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Paragraphs

UP-TO-DATE ADVERTISING.

A tombstone in the churchyard at Greenwich, England, bears the following inscription:

"Here lies Clarinda,
wife of Joseph Grant,
who keeps a chemist shop
at No. 21 Berkley Road
and deals only in the purest of drugs."

—Harper's Weekly.

A fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Furman beginning on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in April.

On December 25th at Kellyton Miss Lucie Ward and Mr. Albert Livingston were married at the home of the bride. Miss Margie Goodgame and Mr. William Goggans were also united in wedlock at the home of the bride at Crewsville. These young ladies are both Baptists. We predict for them lives of usefulness, and wishing the blessings of the Heavenly Father to rest on them.—W. A. Darden.

Memorial Services:—Coosa Valley Baptist Church. There will be services at our church on April 2d at 11 o'clock a. m., held in memory of our beloved pastor, Bro. B. B. Nunnally, who departed this life recently. All sister churches and friends are especially invited to attend. Bro. L. M. Stone will preach memorial sermon. By order of church in conference.—R. M. Clayton, Church Clerk.

Florence:—I inclose money order for \$2.00 which means don't fail to send me the Alabama Baptist, one of the best and neatest religious papers anywhere, and I hope to see more families taking the paper. The East Florence Baptists recently held a weeks' meeting which greatly revived the work of the church. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Jones, did some very earnest preaching, and now we have come to believe that we have one of the best preachers in the state. May the Lord's blessings ever be yours.—T. P. Anderton.

We are happy to announce that Dr. J. E. Gwatkin will return to his place on the editorial staff of The Baptist Argus. After several years' service with us, he concluded that he wished a quiet pastorate where he could be more in his study and so he went to Virginia, his native state. That was nearly four years ago, and now he has been persuaded to enter the strenuous life again. His work will be almost exclusively in the office, though his smiling face will be seen on prominent occasions. We have missed Dr. Gwatkin's gifts and graces, and we rejoice that hereafter he is to become a permanent part of The Baptist Argus. He will come to Louisville on the first of April.—Baptist Argus.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher in the Argus:

"We had a revival of soul last week—that is, we received a letter from Judge Haralson, of Montgomery, Ala. It had not one strain of business or supreme court work or politics, or anything in it except a poem of friendship. The judge is a most accomplished gentleman, a distinguished jurist and a lovely hearted Baptist. Withal, he made a flawless President of the Southern Baptist convention for ten bright and growing years. We waft him the grateful memories of all right-minded Southern Baptists and charge him to be at Kansas City in May."



REV. D. O. BAIRD, M. D.



Money Needed

DEAR WORKERS:

Only two weeks now and our conventional year will have closed. Only two weeks and our report must be forwarded at once. Hardly half of our apportioned amounts for Home and Foreign Missions have as yet been given. We were asked for \$5,000 for Foreign Missions—only \$2,500 given; for Home Missions we were apportioned \$3,000, as yet only \$1,100 reported.

What shall we do! Give up and bow our heads in humiliation when our printed report is made? Ah, not that! Did you know of only a few of the many earnest, agonized prayers ascending to our Father, you would believe He would bring us forth rejoicing. There is work to be done, and let us make sacrifice not only with money, but OUR TIME.

Give your next two weeks to the Master's cause—praying and working that our report may be enlarged.

Thirty dollars yet remains unpaid toward the building of the chapel in Cuba (being built by the women and children of S. B. C.) The full amount requested has been given to chapel in Brazil, so if you have pledged an amount for "Peru," send it instead for the Home Mission chapel in Pinar Del Rio, Cuba.

Just now our success or failure lies greatly in the hands of our dear sisters scattered over the State, who gather together the offerings and make report of amounts contributed.

As your Treasurer, let me beg both from societies and bands a full and an early report of this quarter's work.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. N. A. BARRETT,
Chmn. Cen. Com.



Paragraphs

THE WINDY DAY.

Oh, the windy day is a laughing day!
For the wind is a funny fellow;
He rollicks and shouts when skies are gray
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
Through field and wood, with cherry lay,
Insistent, 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 stay
With the comrade winds for ever and aye.
—Harper's Magazine.

The Baptist Argus says:

"Our corresponding editor, Dr. Hatcher, has work laid out for him. He is now in a meeting with St. Francis Street church, Mobile, and from there he goes to Birmingham to aid Pastor A. J. Dickinson in dedicating an elegant new building for the First church. Then he is dated for the Baptist World congress program, and two other far-reaching meetings. What is the use of having such a man unless we use him?"

We are glad to have Dr. Hatcher at work for the Lord in Alabama.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union will be held in Decatur April 28-30th. The program will be especially interesting and will have some of the best speakers in the State. Some of those who will take part are: Mr. William Shaw, Boston; Judge Paul Speake, Huntsville; Prof. Geo. White, Jr., Prattville; Mr. E. Adams, Decatur; Mr. C. E. Hill, Mobile; Mr. J. E. Bridges, Rev. S. P. Spiegel, Rev. A. S. Burrill, Mr. H. Galt Braxton and others of Birmingham. Decatur entertainment committee has made arrangements for all who come. Railroads have granted one and one-third fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

At the Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton the teachers' drill is a thorough review of all the branches required to obtain a certificate of any grade in the public schools of Alabama. The main objects are to enable teachers to pass the state examinations, to give them higher ideals, to inspire them to better work, and to place both the schools and the teachers of Alabama upon a higher plain.

To this end lectures on the elements of Pedagogy are given, and theories turned into laws by model lessons.

Scores of teachers at work in the public schools of Alabama, Florida and Georgia bear testimony to the great value of the drill.

Dr. Junius W. Millard and His Suggestions

INTERESTINGLY DISCUSSED

DR. MILLARD'S SUGGESTIONS AND HIS REASONS.

Dr. Junius W. Millard in a recent article published in *The Biblical Recorder* makes the following suggestion: "That at each session of the Southern Baptist convention we have an opening address by the president, who was elected at the previous meeting. The address to rank in importance with the annual sermon, and like the sermon, to be given an hour when the convention can give it real attention." Further, he suggests that this address be published in the minutes. I suppose that no one can reasonably object to the president of the convention preparing an address at the close of his term, in which he will give a resume of the work done during the year, and make such suggestions as may help to guide the convention in preparing work for the next year. I think, however, that the committees appointed at each session to report on the various phases of the work can do this in their reports. The reasons given by Dr. Millard for offering this suggestion, and the increased authority to be given the president, as suggested, are, to my mind, objectionable from a Baptist standpoint. It is in the air from several directions that Baptists need to have a stronger organization. One that will have more power, and whose utterances will be authoritative as to Baptist doctrines and practices. The reasons given by Bro. Millard for making the suggestion he does, rather squints in that direction. I do not say that he desires this. I do not believe he does, but his language can and may be so interpreted as to mean that there is a need of some one who will be considered the mouthpiece of the denomination, and will speak for it.

In speaking of the Southern Baptist convention in his prefatory remarks, in which are found the reasons for offering his suggestion, he says: "There is one point where we are weak. There is no one to interpret for us to the world our own ideals and longings, nor voice for us this new and larger life. We have no official mouthpiece, no watchman upon the wall who is to look abroad for the vision that tarrieth." He further says: "In looking around for some agency to entrust with this larger work, we find that we are limited in this direction. We have no pope, no bishop, nor do we need one." Then he suggests that the president of the convention do this larger work, that he be the watchman upon the wall "who is to look abroad for the vision that tarrieth" (whatever that may mean, I leave my readers to judge). He will be the spokesman for the convention and the denomination, and his utterances in his official capacity will be authoritative, because he is the mouthpiece of the convention and the convention represents the denomination. This would be a legitimate conclusion from the language of our brother.

If the Southern Baptist convention were a representative body in the true sense of that term, made up of delegates from the churches and empowered to represent them in the convention, and their acts binding on the churches, then the brother's idea of appointing some one to be the mouthpiece of the convention and of the denomination might be correct, and the difference between Baptist and some Pedo-Baptist denominations, so far as church government is concerned, would no longer exist; but the Southern Baptist convention consists of messengers sent by churches, associations, conventions, missionary societies and individuals on a money basis. Two hundred and fifty dollars contributed annually to the objects of the convention entitles the contributor to one seat. Each association is entitled to one messenger. This organization, according to Dr. Gambrell and other distinguished Baptists, has no authority to speak for the Baptist denomination, because Baptist churches cannot delegate their authority to any body. They may co-operate with other

churches in carrying out the command of the Savior to preach the Gospel to every creature, and in co-operating they may use such agencies as seem best to them, provided they do so without violating Scriptural injunctions.

A number of Baptists met in Augusta, Ga., in 1845 and organized the Southern Baptist convention. The expressed object of this organization was to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort to the propagation of the Gospel. It claimed in its constitution no authority over the churches to interfere with their internal affairs, nor to dictate to them. It was to be no ecclesiastical court of appeals, but a voluntary association for the purpose of better carrying out the command of the Savior, to preach the Gospel to the entire world of mankind. It has no power to speak for the churches, but only to do the will of the churches. In the disposal of the money placed in its hands, according to their wishes. The convention is only an executive body carrying out the wishes of the churches and those who contribute money to its objects. In the years gone by since its birth it has faithfully performed its duties, and has been instrumental in doing a mighty work. It has steadily kept itself within the bounds of its authority. There have been faithful men who have watched its progress and safely guarded it against any encroachments upon the rights of the churches. It is to be hoped that we will continue to have such faithful men who will oppose every effort to give to it more power than it has, even by implication. We cannot be too watchful upon this point. An act seemingly judicious and innocent may be the entering wedge to a great departure from the truth. Bro. Millard says there is no one to interpret to the world "our own ideals and longings, nor voice for us the new and larger life." I confess this is a little muddy. I do not clearly comprehend it. What are the ideals and longings referred to? What is the new and larger life? One ideal of Baptists is, as I understand it, the conversion of the world to Christ, and which is, doubtless the ideal of all Christians. Another Baptist ideal, which we desire to see materialized, is when it can be said of all God's people, they have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

The earnest longings of Baptists are to have the Gospel preached to every creature, and when the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of Christ, and when one shall not say to another, "Know thou the Lord?" but all shall know him, from the least to the greatest. If by the expression, "A new and larger life," he means a more extended sphere in which to work, I grant that the opportunities for Baptists to improve have been greatly multiplied within the last few years, and our responsibilities have greatly increased, but I believe that the convention has made praiseworthy efforts to live up to its opportunities and responsibilities, and the denomination has faithfully responded to its calls. The Baptists of the South through the convention is doing a larger work than it ever did, and I trust they will continue to do a still larger work. But I do not see how placing upon the president of the convention the duty of interpreting to the world "our own ideals and longings, and voice for us the new and larger life," will enable us to do more than we are now doing, or how it will help us with the world. It appears to me that the work itself will convince the world that we are in earnest, and interprets itself. But have we no one to interpret our ideals and longings to the world? Where are our preachers? What have they been doing? Have they not been preaching Christ? Do they not keep the people informed as to what Baptists have been doing all over the world? What have our religious papers and missionary journals been doing? What have our boards and secretaries been doing? Do they not publish to the

world at every session of our convention the work that has been done, and recommend from time to time new fields to be occupied and increased work? Are not their reports at every session, strong and inspiring? Why do we need an address from the president which will go over the same ground, unless we want him to make a kind of glorification speech for the benefit of the galleries (the world)? But if we must have an address in which our progress and future work will be outlined, why not the preacher of the convention sermon do this, with the understanding that this will be expected. Every preacher of the convention sermon can do this, and thus strike the keynotes of the session. I do not see any good reason for giving the president any more power than the constitution gives him, nor placing upon him superfluous work and unnecessary labor. He is the presiding officer of the convention, and his labors and responsibilities are by no means light.

