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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The London Bible Society reports that its orders for Bibles in Wales since the revival began are three times as large as they were the previous year.

Dr. William Ceaver Wilkinson, of Chicago, is getting out his poetical work in a handsome set of five volumes. I Epic of Saul, II Epic of Paul; III Epic of Moses, Exodus; Wilderness Wanderings, and V Poems.

The latest figures for Protestants in India are: "Episcopalian 225,619, Presbyterian 57,065, Baptist 335,755, Methodist 133,446, Congregational 107,978, Lutherans 108,217, a grand total of 825,466."—Central Baptist.

I am delighted with my new field—the Meaberville church located in the suburbs of Mobile. Am giving all my time to the church. You are giving us a fine paper. I am urging my people from the pulpit to take the paper.—A. T. Sims.

Dr. Torrey is just now entering upon a campaign of five months in London. During his three months in Liverpool he witnessed about six thousand conversions. The preaching center in London will be Royal Albert Hall, which seats 10,000 hearers.

Rev. Dr. P. A. Baker, General Superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, will be in Birmingham March 5th. He will speak in the morning at the First Methodist Church and in the evening at the South Side Baptist Church. Dr. Baker is one of the strongest men in America on the temperance question and these great churches should be crowded.

Glad you are succeeding so well with the paper. I never feel any hesitancy now-a-days in recommending the Alabama Baptist and Howard College, and I expect to see each of them greater yet. Glad to note the papers you promise from Brother Moseley. Provoke more of our strong brethren to contribute articles of general interest. We have some strong writers in Alabama if they could be set in motion.—J. H. Sams.

The sixth session of the present British Parliament was opened February 14 by King Edward in person. The King read his speech from the throne. The opening of the Parliament was marked by all the historic pageantry due the occasion. One ceremony which would strike the average American as somewhat grotesque is the searching of the vaults under the House of Parliament by the yeomen of the guards with their lanterns and their halberds. They have not the least expectation of finding Guy Fawkes and his store of powder, but they add something to the spectacle.



We herewith present two scenes of the Virginia City mine disaster, taken by Covell, the photographer. More than 100 lives were lost, and many of the families are in need. Any one desiring to help will please send their contributions to the Birmingham News.



## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

### DON'T WRITE IT.

When you have a thing to write,  
Write it.  
When it's time to bite it off,  
Bite it.  
Run your killing pencil through  
Sweet word-pictures that you drew,  
Editors will smile on you—  
Smite it!

If you've not a thing to say,  
Drop it.

Words are wasted every day,  
Stop it.

Though you'd like to prate and prate,  
Guess you'd better hesitate.

If your word will nothing state,  
Chop it.

—J. Waterhouse in *Sunset Magazine*  
for March.

We regret to chronicle the death of Rev. B. F. Brothers of *Riverside*. Only a short while ago he was in our office the very picture of strong, vigorous manhood and it is hard for us to realize that he has been called home. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Governor Russell M. Cunningham was the speaker of the Young Men's Christian Association men's meeting Sunday afternoon at the Montgomery Theatre. The Advertiser says: "Despite the inclement weather, a large audience greeted the acting chief executive of Alabama and gave him rapt attention while he discoursed for over an hour and a half on 'The Influence of the Body on the Formation and Maintenance of Character.'"

George S. Goodspeed, Ph.D., professor of comparative religion and ancient history, in the University of Chicago, died at his home Friday, Feb. 17. When the University of Chicago was founded he was one of the first members of the faculty to be chosen, so that since 1892 he has served as one of its lecturers and teachers. He has been editor of the *Biblical World* and the *Journal of Theology*.

We are having overflowing congregations, and a perennial revival. Baptized eight on last Sunday evening, and at almost every service some one or more confesses Christ. The State Convention which met with our church in January was away ahead of anything in our history. The attendance was nearly twice as large as at any previous session, and there was a quiet, but effective reconstruction of our denominational machinery, and a readjustment of our forces. Drs. Willingham, Frost, Sampey, and Barton were with us. Also Thomas of the *Courier*, and Graham of the *Index*. We had a place second to none for the Alabama Baptist man, but failed to see his genial face.—W. A. Hobson.

Our Sermon.

CONSERVATISM—A SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

By Dr. J. E. White, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin." Hebrews, xii; 1.



There is a conservatism that conserves. To it the world owes a debt. In the onward movement of progress some things of value would drop out if conservatism did not walk behind and keep them in. Between the cobblestones and the small boy it takes two Dagoes to get a wagon load of nuts through town successfully, one to drive and one to pick up and protect. We need conservatism that conserves behind the wagon of progress. There are great doctrines, noble old customs and foundational principles to be jealously watched and guarded from innovation and extinction. Do not despise the conservatives. Your cautious, prudent, "go slow" man is a valuable member of society. Deal with him gently, appreciate him, smile upon him. When he is gone, a wise and kindly voice is no more. You will miss him when he is no longer by your side to steady you. There is a real power in the love of the old things and the old ways and the slow things and the slow ways.

As long as conservatism doesn't get in front and block the road and keeps conservative, don't throw rocks at it and don't try to lose it by driving fast.

Wasn't that a dear old soul who was always lamenting the degeneracy of the times as compared with what they were before the war? Nothing quite came up to what it was "before the war." Everything had changed for the worse. Finally despairing in mundane things to please her, some one pointed out the clear, calm moon rising majestically in the grandeur of an ancient fashion, but her nerve did not forsake her. The reply was forthcoming, "but you just ought to have seen that moon before the war."

It was once my task when my father was moving from one section of the country to another to drive a cow on horseback twenty-five miles. I mean I was on horseback. The cow had a young calf. Now if you have never had to deal with a cow and young calf on horseback you know nothing of the strenuous life. The calf got tired, the cow, horse and rider got mad. Through the woods, limbs and hanging boughs and briars that cow would every now and then make a break back to that belated calf. A half a day given up to that kind of Sunday school excursion taught me a lesson of life. The cow was right and I was wrong, and it never pays to go too far ahead of the calf. It was a lesson in conservatism.

Conservatism That Obstructs.

Now the situation would have been

exactly changed if the calf had been in front giving trouble. I would have been right and the cow wrong. That is the way it is when conservatism obstructs progress.

The pathway of achievement is pretty red with the blood shed by conservatism. Even George Westinghouse, the inventor of the most conservative appliance of modern civilization, was harshly insulted by Cornelius Vanderbilt when he went to interest him in his new airbrake.

Conservatism did its best to kill the electric telegraph, the steam engine, the steamboat and the telephone. Conservatism made old Galileo swear to a lie on pain of death in the sixteenth century and in its recrudescence canonized old John Jasper who swore to the same lie.

In his turn, each rash adventurer of truth as he has come to bring his message of progress to the world, has been put on the rack of Conservatism to be threatened, laughed at, and to be despised and rejected of men. You cannot recall the name of a single man who has projected a new idea or a great moral or religious reform of whom this is not true.

Watts, Stephenson, Fulton, Whitney, Morse, Bell, Edison, Marconi, John Knox, Savonarola, Peter the Hermit, John Wesley, John Kough, Kossuth and Mazzini, covering a period of seven hundred years of history have belonged to the noble order of progressive souls upon whom conservatism poured the vials of its wrath.

Ignorance and stupidity consort with conservatism. When a man makes conservatism his great creed of life he risks this classification.

When railroads were new in Georgia and people were more or less afraid of the locomotive, a strapping cracker of the backwoods happened to strike a newly laid railroad track which ran through the fresh plowed fields of the spring time and was leisurely taking his way down the track when he heard the train coming. He began to run, the locomotive blew, but he stuck to the track. The engine would come on near him and blow and blow, but, scared to death, he would look back and keep going right straight ahead. The engineer would shout at him, but it did no good. For three miles, looking straight ahead, and out of breath, panting and utterly exhausted, he kept that train alternating between stopping and blowing at him and blowing and stopping. At length, with a despairing lode he reached the station, and for the first time getting off the track, he leaned up against the depot ready to drop. "Why in the world did n't you get off the track, you dunce," the red hot engineer demanded; "what's the matter with you, why did n't you get off the track?" "I aint no fool, and you kaint fool me neither. I knowed if she ever got me in plowed ground she'd shore ketch me."

Speaking to young men of the present time, I champion action against reaction, progress against conservatism.

First, because there are influences at work to preach conservatism to the

young man a thousand times more powerfully than any preacher could. The side of a young man's life that needs a champion is not its conservative side. Business preaches conservatism, politics preaches conservatism, society preaches conservatism, money is timid. Some one has remarked that nothing in the world is so timid as a dollar, except two dollars. The word of business is "caution." The word of politics is "prudence." The word of religion is "orthodoxy." The word of society is "convention." When a man has come through the clamor of conservatism to the age of forty, he is lucky if all the ardors and enthusiasms of his life have not been cooled to zero. At fifty in the average man, the fire has died out, the divine frenzy is gone and the blood is cold. As any civilization grows older it tends to crystalize and congeal into hard and fast forms. Youth alone saves civilization from putrefaction. At intervals in the world's history God sends a man to defy conservatism and stir up the dying enthusiasms of the race. The world calls him mad. But young men catch his spirit, little children lisp his name; generations draw upon his life to find ideals and inspirations. In these mad men of heroic lives who spurned soft and easy fashions and shocked the world blazing out the way to new kingdoms, carving out fresh ideals of inspiration; men like Martin Luther and General Booth and Chinese Gordon, who trample rough shod upon formalities, fashions and regulations against prudence, conventionalism and the mandates of conservatism—God is saying to the tide of cold calculation and cautious conservatism, "Roll back, and let the boys alone. Let my young men be mad." The world now needs the gift of such men as never before.

"Give us men to match our mountains,  
Give us men to match our plains,  
Men with empires in their purpose  
With new eras in their brains."

The Devil a Conservative.

When we turn to the New Testament on this subject of conservatism we do not find that Jesus Christ was considered a conservative. He said He came not to destroy but to fulfill the law and the prophets. But His methods of fulfillment were not conservative. His line was a new line. His course violated all precedent. He disputed with the doctors, flayed the scribes and Pharisees and rebuked the rulers.

Roman conservatism finally allowed religious conservatism to crucify Him between two thieves. The real conservative of the Gospel is the devil. From the temptation in the wilderness to the temptation of the passion Satan tried to hinder, to retard, to break up the redemptive mission of Jesus. He sought in the wilderness to bribe Christ from the cross. The agonies of the crucifixion were the desperate malignities of Hell turned loose in savage ferocity upon the Son of God to wreak Satan's last resource by vitiating the atonement by the intensity of the anguish sin demanded.

The Clogs of Life.

