and so-called fanaticism in missions becomes normal and rational—persistent and inspiring. So shall we advance. Our churches in heathen lands will one after another become self-sustaining, and new conquests in new fields be made in rapid succession until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. So shall we advance!

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Joe W. Vesey.

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### THE SECRETARY'S APPEAL TO LAYMEN.

I am profoundly impressed with the absolute necessity, in order to our Baptist advancement in Alabama, of increased interest on the part of our laymen. I feel it as no one else can. It is the question of supreme importance before the Baptists everywhere.

I attended the Georgia Baptist Convention at Columbus. I was greatly stirred as I listened to more than one laymen, as they addressed that great body. My heart was thrilled as I read about the greatest of all Conventions, lately held in Texas. There were 2500 messengers, and probably more than that number of visitors, present. The great things accomplished the past year and the greater things planned for the next could not have been possible without the great army of laymen, who loyally supported the Ministry as they led God's hosts. Think of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars given for State Missions alone!

Is there no way to reach the Godly laymen in Alabama? We need the business sense that you laymen possess, in our churches and in our Associations and Conventions. We need more money to carry on the work. This you would cheerfully give if you could become enlisted.

Col. W. A. Handy of Roanoke, one of our wealthiest and most influential laymen in a report on State Missions, read before the Randolph County Association, says: "It appears to your Committee that \$15,000 is too small a sum to meet the wants of State Mission work in Alabama; we should have \$50,000. Let us see that this amount is placed at the disposal of the Board in 1905. \* \* \* The great increase in the valuation of taxable property, at the rate of \$15,000,000 per year, will in less than one decade, bring it to \$500,000,000 taxable property in our State. \* \* \* This vast amount of capital and the vast amount of new comers must be

#### For Our Good or Hurt

as a Christian Commonwealth. Which shall it be? This is the grave question that confronts us. It is more than folly to say we did not invite the new population. \* \* \* No, brothers, such an answer will not do. They are here and more to follow and we must help them or they will hurt us."

These brave words from the old hero of Randolph ought to inspire the laymen to greater effort.

The State Board of Missions, at its recent meeting, made appropriations on the basis of \$15,000 for State Missions. Many appeals were referred to the local Board. Some of these cannot be denied; emergencies will arise during the year, calling for immediate relief; our young preachers ought to be brought back to the State when they finish at the Seminary; our preacher boys at the Howard should have work for the Summer; Institutes and Baptist Rallies should be held during the year; we ought to have one or two Evangelists for the State. All this will call for an additional \$5,000, making a total of \$20,000 for the year. I am perplexed beyond measure to know what to do.

Shall we make the Forward Movement?

Will the laymen answer in the affirmative? The preachers are ready if they have the proper backing by those who occupy the pews.

There are churches which ought to give \$1,000 for State Missions, where they have been content to give \$150 or less. I beg the laymen to urge their pastors to ask for larger contributions for State Missions.

Brethren, as your Secretary, I am going to recommend to the Board that we go forward. I do this, depending upon you. God help us to attempt great things for God and expect great things for God.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. Crumpton.

Montgomery, Ala.

### THE HOME WORK.

It is a true as well as trite saying that "distance lends enchantment to the view."

We are apt to become deeply interested in things afar off, as we view them from a romantic distance and overlook things just as important and essential right at our door. Dickens' Mrs. Jellyby was so absorbed in her African Mission, Borriaboola Gha, which involved the devotion of all her energies that she had no time to devote to her own family.

To the man from among the tombs, clothed and in his right mind the important and proper thing to do seemed to be to accompany the Master into the regions beyond, but Jesus said to him: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

So instead of becoming a foreign missionary, he became a humble home missionary, proclaiming the gospel to his own people in the ten neighboring cities.

Is it not true that the commission, "Go ye into all the world," is to many purely a foreign mission text for who ever heard of a preacher selecting that passage as a basis for a home mission sermon? And yet "into all the world" embraces the home field as well as the foreign.