Again, there is a natural inclination to grant to one occupying such a position power and authority. His opinions are respected more than those of one occupying a less conspicuous place. His judgment is deferred to, and when it is understood that he stands as the representative of the denomination, and interprets to the world our views and plans, and often awhile, by degrees our doctrines, we will not be far from having a pope or bishop, if not in name, in fact. Innovations come in quietly and under many disguises, and after a while become fixed customs and rules. This was the way popery commenced. If the president of the convention becomes the mouthpiece of the denomination, and his utterances officially are considered authoritative, the convention will drift into an ecclesiastical court, with the president as judge, if we do not go further. Baptists have no bishop nor pope, nor do we need them, as our brother well says. Let us not lay down the gap for one to enter. We have gotten along fairly well. Let us go on our way doing the best we can. Let us avoid all innovations and propositions to change, when the change is of doubtful character and unnecessary. As a Baptist my ideal is a world full of Baptists. My longing is to see the world converted to Christ. As the field enlarges let us occupy it. The machinery we are using is good. It has been tried for sixty years. It has not worn out. Let us use it as long as it accomplishes our purpose. When it fails to do this, then dispense with it. Do not encumber it with too many appendages. The simpler it is the better it will work.

JOS. SHACKELFORD.

"A SUGGESTION FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION."

A thoughtful article by Rev. J. W. Millard, of Baltimore, bearing the above title, appears in the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina Feb. 22.

After speaking with approval of the contemplated convention of the Baptists of North America in St. Louis on the days that intervene between the sessions of the Southern Baptist convention and the Northern anniversaries, he says:

"Apparently, the Baptists of the world are coming to themselves, and after many centuries of real, though more or less obscure, work for the Lord, are just entering with the new century upon a consciousness of their world-mission.

"And yet, speaking for America, and more especially for this same Southern Baptist convention, there is one point where we are weak. There is no one to interpret for us to the world our own ideals and longings, nor voice for us this new and larger life. There is no one to keep alive within us the desire for larger things. We have no official mouthpiece, no watchman upon the wall who is to look abroad for the vision that tarrieth.

"In looking around for some agency to entrust

with this larger work, we find that we are limited in this direction. We have no pope, no bishop, nor do we need one. In order not to multiply organizations, it is best that we find what we need among existing agencies. Where shall we look? Our secretaries will not do, for they are specialists and are too busily engaged in raising funds for their various boards. Our religious papers cannot do it, for we have no one paper that can speak for the entire denomination, and those which we have are too much engaged with other problems. Besides, the one who must do what is here suggested must not be self-appointed. So we are driven to the conclusion that at present we have no one who is expected to do broad thinking for the denomination.

"Why not use the president of the convention as a watchman for his brethren of the larger trends of religious thought, to bring to us each year such suggestions as would point the way to better things? Let him strive each year to strike the keynote for the session of the convention.

"Under present conditions, of what real use is the president of the convention to the denomination? In return for an empty honor, he gives merely the services of a presiding officer. We have never surrounded the office with sufficient dignity. During the interim between the sessions of the convention, like the rest of us, the president is a non-entity. Elected the first day of the convention, he ceases to exist on the last day. Why not make the office a place of genuine service and real dignity, by entrusting the incumbent with real duties and attach to them real honor?

"I would suggest that at each session of the Southern Baptist convention we have an opening address by the president, who was elected at the previous annual meeting, the address to rank in importance with the annual sermon, and like the sermon to be given an hour when the convention can give it real attention."

He follows this up with arguments in favor of the new departure, the principle of which being that it "is in line with the practice of many non-conformist bodies in England, and with the practice of Baptists the world over, with the exception of the Baptists of America."

Comments on This Article.

I must differ from my beloved young brother, both as to his premises and conclusions. I do not believe that the great host of Southern Baptists have any desire for some "one to interpret us to the world;" nor is there any one now who could possibly thus be the official mouthpiece of the nearly two million Baptists of the South. We certainly do not wish or need any pope or bishop; nor would it be desirable even if practicable to select "one who is expected to do broad thinking for the denomination." The charm and strength of the Southern Baptist convention has been its marked democratic methods of procedure. "All we are brethren."

It is not merely "an empty honor" to be the presiding officer of the convention, even if he is a "non-entity" during the interim. It requires gifts of no mean character: accurate knowledge of parliamentary usage, wonderful self-poise and equilibrium to preside over the largest deliberative body in the world. It is in his power to make confusion worse confounded, or with gentle tact, yet firm purpose, to bring order out of confusion, and show that though the brethren composing the convention may, and do hold radically different views regarding certain measures proposed, yet loving the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, they "dwell together in unity." His knowledge of men, as well as of important measures; the wise construction of committees, so that the friends and foes alike of every proposition may have suitable representation, are "real functions" which make him "worth something." Indeed much, to the denomination.

The attempt to have a certain number of set speeches, arranged for at the preceding convention, did not prove to be a popular movement, and was suffered to die out without protest; and I may be

mistaken, but if I know the pulse of the brethren who constitute the convention, I believe that instead of one official mouthpiece, however learned and gifted he may be, that they would much more desire the opportunity for free discussions, to hear from men who will not press themselves forward, but are never asked to speak, to exchange ideas and plans regarding the great work of the convention, "to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort to the propagation of the Gospel."

The president, and, for that matter, the few vice-presidents, treasurer, auditor and two secretaries, are not "elected the first day of the convention, and cease to exist on the last day." Article IV. of the constitution provides that "they shall hold their offices until a new election; and the officers of the convention shall be, each by virtue of his office, members of the several boards." There is much ad interim work that must be performed, and they are ready to consult with the boards of which they are ex-officio members when requested to do so.

But I have already written more than I intended to do. I admire the zeal of Bro. Millard in "coveting earnestly the best gifts" for the convention, but must courteously differ with him as to either the necessity or wisdom of the plan he proposes.

O. F. GREGORY.

QUIET HALF HOURS.

By Harriet Cecil Magee.

1. Prayer:—O, send out thy light and thy truth let them lead me. Psalms 43:3. 2. Promise:—They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 25:10. 3. Good words:—An amusement is a sin when it becomes an end instead of a means.—Anonymous.

I will go forth among men not mailed in scorn
But in the armor of a pure intent,
Great duties are before me, and great songs,
And whether crowned or crownless when I fall
It matters not so as God's work is done.—Alexander Smith.

The human heart thirsts for happiness. One seeks it here, one there, while another looks vainly in a different direction. He who seeks it in vain because he seeks it selfishly declares it a phantom. But he who has learned Christ knows that it is real. He knows that happiness is a reality as truly as sorrow. Have you so learned Christ? Then claim the promise, obtain the joy and gladness. They only wait to be taken. But in possessing yourself of them beware lest your motive be altogether selfish and material. One is so frequently told, only make another happy and you will be happy yourself. If we have ever worked from this motive, can we not from this time on get hold of a higher one? and "in the armor of a pure intent" perform life's duties, sing life's songs? When really cast down and unhappy, use the simple remedy of a counterbalance of your joys and sorrows. In one scale place those things for which you should be grateful, in the other those which demand no gratitude from you. Do you not find that the second scale kicks the beam?

Your prayer for the week has been uttered. Your heart, I think, repeated it when your eye ran along the line. But have you considered what it means to be led by God's light and truth? Why did not the beloved disciple find darkness in heaven? "They had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Do you see what your prayer involves? Jesus said, "I am the way, the life and the truth." You are asking to be led by the Galilean. Are you sure that you are ready and willing to follow so humble a leader? He will not take you into any amusements that are possible of degenerating into snares, and pitfalls. In this matter of amusements you must help God to answer your prayers. You must follow the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world and the truth that is also the way.—Standard, Oshkosh, Wis.

FOREIGN MISSIONS TO THE FRONT.

It is just two months before we must close our books for the convention year. For seven successive years we have been able on the 1st of May to report "all accounts paid in full and no debt." We trust that this year we shall be able to do the same. Our receipts up to this time are ahead of what they were last year at the same date. Many churches are enlarging their contributions, and we rejoice in the increased interest among our people. At the convention in Nashville last May the board was instructed to make an advance. Since that time we have sent out over forty new missionaries, and a number of others are under appointment to go soon, so that it now looks as if by the last of April we will have sent out at least fifty new missionaries during the year. It has taken a great deal of money to put these workers on the field and start them in the work; but we rejoice in the excellent men and women whom God has given to us. Earnestly did we pray to him for them, and he has answered our prayers.

In addition to the large number of new missionaries we are glad to say that excellent reports are being received from the foreign field. Our missionaries tell of many conversions, and when we meet in Kansas City we can rejoice over the large number who have been gathered from heathen darkness into the marvelous light of the Lord Jesus. Our medical missions, printing presses and schools are doing well. All of these things have required money to establish and run them, and God is adding his blessing.

The question now with us is as to how the churches will respond in these next two months. Quite a number of the churches have already taken up their foreign mission collection, and we are glad to say that a number of them have doubled, and in some cases quadrupled on the amount formerly given, while quite a number are adding 25 per cent and 50 per cent to their previous gifts. Every church is asked to give at least 25 per cent advance.

If you have not taken a collection in your church already, will you not do so at once? It is best in many cases to get the brethren to subscribe, and give them a month to pay, as many of our people are not prepared to pay cash. We hope that pastors will have special services of prayer in their churches, and will earnestly present the claims of a lost world from the point of the love of God, obedience to Christ and following the guidance of his holy spirit.

From May 1, 1904, to March 1, 1905, Alabama had given \$8,282.39. The State was asked to give this year \$22,500. This leaves quite a large amount to be raised in the next two months. Will not every pastor and church take part in this great enterprise?

If mission envelopes or tracts are needed, they will be supplied, free, on application to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Let us all earnestly pray to God that he will open the hearts of our people for this work, and each one do his best.

Fraternally,
R. J. WILLINGHAM, Cor. Sec'y.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy
voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day,
For what or men better than sheep or goats,
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer,
Both for themselves and those who call them
friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

—TENNYSON.