As against the fulfillment of Christ's mission, the Devil interposed his protest, so now he still works to prevent men from fulfilling the high and holy ideals of life. Sin has its system of conservatism that it throws about us to resist reform and prevent all change for the better. This is a fact familiar to all students of the Bible, especially in the epistles of John. He tells us that the Devil purposes to get control of our lives by building up about us a system of influence called the works of the Devil. These he describes as "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." He says: "I write unto you young men because you are strong," and his plea is that the young can overcome the evil one, can break the bands of sin's conservatism asunder, can throw aside the weight and the sin, can take off the brakes which the devil is ever trying to put on. Let me describe this devilish system of sin's conservatism and how it works at each one of you.

Habit.

The first art in the Devil's system of conservatism is habit.

The Standard Dictionary defines habit as "a tendency or inclination toward an action or condition which repetition has become easy, spontaneous or even unconscious." This authority even says that "original sin is a habit." Now every man knows what a habit is. And we all know how powerful it is. I know a man who cannot go to sleep without his thumb in his mouth. He began that habit very early in life. Nearly everything we do becomes a habit. Skill is but habit, it is acquired by practice. Proficiency in any life comes by habit. Paderewski says: "When I miss my piano practice one day I know it the first time I play; when I miss two days my friends observe it; when I miss a week, the public detects that something is wrong." Therefore, practice on the piano is his passion.

The devil knows the power of habit. It is a part of his system. He works it powerfully. There is a mighty host of unconscious sinners. There are young men who swear, who lie, who drink, and about the only explanation they make is that 'tis their habit to do so. Habit is the strap by which the devil fastens sins on a man. I have worked with some cases in this city in which the whole man seemed to have surrendered absolutely to his evil habit, all will to resist seemed gone. The Devil had them in his grip of his system and it was awful to see them hopelessly, helplessly writhing in abject slavery to sin.

The Good Angel Suppressed.

The second art in the conservatism of sin is suppression. My knowledge of young men convinces me that almost the first strategy of sin is to get them to restrain their innate manhood and its aspirations for virtue. Nearly all the whole battle of the gospel is fought at that issue.

I believe in the natural nobility of young manhood. There is a good an-



THE CZAR.

## THE CZAR LESS THAN A CLERK.

The Hon. Andrew D. White, Ex-U. S. Ambassador to Russia, writes for Collier's of February 11 on the Russian situation. He describes the Czar by saying that at the time of his accession he was a young man, kindly, courteous, speaking English like an Englishman and French like a Frenchman, but with no other qualifications to rule his empire. To begin with, he differs physically from any of his predecessors since Peter the Great, save possibly, the wretched Emperor Paul. He is slight in build, short in stature, undignified in manner. Probably no man ever came to a throne with a greater dislike for all that reigning implies. Those who have had the best opportunities to observe him agree that he has no ambition, no real knowledge of his empire, no acquaintance with men, no ideas of any value regarding the world at large; that he dislikes all official business and is indifferent to all human beings save his family and a few friends of no moral or intellectual force.

## OPPORTUNITY.

He heard his loyal people cry  
Like children to a saint:  
"Help, Little Father, or we die!  
We starve and freeze and faint.  
The noble hears not for his crimes,  
The soldier, for his drum,  
The Procurator, for his chimes—  
At last to thee we come.

"To-morrow, with a faithful priest—  
God's best gift to the poor—  
A throng shall stand, as at a feast,  
Before thy palace door.  
And that with favor it be crowned,  
The prayer we bring to thee  
Shall to the Holy Cross be bound  
As Christ on Calvary.

"And wives and children too shall come  
To move thy piteous heart,  
And when thou see'st them, pale and  
numb,  
Thy ready tear shall start.

We blame thee not: how couldst thou know,

With courtiers trained to hide!  
But thou wilt hear: our daily woe  
Shall woo thee to our side."

Then the good angel of the Czar  
Spoke with a sibyl's voice:  
"Let no mischance this moment mar,  
'Tis sent thee to rejoice.  
Go meet thy people as they trudge  
Toward thee their weary way,  
To find in thee a righteous judge;  
And go unmarried as they.

"Enough, through centuries of wrong,  
Thy line's inverted fame,  
The Romanoff has been too long  
The synonym of shame.  
Then haste to meet the cross afar,  
Do thou what courage can,  
And thou shalt be the greater Czar  
If thou but show thee man."

He rose, resolved; but—fortune dire!—

One glance his purpose crossed;  
An impulse from some recreant sire  
Triumphed, and he was lost.  
The flower is trampled in the sod;  
False dawn delays the day:  
And once again the Will of God  
Marches the bloody way.  
—Robert Underwood Johnson, in Harper's Weekly.

## FATHER GOPON.



Father Gopon, the priest who was the leader of the Russian workmen at St. Petersburg when they were massacred by the Cossacks was a delegate from Russia to the International Y. M. C. A. Jubilee Convention at Boston in 1901, and addressed the assemblage in faultless English. He is a man of splendid physique, over six feet in height, weighing some 200 lbs., and as agile as an athlete. He was born in Poltava in 1869, and is the son of a peasant. In his boyhood he herded geese and pigs. He showed phenomenal ability, and friends of the family sent him to school, and afterward to a seminary, where he studied for the priesthood. When in the final class he was expelled for insisting on discussing the material conditions of the peasantry. Then he was a zemstvo clerk until a friend, who was a Socialist, urged him to seek to enter the priesthood, which he did under limitations which did not permit him to have a general pastorate. He wrote a book on Christian Socialism which the Government suppressed.

The papers announce that a Russian priest who arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, last week, reports that Father Gopon, recently leader of the workmen

in St. Petersburg, traveled with him to Basle and continued from there to Paris, his final destination being London.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—In all the hundreds of churches in St. Petersburg and Moscow Father Gopon was "damned" last Sunday, the holy synod having decided to class him with Tolstoi, the heretic. The ceremonies are very elaborate, in the big churches at least.

A monk, possessor of a tremendous base voice, pronounced the anathema. He began by telling the congregation the names of all other "religious and political criminals," which the church condemned to mundane and eternal damnation" since it, the church itself, sprang into life. The list opens with Pugatcheff, the murderer, and Mazepa the rebel.

After each name the monk cried out "he be damned," and the organ played "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us." After many thousand names had been pronounced more or less distinctly, the congregation was electrified by hearing the names of Tolstoi and Gopon. The "he be damned" following these names was most pronounced and the choir sang, "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us." The monk with the big voice seemed particularly anxious to impress upon the people that the decree held good on earth as well as in all eternity, "here and in the other world."

## GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

The Grand Duke Sergius, known as the chief of the reactionaries in Russia, was killed by an assassin at Moscow, a bomb being thrown under his carriage as he was driving in the shadow of the Kremlin Palace. The name of the assassin is not known, but he is believed to be a member of the "fighting group" of the Socialist-Revolutionary party, which is said to have been responsible for the assassination of von Plehve and others high in authority in Russia. The only witnesses of the assassination were two policemen, who promptly arrested the murderer.

The sentence of death, according to dispatches from St. Petersburg, took the form of a solemn warning a day or two after the massacre in St. Petersburg on Jan. 22. It is said that notice was served on Sergius and Trepoff that the strikers in Moscow were going to assemble, that the demonstration would be an orderly one, and that if methods similar to those employed in the capital to disperse the crowd were used the grand duke and chief of police would be slain.

For years the Grand Duke Sergius had been regarded as the evil genius of the present Emperor, and almost incredible stories of his profligacy, viciousness and dishonesty have been current.

Sergius was the fourth son of the Czar Alexander II, and was born at Tsarkoe-Selo on April 29, 1857. In June, 1884, he was married to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt, whose younger sister, Princess Alix was married to the present czar in 1894.

The grand duke, besides being the czar's uncle, was therefore his brother-in-law. Sergius had no children.



MAXIM GORKI.

In the heart of St. Petersburg stands a hotel called "The Patkins." As large as a palace, its charges are so high that only the richest can afford its luxuries. Not long ago there entered its gilded vestibule a young man, fine-looking but meanly dressed—and the door-tender promptly put him out. On the very next night this same visitor, still dressed more like a ploughman than a frequenter of the brilliant hostelry, was seated in its parlors, surrounded by well known men who paid respectful attention to all he said—for on that day it had become known that Maxim Gorki was a personal friend of the Czar.

Gorki has lived a hard life, but he is a power in Russia. If greater freedom is to be given the people, as now seems certain, it will be Gorki who must be thanked for some of the gain. He was born of lowly parents, and has lived like a tramp, but he loves all humanity, and his stories have influenced not only his fellow peasants but "The Great White Father" himself. Here is his eventful life as the man himself has written it:

In 1878, I was apprenticed to a shoemaker; 1879, apprenticed to a designer; 1880, scullion on a packet boat; 1883, worked for a baker; 1884, became a porter; 1885, baker; 1886, chorister in a troupe of strolling players; 1887, sold apples in the streets; 1888, attempted to commit suicide; 1890, copyist in a lawyer's office; 1891, crossed Russia on foot; 1892, laborer in a railway workshop.

But in that same year, he published his first novel, telling something of all he had seen of Russian oppression, and ever since he has been one to be reckoned with. Word has been given out by the authorities that Maxim Gorki is confined in the Troubetskoï bastion of the SS, Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg. His cell is described as above ground, roomy, well-lighted and heated with a porcelain stove. It contains a lavatory with running water and is lighted with electricity. The rations consist of tea, bread, meat and soup. The charges against him, it is declared, do not involve the death penalty.

WORDS FROM SOME OF MY CORRESPONDENTS.

A Brother:—"We want a pastor badly. We have numerous applications but we don't need any of that sort."

J. R. Conger:—"I think it is possible to succeed without help from the Board. I am urging upon our members the importance of being helpful rather than being beneficiaries of others."

G. L. Yates:—"I know you will rejoice with me when I tell you my people here (Thomasville) gave \$500 to missions last Sunday. Since Sunday we have secured nearly \$100 more. I feel sure we will get \$350 at Grove Hill."

J. C. Holden:—"I have adopted the tithing system. I am advocating it in my churches. Some are criticising me. I find I have great need of patience. I asked my people at New Liberty for an offering on Christmas Day and they gave me \$0.80 for missions and \$4.00 for the orphanage."

J. B. Jones, East Florence:—"The brethren have been enthusiastic over my coming and have received me very kindly. I think the outlook is bright for a good year's work. I mean to be one of you."

M. Briscoe:—"Things are brighter on my field. We are elated over a new railroad. I am preaching at Mt. Sterling and Mt. Ararat, besides Butler."

L. B. Coley:—"I have fallen on a plan for distributing your tracts if it meets approval. I give out thousands of almanacs at this season of the year that go into remote parts of the country. At odd times I can put your tracts in the almanacs and they will reach almost every family in this country."

R. L. Quinn:—"Please find enclosed \$25, which these good people gave me Monday evening, for State missions. I am serving one of the oldest and most faithful churches in the State here at Moulton, and despite the cold and snow Sunday I had no trouble to raise the \$25. May the Lord bless you, this little contribution and the church here."