Let us put all the emphasis possible upon "the uttermost part of the earth," but by no means forget "Jerusalem," the home city, "all Judea," the home country, or "Samarita," the neighboring country though it be inhabited by a mean and despised race.

As in our prayers and sympathy and contributions, we remember those laboring in foreign lands, let us also think of our humble, and maybe obscure, home missionary laboring in the mountain region, or in the slums of some densely populated home city, or away out on the western frontier or in Cuba, or in perhaps the most difficult and delicate work of all—trying to uplift "our brother in black."

Strengthening the stakes is just as important as lengthening the cords. While we are sending picked men to the front, let us look carefully after "the base of supplies."

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Do not worry, heart of mine:  
There is rain as well as shine  
In this strange old world of ours.  
There are tears as well as smiles,  
But the sunny afterwhiles  
Shall be sweeter for the showers.  
There are crosses, there are bars,  
But the nights are crowned with stars  
And the days are gemmed with flowers.

—East and West.

**THE CHEERFUL GIVER.**

In a recent homily to his Bible-class, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the celebrated Biblical scholar and lay divine, is reported to have said:  
"We are not here to get all we can, but to give all we can to make others happy."  
Mr. Rockefeller has got all he can. If Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., will give all he can, equilibrium will be re-established. —"With the Procession," Everybody's Magazine for January.

**BORROWED TROUBLE.**

In the great State of Rhode Island, on the way to Providence, I came upon a weeping man, a-sitting on a fence.  
"Pray tell me, sir," says I to him, "what causes you such sorrow."  
Says he to me, "The troubles that I fear will come tomorrow."  
Says I to him, "Land sakes alive! The trouble's with your liver!"  
Says he to me, "I'm thinking, ma'am, of jumping in the river."  
Says I to him, "Come home with me and drink some boneset tea."  
Says he to me, "No, thank you, ma'am. I'd ruther stay's I be."  
—Lucy Fitch Perkins in January St. Nicholas.

**THE QUIET WAY.**

What's the use of worrying,  
Of hurrying  
And scurrying  
Everybody flurrying  
And breaking up their rest,  
When everything is teaching us,  
Preaching and beseeching us  
To settle down and end the fuss,  
For quiet ways are best!  
The rain that trickles down in showers  
A blessing brings to thirsty flowers,  
And gentle zephyrs gather up  
Sweet fragrance from each brimming cup.  
There's ruin in the tempest's path,  
There's ruin in the voice of wrath,  
And they alone are blest  
Who early learn to dominate  
Themselves, their violence abate,  
And prove their serene estate  
That quiet ways are best.

—Josephine Pollard.

There is some gossip that Germany cherishes an intention to gobble up Holland; and it is even rumored that France and Germany are getting their heads together on a plan which will give Germany her desire while as an offset France will annex Belgium.

**B. Y. P. U.**

It is announced that Wake Forest College, N. C., has 90 students in Bible Classes, and 100 doing systematic study in missions. Five have expressed a purpose to go to the foreign field. The memory of Matthew T. Yates, the traditions of his school days, should make this College a great influence for missions for all time, as it has already been to a goodly degree.—Argus.

Christ's call everywhere is, "Back to Service." The mad, destructive strife between parties, factions, classes, nations, and races will never cease until humanity learns and practices the Christ conception of service. There we learn the meaning of our motto, "Saved to Serve." To those who follow the leadership of Him who said, "He that would be greatest let him be the servant of all," service must ever be the supreme object and aim of life. We follow a Master whose first expressed thought to life was, "I must be about my Father's business." The warp and the woof, the design and ornament of his life was to do good. His final joy and words of triumph were, "Father, I have completed the work thou gavest me to do," and his final judgment of mankind shall be, "Thou didst it, or thou didst it not." It is to call to such service and to help each other as young people in his service that the unions are organized. The name is unimportant; the spirit and work are all-important.—Baptist Courier.