We are indebted to Rev. John A. Rice, D. D. L. L. D., Montgomery, Ala., for a copy of "The Primacy of Religion in Education," the academic sermon preached at the centennial of the South Carolina College in January. It is replete with information and is strongly put.

A Mirror of the State Reflecting Conditions

Held by REV. W. B. CRUMPTON

FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENTS.

C. J. WHITE:—"I intend under God to speak to my people Sunday about the importance of responding liberally for the next two months. Pray for me, dear brother. May God bless you in your noble work."

A BROTHER:—"I have had two propositions—one from Texas. The Texas field offers me \$1,000 and moving expenses. But I just cannot make up my mind to go. And yet I cannot see how I can stay here."

R. H. TANDY:—"I read your letter about three missionary collections to our church yesterday and tried to lay the importance of it on their hearts. I will do my level best on these collections. The fourth Sunday is our day. Please send forty tracts of each of the enclosed kinds if you have them."

W. W. LEE:—"My dwelling, with all in it but my family, was destroyed by fire this morning at 2 o'clock. I am bewildered, and do not know what I should do. I am trying to read God's message to me and am seeking His will. Pray for me, and if you have any words of counsel I shall be so glad to hear from you."

"My books were a great loss. I had \$600 insurance, but the loss was about \$2,500."

A BROTHER:—"The money came yesterday, and I cannot tell you how thankful I am. I was in great need of some money. The hard winter has made it very hard for my people."

"I had an invitation some time ago to go to Texas on a salary of \$1,000, which is much more than I am getting here, and an invitation to Louisiana on about the same salary as from Texas, but I feel it my duty to remain here, though the way seems hard."

N. C. UNDERWOOD:—"I shall do my best for the collections in these next three months. Had almost a 'knock-out' at Oswehee last Sunday. It rained, as you know. Had a very small congregation, but a little over \$8. Have some already on hand here. Will finish on Sunday next and send it in. Will be at Mt. Andrew the fourth Sunday."

"We are doing very well at Midway. I like the people ever so much. Come to see us. Would be so glad to have you at any time at any of my churches."

NATHAN E. WOOD, President Newton Theological Institution:—"We have two admirable men in our senior class, graduating in June, who hail from Alabama—Mr. R. C. Granberry and Mr. W. R. Hood. Probably both of them you know. They are rarely fine men. Their scholarship is of the highest rank, and their characters match their scholarship. We expect for them distinguished usefulness. They give every evidence of being competent to do a large, intelligent and thoroughly fine work in the Christian ministry. The preference of each of them is to return to the South. You will make no mistake in recommending either one of them to a position of influence. They are very competent."

A. J. JOHNSON:—"We shall re-enter our meeting house next Sunday morning, after being in temporary quarters since the middle of November; but since there is going to be a small debt on us, we shall not be ready to dedicate for several months yet."

"I write this letter to ask if you can be with us. We want your lecture on 'How a Southern Boy Got Through the Lines Into the Confederacy' on Monday night following the Sunday you are with us. Kindly

let us hear from you in regard to this matter by return mail.

"Of course you can count on my doing my level best for missions. Very few Sundays pass on which I fail to remind my people of their obligation to help give the gospel to a lost world."

T. M. BAILEY, Corresponding Secretary, Greenville, S. C.:—"I have found it difficult to find the kind of men we want for some of our mission fields. Harder still, to get good, well-trained women to work among our mill population. At present we have thirty-nine men and ten women at work in our mill towns. You may be sure that 112 men and women, as missionaries and colporteurs, keep me moving. I almost envied you that California trip. My board wanted me to go away for a month, but the work was in such a condition I did not feel that I could leave it."

"Take good care of Gordon. He is a good fellow."

MISS NELLIE JOHNSTON, Zeru:—"I feel that you should have an answer from some one of our little band, as I have read the letters you sent to our clerk, in which you ask that we do something toward taking collections for missions. We have only three male members, and the church business, of course, is not carried on in the regular order. About ten members attend regularly. Services are held only one Sunday in each month, and we have no Sunday school. I am willing to do what little I can, and surely we can make up the \$5 we are apportioned by next October. If you think it would be worth while to send them I will willingly give out some of your envelopes or cards."

W. A. M'CAIN:—"I had a good day here on yesterday, which was hard on me, but I feel some good was done. After Sunday school and preaching the morning I took a party of twenty out to some old members and held a service at 2 p. m. Married a couple at 6 p. m. Service at night. When completed, I felt very tired, but paid for all I had done. But the thing that made me glad was my collection for State Missions. Some days ago I stated that I wanted \$25. Some smiled, some said I hope so, while others said you will never raise it at Bayou la Batre. But I went to work, and I hope you will be thankful with me when you see a check for \$26.37. I am convinced that a hat collection won't do. I got \$2.02 hat collection."

"We need a man here for all his time. We have a lovely little home for the pastor, and the people are exceedingly kind. It is a cheap place to live. I hope to see a man here next year for all time. I do not believe there is a more deserving field in the State. Pray for us here and come to see us."

J. M. RODEN:—"I think I did the best year's work of my life last year in Washington county. I organized a new church near Carson and got a meeting house built that cost \$1,800; at Frankville I got the contract let for a \$2,000 meeting house and organized the field for the new pastor. When I took that work my purpose was to put a first-class man in the field and retire myself, but I did it sooner and better than I had hoped. I believe Brother Riffe will do a good work there. He is really a great preacher-preacher, a good pastor and loyal to our organized work."

"We had the greatest meeting at Safford last summer that has ever been in the church since I have known it, and the church gave more than ever before. Fellowship Church recalled me and raised my salary; they also gave me more for everything than they had ever done."

"Of course you know you can always depend on me for anything I can do, but I ought to write you oftener, and will do so in the future (D. V.)"

"I have not written about my work to the Alabama Baptist lest it should seem like boasting. I write you only because you understand me. I know I should write more news for our paper. I think I will."

C. C. PUGH:—"I hasten to tell you how happy I was made on yesterday. It was the day appointed to make our special offering for Home Missions in response to your earnest appeal. In view of the fact that other special offerings are to be made in April and May for Foreign and State Missions, and in view of the fact that we are about ready to shoulder the pastorium problem and at the same time raising money to buy an organ and a carpet for our church, I first thought of asking for \$25 as a free will offering for each of the three months over and above pledges, but this seemed mighty little. Then I thought of asking for \$50, but I didn't want to specify an amount and then not raise it. So yesterday, after much prayer and study, I preached from the text 'Make me a little cake first.'—1 Kings 17:13. The spirit was with us, and when the opportunity was given for a free will offering to the Lord, in just a few minutes we had raised more than \$80. I am assured by some of the members that this amount will be raised to \$100 this week. This does not include what the ladies will raise in their 'week of prayer and self-denial,' which they are now observing."

"I am happy over this extra offering. I am hoping that the special gifts for Foreign and State Missions in April and May will be nearly, if not quite, as large as this one."

"It is my purpose to go to Kansas City, and I hope to rejoice with you that Alabama has more than redeemed her pledge. Can't you arrange to be with us in May when we make an offering for State Missions? The church would appreciate a visit from you. May the Lord open the hearts and purses of His people in Alabama. God bless you."

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES.

When Brother Pugh's letter is read I am sure the reader will feel a tingling, as doubtless the writer did when he penned the words, and as I did when I read them. Oh, pastors! what a responsibility is yours! The people will do almost what you want them to do, if you will talk to them right and live near to the Lord.

Where is the field for the young brethren, of whom President Wood writes? We want our Alabama boys back, and they want to come. Can we offer them work?

Many will be glad to read a line from Brother Bailey, Alabama's first Corresponding Secretary of the Mission Board. The Lord deal gently with him!

Brother McCain sends a check for \$26.37; since then he has sent another check for \$32.50. Notice what he says about

Hat Collections.

They are the ruin of us. Many pastors are satisfying their consciences by "sending 'round the hat'" it is so easy. We get nickles in that way, when we ought to get quarters, halves and dollars.

The Spirit That Will Save Alabama is manifest in the letters quoted from brethren who have refused to consider offers of larger salaries in other States. They want to stay in Alabama, even though they may have to suffer sometimes. All honor to the brethren from other States who have cast in their lots among us. We thank God for them; but our dependence, in the main, must be in our native ministry. Ours will be a very sad plight, as a

State, if Alabama men are lured away from us. The churches are not as liberal in their support as they ought to be. The salaries of some of them are shamefully small. I am not surprised that they are sometimes led to consider seriously offers of better support from other States. God be praised for the spirit among them to stay in Alabama.

By way of warning to the tempted natives, I beg them to read:

The Way the Wanderer Feels.

A brother who went away to another State said this to me: "I long to be back in Alabama. I have a good church. They love me; but, brother, I can't get over the feeling, when I get out among the native ministry, that I am regarded as a sort of interloper. They put great stress on having their boys back from the seminary, and that is right; but this spirit is so strong a man from another State feels lonesome when away from his own church. Some how the preachers don't take hold of him, and he can't get close to them."

I often wonder if the "foreigner" in Alabama feels that way. I hope not, and I do not believe he does. While we should foster a sort of patriotic spirit and laud it among the natives, we should draw no lines to separate between the "foreigner" and the "native" ministry.

From my observation I am constrained to believe there is no such line in Alabama.

Dunning the Brethren.

A brother had me to send him a book months ago. I kept reminding him of it, but got no response. I finally wrote about thus: "If you don't send me the money for that book soon I will use up all the profits in dunning you. As soon as you read this get your wife to tie a red string around your finger to help you remember it when you go to the postoffice." Here is the answer I got with the money: "I do most heartily ask your pardon for this inexcusable delay. If you had not dunned me you would never have gotten it, for I had forgotten all about it." Next! Wonder why others don't answer.

"Cash with every order," ought to be on my letter heads when I write about books; but I know some men so well I hate to deny them credit for a 50-cent book; but they are so forgetful! Think I will have to require a mortgage.

A Very Sad Case.

Read what Brother Lee says about the fire that destroyed his all. I am tempted to risk violating confidence by giving a few sentences which preceded what is printed in another column. But I must not. "Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" said one of old. Another said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Faith like that is in the earth today. Who doubts it?

The Supreme Folly

of having no financial system in our churches was clearly demonstrated in the first three months of 1905. Almost every letter I receive from preacher or layman is freighted with the same sad lament: "We missed our collections owing to the weather," or "Don't know what we can do; the weather knocked us out of three collections."

The "knock out" is complete, too—a clear loss. If pledges had been taken and envelopes furnished and the spirit of the command carried out, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," the first "meeting day" would have brought in two or three envelopes, one for every missing month.