J. C. Kelly:—"Bro. N. S. Jones has been called here (Demopolis), and we hope to have him with us by the second Sunday in March."

M. M. Wood:—"I have arranged to hold several church institutes, which I am sure will be of lasting benefit. My plan is to get the pastors and deacons and as many others as I can to bring their Bibles and study with me the mission of the Church and its equipment for service. A number of our best churches believe there is great good in it. I am anxious to see our churches do something worthy of the Cause and themselves."

T. O. Reese, Geneva:—"We arrived here Wednesday night. I begin tomorrow. There is a fine opportunity to build up a strong church here. Work is progressing nicely on the building."

E. Crawford:—"You made a mistake in the receipt you sent. Friendship is in the Cherokee Association, not in the Cherokee County. I think we will

change the name of ours to DeKalb."

J. L. Ray:—"I pray the great revival started in Wales may spread all over the world."

W. B. Crumpton.

SOME BOOKS.

We are now studying in the Sunday school about Christ's Ministry. It is the best time in the world for pastors to put Stalker's Life of Christ into the hands of the teachers. Price 60 cents postpaid.

"My Baptism and What Led to it," by James Mountain, a convert to Baptist principles from the church of England, is one of the best books I have ever read along this line. It is written in a most pleasing style. No one can take offence. His arguments are convincing, his investigation thorough. Some will object, as I do, to his idea of a formal service for the dedication of infants in the place of infant baptism,—he does not claim scriptural authority for it—but that should not hinder Baptists from reading and circulating his convincing arguments for believer's baptism. I know of no book so appropriate to put in the hands of a Pede-Baptist friend. Price 50 cents postpaid.

THE VERY BEST HYMN BOOK

is "The Baptist Hymn and Praise Book," from our own Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. Price .85 cents, postage 12 cents.

Any of these books can be had from the Baptist Mission Board, W. B. Crumpton, Sec'y., Montgomery, Ala.

Good news comes from Brundidge, the youthful R. A. J. Cumbsee pastor. The Baptists have secured a lot in a central location and will erect a \$5,000 building.

Somebody said W. B. C. meant, "Wants Big Collections." Brother Crumpton says that is true now as never before. March and April must bring in good collections or the figures for home and foreign missions from Alabama, will make us all ashamed at Kansas City in May.

BRETHREN PASTORS.

Won't you read these lines from me? January and February weather has hurt our mission collections so much. I plead for two great collections: One in March for Home Missions and one in April for Foreign Missions.

W. B. Crumpton.

HONESTY.

I believe there should be a general campaign made for more honesty. Men are losing their grip and love for this noble Christian principle. Dishonesty is not condemned by society and church as it should be. There are many who will not pay an honest debt, yet can, and do, go in the best circles of society, and sometimes hold high positions in church or State or both. Should I be ashamed to write these things? No, but should weep because they are facts. I write, not to disclose the sins of any, but to arouse serious thought. Several years ago I heard a merchant say that he did not like to go to church, because

often there upon the front seats, and those most active in the service were those who owed him and would not try to pay him. Last year a man said that he was sorry he ever began selling goods, that he had learned too much about the people. A clerk in a clothing store asked for the address of a preacher who had moved away without settling his account with the house. A business man said of a teacher, "He will not pay an honest debt if he can help it, but will write you a check when he knows he has no money in the bank." Yet that teacher stands well in educational work, society and church. Some men pay their house rent by moving, and some skip their board bills, and the grocery bill goes unpaid, etc., etc., etc. Someone has said "the world is on the beat." In every class from the washer woman to the governors, arowasv(A woman to the government official there are those being defrauded and many in turn, as if to get even, are defrauding others. Is that too strong? Ask the washer woman, the boardinghouse, the doctor, lawyer, teacher, preacher, merchant, farmer; city, county, State and United States official if he or she has met all honest obligations, and if others have with them. Also ask the editor. There are various schemes resorted to to "beat" an honest debt. There is lying, false promises, misleading statements, bankrupt law, etc. Is every one dishonest? No. I know men who are thoroughly honest twenty-four hours in the day and every day in the year. I know a man who honestly failed in business, and afterwards labored hard for years to pay his old debts, and he paid them. I have not lost confidence in all men, but I lament the prevailing dishonesty now being practiced and believe it should be frowned upon in condemnation by society, church and individuals. It is a great and growing evil.

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another." "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." "Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you."

A. A. Hutto.

Decatur, Ala.

THE WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN LOUISVILLE.

Dear Sisters: The appearance in last week's Alabama Baptist of Mrs. Geo. B. Eager's article on "The Woman's Training School in Louisville" is considered most timely by the Alabama Central Committee. Already they had included the fostering of this worthy cause among the suggestions forwarded to the President of the Woman's Missionary Union for consideration at the annual meeting in May, and they count themselves fortunate to have had the plan and details of the work begun by the Louisville women laid before the Alabama workers with so much of clearness and succinctness.

Naught is needed from this pen to add weight to what Mrs. Eager has written on this subject, but we would like to draw particular attention to the fact of there being two of Alabama's young women desiring the instruction to be had at the Theological Seminary and requiring the protection and comfort of a home. One of them, Miss

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that makes the  
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Huey, has been ever "zealous of good works" in her church and community, and especially in training the young people about her, and the other Miss Cynthia Miller, whose "leadings" into Christian service have been signal and significant, since years ago she heard in her hamlet home, not "the voices," but the voice of the Master calling her to go forth into a larger sphere. How wonderful and how delightful that her pathway is again running parallel with hers who gave her onward and upward inspiration as she first entered into the work. These young women are our very own dear sisters. Let us care for them and for others who may be associated with them, emulating the energy and unselfishness of our Kentucky sisterhood.

Alabama, as a State, is nothing if not progressive and realizes fully the necessity of availing themselves of skilled labor in all of her industries. May we not dare to hope that "the children of light" may become even in this generation as "wise as the children of this world?" One of Dr. Crumpton's strongest appeals is for the readjustment of our forces to the new conditions and this applies to men and women alike in this day when woman has regained the positions originally assigned her and is recognized, not as a helpmeet (as it is sometimes written), but helpmeet for man.

We grow in wisdom as the years go on, we hope, but we never grow greater than the Book and the depths of wisdom therein are ever being revealed to us. The "zeal-without-knowledge" condition, to Paul's mind, portended a blunder if not a failure and is as potent a plea in our day as it was in his day for trained men and women in Christian service.

The matter is laid upon your hearts. Beloved, may your hands take up the work for His sake.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton,  
for the Ala. Cen. Com.

Two Mohammedans baptized at Delhi, India, by Anglican missionaries this year were both led to Christianity by reading books written by the late Rev. Inmad ud Din, of Amritsar, himself a converted Mohammedan. The fact that the words of this dead preacher live is an illustration of the value, often forgotten, of the literary branch of the missionary work.

WHAT JOHNNY GAVE.

Johnny gave a cent to missions,  
One whole cent—how large it seemed!  
Johnny felt himself a giver  
As upon the plate it gleamed.

One bright cent from Johnny's pocket  
Where a nickel and a dime  
And three other duller pennies  
Were reposing at the time.

"I should like to go for missions,"  
Said the nickel, looking glum;  
"But I know too well I'm booked for  
Lemonade or chewing-gum!"

"I would love to help the heather,"  
Cried the dime; "but then, you see  
Johnny wants a nice, new novel,  
That he's going to buy with me."

"Well, we wish," the three cents mur-  
mured,

"Johnny would have let us go;  
But for marbles, cakes or taffy  
We'll be quickly spent, you know."

So they sighed and wished; but Johnny,  
Wrapped in generous self-content,  
Felt himself a Christian, truly,  
Since he'd freely given a cent!

—Exchange.

Rev. J. L. Gross of Selma, has been preaching for ten days to the Howard College students, holding afternoon and evening services.

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Baptist Editors.

DON'T LEND.

A friend of ours who has had "experiences" hands us these lines, which he found somewhere:

"I once had money and a friend;  
By both I set great store,  
I lent my money to my friend  
And took his note therefor.

"I asked my money of my friend,  
And naught but words I got;  
I lost my money—and my friend;  
For sue him I could not.

"If I had money and a friend,  
As once I had before,  
I'd keep my money—and my friend;  
And play the fool no more."

The conclusion is a trifle cynical, but it is a pity that it is so often justified by the facts. Why is it that so many people dislike those who do them favors?—Religious Herald.

OF THE IDEAL RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

One feature of the religious paper is its contributions from others than the editor. Those having a personal bearing and those which have a lengthy bearing—from one to three columns—ought to be excluded. The publishing or rejecting of articles ought to be left to the judgment of the editor. The contributor who would object to that treatment would show a weakness which would indicate that the paper had lost very little by the absence of his article. Our kind Heavenly Father is just as wise in what He conceals from us as in what He reveals to us, and the same is true of our ideal paper—our editor is wise in what he puts into his paper, but equally wise, if not more so, in what he keeps out, both from his contributors and from his own pen.—Rufus Ford in Baptist Courier.

DR. JETER'S VIEWS.

A brother has asked me, "Is it true that Dr. J. B. Jeter once said in your hearing that if he were the only Baptist in the world he would still cling to the faith and live and die a Baptist?" Yes, that is what he believed as long as he lived, as thousands this day can testify. But no man rejoiced more than he did in the good that Pedobaptists do; all the more because he believed with his whole heart that but for Baptist opposition to infant baptism Pedobaptists and the Catholics would get together. If you have not read it, read a little book published by our Publication Society in Philadelphia, entitled "Infant Baptism a part and Pillar of Poperty," and get everybody else to read it. It ought to have a circulation of a million or two.—A. E. D. in Religious Herald.

"Will alcohol dissolve sugar?" "It will," replied Old Soak; "it will dissolve gold and brick houses, and horses, and happiness, and love, and everything else worth having."—Houston Post.

Our Young Men.

THE REAL PERILS OF YOUNG MEN.

"The evil tendencies of young men as we know them on the Bowery," says a worker for young men in lower New York City, "and which ultimately become master of the man, are, first, avarice—an inordinate desire for something which is not possessed and the man may not earn. In some this is money; in others, place and power. In short, it is to get something for nothing; to secure advancement by any method of means, questionable or otherwise. The second peril is lust—that form of evil which comes from the impure mind and makes the man a beast. The worst appetite is that for drink. The third peril is over-confidence in one's self. The confession most commonly made to us is, 'I was sure I could stop when I wanted to.' Men find out here that it is not an easy matter to root out habits which have been fostered by a life of indulgence, when all the forces of one's nature oppose a change. It seems to us that these perils have resulted in the complete abandonment of men to a life of sin, as seen in our daily dealing with its results.