**THERE IS A VITAL DIFFERENCE—**

Between being sorry for sin and being sorry you are "caught."  
Between confessing your sins and confessing some other fellow's.  
Between seeing your own faults and seeing some other person's.  
Between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart.  
Between being led by the Holy Spirit and led by your imagination.  
Between being persecuted for "righteousness' sake" and being persecuted for foolishness' sake.  
Between "contending for the faith" and striving for your opinion.  
Between real testimony and making a speech.  
Between a "heart" hallelujah and a manufactured one.—Ex.

**FROM STATE PRESIDENT JOE VESEY.**

Just two months before our State Convention at Bessemer, April 5th and 6th. Every Union should put forth an earnest effort to make these two months, February and March, the very best. Let's have a great awakening, a regular revival in all our Unions. May each Union determine to send up the best report to the Convention.

By all means let us pay the amount pledged to Howard College before the Convention. Let us have a "Howard College Day," say first Sunday in March. Pay an honest debt, assist our beloved College, and make our worthy President Montague rejoice. Talk,

work, pray and give. Every B. Y. P. U. do your best for Howard College. Don't lag, but lead.

**HOWARD COLLEGE.**

To the Baptists of Alabama:  
The addition of several members to the faculty of Howard College and the growth of the student body have made necessary more and larger rooms for recitation and lectures. At present an instructor meets his class in his room at nine o'clock; at the end of the hour he has to give up the room to another teacher; and at the conclusion of this lesson, teacher number three must have the use of the room. We have at present six recitation rooms and eleven teachers in all,—twelve, counting the writer, who takes part now, when time allows, in teaching. When each instructor meets from two to five classes every day, and when we remember that the classes number from five to forty students, it will be seen that the above shunting of rooms leads to almost hopeless congestion and a confusion by no means conducive to systematic and satisfactory work.

Seeing every day for months this condition of affairs and believing that a remedy was absolutely necessary, the writer conferred with several friends connected with the college, as trustees or professors, and finally carried the matter to one of the leading business men of Alabama, whose sympathy and co-operation had already been most helpful. The suggestion of another building met with his approval; and he will lend his large influence to the carrying through of the plan, explained by Dr. Cox in this issue of "The Baptist."

This addition to our "plant" is not only a necessity, but it will be, in a sense, a part of endowment, as all serviceable buildings and equipments are adjuncts to endowment. Hence our Committee on Endowment have adopted the plan as a part of their general work, and as it seems to me, most wisely.

In spite of the depressed financial condition in our State, due to the fall in the price of cotton and in one or two sections to other causes, the College has enrolled the same number that it had last year. The prospects of the institution are excellent. Let us come now to its support, erect this building, improve the older structure, make ready for a large addition to the student body, and then raise our endowment.

When the great Baptist host of Alabama awake fully to the work which the college has done, which it is doing, which, with their help, it will, in far larger measure, do in the time before us, there will be no limit to the usefulness and achievements of our institution. Brethren, stand by us in this important movement, and let us make Howard College truly representative of the great people whose property it is, whose largest educational hope, for the training of men who shall serve God and their generation, it is also.

A. P. Montague.  
Feb. 1, 1905.

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The trouble is, that they are treating the symptoms, the external evidences of a disturbance within, and not the cause which brings it about. They deaden the immediate discomfort by drugging with narcotics and preparations which depend for temporary efficacy upon a narcotic influence and are doing nothing to get at the fountain head of the trouble, which remains in its seat, undisturbed and unconquered. Thus it is that the treatment is kept up, week in and week out, month after month, year after year, the sufferer always seeking a cure and not realizing that what he is seeking lies in an entirely different direction. Doctors diagnose the case, question as to the symptoms and treat the symptoms, instead of investigating for the cause, and having discovered it, taking proper steps to remove the wrong condition which makes it possible. Patent medicines, too, are placed on the market and advertised to treat the symptoms, to relieve this and that outward manifestation of an inward abnormality, while the cause goes merrily on, causing more and more symptoms as time progresses, more work for the doctors and more sales for these so-called medicines.

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