I never receive a letter from

Billingsley

but that I think of the time when the little church was struggling to build. Brother Preston was pastor. For two years the board made a small appropriation to the pastor's salary. We were criticised for it by brethren who lived in that region. Brethren Preston, Maness and Schramm have been the pastors. Seldom a month passes that I do not receive a contribution from that church. The habit they formed during their early years clings to them. Here is a

letter containing \$12. The churches helped by the board always remain actively missionary unless they fall into the hands of anti-missionary or indifferent pastors.

Geneva Church is building, but gives \$72 for Foreign Missions, and promises to be heard from on Home Missions.

I hope the reader will not fail to notice what the brethren say who send small contributions, with their promises to continue to help and their "God bless you." That is no empty form. I appreciate their prayers quite as much as I do their contribution, and the great heart of our God is touched also. "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial

SOME BELATED TRIP NOTES

I have written of the sad occasion of Dr. Walter Wilkerson's death and my visit to Marion.

I remained over that awful rainy Sunday. President Patrick insisted that the dozen, composing the Sunday school, should adjourn to the Judson for preaching, where he guaranteed a good audience. Of course we went. I had never seen the new Auditorium. It is a beautiful structure, admirably arranged, ample to accommodate any audience likely to assemble there. It was a great joy to preach to the girls, and they seemed to enjoy it, too. The two Sundays before they had been shut in by the weather. As I looked on that great crowd of girls and the beautiful building and thought of the institution being practically out of debt, I wondered if, in the spirit world, they knew the things transpiring here, what must be the feeling of Dr. S. W. Averett! How he struggled and suffered for the Judson! With what faith and courage he faced the difficulties! How cheerful he was amid it all! "Servant of God, well done!" The Judson could not have been the school it is today had Averett not lived and struggled through those trying years.

God sees the end from the beginning. He brought his successor from Kentucky and put him in training for the important position he now holds. As pastor of the church he won the hearts of the pupils and patrons, and had the best opportunities for studying the institution and the methods of its wise president. To my mind this is one of the most beautiful chapters in the history of Providence in Alabama Baptist affairs.

Greensboro.

"That Monday" is the way the 13th of February will be designated for the next twenty years. Who will ever forget "that Sunday" just six years before?

I could only swap a few words with some of the Baptist brethren the next morning about the situation. They had been without a pastor for months.

Our Lay Preacher.

J. G. Harris is supplying for them for the present, and they are well pleased with the supply. If more of our laymen would consecrate themselves to the supply work, it would be a great thing for the cause. Major Harris has never been more useful than now. He is not an ordained preacher, but he preaches acceptably when occasion requires. We have hundreds of good men who could do the same with very little preparation. How many niches in our church work they could fill if they only would.

Said a brother: "It looks to me like a field that will pay the salary we offer and furnish a nice home ought to be able to secure a fine man." Many an eye is being opened on the question of pastor's salary. The cost of living is constantly increasing. The preachers are more and more abandoning the secular life to give themselves wholly to the ministry. More churches are calling for the services of pastors for all the time. This, with other causes, makes supply short. A brother wrote me some time ago, naming the amount a certain field was offering, which seemed to him an ample support. The salary was \$800. This scribe remembers that over twenty years ago on a \$900 salary he attempted to live and pay house rent. It took every cent of the salary, and more besides. I am sure that living in town is 25 per cent more

costly now than then.

Not long since I had a letter from a brother on a country field, where his salary is about \$550. He was inclined to move to town. I told him candidly that his present salary was nearly equal to \$1,000 in city or town.

"Go West, young man, go West," said Horace Greeley years ago. If he were in Alabama and knew as much of the State as this scribe, he would say, "Go South, young man."

Keep your eye on South Alabama for marvelous development. It is rapidly filling up with a fine class of white people.

I was

At Andalusia,

the county seat of Covington. It rained pretty much all the time, giving a gloomy appearance to everything; but I could easily mark the wonderful growth of the town since my last visit. The health of Brother Lawrence falling, the Baptists were fortunate indeed in securing the services of Brother J. J. Hagood.

For a long while they have been on the eve of beginning the erection of a handsome brick house of worship, but the falling health and final resignation of the pastor hindered. Now they are about ready to start. The Baptists have a strong organization at Andalusia, but they are weakening every day they delay the building. The pastor is loved and respected by everybody who knows him. The spiritual structure he is seeking to erect will be stronger than the masonry of any church building. Wood, hay, stubble and untempered mortar can so easily slip in and stay in.

Considering that all the services are held in the auditorium of the school building, it is remarkable how the congregation and Sunday school are holding together.

We had the usual rainy day congregations at both services and a fairly good audience on Monday night to hear "The Original Tramp."

I visited Brother J. M. Robinson, one of the veterans of the cross in this country. He has been in feeble health all winter, but I trust the spring time will bring him around all right.

The next Sunday found me at

Enterprise,

one of the thriving little cities among the pines of Coffee county. Brother R. M. Hunter and his good wife made me very comfortable in their lovely home, and two fine congregations greeted me on that first fine Sunday.

I think I will put the blue ribbon on Robert Hunter. He has three services every Sunday. The afternoon appointments are six, nine and eleven miles away. These distances he covers in his buggy, and returns in time for night service. I believe three of them are new churches. "Why do you do it? You certainly know you can't stand it through the year," I suggested. His answer was, "I don't know how to say 'no' to these appeals." Work like that will save this country to the Baptists. The Mission Board can't do it all; the pastors must supplement with personal, voluntary missionary work.

The Baptists in Enterprise are strong. They are talking of a new and better house in a more central position. My congregations were made up largely of young people. I wonder if the old people have given up the habit of church going! Here, as at Andalusia, they have a fine day school, both of which I had the pleasure of addressing.

How the girls did work selling tickets! As a result, a great audience came to hear "How a Boy Got Through the Lines to the Confederacy" Monday night.

In both these counties I found numbers of people from North Alabama, some of whom had been led thither by "Trip Notes" in the Alabama Baptist. They heartily thanked me for my writing. Doves of our people go every year to the wind-swept Texas prairies. To my mind these South Alabama counties offer far greater opportunities to obtain cheap and comfortable homes.



CAST YOUR GIFTS

Into the Lord's Treasury



LOG ROLLING.

When I was a lad about eighteen I taught school in a rural community in Warren county, Georgia, known as Pan Handle, where nearly all the people were whites.

Among other helpful customs in this primitive section was the giving of "log rollings." A member of the community would cut down all the timber on a piece of land that he desired to clear for cultivation, cut it up into suitable lengths and then invite all his neighbors to come over on a certain day and help him roll the logs together into great piles, where, being useless and in the way, they were afterwards burned.

These "log rollings" were often the great social event of the season, being ranked along with weddings and such like. The wife of the farmer giving the "rolling" was expected to have a fine dinner for the "rollers." She was often assisted in the preparation of the same by the reigning belles of the neighborhood, who also waited on the table when dinner was served, and with many a smile and pleasant word made the men, young and old, forget the toilsome labor in which they had been engaged.

As the teacher in the community, I was invited to one of these "rollings," and believing, even from a boy, that one should be a part of the community in which he lives, I gladly accepted the invitation.

It was very hard labor, but the strong men enjoyed it greatly, and every now and then the work was enlivened by two young giants in strength with their "hand sticks" under the butt-end of some great log, over which they could scarcely see each other, trying in friendly rivalry to pull each other down as they "toted" the heavy log to the pile.

The "rolling" was a great success. The dinner was fine and served most pleasantly, a great deal of work had been accomplished, but when the sun was only about one hour high it seemed to be utterly impossible to finish up before night. There was talk of quitting so as to get home by night and leaving the neighbor to give another small rolling. The men had worked so faithfully that he was entirely satisfied, but some of them turned to me as the teacher to say what would be the best.

I said: "Why, men, let's get a quick move on us and finish up this work! We can do it. Let's try, anyway."

Calling to some others we started in a trot after a big log and began shouting and whooping things up. Soon the enthusiasm spread like fire in a dry sedge field, and the whole force were carrying logs in a half trot.

Different squads of rollers bantered each to see who could work the most rapidly, and as the setting sun kissed our sweat-covered brows the last log was rolled. We followed our host to the house, had a good supper and went home in the moonlight, leaving our neighbor very happy in having his logs all rolled.

It's no part of this story, but it was fortunate for the school teacher that next day was Sunday, for he could scarcely rise from his bed, being so sore from the work on the previous day.

Owing to the great number of rainy Sundays, bad roads and other things, Alabama is very far behind in her offerings to foreign and home missions.

We have only about a month till the books close, April 30.

We, through our Southern Baptist convention, ordered our boards to "go forward."

Under our instructions the foreign board sent out fifty new missionaries, and the home board has increased its work fifty per cent.

After saying "go ahead" are we "going back" on our words? No, brethren, the time is short, but we can roll every log by sun down if every man will stand in his place and with a shout of enthusiasm go at the work under the eye of the great leader of our forces, who said, "Lo! I am with you always."

Alabama is not unfamiliar with whirl-wind campaigns, political. Let's have a whirl-wind campaign for missions and elect our beloved Secretaries Willingham and Gray to a seat in that senate which upholds the flag of our King in every land under the sun, and on which is inscribed "Onward," till all the lands be conquered for Christ. You need not fear the people. They rather like to undertake big and difficult things when the fires of enthusiasm and love for God are burning brightly. Kindle these fires in your own heart at the altar of prayer and bring the cause before the people, and behold their joy as they undertake great things for the Lord.

If it has not already been done, let a collection be taken both for foreign and home missions during April, and be sure to get them in by the 20th.

Let Alabama's answer be to those to whom the Lord has entrusted this great work, "Go forward, and we will back you up."

Thus shall we greatly rejoice when the reports shall be read at Kansas City.

Your fellow servant,

J. L. GROSS,

V.-P. Foreign Missions for Alabama.

Selma, Ala.

P. S.—Every treasurer ought to look in his box, collect everything and be sure it reaches Bro. Crumpton by April 30th.

J. L. G.

HOME MISSIONS AND TWO MONTHS OF PERIL

Our Home Mission Board has enlarged its appropriations more than 50 per cent. during the past year. It could have been made a hundred per cent. greater without meeting all the calls for help. The cry for help from Memphis and New Orleans was heard at our convention last May. The board has heeded that call, and is spending \$10,000 in Memphis and \$25,000 in New Orleans. But we are having to borrow the money to meet those appropriations. Our contributions, while in excess of last year, have not come up in proportion to our increase in appropriations. We are threatened with a heavy debt if the churches and brethren do not come strongly to our help in the next sixty days.

The Lord is graciously blessing our workers, souls are being won to Christ, waste places are being built up and made strong for effective service. For the present these places need our support. In most cases they will become great centers of influence. The supreme thing is to help them now. We are almost daily having to turn aside calls for help because our appropriations are already as large as we dare to make them. Less than one-third of the money necessary to meet the appropriations of the year had been received up to February 15th. We must have at least \$50,000 during March and \$60,000 during April, if we come to the convention with all obligations met and no debt against us.