"Why didn't you tell me," says a young man mournfully, "that I couldn't stop when I wanted to?" "I did, but you wouldn't believe me. You thought you could, at least you said you could; and you would not learn except by experience. Now you have learned the lesson, but in learning you have lost your life. That is the trouble with you young men. You will not surrender your independence to the wise advice of older men. At last you wake up to find that you have no independence to surrender, having become the slaves of the evil which you would not see and shun."—Forward.

WHY HE WAS NOT PROMOTED.

- He watched the clock.
- He was always grumbling.
- He was always behindhand.
- He asked too many questions.
- His stock excuse was "I forgot."
- He wasn't ready for the next step.
- He did not put his heart in his work.
- He learned nothing from his blunders.
- He chose his friends among his inferiors.
- He was content to be a second rate man.
- He ruined his ability by half doing things.
- He never dared to act on his own judgment.
- He did not think it worth while to learn how.
- He thought it clever to use coarse and profane language.
- He imitated the habits of men who could stand more than he could.
- He did not learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope.—Success.

Rev. John Stewart dropped in to see us on Monday.

My Offer to Kidney Sufferers.

I will give you a full dollar's worth of my remedy free to try without cost or deposit or promise to pay.

I could not make this offer—a full dollar's worth free—if mine were an ordinary kidney remedy. It is not. It treats not the kidneys themselves, but the nerves that control them. The cause of kidney trouble lies ALWAYS in these nerves. The only way to cure kidney trouble is by strengthening and vitalizing and restoring these kidney nerves. That is exactly what my remedy—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—does. Therefore I can make this offer with the certain knowledge that every kidney sufferer who makes this trial will be helped.

When I say "nerves," I do not mean the ordinary nerves of feeling, thought, action, I mean the automatic nerves, which night and day, unguided and unseen, control and actuate, and operate every vital process of life. These are the master nerves. The kidneys are their slaves. Your mind cannot control them. You will cannot sway them. Yet when they are strong, you are well; when they are not, you weaken and die.

I have made my offer that strangers to my remedy may know. It is not intended for or open to those who have used my remedy. They need no further evidence. But to those who have not heard, or hearing, may have delayed or doubted, I say, "simply write and ask." I will send you an order for which your druggist will hand you a full dollar bottle—and he will send the bill to me. There are no conditions—no requirements—simply write me to-day.

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DR. SHOOP'S RESTORATIVE

Mortgage Foreclosure Notice.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to Jefferson County Savings Bank, of Birmingham, Alabama, on the 20th day of April, 1901, by Betty Humes Haire and husband, John T. M. Haire, which said mortgage is recorded in office of Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Alabama, in volume 287, pages 26 of the Records of Deeds and mortgages therein, the undersigned Jefferson County Savings Bank will sell under the power of sale contained in said mortgage on Thursday, the 2d day of March 1905, in front of court house door in the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County and State of Alabama, to wit: All of Lot 8 and a part of Lot 2 in Block No. 768, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point on 14th Avenue, South, at the Northeastern corner of said Lot No. 3, thence southward along the Eastern line of said lot No. 3 to 15th Avenue, South, thence Northwestward along the Northern line of 15th Avenue, South, 75 feet, thence Northward to a point on the Southern line of 14th Avenue, South, which is 75 feet from the initial or beginning point, thence Eastward along the Southern line of 14th Avenue, South, 75 feet to the initial or beginning point. Said property being in the city or Birmingham and being described and designated as above in accordance with the plan and survey of said city and adjacent property made by the Elyton Land Co. Said property hereby conveyed being the same property upon which there is now a residence known as the Rogers place and now occupied by George H. Rogers and his family. Said sale will be made for the purpose of satisfying the debt secured by said mortgage including the cost and attorney's fee for foreclosing said mortgage. Jefferson Co. Savings Bank. Mortgagee.

By W. T. Hill, Atty.

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Sunbeams.



Dear Sunbeams:

Some of you will remember Pura Cova, the little Cuban girl, who spent some time at the Judson and then returned to Cuba, a Christian child and better fitted to help her father, J. V. Cova, in his mission work. In the last few months she has been accepted by our Home Mission Board, as one of our missionaries, and I am indebted to Dr. Gray for the following letter from her. I feel sure you will read it with interest, and I trust you will show that interest by giving liberally to the building of the new chapel which the women and children are asked to build in Cuba.

I am never afraid to ask favors of my Sunbeams, because they have always granted my requests so graciously. I am,

Your loving friend,  
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Matanzas, Cuba, Nov. 24, 1904.  
Dr. B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Doctor: I received your letter, and also that of Mrs. Watson, which you kindly sent. Your letter is dated October 11th, but I did not get it until yesterday, it was mailed in Atlanta the 16th. I don't want you to think that I have been negligent in answering.

You ask me about my work, and I am glad to tell you that I have a great deal of it. I have to attend the missionary school, which keeps me busy almost all day. I have a Bible class every day, which has given many souls to Christ. All the girls (it is a girls school) can pray and know what to do to be saved. Many of them did not know what a Bible was or anything about Jesus Christ and what He has done. They all love Christ, and many of them have brought their parents and friends, who are now true Christians. Our Secretary now was brought by one of my girls. He is her father and was an infidel. He is a good Christian now.

Besides that, I do all I can to serve the Lord, and I think I will never do enough for Him who gave himself for me!

Our church is progressing; new souls are coming into the fold. We are so thankful to our brethren for the place they have bought for building our church. Please do tell them how grateful we are, and how we pray that the merciful Father may bless and give them a hundred fold. I think our church will do all she can to raise some

money for the building. But we are so poor! It will surely be a great help to our work to have our own building. May the Lord use it to His glory!

I think I have written too much to a busy man as you are, please excuse me. I pray that the richest blessings may rest on you and your work.

Yours in Christ,  
Pura E. Cova.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Enclosed please find P. O. Order for \$11.89 from the Sunbeams of St. Francis Street Baptist Church. Our Sunday School had a rally, and I proposed to the officers that the money collected from the audience be donated to the Sunbeams for a missionary offering. This request was readily granted with the enclosed result. Please appropriate the money as follows: To Foreign Missions, "The Williams Memorial Home," \$6.00; to Home Missions, "The Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children," \$5.89.

Lovingly yours in the work,  
Mrs. J. H. Locke.

Mobile, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I thought I would write to you to let you know how our little Sunbeams are getting along. We are doing fine, I think, for we have about 82 members and I expect to send off another contribution for missions in a few weeks. It won't be long before we will elect new officers. I enjoy so much the letters of the other little Sunbeams in our Alabama Baptist.

We would be glad if you would send us some literature and fishes, as we need them so much. With many happy wishes for you and all of your little Sunbeams, I remain your little friend and helper,

Jno. D. Wilson, Sec.

Jackson, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I have been thinking for several days I would write you and let you know that I had received the fishes. Many thanks to you for your kindness. I gave fishes to seven boys and girls last Sunday that had brought new Sunbeams to join our band. Some of them had brought two.

You don't know how proud we are of our band. I think sometimes that we ought to call them willing workers, for they are always ready and willing to do anything Mrs. Sims and myself say for them to do. On last Sunday the President was absent on account of sickness, and we asked one of the girls to lead, and she did well, though she had been a member of the Band only three weeks; that shows that they are willing to work. I feel like sometimes that the Band is doing more than our Society, for we cannot get the ladies to work. We pray that the time will soon come when some of them will join in the great work. We hope you can make us another visit soon.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mattie Bush.

Red Level, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I am glad to tell you that, at the re-

quest of our Pastor, Rev. W. T. Foster, a Sunbeam Society has again been organized in Seale. Our little officers are: Ella Foster, president; Marion Bickerstaff, vice-president; Annie Tallman, Secretary, and Janie Vann, treasurer. I was asked to be their leader, but so far have had very little time to devote to the work. Will try to get the children more interested now, though, if you will help me by sending me some literature, programs, etc. Our regular meeting day is the third Sunday in each month. We have some earnest little workers, and I hope much may be accomplished for the Master's cause. Thanking you in advance for the literature, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
A. Augusta Bickerstaff.

Seale, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I have been thinking that I would write for some time about our Sunbeams. We all enjoyed your talk very much and we hope you will come back some time soon. We elected new officers not very long ago as follows: Maud Mitchell, president; Lizzie Cox, vice-president; Joe Vesey, treasurer; Sarah Bryan, secretary. I will close my letter after writing about the sad death of one of the members of our Juniors. It was Miss Lula Witt, who was about 18 years of age. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church about three years and a half. It was sad to part, but 'twill be sweet to meet her in that better land. Lula was always doing something for her Master. Let's all of us try to meet Lula in heaven.

East Florence, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We assemble every Saturday at the Dauphin Way Baptist Church at a club called the Junior Workers and on every last Saturday of the month we have a missionary meeting. Miss Robertson made a motion to have reading on missionary day. Miss Robertson referred to you, so I will ask you to please send us something nice to read that will interest the children. I would be so much obliged to you. I hope you can send it so it will get here before next missionary meeting.

Yours truly,  
Edith Lewin.

Mobile, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The Sunbeams are doing nicely. We practice every Sunday for Christmas. We are going to have a very nice time I hope. We hope you will also. The Sunbeams wish you to visit them again. I am treasurer of the Sunbeams. We have not very much in the treasury but hope to have more. I go to school and am in the first class of the fifth grade. I like to go to the public school. My teacher is Miss Annie T. Brewer. I like her very much.

Yours truly,  
Phelan Nabors.

Anniston, Ala.

P.S. Please send us some programs right away.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Inclosed you will find \$5.00 for Miss Willie Kelley, sent by the Sunbeams of Pine Apple. Since adopting Saturday afternoons as our time of meeting, and my home for comfort and convenience, we are doing a better work. Perhaps you would be interested in our efforts, and I tell this as a "hint" for others. On last Saturday afternoon each child brought three eggs each; after program had been concluded the eggs were counted and sold at an advanced price. Balloon ascensions are always enjoyed by the children. "A Hatchet Party" Feb. 22nd and "A Valentine Tea" would be appropriate and very little trouble.

Please give us your ideas, or any other workers' plans, and as we have never tried the fish 'would appreciate a lot of these.

Our Ladies' Aid Society has revived wonderfully, and we are striving ardently to build a parsonage at an early date. Any assistance rendered from any one who would like to contribute to this cause will be highly appreciated by our Society. Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am,

Your friend,  
Juliet P. Hardy.

Pine Apple, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

It has been a long time since I have written you. I received some Sunbeam literature the other day. Our Sunbeams are progressing very nicely, with Mrs. Tandy as our leader. We have forty-nine members. We are thinking of having badges in our Society. Please write me if there are regular Sunbeam badges made; if so where can I write for them. Our pastor read the report of the Sunbeams for missions. We have twenty-six subscribers. Our collection today was seventy-five cents. You must come to see our little Sunbeam Band as soon as you can.

Yours truly,  
John Thad Duckett.

Florence, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Papa moved from Thomasville, Ala., to Alabama City, the first of October. He preached his first sermon here October 1st. I suppose we have one of the best mills in the South. As we have the nicest streets, the best houses and so many good moral people. We have a fine band of Sunbeams. Alder Bell Leach is President, Grace Campbell, Secretary, Lillie Williamson, Treasurer. Our church, through the Sunbeams and the Ladies' Aid Society, sent to the orphan children in Evergreen \$10.00, and to the orphan children of Alabama City about \$30.00. We have about thirty-five children whose father or mother is dead. We have about \$2.07 on hand that we will give to some cause. We have in Alabama City over 1100 children school age. You must come over and give us a lecture. I will write sometime.

A Sunbeam,  
Howard Dunaway.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Little Sunbeam Corner:

We want to send in a word or so from our little band. We are small in number but large in happiness, for we have a pleasant little crowd of young folks. About seven or eight of our members left us lately to make their homes elsewhere, which made us sad; some bright little girls and boys and the Sunbeam organist was among them, Miss Mabel Gardon. We call our society the "Elliott Sunbeam Society," and when our pastor, Bro. W. J. Elliott, is absent we miss him. God blesses us, we bring in our mites, sometimes many then few, but they count and go where they can do good. Our meeting is every first Sunday afternoon. We hope there are many Sunbeam societies full of members.

Noble Cilley Powell, Sec.

Lowndesboro, Ala.

OUR NEW HYMN BOOK.

S. M. Provence.

On a recent Sunday, when the weather was full of "grip," pneumonia and other things, and prudent people stayed under shelter, I spent practically the entire day and part of the night in looking through the "Baptist Hymn and Praise Book" just now published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Page by page I went carefully through it, giving attention mainly to the unfamiliar parts of it, noting its adaptations, its arrangement of topics and its usability. (This word is not in the dictionary, but it's a good word all the same.) The first thing that will impress you as you open the book is the exceeding beauty of the printer's work. This, as the Board acknowledges with due appreciation, is to be set down to the credit of the well-known music publishers, Messrs Biglow and Main, New York; but everybody knows that work like this costs money, and it is greatly to the credit of Dr. Frost and his helpers that the Baptists of America have this beautiful book. Another thing that will please you is the arrangement of words and tune on the same page, the name of the hymn-writer being at the right, and that of the tune-composer at the left, above the score. Where two or more hymns are given with one tune, the author's name is printed under each. The indexes (or indices, if you prefer) are exactly what you need, all you need, no more and no less. So much for mechanical arrangements.

When you begin to study the hymns, you will find the old, substantial favorites, welded to the old, substantial tunes. Not all, of course. You will be sure to miss one, maybe two or three or even more that you would have felt certain to put in if you had been the editor-in-chief; but you will recall the old saying, "there must be no debate over matters of taste," or in other words, de gustibus non est disputandum. This is my consolation when I find the air of The Old Oaken Bucket pressed into service, or such sentimental tid-bits as "Juanita" or "In The Gloaming." But just to let you know how mossbackish this is, I will relate that a young lady visitor called this morning while I was going over some

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of these things with my violin, and she pronounced them "beautiful." And there you are. Now, "The Last Hope," and "Consolation" (Mendelssohn) and a few such classics have for a long time been among my favorites, but tastes differ. And so you will find here and there an air which you would certainly have left out; and in so doing you would have made the book poorer for another soul. But another thing that will please you, specially if you were brought up in "the hill country," and if you were trying to sing fifty years ago, is the preservation in this attractive form of the old, old melodies that your mother sang to you (O, ye tears!) and that have revived a thousand precious memories. There are only a few of these, and surely a younger and (if you will) a more cultured generation will not begrudge the space given to them, even though they are no longer sung. This younger generation is generously dealt with. Here are numbers of the popular favorites, something for every occasion. Indeed, the book would be a capital one for the Sunday school and the Young People's meetings, as well as for special revival oc-

casions. In fact, this is a marked feature of the book, namely, its wide range of both hymns and tunes.

I have noted in two places what seems clearly to be an error in proof-reading. At number 225, the first two notes should be on the second line of the staff instead of the third (G instead of B); and at number 269 the second note should be on the fourth line instead of the third space (D instead of C).

Perhaps a word ought to be said about the price of the book. Dr. Frost has proven himself both "sane" and "safe" as a business man, but the margin of profit must be small. Think of buying a book like this for seventy-five cents when ordered by the dozen! And then every dime of the profit goes into the treasury of our Sunday School Board.

Not many persons, taking people "by and large," have any idea of the amount of labor bestowed on such a book. The heaviest part of this has fallen on Dr. Lansing Burrows. You may well say, "I don't see how he found time to do it." But remember that he has a "genius" for doing things, and for doing them well.

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE PROGRAM

It is now only a few months since the Alabama Anti-Saloon League was organized. That they are ready exploiting a well-planned campaign is much to their credit. Rev. G. W. Young, D. D., Assistant Superintendent of the National League is busily engaged filling a long list of appointments in the pulpits of the leading churches of the State. Dr. Young is a man of resources and National reputation. His itinerary is popularly received. Sentiment in favor of the League is rising rapidly. Men of prominence in the professions and in business look with favor on the League's plan. The present aim is two-fold: (1) To place the object of the League and its methods intelligently before the Christian citizenship; (2) To gather financial support to insure a persistent and permanent campaign.

The achievements of the League commend it to us. By its activities hundreds of saloons have been driven out of each of the States of Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas. Alabama needs relief. The League proposes to submit to Alabama's next legislature a general local option bill. This will refer the sale of liquor in any locality to a vote of these people concerned. It is the favorite idea of the League to leave each unit of the civil government to decide for itself. This is local self-government. The passage of the law affects no one. It is simply an enabling act. After its passage the people determine by majority vote whether the saloon shall exist. Where the majority do not want it, the saloon must go. This method gets the saloon on its merits. It removes it from local personal and partisan politics. It leaves the saloon question only a moral question. The preachers of the State cannot afford to neglect a movement of so great interest to Christian institutions. But it should not be left for the preachers to carry this fight into the political arena. The Christian laity of Alabama should seize this opportunity to demonstrate their moral worth. The Christian voting population of the State is larger than the saloon vote. Will any Christian voter betray the church, his home, his children and the good name of the State, by a vote for saloon rule? We do not believe it.

SUNDAY FREIGHT TRAINS.

The following from the Ace-Herald of Feb. 13th was sent to us by an engineer who wrote, "I used to be a Christian and would like to be one now. We have more freight trains on Sun-

day than any other day, and I never know what it is to have a chance to go to Church on account of Sunday freight trains. Help us, please, to get this law. If we had this law in Alabama our railroad men would become civilized."

Jackson, Tenn., February 12.—J. N. Seale a former Jacksonian and prominent official of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, now superintendent of transportation of the Southern railway, will have to pay a fine of \$1,000 to the county of Haversham, in Georgia, for running freight trains on Sunday.

Mr. Seale was indicted by the grand jury of Haversham county some time ago, charged with running freight trains on Sunday. He was tried in the superior court before Judge Kimsey and found guilty. A fine of \$1000 was imposed.

The case was appealed to the supreme court of Georgia, and in a decision rendered Saturday morning the judgment of the lower court is affirmed, and the high official of the Southern will have to pay a fine.

The supreme court held that all it was necessary for the State to prove was that the railroad operated a freight train, and it was for the railroad to prove whether the train was one which came under the exceptions in the act which states that trains carrying perishable freight may be handled on Sunday.

It is the first time that the question has been decided by the supreme court and hereafter when railroads operate trains on Sunday in Georgia they have to have their superintendents indicted and fined.

Superintendent J. N. Seale of the transportation department of the Southern road, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and W. A. Lott, one of the clerks in his office, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Seale at once time was the superintendent of transportation of the Mobile and Ohio road.

UNBAPTIZED CONVERTS (?) ONCE MORE.

Commenting on our editorial of last week on "Confessions without Baptism," one of the clearest thinkers in the Southern Baptist Convention, has this to say: "I think the time has come to speak out on this wild counting of converts who are never heard of after the meetings are held." He then proceeds to use some strong language which we do not give, since the letter was not intended for publication.

We have heard of some wonderful revivals that made our hearts glad, but later information shows that many of the converts were mere "confessors"—we know not how else to describe them. This fact, we must admit, has dampened our joy no little. News comes to us of a great revival in Louisville, Ky., but we will have to withhold our thanksgiving until we learn whether the converts are mere "card signers" or out and out "new" men and women. Let us have sure enough converts that by the very instincts of their new nature go forward at once in their Christian duty, and not those who have to be begged, cajoled and entreated to obey

their Master's plain command. It does no good and a vast deal of harm for a man to "confess his faith in Christ" when that is a dead faith, fruiting—if death can fruit—in disobedience.

The great Welsh revival, we are told, is a church revival and the multitudes saved seek the privileges and gladly accept the responsibility of church membership.

This is of great importance in Alabama just now, for the season of protracted meetings will open with the spring. Let us pray and work as never before, but let us not undertake to do God's part. It is His business to look after the increase.

TEACHING FOR CASH.

A preacher engaged in his holy work for loaves and fishes is the most contemptible human on earth. A close second to him is the teacher who plies his vocation with an eye only on the cash. Very few schools offer the salaries they should. A much more generous dealing with the teacher in matters of finance is one great need of the times, but a teacher who makes money the chief end of his effort is unworthy his high office.

Maybe we have a higher notion of this great calling than some who follow it, but so vast are the possibilities and powers in the teacher's hand that it is a thousand pities to see them ignored or prostituted to the baser motives of greed.

It is the privilege of every one to whom we commit our children for training to lay up a treasure that thieves cannot steal nor Time corrode. It ought to be the high ambition of all who mould the thought of youth to be known as teachers "sent from God." This great end can be attained by all who keep in close touch with Him of whom this first was said.

Herein lies the only reason for the existence of a religious school. If the professors in our denominational institutions are not men and women of wholesome religious life and influence it would be better for the schools to close up, and commit the work of education to others where purely secular work is done. The people who send their children to Christian schools expect—and rightfully so—a vast deal more of their teachers than mere classroom work. By all the power of godly life and example, and personal interest and importunate prayer they should seek to lead their pupils into that higher life without which all learning is folly.

Why maintain a college at such cost of money, men, prayer and effort if that college attempts no more than is done in the ordinary institution for the moral uplift of its pupils? Its reason for existence is gone.

There is no need for sacrificial effort to secure that which can be obtained elsewhere, without worry and expense.

Let us hasten to say that these words are not called forth by the circumstances of any particular case, but simply state a general principle which we hope will be more deeply fixed in every Christian school as the years go by.

WEDDING FEES.