Bad Weather.

During January and February the weather has been bad without precedent. Almost nothing could

be done in the country districts for collections, and our receipts for the month were nearly \$2,000 short of the same month last year. Sickness of the secretary and his absence in Cuba for nearly a month have prevented an active campaign for contributions. We therefore appeal to our brethren of the South to come to the help of our board at the present time. Will not the pastors lead their churches into large things for this great fundamental work of home missions? We must have the united support of the entire brotherhood.

Our Home Field.

Our circulation is increasing rapidly, but we must have a much larger increase. We want 7,500 new subscribers during March and April. The paper is full of facts and figures about our work. It ought to be in every home. Help us to extend its circulation.

Prayer for the Work.

Let us have the prayers of all our people for home missions. It is a work at our very doors, on the success of which our civilization depends. It is the Lord's work. Let us pray his blessing upon it, and give our money for it, and so shall the kingdom come in our beloved Southland.

Fraternally,

B. D. GRAY.

THE WORK AT HOME.

It is a true as well as trite saying that "distance lends enchantment to the view." We sometimes become deeply interested in things afar off. As we view them from a romantic distance, but overlook things just as essential right at our door.

Mrs. Jellyby, of "Bleak House," was so absorbed in her African mission—Borriboola Gha—that she sadly neglected her own family. To the man found among the tombs, when he was cured of his malady and was clothed and in his right mind, the proper thing to do seemed to be that he must go with Jesus into the regions beyond, but Jesus said: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." So, instead of becoming a foreign missionary, he became a humble home missionary, proclaiming the Gospel to his own people, in the ten neighboring cities.

Is it not true that the commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is to many purely a foreign missions text, for who ever heard of a preacher taking that text for a home missions sermon? And yet, "Into all the world" embraces the home field as well as the foreign.

We should put all the emphasis possible on "the uttermost part of the earth," but by no means forget "Jerusalem," the home city, "all Judea," the home country, and "Samaria," the country of our next-door neighbors.

Strengthening the stakes is just as important as lengthening the cords of the tent.

While we send picked men to the front who richly deserve all the sympathy and support we can give, let us look carefully to "the base of supplies," and remember in our prayers and contributions our humble home missionaries in the mountains, or on the Western frontier, or among the negroes, or in the slums of our cities, or in our neighboring islands. "The field is the world."

THOS. M. CALLAWAY, Home Board for Ala.

The Attitude of the Church Toward the Civic Problems

By Rev. A. C. DAVIDSON, D. D.

The Problem of the Children.

No. 3.

As yet we know little or nothing of this problem in this part of the country. Our brethren in the great cities do. They see it. I saw it in Cincinnati and in Louisville. I saw its shadow here some days ago when a dozen boys appealed to me to help them get some training, as they had to work all the day time. When a mother appealed to me to do something for her girl. It is coming here. The denser our population becomes the more apparent is this problem. The tenement drives the children into the street, and the street is the school of vice and crime. The street child is the result of the tenement as child labor is the result of the factory. Play is the normal life of children—but to play in the streets is ruin. "Life in the street," says Jacob Riis, of wide observation, "begets dislike of work, physical incapacity for sustained effort, love of adventure, gambling and carelessness of the happiness of others." Street life can not make good citizens. Dr. Harris says: "The younger criminals seem to come almost exclusively from the tenement house district." As our cities grow then so does this problem grow. "The street gang is a vast factor in politics," writes Brewster Adams. In New York City alone, says Hunter, "there are not less than half a million children whose only play ground is the street." What a problem this! Then add to this situation the child-labor problem! There are sixteen million children in our public schools, and there are one million seven hundred thousand children in the factories, mines and workshops. Almost one child in every nine is being robbed of his opportunity and his American birthright. Now see what it means. Child labor works four great wrongs to the State. 1st. It wastes the State's most valuable asset—manhood. It is hurtful to the child. It is the result of the greed of gain on the one side and poverty on the other. It can not make skilled workmen in the long run. It turns out pest-ridden, rickety, diminutive wage-earners. In this Southland there are now six times as many children at work as there were twenty years ago. Twelve hours per day is almost the invariable rule in the South. What of the effect upon the man? Let the government answer. Only a little while ago a government recruiting officer was called away from a factory town because upon examination none were found there who were fit to enlist! What of the mothers and fathers of the coming generations!! Italy and Spain in the years ago sent of their strongest and most able-bodied to the wars to be shot at and butchered, and left the weak and effeminate at home and the results are now being felt. Shall our future men and women be like them? The State can not afford to destroy its manhood, nor allow it to be destroyed.

2. Child labor retards industrial progress. Mrs. Sidney Webb says: "When the employers of the woolen mills found themselves debarred from the employment of children they invented the piecing machine." Prof. Franklin Liddings says: "A thousand devices latent in the inventive brains would quickly make good any momentary loss from the abolishment of child labor."

3. Child labor displaces the adult, and 4th, child labor exhausts the supply. These we will not discuss, only state as we turn from them that our present position of power as a people is due in a large measure to the superior ability of our workmen. But can this obtain long if, like the old world we put the children to work before their time? These, then, are vast losses to the State! But the loss is vastly greater when we look at the effect upon the child. 1. He is deprived of his training and can never repair the loss. 2. He is dwarfed in body and broken down, and 3rd, in untold cases is deprived in morals. Here, then, is the problem of the children. One has said: "None vaster parades itself

up and down the land." Much is said just now of the unfed and breakfastless school children in New York. This problem strikes at the foundation. To burden, dwarf or corrupt a man is an awful crime, even to stand by and allow it to be done, but far more where it is a child and a child in poverty at that. There the problem of the children and the problem of poverty become one. It is the poverty-stricken and helpless who are put to work and deprived of all opportunity. This is the picture that poor old Thos. Carlisle saw when he said to the cotton men: "Give me these pinched and sickly little things and let your cotton go," and he might now say the same thing to the many cotton mills and mine workers in the South. Now, then, what of our attitude on the problem? We have said enough only to dimly outline it. The public schools are doing a manful work. They deserve much praise. But the public school is not enough. The street life, loss of home, and the ruin of poverty are not met in that way. A far more efficient force must be used if we meet it at all. Some are trying the play grounds in the cities to counteract the street life. There are grounds fitted up with swings, see-saws and other appliances for the amusement of the children under the guidance of a motherly woman. That is good. Others are trying the kindergartens for the smallest children. They are useful. Others are trying to deport the children to the country. In this way some are helped. But these are only straws. The vast problem is untouched. What of our attitude? Without entering largely into the discussion, let me simply give three suggestions which in a measure may outline it:

1. Stand for the public schools. Insist on giving every child a chance. Let the education be made compulsory. Keep it out of politics and out of the hands of Romanists. The last are opposed to our system, and ought not to help control nor instruct in it.

2. Help enact and enforce just child labor law. In many States the law is very defective, but even a good law must be enforced. Here the greed of gain and poverty work together. Men employ the children because they are cheap, and mothers and fathers hire them out when they are too young. The cry of the working children today is a mighty cry. See to it and hear it. Much might be said here, but this will be enough to suggest the attitude.

3. But vastly more than all else reach the children with the Gospel. This is the twentieth century church's great problem. She has the one sovereign remedy. Here the problem of poverty and the problem of the children meet. The remedy for the one is the remedy for the other. We have discussed the efforts at reclamation. In general, all efforts in that direction fail. But here are the efforts for prevention. Reach the children and you have struck at the roots of poverty. You have put a new life, hope, motive into the soul and a new man or woman rises up prepared anew to battle and to win. To do this is not enough to preach the Gospel to those who will come to us. That is a great thing. We need to magnify the church's teaching work in the Bible school. Emphasize it. Put new life into it. Rally all the forces possible. Bring men, women and children into it. Then by all means make it a soul-saving and soul-upbuilding institution. But when we have done all that, we have not done all. So much more must be done. An open church for every day and night in the year ought to be the motto. This is the end we are striving after at the Southside Baptist Church. Industrial schools for girls and women to fit them for life's bitter and hard struggle. Why not? First go to Christ and then trained, or led to Christ while being trained, and then go out to be new centers of influence for good. Night schools for boys and men who have to work during the day. Places

where boys and men may spend their leisure time with books and papers that are helpful. Mission stations and workers of all kinds. These are some of the many agencies. There are many more. Some of these may at times be unwisely employed. In unwise hands and unconsecrated hearts they frequently are. In themselves they are nothing, but under a masterful purpose of leading the lost to Christ they become vast agencies. Here, then, is the need of strong churches in which the rich and poor unite. Churches able to provide means and appliances. Churches with many trained workers. Churches wisely located. Churches well manned. Perhaps endowed churches as the population becomes more dense. Churches that use the printed page as well as the living voice. Churches that plant themselves in the midst of ruin and bide God's time for the harvest. Around them the social and industrial as well as the religious life of the people gather. Then only does the church fulfill its real mission. Here, then, is the attitude. One continuous effort in all ways that consecrated brain may devise and consecrated money provide, to get men, women and children to see and believe in Jesus.

WAX DOLLS OBSOLETE.

Simoon Ford tells of a little girl of his acquaintance who constantly carried about with her a big wax doll that the hotel man had given her.

Recently there arrived in the household to which the little girl belongs another youngster. During the afternoon following this interesting event Mr. Ford chanced to encounter his little friend on the street. He at once observed that she was without her usual companion, the big wax doll he had given her. "Why, Marie," said he, "where's your nice doll?"

Whereupon the little one elevated her nose to an unwonted angle. Said she: "I don't have any use for wax dolls now. We've got a real meat baby at our house, and that takes up all my time."—Collier's for March 11.

INAUGURATION DAY.

By Richard Watson Gilder.

On this day a child of time and fate
On a new path of power doth stand and wait.

Though heavy-burdened, shall his heart rejoice,
Dowered with a nation's faith, an empire's choice.

Who hath no strength, but that the people give,
And in their wills, alone, his will doth live.

On this one day, this, this, is their one man—
The well-beloved, the chief American!

Whose people are his brothers, fathers, sons;
In this his strength, and not a million guns.

Whose power is mightier than the mightiest crown,
Because that soon he lays that power down.

Whose wish, linked to the people's, shall exceed
The force of civic wrong and banded greed.

Whose voice, in friendship or in warning heard,
Brings to the nations a free people's word;

And, where the oppressed out from the darkness
grope,
'Tis as the voice of freedom and of hope.

O pray that he may rightly rule the state,
And grow, in truly serving, truly great.

—Collier's Weekly.

There are stated to be 3,000 lepers in the Transvaal.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT, - - Editor
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EDITORIAL

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OUR MAILING LIST.