There is an ancient legend which we now and then hear repeated with the zest of a new tale which serves to illustrate the idea not a few people hold touching wedding fees. It is about the pastor who, expecting a handsome sum from a wealthy groom, received only a pair of gloves. In disgust he threw these into his wife's lap on his return home, expressing, meantime, an opinion or so about stingy men. But his wife on examining the gloves found a ten dollar bill in each finger and a "twenty" in each thumb. Details vary in different localities, but we have not as yet seen the preacher.

The story, however, true or false, is the expression of a general notion about wedding fees that is complimentary enough to the groom, but not quite just to the preacher. The supposition that the man claiming his bride is bubbling over with generous impulses of all sorts which find an outlet through his purse to the pastor is not borne out by the facts. The amount paid is voluntary of course, and it is less than nothing as often as it is as much as ten dollars. This train of thought is started by a book in which one of Alabama's best pastors kept a record of all the marriages in which he took part. It makes racy reading. Only once in his life (he is now in heaven) did he receive as much as twenty dollars. Many times after long drives through terrible weather he was given fifty-cents or a dollar and many times again he was not even thanked. On one occasion the happy groom borrowed his best coat, wore it thirty days, and then returned it without pay or thanks for either the ceremony or the coat! Respect for the contracting parties sometimes made it needful to purchase some new garment, or maybe entire suit which his purse could ill afford, and after turning the five or ten dollar fee over to his merchant he was still in debt. His good soul was always satisfied if he came out "even on costs."

We happen to know of another man who left business of the most pressing kind to join two young souls in wedlock. The railroad fare was \$4.80. Street car ten cents. Time out—two days and one night. Fee \$5.00! And the contracting parties were well-to-do people!

Whence, then, comes the idea that wedding fees are usually handsome things? Why, from the preachers themselves. If the fee is of such size as to be particularly complimentary to the groom the pastor tells it. If it be such as to disgrace that important personage, sympathy for the bride bids the man of God be silent. She is one of his own flock. Love and pity stops his speech. In other words, the public hears of the big fees and of those only.

Be it said in behalf of the groom that the expenses of a wedding are about all he can bear and often more than he ought to bear. Not a few have been kept back from wedded life by the thought of the cash needed at the very threshold of Hymen's realm. So far from adding to the burden, the pastor would lighten it if he could.



Brother Cox tells of some men who enter the ministry because they deem it an easy way to make a living. If the marriage fee enters at all into their calculation it might help them to read a few of these ramblings remarks. They may also observe, if they will, that though most wedding fees go to the preachers' wives, not many of these worthy ladies are dressed in silk and satin.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

"Our beloved Secretary" was in our office on last Friday looking very hale and hearty although he was celebrating his birthday. He acknowledged to being over sixty years old. We hope he will have many more pleasant birthdays.

We have received a catalogue of the Oneida Baptist Institute, a Baptist school in the heart of the mountains of Kentucky, with illustrations of some of the homes of the people, making quite an interesting booklet. The work being done at Oneida is highly commended by many of the leading brethren in Kentucky.

We have just received the first issue of the Religious Forum, the successor of the Southern Advance, which is published in Atlanta with the following editorial staff: H. R. Bernard, Managing Editor; G. S. Anderson, Associate Editor; Len. G. Broughton, Associate Editor. These well known brethren will no doubt get out an interesting and helpful paper. May the Lord use them for His glory.

Mr. Sydney Brooks, writing in the current Harper's Weekly on the future of Russia, wonders if "it is in the nature of autocracies to yield anything?" and he cites various instances in history to prove that many despotic governments have been overthrown, but few modified or altered in conformity with the popular will. He thinks that, in the case of Russia, it is not inconceivable that the fall of Port Arthur, the final victory of Japan, the loss, at any rate, of Manchuria, and the incalculable miseries called down by the war on an overtaxed and hungry population, may force the autocracy to shift its ground. "The Russian people, for the first time in history, have become conscious of the strength that lies in unity. They will not much longer tolerate their total exclusion from the direction of affairs."

Dr. Bomar is still sick in Spartanburg, S. C., where his wife has gone to join him. I hear that he will be sick for sometime, or at least cannot work. The doctor says that he will require absolute rest. Just now this falls right heavily on me, as much work has to be done, but I am trying to keep up and am pressing forward.—R. J. Willingham.

The Baptist Courier says: Dr. E. E. Bomar, whose illness at Pensacola, Fla., was mentioned in The Courier last week, was brought to Spartanburg, his old home, where he is being cared for by his relatives. Our last information was that he was improving. We are glad to know that Broth-

er Bomar is improving and hope he will soon be able to take up his work.

Rev. C. O. Lovingood, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Virginia City, wishes to thank the public for their substantial sympathy. He preached the funeral of nine of the unfortunate victims. The following were members of his church:

W. W. Shoemaker, Jesse Weaver, Luke Bailey, Irwin Hopkins, and Jack Vance. All were married and have families except Jesse Weaver. John Wells, another member who was killed was carried to Blocton and his funeral was preached by Rev. A. D. Glass. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

A BATTLE CRY.

Oh men of might,  
Come out and fight,  
For the day is fast adowning.  
Come out and live  
Your best to give,  
Where the darkness still is frowning.

Come with your might and main,  
Come now the right to gain,  
Come and the fight maintain,  
'Gainst' foes arising.

Where can you better spend  
All that your God doth send,  
Than in the land of Him  
Who now is calling?

"Go to my lands of woe,  
Tell those who do not know,  
That I for them did go  
In death appalling!"

"Tell them to leave their sin  
For I will come again,  
And I the world must win  
Ere the great morning."

Away then away  
While yet 'tis day  
For the night is swiftly falling.  
The battle is on,

And you must be gone  
While you hear your Captain calling.

J. T. M.

HURRAH FOR OUR WOMEN!

Here is a check from Mrs. Barrett at East Lake, Treasurer of the Woman's Central Committee, for more than \$800 from societies in different parts of the State contributed in the last two months. God bless our missionary women.

W. B. C.

The Baptist orphanage would like to make known to those most concerned that its doors are open to any destitute orphans, made so by the great mine disaster at Virginia City, Monday February 20th. Jno. W. Stewart.

Rev. W. G. Curry called in to see us on Monday on his way home from Eutaw, where he dedicated the beautiful new church on Sunday.



A TRIBUTE TO WOMANHOOD.

Last week we gave an account of the bill passed by the Illinois legislature to erect a statue in honor of Miss Frances E. Willard at Washington. We herewith present a picture of the statue.

The statue is of Carrara marble, a little more than life size, and represents Miss Willard standing in an easy, graceful position. The pose of the head is lifelike as Miss Willard appeared when looking out upon an audience. The face is strong and spiritual. The pedestal is of Vermont marble and bears the following inscriptions:

"Ah! it is woman who gives the costliest hostages to fortune. Out into the battle of life they have sent their best beloved, with fearful odds against them. Oh, by the dangers they have dared; by the hours of patient watching over beds where helpless children lay; by the incense of ten thousand prayers wafted from their gentle lips to heaven, I charge you give them power to protect along life's treacherous highway those whom they have so loved."—Frances E. Willard. Presented by the State of Illinois, February XVII, MCMV.

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will be sent to you four months on trial for twenty-five cents. "The Twentieth Century Pastor" is a publication of magazine size containing 48 pages monthly. It is devoted to sermonic thought of the richest and freshest character on the most vital subjects. It contains outlines, more or less amplified, on themes for the Sabbath services, the week-night and other occasions. It gives attention also to illustrations and such other matter as helps in intelligent preparation for religious work. In its contents it is one of the most original magazines of its class published. We make the above offer because we wish all Christian workers to become acquainted with the "Twentieth Century Pastor," now in its sixteenth volume. This offer may be withdrawn at any time. Send 25 one-cent stamps. Twentieth Century Pastor, 2361 E. Dauphin St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Field Notes.

Gurley.—We arrived here the 10th at 10 p. m.; was met at the train by brethren Leftwich and Roberts. Brother Leftwich is one of our deacons, and they tell me he is a very live one. Brother Roberts is deacon, superintendent and clerk and fills every office acceptably. We went to the home of Brother and Sister Roberts, and were made to feel welcome by this most excellent pair. Sunday we went over to the church and were most cordially welcomed. We had good services. After services we went to the beautiful home of Brother and Sister Leftwich, where we enjoyed a most elegant dinner and spent a delightful afternoon. I went to Trenton last Saturday and Sunday. Notwithstanding the bad weather we had two good services. Spent the night with Brother Wilbourn. He is one of the deacons of the church and a live one. I hope I will be able to place the Alabama Baptist in every home. The paper gets better every week. God bless you in your great work!  
James O. Bledsoe.

From Huntsville.—The young peoples' unions from the First and Dallas Avenue Baptist Churches are getting ready to go to the State Convention at Bessemer in April. These unions are accomplishing a great work among the younger element of people, and will show up at the State Convention with banner reports. At East Lake's Convention the First Church Union sent a delegation of twelve, so the Bessemer Entertainment Committee are notified now that plenty of room will be required to take care of the Huntsville crowd.

Dr. Montague's appeal to the Baptists of Alabama for encouragement in his great work at East Lake should meet with liberal and prompt response from every patriotic Baptist to whose notice the appeal is brought. The Baptists of Alabama have in Dr. Montague the truest type of man—a Christian gentleman, a man who fills his place with distinction and ability; and if we will support him our denomination will point with pride to the wonderful success that is ahead for Howard College.

With reference to Howard College the writer is anxious to see the State Union meet its obligation to this work. The debt was obligated in good faith and there is no reason why it should not be promptly disposed of. With systematic effort on the part of the majority, if not all the Unions in the State, this debt could be paid in a few weeks. Certainly the presidents of the different unions, especially those unions who have not paid a cent toward this obligation, should bestir themselves and wipe out the debt before the meeting of the State Convention at Bessemer. Let us be up and doing.

Amen to Dr. Crumpton's appeal to the Baptists of the State to make a creditable showing at the Southern Baptist Convention. Let's all help.

J. E. Pierce.

Huntsville, Ala., March 1, 1905.

## MR. HEGE'S CURE OF ECZEMA

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Passenger Agent of the B. & O.  
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ington, D. C., one of the best-known

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the country,  
sends the follow-  
ing grateful let-  
ter: "Thanks  
to the Cuticura  
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pest, weeping eczema, for the first  
time in three years. It first appeared  
on the back of my hand in the form  
of a little pimple, growing into several  
blotches, and then on my ears and  
ankles. They were exceedingly pain-  
ful because of the itching and burning  
sensation, and always raw. After the  
first day's treatment with Cuticura  
Soap, Ointment, and Pills, there was  
very little of the burning and itching,  
and the cure now seems to be com-  
plete. I shall be glad to aid in reliev-  
ing others suffering as I was, and you  
may use my letter as you wish.  
(signed) S. B. Hege, Washington,  
D. C., June 9, '04."

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## Field Notes.

From Bro. I. A. White.—Your editor-  
ial appeal, brief and to the point,  
touched the heart of a careless exile (I)  
and here is my response. I sympathize  
with you in the necessity that separ-  
ated your brother from you and the ex-  
tra burdens that now are yours. May  
He, who made it, ratify unto you the  
promise, "As are thy days so shall thy  
strength be." I feel assured that the  
response of the Baptists in Alabama—  
a royal people—will be prompt and  
generous.

Permit me to say that the publica-  
tion of that "Temperance Sermon" of  
mine in a recent issue of your paper  
unasked is a courtesy duly appreciated  
by me.

Well, the forces of righteousness in  
Southwest Georgia, as elsewhere, are  
on the up-grade, but moving steadily,  
resistlessly, in the confidence of  
"that blessed hope." Bainbridge and  
some two or three of our strongest vil-  
lage churches are pastorless. The grow-  
ing town of Blakely recently supplied  
their need in securing the services of  
Bro. N. W. Hurst, a fine man from  
Barnesville, Ga. We bow acknowledg-  
ment to Alabama for the young man  
given to Fort Gaines. The lines have  
fallen to him in pleasant places. We  
welcome him.

The cause in Cuthbert is progressing.  
It has not been the writer's pleasure to  
serve a more sympathetic, responsive  
people. At the incoming of the year  
the church made substantial increase  
in the matter of pastor's salary. Quite  
a number of beautiful and valuable  
tokens of esteem came to the pastor's  
home, Christmas from the Ladies' So-  
ciety and various members of the  
church. On Christmas Day—following  
a week of prayer to that end—the  
church joyfully agreed to become re-  
sponsible for the support of Bro. S.  
Emmett Stephens' our missionary now  
in China. One generous-hearted brother  
pays half of this and the rest of  
the members the other half. In addi-  
tion to this our Sunday school will  
contribute one hundred dollars for a  
native missionary in China. The Lad-  
ies Aid and Missionary Society is one  
of the most efficient this pastor has  
ever known. Composed of cultured,  
consecrated women, they wisely and  
cheerfully co-operate in every good  
work. Since the first of January their  
treasury has received in voluntary of-  
ferings from their own purses the sum  
of \$35.00. But I must hold my gar-  
gulous pen, else this contribution will  
be—to the fire and vanish in smoke.—  
I. A. White, Cuthbert, Ga.

Goodwater.—I have desired for some  
time to write to the Baptist, but have  
had lagrippe in its worst form. I  
hardly know how we could get along  
spiritually without the weekly visits of  
our excellent paper. I wish every Bap-  
tist in Alabama would take and read  
it. I note with pleasure that dear  
Brother Upshaw is working for the

paper in Ft. Deposit as he did here.  
Rev. J. W. D. Upshaw was our pastor  
four years, during the time, the church  
was built up, many souls saved and  
much good done in our town. He will  
ever live in the hearts of his people  
here. We regretted to give him up,  
but God saw fit to call him to a better  
field of labor. And I trust the good  
people of Ft. Deposit may be as great-  
ly blessed in having him and his excel-  
lent family in their midst as we were.  
The people of Goodwater love Brother  
Upshaw and his family. It can truly  
be said of him he never intentionally  
hurt the feelings of man, woman or  
child during his pastorate here; like  
the Master he serves, he was slow to  
condemn. Wishing God's richest bless-  
ings on him, his family and work.—  
Mrs. J. R. Gilbert.

Forest Home.—It has been about  
one year since I came to this field. The  
Lord has greatly blessed my labor here,  
there has been forty additions to the  
churches and the churches contributed  
more than they had ever done before  
and still we hope for better things. Our  
Ladies' Aid Society is doing a good  
work; they have recently ordered a  
vulnuit set and are going to increase  
their gifts for missions. It is with re-  
gret that I note the removal of our  
highly appreciated deacon, J. G.  
Reynolds, who has recently moved to  
Greenville, Ala. Brother Reynolds  
did some fine service here for the Lord.  
He is a most excellent deacon and a  
warm friend to his pastor. We love  
him for many things, but most of all  
for his loyalty to the church. He has  
a devoted Christian wife and daughter  
whose presence was often a benediction  
in our home. May the Lord bless  
them in their new home.—G. W.  
Lovell.

Orphans' Home.—A box of neatly  
backed, valuable books for the library  
has been received at the home. On a  
paper and one book were found the  
name of J. J. Foster. This is all the  
superintendent has received to indi-  
cate what section of country the gift  
came from. We have nineteen boxes  
and a package of this kind on our  
book and would like to know something  
of the giver. If all our friends mak-  
ing us gifts could find time to write  
to the superintendent direct or place  
sufficient information inside the box  
it would save a good deal of trouble  
and delay about receipts.

We are all about well of the lagrippe  
and feel so thankful that we have got-  
ten through without a single case of  
pneumonia. Robert Atwell, a little  
boy who came to us suffering with  
heart disease, and who on this account,  
has spent much of his time at the in-  
firmity, died last night at 9 o'clock.  
He leaves one brother and two sisters  
here. Robert's vacant chair in the  
primary school room is marked by a  
piece of ribbon this morning, and a  
part of the children's work is to make  
with their own hands a small token of  
their love for the little boy, whose  
chair is to be vacant here forever.  
Robert was a good boy, very thought-  
ful and kind-hearted for one of eight  
years. His suffering is all over here,

and while the little sisters were weep-  
ing at the table this morning and the  
primary school were singing "Let the  
little one come unto me," and we all  
were remembering what a good boy  
was we could but think how pleasant it  
is to know that one more little one has  
gone unto Him.—J. D. Pittman.

Sayre.—We have a beautiful build-  
ing here for preaching and Sunday  
school work. We also have a splendid  
Sunday school and some good workers.  
The Methodists have a church organ-  
ized and have a man to preach once a  
month and that is about all the preach-  
ing we have. Now the question comes  
are there not enough Baptist ministers  
in the State of Alabama, if so, why  
are we neglected? We need a leader  
to see how bad we need a Baptist  
church. Why can't we have a Baptist  
church and preaching two Sundays in  
the month, anyway? I am Baptist my-  
self and do not feel at home where  
there is no Baptist church.—Maud  
Reed.

Enterprise.—Enterprise has been,  
but is not now in the race, for su-  
premacy among the Southeast Ala-  
bama towns. She being only seven or  
eight years old, and having 3500 inhab-  
itants, feels that she is ahead and  
expects to remain so. Some people  
think that because we are away down  
South in the land of cotton every-  
thing is hot all the year round. But if  
they will come down here now they  
will be convinced that "Up North" is  
not the only place a man's words will  
freeze while calling to his neighbor.  
And as to "good old summer time" we  
have it here made glorious by the  
cooling gulf breezes, which are pecu-  
liarly ours. And this reminds me, I  
am surprised at some of our Southern  
editors raving themselves hoarse about  
Roosevelt's not understanding the  
South and wanting him to come and  
see the country and understand the  
situation better, etc. They give him  
credit for very little sense. A man  
forty years old and knows as much  
about foreign people as his constitu-  
ency claims he does, and then don't know  
his own people, is too simple to be  
president of the United States. He  
knows the way down here; and so far  
as I am concerned, if he does not want  
to come, I am not going to Tuscaloosa  
on account of it. But if he hears that  
I said this he will not give me a gov-  
ernment job. Of course he knows me.  
If he does not it is no fault of mine,  
for I live in Enterprise, a city just a  
little smaller than Washington and a  
little bigger than the one he used to  
rough ride in.

But enough about Teddy. I preach  
two Sundays in the month to Enter-  
prise and two to Elba. Elba is as  
large as Enterprise in everything but  
population—a fine folk they are. Then  
I preach every Sunday evening to some  
country church—the nearest of which  
is five miles and the farthest eleven  
miles away. Preaching morning and  
night in the town churches and even-  
ings to these country churches gives  
me three sermons every Sunday, and  
from ten to twenty-two miles ride.  
That is all.—R. M. Hunter.



Rev. A. C. Davidson, D.D.

**THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH TOWARD THE CIVIC PROBLEMS.**

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As I see the problems that confront us there seems to me to be five, speaking broadly. There may be many more, but five perhaps will include them all. And when I speak of problems I mean those that call for the deepest and sanest thinking of an enlightened Christian citizenship. They are (1) the problem of poverty, (2) the problem of the children, (3) the problem of labor and capital, (4) the problem of the saloon and its attendants and (5) the problem of politics. In some sections of the country some of these problems are more in evidence than in others and some of them are put more to the front by some people than others. Yet they are all here and call for our ceaseless attention, for they are vital to the well being of our commonwealth. Now what should be the attitude of Christian people to these problems? Without trying to be exhaustive let me suggest a few things.

1. The problem of poverty. This is a problem of the city rather than of the country. The poor drift to the city. The city is his mecca. The poor may be divided into three classes: first, the industrious, second the pauper, third the vagrant. When that which a man earns is less than his absolute needs he is in poverty. Hunter says these are ten millions in our country. The first class—the industrious—is sometimes above the want line, that is are able to make enough on which to live—but there are times in life when he is below it. His career is one of struggle, care, sorrow, the potter's field. The pauper and the vagrant are always below the want line. He shambles and shuffles down the years in rags, filth and shame, always content—a strange fact! Yet a fact, always content! Eats when he can get it, starves when he can't. Lies in the shade in the summer and freezes in the winter. Satisfied! Unwilling to try! Of the industrious many will toil on. Some winning out to competence and plenty, and others drifting down

to join the vast army of the shiftless and broken down—a sorrowful spectacle. I shall not here discuss the question as to the causes. I might lay much to the door of the present economic arrangements. But there it is. As a fact, the lower the wages and the less able men and women are to provide for themselves the denser becomes the population.

Now then we may outline the problem. 1. This is the plant bed of crime and ruin. Mighty evils the State has to look after! The degeneracy of the parents falls on the children with increasing effect. Boys and men follow the way of the least resistance and girls find the mills of open ruin. The tribe of Ishmael in Indiana and the Jukes of New York are striking illustrations. The first numbers about five thousand and are almost all criminals of one kind or another. The last has cost the State of New York more than a million and a quarter of dollars in five generations.

2. Then again this is the place of the lost home. The tenement can hardly be called a home. The broken down don't care to have a home. Vast herds of single men and women sleep and eat and rot without a home. Character breaks down. Not all are criminals, for many are too bereft of manhood to make a skillful criminal, but all are more or less in crime of the simple and easier sort.

3. This is the soil in which tuberculosis, the scourge of our country, takes root and flourishes. Ten millions who are now alive are to be swept away by it. The State's loss is vast in manhood, in feeding, in burials. These become in their wanderings up and down the wings in which the trouble flies over the land. I need not discuss how poverty and disease go together.