Some of our subscribers are getting a little impatient because their figures have not been moved up promptly. The rule of most papers is to make the change in two weeks; and we do this, but at present we are put to great inconvenience, as there was a question between the old publisher and ourselves as to who owned the mailing list. He had considerable grounds for claiming them, and we also had a pretty fair case, but rather than have any dispute about the matter we are having the entire list re-set, and it is a big and troublesome job. In the first place, we had to wire to Philadelphia for a thousand pounds of metal, as it could not be had here. In the next place, it requires over one hundred galleys to hold the 110 columns of type, for when you have 9,000 or more names in type they spread out, for they make between four and five hundred thousand "ems," and the rate for setting them up is 30 cents per thousand. It is very difficult. The machine men consider it the most tedious composition, and we could get no operator who would agree to do the job in less than two weeks. We expect to use the utmost care in proof-reading to see that no mistakes are made, but we daresay there will be errors. Please bear with us, for besides the heavy cost of getting out a new mailing list, we are burdened with the extra care of trying to mail the paper for several weeks without having the names on the regular paper intended for the mailing machine. We make this statement about the matter, for we feel that many of our readers will be interested in one of the details of the paper. We hope that you will watch your label with care. If it is not correct drop us a card. If it is correct and shows that you are in arrears, why, send us a check, money order, or enclose currency at our risk. While we have had and are having great trouble with our mailing list, the greatest trouble of all is to get our subscribers to keep their eyes on the label and remit when it shows them to be in our debt. If by our little talk on "our mailing list" we have done a little missionary work with the delinquents we have accomplished quite a great feat.

WRITING A HISTORY.

Hon. E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, is writing a history of Shelby county, in which will appear much interesting information regarding the Baptist churches of the county. J. W. Willis will compile the facts about the Baptist churches in Montevallo and vicinity. The Carlton Hill church of that vicinity is the oldest existing Baptist church in Alabama.

KIND WORDS FROM CHIRS: AN INDEX

We heartily congratulate Editor Frank W. Barnett, of the Alabama Baptist, on the great improvement in that paper, in the way of paper, press work, and what is more important, contents. He is making a paper of which the Alabama Baptists may well be proud. To show that the improving of a paper is not an easy matter, however, we quote a short paragraph from his announcement of changes being made:

"In making a contract with the Advance Publishing Co., which has recently put in the most up-to-date printing plant in Alabama, to publish the Alabama Baptist, we were told by them that to get the best results we must use a better grade of paper. We yielded, but soon found ourselves in the same fix as the man who bought the hat, for better paper called for better ink, better type, better press work, better make-up. We ended by ordering a brand "new dress." We hope it will be becoming, but if you want us to wear it weekly, please send in back dues and renewals or the sheriff may come and make us pull off and put on our old clothes."

We thank the editors of the Index for the above kind notice.

PRINCIPLE NOT EXPEDIENCE.

We are often asked if either a husband or a wife should quit his or her church to join with the other. In mere societies of human origin it matters little, but when for any reason either a man or woman leaves what seems to be the church most nearly approaching God's word to join another which they cannot conscientiously endorse, they are acting the part of a poor hypocrite. They may have the best motives, but it is a serious thing to support doctrines by influence or example in which one does not believe.

Many Baptists are persuaded to join other churches by being told "we will accept your baptism—and you can have an understanding with the preacher that you do not believe in sprinkling or infant baptism."

They never will or can be anything but Baptists, and yet to get peace at home they yield. "They are Baptists still," and it is pitiful to meet them. It is better to be honest in all things. A girl married a Methodist and joined his church. He died and she afterward married a Presbyterian and joined his church. He died and she afterward married a Baptist and joined his church. He died and she afterward married a Mormon and joined his church, and so on till she finally married a Mohammedan and accepted his faith. She was, by this time so old she could not marry again and died at last a heathen. We have forgotten her name, but she had so many it does not matter. It is better to be guided by God's word. Let us be tender, sympathetic and helpful to each other when we are obliged to differ, but by all means follow God's word. It is a poor Christian that directly or indirectly makes it hard for either husband or wife to follow the Bible, but it will not do to belong to one church and believe in another.

Baptist people particularly need to be warned of this. If they could change their convictions when they changed their church it would not be so dangerous. But God's word is so very plain to them they cannot change its meaning to their souls. Most Baptists believe as they do because they cannot help it, and when they join other churches for various reasons they continue to be Baptists for the same reason.

Principle and not expedience should guide. *

We received a letter from Brantley dated February 7th saying that \$1 had been forwarded three or four weeks previous. The brother failed to sign his name. If he sees this we hope he will write at once.

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IN LOVE WITH ONE'S WORK.

A man must have a love for his work if he expects to get the best rewards of labor. Daily we find the newspaper work getting stronger hold on us. They say that the true newspaper man can eat type, drink ink, and sleep on the press. We do not claim to be able to live on such a bill of fare, but confess that we are beginning to live for the paper. It is getting a grip on us. We only hope that while we are living for it that we will get a living out of it.

A GREAT BIG LITTLE THING.

"Pastor," said the Deacon, "you need not apply to the treasurer any more for your salary. He will send it to you when due."

The walk to the treasurer's office was nothing. It was not the slightest trouble to call on the first of each month to get a check for a salary that was never allowed to fall behind, and yet that pastor went home with a glad heart because an ideal he had cherished for many years seemed nearing realization. He had always believed that a pastor ought to utterly forget himself in the service of his people, and that in turn the people should forget their sel-

fish interests, so far, at least, as they concerned the pastor, and think of him.

A bishop looking out for No. 1, serving a church, regarding only self, is a sight to make angels weep. Under such circumstances the pastor becomes merely "that man" to the church, and the people become "these folks" to the pastor.

In this, as in all things else, to lose one's life is to gain it. The preacher who pours out his soul for the church, will soon find the church thinking of his welfare, and will so get that which could not have been obtained by seeking it. And the church which is thoughtful enough to relieve the pastor of all need of temporal anxiety will make possible a concentration on the part of the pastor that they otherwise could not secure.

The thing proposed by the deacon was insignificant in itself. But it practically said, "You think of the church and the church will think of you," and that is tremendously significant, both for the church and the pastor.

AN ATTRACTIVE CARD.

We print the following attractive card to show the way one of our preachers is trying to get hold of his people:

Sunday Evening Services for March, First Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala.

Hour for service, 7:30.

Timely Talks on Timely Themes—First Series:

March 5, "Heredity."

March 12, "How to Overcome Heredity."

March 19, "Consistent Culture."

March 26, "Fickle Fashion."

You are cordially invited to hear these "Timely Themes" discussed in a timely way. They form a series, or chain. If you miss one, you lose a link. Make up your mind to hear the four; and do not change your mind if it happens to be damp under foot. Our themes are new for the pulpit; and our treatment of them may also be a little new. But if one hauls old truth in a new wagon, what's the difference? Don't fail to come; and don't fail to bring your friend also.

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R. S. GAVIN, Pastor.

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO PRAYER.

"They shall call on my name and I will hear them; I will say it is my people and they shall say the Lord is my God."

"Prayer is God's essential connecting link between his boundless supply and the world's boundless need."

"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer."

"Prayer will succeed where all else fails."

No wonder Samuel cried:

"As for me God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray." John R. Mott says: "I have met in my travels nearly 2,000 missionaries and they presented to me one unbroken appeal for more prayer."

"Ask and ye shall receive."

We congratulate the Bessemer Saints upon the fact that they are arranging to complete their new house of worship.

Dr. John D. Jordan, of the First Church, Savannah, will begin a series of meetings with his church on the 19th. He has secured Brother A. J. Moncrief, of Brunswick, to preach from March 26 to April 2, after which he will have the services of Dr. Edwin M. Poteat, of Greenville, S. C. The pastor and church desire the prayers of the brotherhood generally, that the Lord may greatly revive the people and save souls throughout the city.—Index.

A GREAT UNIVERSITY MOURNS

Frank Willis Barnett



Mrs. Leland Stanford, widow of a California millionaire and philanthropist, died suddenly in a hotel at Honolulu, Wednesday night, March 1. Death was caused by carbo-

rate of soda, which she had just drunk from a bottle purchased in San Francisco and which contained poison. Mrs. Stanford was 80 years of age. The Coroner's jury at Honolulu concluded that the poison had been laid by some person with the deliberate intention of killing her. It is known that there were back-stair feuds and grafts in the Stanford household, as there are generally in the train of the wealthy, but the police are without definite clues.

After a full police examination of the evidence surrounding the death of Mrs. Stanford, the noted woman philanthropist, it was announced that her death was due to natural causes. While confessing an inability to explain the presence of strychnine in the carbonate which she drank just before her death, they say it was not in sufficient quantity to cause death.

The Death of Her Son.

The Stanfords had a son whom they idolized. He seems to have been really a remarkable boy, one of those fine souls oppressed by the burden of the world. He wove plans for the benefit of other boys and girls, and on his deathbed he begged his parents to carry them out. He died in 1884 at 16, leaving his father and mother crushed by a loss whose magnitude almost unsettled their minds. The world was a blank to them; wealth had lost its savor, and they had no thought but to devote themselves and their fortune to the realization of their boy's wishes and to the immortalization of his name.

The next year the Leland Stanford, Jr., University was born. Its queer name was a touching reminder of its real founder. In its museum, as in a shrine, were displayed odd little relics of the worshiped boy—his clothes, his intimate personal belongings—incongruous little things that made casual visitors laugh. The whole university was a monument. Its welfare became the absorbing passion of the Stanfords' life.

Leland Stanford University.

The gateway to the university is opposite the town of Palo Alto. It is surrounded by part of its endowment, the magnificent Palo Alto estate of 7,300 acres. The value of the total endowment is estimated at \$35,000,000. The university buildings are the most beautiful group of public buildings in America. They are but parts of one plan, and are con-



MRS. JANE STANFORD

The Great Benefactress whose Death is Mourned by the State of California.

structed of Santa Clara Valley brown sandstone throughout—beautiful and restful in color and in pleasing contrast to the walls of green of the surrounding hills and the great campus in front. The buildings of the university are not piled sky high, but with long corridors rise two stories for the most part, completely enclosing a beautiful quadrangle in itself about a ninth of a mile long by eighty yards broad. The massive memorial arch in front, and the beautiful and imposing memorial church, with its cathedral-like interior, great arches and allegorical windows, are the most imposing features of the group.

University in Danger.

A substantial endowment was deeded to it at the start, but for the bulk of its support it depended upon the continued generosity of its founders. Leland Stanford was elected to the Senate, and in 1893 he died. Although it had been understood that his fortune would ultimately go to the university, the greater part of it was left unreservedly to his widow. This marked no change in the original plans. The two had worked out their ideas together, their desires were one, and Stanford knew that there was no way in which their execution could be so thoroughly assured as by leaving everything in Mrs. Stanford's unchecked control. There had been a board of trustees from the beginning, but its functions had been purely ornamental. As long as a Stanford remained alive there would be no other governing body.

The Government Suit.

The Central Pacific Railroad owed the government over \$60,000,000. For many years the corpora-

tion, under the guidance of Collis P. Huntington, attempted to evade the payment of that debt. While this contest was going on, it occurred to the government that an advantage might be gained by bringing suit against the personal estates of the men who had incurred the debt, and by an inspiration of genius the estate selected for the test case was the particular one that had been devoted to public purposes. A suit for \$15,000,000 was brought against the Stanford estate, the whole property was tied up in the courts, and Mrs. Stanford was left to bear the entire expense of defending an action in which Huntington and his partners were the chief parties in interest.

The court allowed

Mrs. Stanford \$10,000 a month for her personal expenses. She told President Jordan that she could live on \$100 a month, as she had done before, and that



the university could have all the rest. She shut up her great houses, discharged most of her servants, and lived in one wing of her Palo Alto home. The professors were asked to wait for part of their salaries, and did so. They were still getting more than the woman who furnished their money. The university scraped along. Mrs. Stanford sold some personal effects of her own to meet its deficit, and prepared to sell her valuable jewels and works of art. At last the suit was decided in her favor and times became easier.

Thus one of the richest women in the world voluntarily reduced herself to the position of a person of modest means. But in doing so she won a distinction all her own. There are plenty of rich women, but there is none, nor any man either, who has deliberately given to others a fortune comparable with that sacrificed by Mrs. Stanford.

A Tribute to Jane.

The Atlanta Journal well says:

"Had it not been for Jane the Central Pacific would never have been built."

That is the tribute of the late Governor Stanford to the noble woman who died at Honolulu.

Few women in the world's history have had as much to their credit as Mrs. Jane Stanford.

While Governor Stanford drove the golden spike that completed the line of rails across the land the woman whose counsels and courage made the railroad possible stood by his side. Afterward, moved by the death of her son, she and her husband founded, by her wish, Leland Stanford, Jr., University. And when the school and her fortune were jeopardized she sacrificed her stately home and her jewels and lived in semi-poverty until the financial storm passed.



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Please pay your back dues.



Clayton, Ala., February 27, 1905.
Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
As it has been so cold we haven't met regularly, but hope to do so in the future. We send one dollar and eighty-four cents (\$1.84) for the Home Mission. Miss Mary Espy is president; Miss Veta Venbuss, organist.
Yours truly,
MISS LOTTIE BLAIR,
Secretary.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
We appreciate the literature you sent. The children learn them for the Sunbeams, then recite them at school so they are glad to get them. I don't have any trouble getting the children to come to the meetings; they are always glad to come and seem very much interested, but it is very hard to get them to contribute.
Sincerely,
MRS. W. H. ROBERTSON.

Hokes Bluff, Ala., March 3, 1905.
Mrs. Hamilton:
I will write you a few lines to let you know how the Sunbeams are doing. I am secretary. My name is Riley Fidmore, and if you will send me a dozen of Miss Willie Kelly's cards I will thank you. The Sunbeams at this place have increased; there are twenty-nine members.
Write soon to me.
RILEY FIDMORE.

Anniston, Ala., December, 1904.
Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
The Sunbeams are doing nicely. We practice every Sunday for Christmas. We are going to have 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.
P. S.—Please send us some programs right away.

Alabama City, Ala., Jan. 5, 1905.
Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
Papa moved from Thomasville, Ala., to Alabama City first of October, 1904. He preached his first sermon here October 1. The Dwight-otton mills are here. I suppose we have one among 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 is 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 1,100 children of school age. You must come over and give us a lecture. I will write again sometime.
HOWARD DUNAWAY.

Letters From Sunbeams

TO
MRS. HAMILTON



Mobile, Ala., 26 Ethridge Street.
Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
We assemble every Saturday at the Dauphinway Baptist church at a club called the Junior Workers, and every last Saturday of the month we have a missionary meeting. Miss Robertson made a motion to have reading on missionary meeting 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.

Jackson, Ala., Oct. 14, 1904.
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 eighty-two members, and 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.
Please ma'am we would be glad if you would send us some literature, 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, Secretary.



East Florence, Ala.
My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:
I have been thinking that I would write for some time about our Junior and 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; the following were elected: Maude Mitchell, president; Lizzie Cox, vice-president; Joe Vesey, treasurer; Sarah Bryan, secretary. I will close my letter after writing you 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 was a sweet girl. She was a member of the Baptist church, and been a member about three years and a half; it was sad to part but sweet to meet in that better land. Lula was always found to do something for her Master. Let's all of us try to meet her in heaven.

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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:

- For Foreign Missions, the Williams' Memorial Home, \$6.00.
 - To Home Missions, the Margaret Home for Missionaries, \$5.89.
 - Total, \$11.89.
- Lovingly yours in the work,
MRS. J. H. LOCKE, V. P. M. A.

Inverness, Ala., February 19, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: There are so many little children here, I think they ought to organize a Sunbeam. Would you mind sending me some of the literature you use, tell me what the children are expected to do, and send me some programs. I've been reading the little Sunbeams letters from time to time, but I want you to tell me exactly how to proceed. They have never had a Sunbeam Society here. A fine set of children they are, and all like to go somewhere afterwards. This may be too bold a step for me. I am not a member of this church, but will move my membership here before long. I begun this letter with a little trembling, but I feel now that I shall await anxiously for a reply. I want to be doing something useful.

Very sincerely,
MISS BESSIE JENKINS.

Dear Little Sunbeams Corner:

We want to send in a word or so from our little band. We are small in numbers, but large in happiness, for we have a pleasant little band of young folks; about seven or eight of our number left us lately, which made us sad; some bright little girls and boys and the Sunbeam organist was among them, Miss Mable Gordon.

We call our society the "Elliott Sunbeam Society," and when our pastor, Brother 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 many Sunbeams.

NOBLE CILLEY POWELL, Secretary of the Sunbeam Society of Lowndesboro, Ala. December, 1904.

Pine Apple, Ala., Jan. 29, 1905.

My Esteemed Friend: Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for Willie Kelly, 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," February 22, 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 those.

Our L. A. S. has revived wonderfully, and we are stirring ardently to build a pastorium 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, sincere,
JULIET PALMER HARDY.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 22, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: It has been a long time since I have written to 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. You must be sure to come around to see me, as I didn't get to see you when you were here.

JOHN THAD DUCKETT.

Searle, Ala., Oct. 12, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I am glad to tell you that at the request of our pastor, Rev. W. T. Foster, a Sunbeam Society has again been organized in Searle. Our little officers are: Etta Foster, president; Marion Bickerstaff, vice-president; Annie Tallman, secretary, and Janie Vance, 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 us 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,
MISS A. AUGUSTA BICKERSTAFF.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

No doubt you think that I have completely ignored your letter, but I wanted my "Willing Workers" to meet again before I answered it, and on account of the inclement weather, we had not been able to do so until this week.

Since we organized we have made ten dollars and eighty-three cents (\$10.83), five and one-half dollars of which was for church aid, and the rest I will send to Mrs. Barrett today for Miss Willie Kelly.

We are now getting up an entertainment for the purpose of buying song books for the church.

I do not know whether or not Mrs. Bronough filled out the blank that you gave us when we organized or not. We will write you the number of members, etc. There are seventeen (17) members. Annie Maie Bronough, secretary; Lucy Clippard, treasurer; Alma Fletcher, vice-president, and I am president.

If you can suggest anything that will assist us in the study of the mission work, it will be very much appreciated.

WILLIE J. HAFLEY, Madison, Ala., March 1, 1905.

Greensboro, Ala., March 17, 1905.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Dear Mrs. Hamilton.—With pleasure I endeavor to write you a few lines this morning. We had a very interesting meeting last Sunday afternoon; it was the most interesting meeting we have had since the first Sunday in December, on account of inclement weather and sickness. I think we will have a full attendance every meeting from now on.

The little Sunbeams can now see and realize what they have so faithfully worked for in the last few months, under the loving guidance of our dear president.

We now have the electric lights in the church and have used them one night. I think they are very pretty; there are two chandeliers with fourteen lights each; they cost \$58.60.

For fear of reaching the waste basket, I will bring my letter to a close. Yours in the work,
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Alexander City, Ala., March 6, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: You have not had any message direct from us in some time, and I am afraid that you have decided that the Sunbeams of Alexander City are falling to chime in the Master's service.

This has not been the case, still their efforts to show the light of a real sunbeam has been feeble, having no certain one to lead them in the work.

Mrs. H. A. Thornton is their leader now, but is very often unable to meet with them. They have held together with my help and at the last meeting raised an offering of \$4.00 to be sent to China. We had hoped so much for a larger amount, and could have made it so if their leader could give them such attention and encouragement as they need.

The program for a "Thanksgiving Service" is before us, and we want to observe this service if possible, and send up a small offering for "Home Missions." Mrs. Hardy of Pine Apple will find this method for raising money, and stimulating her with the people, both practicable and profitable: Get a bushel or any quantity desired, of extra fine cotton seed and let each Sunbeam have several rows in the garden; some will plant much more than this. Have a "cotton picking days;" when it is all gathered or made into one package, bale or whatever it may be, sell it to the cotton merchant.

A similar method can be worked successfully with "oats." Have a reaping day; bind each child's sheaf into one and sell to the stable man.

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, third day of March, 1905.

Estate of Elmer Inez Goodwin, minor. This day came Mrs. B. J. Goodwin, guardian of the estate of Elmer Inez Goodwin, minor and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 4th day of April, 1905, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF IRON CITY MILLS.

On Saturday, April, 1905, at 4 p. m., there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Iron City Mills at the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company, in Birmingham, Ala., for the purpose of authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the company from \$7,500 to \$15,000. J. J. WHITE, res. and Sec.

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Bessemer B. Y. P. U. are making preparations for a large delegation. Don't disappoint them.

We organized a B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeam Society at Billingsley some time ago and elected the following officers: Mr. W. W. Carter, president; Mr. Cole Felton, vice-president; Miss Lou Marlow, secretary, and Miss Minnie Marlow, treasurer. Last Sunday Mr. W. W. Carter resigned as president, and Mr. Cole Felton, the vice-president, was elected president, and Mr. Mack Marlow was elected vice-president. These are all fine persons, and these societies bid fair to do much good. The Sunbeams will use the Sunbeam program. We had a fine congregation Sunday at 11 o'clock; only a few at night on account of rain. —H. R. Schramm.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted at the regular meeting of the East Lake B. Y. P. U. March 12, 1905:

Inasmuch as our brother, H. B. Wood, who has for a number of years served our union as president in such a faithful and efficient manner, has found it necessary, on account of his so frequent absence from home, to tender his resignation as president of the East Lake B. Y. P. U.; therefore be it resolved:

1. That we accept his resignation with much regret and at the same time express our very high appreciation of his earnest efforts to lead the Union on to higher and better things.

2. That we wish him much success in his new work, and pray that God's blessings and care may attend him wherever he may go.

3. That a copy of these resolutions he sent the Alabama Baptist for publication, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the East Lake B. Y. P. U. for record.