4. This is the class into which the immigrant falls. Not all by any means, but a very large number. Much has been said by Stead and others of the twenty millions who have come to our shores. Indeed Stead claims that this twenty million is one of the two mighty factors of our growth. They have helped us to work our mines, build our cities, gather our harvests, etc., and

have paid us for their coming. But see more thoughtfully. Students, like Prof. S. R. Commons and others, of these vast migratory movements of the world of which this is but one, assure us that our native stock would have filled the places of this twenty millions ere this had they not come. Careful experts like President Hadly and Benjamin Kidd assert that the increase by the native stock has fallen and will always fall off in proportion to the incoming of a wage earning people from without. Elkanale Watson said in 1815—and he based his calculations on the three centuries that had then been taken—that our population from the natural increase by 1900 would be seventy-five million, and yet with an immigration of twenty millions we have now about that number. Here then is a vast diminution of force, and merits the wisest thinking. We have received the twenty millions and many of them the poor and broken down from Southern Europe and lost twenty-million of our own strong, brave stock. A sad bargain, indeed! Now then, put all these facts together and the problem of poverty becomes a vast problem indeed. This class becomes a menace to labor. Either from unfitness or from unwillingness a great majority will not continue at work. They are the strife makers. They take the place today only to give it up tomorrow. They are also the menace to law when they are crowded together—and that is the necessity. "Theirs is a difficult section of the city to manage," said the Mayor of a great city sometime ago. "We have to do the best we can—indeed we don't govern at all." Here is the place of the ward politician, bargain and sale open and above board.

They become then the menace of our common well-being. The city is to rule the country and the ward politician the city and the vast throng of broken down men and women furnishes the field in which to exploit his gifts. Now what shall be the attitude of the Church to this mighty problem. I have only barely hinted at the facts.

We cannot solve the problems of labor and capital, the problems of competition and monopoly, in any sledgehammer fashion, but by painstaking effort we can gradually remove the evils connected with the forces suggested by these terms, and we can increase the good brought us by the development which they signify.—R. T. Ely, in "Success."

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I speak from experience: Three years ago I felt called of God to preach His gospel unto men. I say felt, for I am beginning to wonder if God has authority to say if I shall be His minister, or that I must wait and see if my brethren of this world approve of it.

I was told by a dear brother (a minister) that I was not capable of being a minister. I do not deny his assertion, but that was the encouragement received from God's servant. But if it be God's will that I shall be His servant in the ministry, He will make me capable. "Called of God to preach but idle," "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! I Cor. 9:16." These two sentences had taken lodgment in my heart, and I concluded that they must be from God, and that He had not relegated His "calls" to the minister referred to.

I wish to speak mostly of the discouragement which the younger brother receives: Most of his discouragement comes from his co-workers in the ministry. God forbid it but it is so! I have "fought a good fight," but I would have fallen away long ago if it had not been for the cheer, advice, sympathy from those outside of the "called." I have not received one word of loving sympathy nor help from a minister,—"only discouragement!" Before they find fault with their younger brother whether he be "called" or un-called let them test him with their love, solicitude, advice, and fellow feeling. Why not beckon these younger brethren onward into the work, teach them to be worthy of the "call," instead of throwing so many stumbling blocks across their path.

The minister who wrote the piece in the Alabama Baptist of February 8th, said: "No man has a right to preach or teach without an education, and he ought to be willing to work for his education." I agree with him. But if

a brother has to work hard all the time trying to get an education, and has at the same time to work to keep the older brethren off of him who are trying to make him believe that he is not called of God to preach, he will not make very much progress, and perhaps not get a church when he gets through.

There are two sides always, and while the already "called" are "judging" the young men, who according to their own finite measure are un-called or incapable, does it never occur to them that the young fellows may be seeing "motes or beams" in the eye of the older ministry, which is not according to Christ? and which they do not wish to emulate nor imitate? Are the older "called" in the ministry perfect? and the imperfect only the newly called, or un-called?

God has taught me a lesson for life, in the struggle which I have had to meet in this matter: I shall never claim unto myself the self-righteousness that I am called and another is not! Senrab.

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From a careful examination of the "Finance" of the last quarter, Alexander D. Noyes reaches the conclusion that the country's outlook is extremely favorable as regards its present financial resources and its international position, but more or less doubtful as regards the process of readjustment of internal industry.

Mrs. Smith, widow of Dr. S. E. Smith, author of "America," has completed her ninetieth year. Her grandfather, Dr. Hezekiah Smith, was for six years brigade chaplain in the Continental Army and a warm personal friend of Washington's. Mrs. Smith has resided for over forty years in Newton, Mass.

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gel in us all, but, alas, suppressed. Deep in life's dungeon we thrust her, and still now and again we hear her crying. When we would release her the devil says, "Keep her down, keep her down; she will spoil your fun." The majority of young men have religious inclinations. The spiritual faculty, the God consciousness, the aspiration for holiness is not dead even in those who give no outward sign of it. The hardest task the devil has at all, as easy as he seems to master it, is to keep young men when Christ stands before them, from rising up under that great God-given impulse and going to His side. We put the emphasis on the other fact, that Christ is wooing and cannot win; that God's spirit is pleading and is denied, but I will tell you the other side; the devil has his hard time also, keeping you away from Christ. Many a time when we were about to go, about to say, "I am coming where I belong, into the service of Christ," we have felt the wrestling of Satan's desperate determination to stifle, smother, choke the good angel into the dungeon of the soul. If we would listen with intensity we could hear the crying and the struggle as we get up and go out, draw a long breath and gulp down the fresh air to kill out the sorrowful echoes of the soul's suppressed longings for its right to kiss the Son of God, who created it and redeemed it for nobler purposes than sin allows. The plea of Satan is, "Now don't do anything rash; don't carry your heart on your sleeve; don't give way to Christ. Be steady, firm, cautious, self-possessed." I wonder how many men realize that when they flatter themselves that they are strong and self-possessed against the gospel, they are in spiritual reality devil-possessed? And that in resisting the power of God they are yielding to another power, which, on cool reflection, they know is the enemy of their best interests.

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SOME "ALWAYS REMEMBER" FOR OUR MEETINGS.

Always remember:

1. To fill your place.
2. To be ahead of time.
3. To pray for the meeting three times—before, during and after.
4. To give the speaker sympathetic attention. You help or hinder him.
5. To furnish part of the spiritual capital essential to the life and success of the meeting.
6. To thank the leader if his message helped you and to recognize your part in the failure if you were not helped.
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**THE WINDY DAY.**

Oh, the windy day is a laughing day!  
For the wind is a funny fellow;  
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And leaves are turning yellow.  
The pines, a moment ago so still,  
Fling out their arms and laugh with a will,  
Nodding their heads, as who should say,

"The old wind has an amusing way."  
Oh, the windy day is a singing day!

For the wind is a minstrel, strolling  
Thro' field and wood, with cheery lay,  
Intistent, sweet, cajoling:

The strings of his harp are pine and oak,  
As he chants his tale to the woodland folk—

Ah, revellers of old are they  
When the minstrel wind begins to play!

Oh, the windy day is the vagrant's day!  
For the wind is a comrade rover,  
Whistling down the great highway  
To every hill-road lover;

And whether he whistles or laughs or sings,  
Through every vagrant heart there rings

The impelling, world-old call to stray  
With the comrade wind for ever and aye.

—Lucy L. Cable, in Harper's Magazine for March.

**A FANNY CROSBY DAY.**

For over forty years Fanny J. Crosby has been writing beautiful hymns that have found their way into far corners of the earth. By no means has she given up the duties that she loves so well; and has just finished her autobiography which will be published early next summer. Indeed her labors for the past forty years have been great; but her life has been calm and sweet.

March 24 Miss Crosby will be eighty-five. It is proposed that Sunday, March 26, be set apart everywhere by pastors and people among all christian churches and known as Fanny Crosby Day. Many religious organizations propose to sing her hymns at public services and many pastors plan to preach sermons connected with Christian hymnology. It is also proposed that Fanny Crosby's friends make her a gift of honor as a fitting tribute to her long and very useful life. Those who have been helped by her sweet songs (and who have not) could do nothing more appropriate. When these plans were submitted to Miss Crosby for approval she said, "I am very much pleased. I accept as a gracious tribute to my hymns and life-work."

It is sincerely hoped that the enthusiasm of the day aroused by the hymns of Fanny Crosby, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit that inspired them, will reach many who have not given

themselves to the Lord. Let all who sing and read h'a'ttwslwe sing and love the Crosby hymns help to spread the notice of a Crosby Day on March 26. It is hoped that this may be rallying time throughout all the churches of all denominations; and that the occasion may be fittingly observed by a program of songs and a gift of honor everywhere. All letters to Miss Crosby, or the Committee in charge of the Crosby Day, may be addressed to 756 State Street, Bridgeport, Conn. She would be very glad for all incidents connected with any of her songs.

**DR. GAMBRELL ON MISSION WORK IN TEXAS.**

"The mission roll for the year now runs above 250. We are up to the limit, and but few more appointments can be made. The fields have broadened; we have never been so strong on the field. The Board is venturing out into the deep on faith. The very greatness of the work is enough to bring us to our knees before God. And that is what is now needed, much prayer for divine help. We never shall be able to go forward to success, if God does not open the seas of difficulty before us. If we only believe we shall see the glory of God, as we have seen it on a larger field."

We clip this from the Baptist Standard. Brother Crumpton says "Amen" to the article, and says it expresses exactly the situation in Alabama.

**A STRONG ENDORSEMENT.**

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**NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF IRON CITY MILLS.**

On Thursday, March 2, 1905, at 4 p. m., there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Iron City Mills at the Citizens Saving Bank and Trust Company in Birmingham, Ala., for the purpose of authorizing an increase of the Capital Stock of the Company from \$7500 to \$15000.  
J. J. White, Pres, and Sec.

Prof. A. P. Matthews, of the Chicago University, says: "Life originally happened. Life is made up of certain organic compounds. Certain organic compounds were made by nature; the compounds came together in some manner, and the result was life." That is the "advanced" view taught to the students there, but we persist in believing the old writer who says, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."—Western Recorder.

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Lv. Opelika.....	8 35pm	5 45pm	
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**Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Notice.**

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to B. Garden on the 18th day of January, 1905, by S. E. Simpson and J. F. Simpson which said mortgage is recorded in office of Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Alabama, in volume 361, page 216, Records of Deeds and Mortgages therein the undersigned mortgagee, B. Garden will sell under the power of sale in said mortgage on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1905, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County and State of Alabama, to-wit: All of Lot No. 4, Block No. 2 F Walker Land Company survey at East Woodlawn, Ala., except ten (10) feet off of the west side to be left for an alley, same being a front of fifty (50) feet on the Woodlawn and East Lake pike road and extending back of uniform width to an alley one hundred and sixty (160) feet. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the entire debt secured by said mortgage together with costs and attorneys fee default having been made in one note of ten dollars due February 2d, 1905.  
W. T. Hill, Atty. B. Garden, Mortgagee.