S. J. ANSLEY,
For the Committee.

REVISED PROGRAM.

For Annual B. Y. P. U. Convention to be Held at Bessemer, April 4, 5 and 6th.

Key Word—"Efficiency."
Tuesday Evening, April 4th.
8:00-8:15—Devotional exercises.
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Rev. A. E. Burns, Brighton, Ala.
8:15-9:00—Convention sermon; Rev. J. G. Dickinson, Gadsden, Ala.

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Wednesday Morning, April 5th.

9:30-10:00—Devotional exercises; Rev. R. H. Taudy, Florence, Ala.
10:10-10:15—Welcome address and Response—Welcome, Gwilym Herbert; Response, J. E. Pierce, Huntsville, Ala.
10:10-10:40—Organization.
10:40-10:55—Report of chairman of Executive Committee, and report of Secretary-Treasurer.
10:55-11:00—Report of editor of B. Y. P. U. department in Alabama Baptist.

11:00-11:45—"The World's Call for Efficient Service;" Rev. J. L. Thompson, Furman, Ala.
11:45-12:00—Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Afternoon, April 5th.

2:30-2:45—Devotional services.
2:45-3:45—"Open Parliament on Our Educational Work," Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., presiding.

1. Bible Readers' Cause; Miss Florence Wood.
2. Conquest Missionary Cause; Prof. J. C. Dawson.
3. Sacred Literature Cause, Prof. S. J. Ansley.
3:45-4:15—"Efficiency and Preparation;" Rev. J. A. Hendricks, Pratt City, Ala.
4:15-4:45—"Young People as Soul Winners;" Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Montgomery, Ala.

Wednesday Evening, April 5th.

8:00-8:15—Devotional services.
8:15-9:00—"Efficient Evangelism as a Factor in the Work of the Kingdom;" Rev. Austin Crouch, Woodlawn

Thursday Morning, April 6th.

9:30-9:45—Devotional services; Rev. H. T. Crumpton, Russellville, Ala.
9:45-10:05—"The Field of the B. Y. P. U.;" Gwilym Herbert, Bessemer, Ala.
10:05-10:30—"The Field of the Sunday School;" Prof. G. W. Cunningham, East Lake, Ala.

10:30-11:00—"Plans to Extend Work Next Year." General discussion.

11:00-11:30—"The Crying Need: A Church Membership Equipped for Efficient Service;" Dr. A. C. Davidson, Birmingham.

11:30-12:00—"The Place of the B. Y. P. U. in Efficient Church Life;" Rev. C. C. Pugh, Auburn, Ala.

Thursday Afternoon, April 6th.

2:30-2:45—Devotional service; Rev. O. A. Bomber, Birmingham.
2:45-3:00—"The Place and the Work

of the 'Sunbeams' in Our Scheme;" Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham.
3:00-3:15—"Possibilities of the Primary Department in Sunday School;" Miss Annie Williams, Birmingham.
3:15-3:30—General discussion:
3:30-4:00—"The Work and the Workers of the Future;" Rev. J. F. Goble, North Birmingham.
4:00-4:30—"The Intellectual Life of Our Young People;" Rev. P. G. Maness, Shoultz, Ala.

Thursday Evening, April 6th.

8:00-8:15—Devotional services; Rev. W. S. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.
8:15-9:00—"Baptist Young People and the Evangelization of the World;" Rev. J. W. McCollum, D. D., Gallion, Ala.

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I enjoy the paper very much, and hail its coming each week with much delight. With best wishes for its success and its editor.—D. Z. Woolley.

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I preached a sermon recently in which I emphasized the importance of providing good literature for the home and the duty of Baptists to take their denominational state paper. I shall continue to insist on it, both from the pulpit and in the homes.—L. T. Reeves.

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March 4, 1904.
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It is therefore ordered by the court that the 2d day of May, 1905, be set for the hearing for said petition and the proof to be submitted in support thereof, and that notice of same be given for three successive weeks, by publication in The Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in said county, notifying all persons interested to be and appear before me on that day and contest said application, if they think proper.

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Edwards, Reagor Loan and Investment Co.
D. J. P. celor, Attorney.
Dated Mar. 16, 1905.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 4th day of March, 1905.
Estate of W. L. Johnson, deceased.

This day came J. H. McCrary and G. T. Roberts, administrators of the estate of W. L. Johnson, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 5th day of April, 1905, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
S. E. GREENE,
Judge of Probate.

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Field Notes

A KIND WORD.

I take great pleasure in commending to Alabama Baptists my successor at Brewton, Brother M. W. Gordon, of South Carolina. I have known Brother Gordon for ten years. I know him to be a good saintly man. I believe that he will prove himself worthy of any kindness shown him. He is a fine preacher, a great thinker, and has a wonderful personality. Brethren, open your arms and hearts to him. I can write my name all over his back. He is bound to make things hum at Brewton. I didn't freeze this winter. Things seem to be coming our way. Congregations, collections, interest, all growing. "A new broom sweeps clean."—James W. Kramer, Quincy, Ill.

never recovered. It is reported that he has sent his resignation to the LaFayette church, and has gone temporarily to Conway, Ark. His brethren claim that he was the best pastor as well as one of the best preachers in the state. I cannot remember when I have sympathized with a preacher in his afflictions as I have with Dr. Wharton. And I sympathize with the LaFayette church, but they can never know what they lost—and there is perhaps a blessing in that fact.

It gives me pleasure to report that the strife and bitterness caused by the so-called "Gospel Missioners," or the "Hall-Bogard faction," of Arkansas is passing away, and will probably soon be a thing of the past. State missions as fostered by the convention board has never been so prosperous as at the present. Dr. J. F. Love is the popular missionary secretary. But we have suffered a sad loss in the death of our beloved Ex-Governor James P. Eagle. May the Lord raise up some one to take his place. With love to all my old Alabama friends.

J. W. HALL.

J. D. PITTMAN DEAD.

At 10 o'clock this morning, J. D. Pittman, superintendent of our Orphans' Home, passed away, and the body will be laid to rest in our cemetery at 11 o'clock tomorrow. He was ill but a few days, and his unexpected death is a great shock as well as grief to us. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Pittman came to take up the orphanage work, the very picture of health and vigor. Within a few months from that time Mrs. Pittman fell asleep, and today the other worker has been taken.

Besides his work as superintendent of the Orphans' Home, he will be missed in his work as a deacon of our church, and superintendent of our Sabbath school.

A. G. MOSELEY.

Died, at his home at this place on March 6th, in the 24th year of his age, Brother D. L. Harper. In August, 1904, Brother Harper united with Nanaflya Baptist church, and in him we looked for a leader, but God in his wisdom has taken him.

On the 18th day of January of this year he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Westbrook, with whom he only had the happiness of living a little more than a month.

The sympathy of all our people go out to the heart broken young wife, and to the aged father and mother, who would gladly have taken his place, but how in humble submission to the Father's will.

J. Q. BAIENY.

May the Lord bless you in your efforts to give the Baptists of Alabama a good, sound and instructive newspaper. I think you are doing this now, but I am satisfied that you are going to make it still better. I hope our people will help you do it. They owe it to the denomination to give you all the aid they can in your efforts to make the Alabama Baptist second to none. I have no fault to find with the management of the paper, and heartily endorse what Brother Dawson says in this week's paper concerning the duty of the pastors and others to help you in making a first class paper.—Jcs. Shackelford.

Much success to you and the Alabama Baptist. I am beginning to feel at home in Alabama and to know something of our Baptist brethren.—W. S. Harton.

FROM TEXAS.

This is my fourth visit to the great state of Texas in twenty-eight years. Many changes are seen. In 1877 there were few railroads here. Then a party of nine, fully armed with Winchester rifles, pistols and otherwise, we started out from San Antonio to Old Mexico, looking for and expecting any time to be attacked by bands of Indians or Mexicans. I saw the first passenger train that come into the unique city of San Antonio. More than 1,000 miles were made on horseback that year in Texas.

In '83-84 I spent more than a year traveling over the state, this time by rail for a New York house, going as far west as El Paso, and Silver City, New Mexico. Again in '95-96 through and over the state and Pan Handle to Denver, Col., and Cripple Creek gold mining country, for some house. Now I am here preaching the gospel to the best of my ability. Have two churches and two missions.

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There is a large meeting house built partly by the company for the use of several denominations, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterians. I have three appointments here during the month; large congregations at night and small ones morning. The pay roll of this mill is over \$1,600. May our Lord bless all the readers of the Alabama Baptist and its editor.

* J. K. JENKINS.

LETTER FROM ARKANSAS.

The leading Baptist colleges are Onachita at Arkadelphia, and Central Female College at Conway. Both of these colleges have fine buildings, and the work of endowing them has commenced. There are other colleges and academies in the state and all reported to be prospering. The Baptist Advance, published at Little Rock, Rev. John Jeter, editor, has grown to be a fine paper, and is exerting a great influence for good throughout the state.

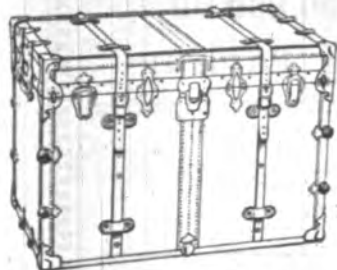
The churches throughout the state seem to be blessed with able pastors. The Helena church has just secured Rev. O. L. Martin of Williamston, S. C., to take the place of Rev. W. H. Sledge, who has gone to Tatnall Square church, Macon, Ga. The churches of Little Rock, our capital city, have able pastors except one or two that are now looking out for under shepherds. Dr. J. U. H. Wharton resigned the care of the Immanuel church in January, and was just ready to go to LaFayette, Ala., when he was stricken down with a violent attack of ja grippe, from which he has

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Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to Anderson and Tennessee Watley on the 6th day of October, 1901, by James Crawford and his wife, Lilly Crawford, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in volume 381, page 386, record of mortgages therein, the undersigned mortgagees, Anderson and Tennessee Watley, will sell under the power of sale in said mortgage on Saturday, April 29, 1905, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, during 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: Begin at the northwest corner of the lot sold by Mary Pary to Tennessee Watley on the 20th day of June, 1899, recorded in record of deeds, volume 248, page 339, in the Probate Judge's office of said county, thence east 58 feet to the northwest corner of the lot hereby conveyed, thence south parallel to the west line of the lot conveyed by Mary Pary to Tennessee Watley, 108, in a southerly direction thence at right angle in an easterly direction 50 feet, thence at right angle with the last named line 158 feet in a northerly direction, thence at right angle with the last named line 50 feet to the point of beginning on the north-west corner of the lot conveyed.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 18th day of March, 1905 Estate of C. B. Harbin, deceased. This day came Roy McCullough, administrator of the estate of C. B. Harbin, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is Ordered that the 19th day of April, 1905, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
S. E. GREENE,
Judge of Probate.