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B. Y. P. U. PARAGRAPHS.

Second Church, Selma. Number enrolled 25, average attendance 15. Unable to be represented at the convention. Make it a special feature of their work to assist the pastor. Paid \$5.00 to Howard College and \$2.40 to the State Union.

Dr. Young was present and by invitation made a stirring speech for the Anti-Saloon League and the Union went on record favoring the work of the league in Alabama.

Brighton. Membership 50. Paid \$120.45, as follows, during the year: Church improvement \$92.00, Missions \$2.50, Howard College \$5.00, Ladies Aid Society \$3.45, Union Social \$5.00, expenses of the Union \$12.50. Balance of \$2.14 on hand.

Central Baptist Church, New Decatur. Membership 35, average attendance 20. Contributed \$5.00 to missions.

First Baptist Church, Talladega. Lately organized, average attendance 60. Not represented at the last convention.

The hearts of the delegates went out to Pastor Dickinson whose little daughter was critically ill with pneumonia.

Jacksonville. Membership 31, active members 25. Treasurer has \$5.75 on hand. Not represented at the last convention.

Dallas Avenue, Huntsville. Membership 50. Paid \$15.00 to Howard College.

All of the delegates were loud in their praise of Gadsden's hospitality.

Best Looking Delegates to the B. Y. P. U.

Midway. Organized November 1905. Membership 27, average attendance 25. Paid \$5.00 to Howard Union.

Ensley. Organized November 5th, 1905. Membership 20. Paid Howard College \$10.00.

Pratt City. Organized April 1st, 1906, (one week old) membership 20, active members 16.

East Birmingham. Membership 45, average attendance 35. Paid \$4.50 to the State Union.

West End. Lately re-organized, with a membership of 75, average attendance 35.

Collinsville. Membership 27, average attendance 18. Paid \$2.70 to the State Union and \$7.70 to Howard College.



B. Y. P. U. PARAGRAPHS.

Troy wanted the convention and made a good showing for it. Many of us remembered the hospitality of the Trojans at the State Convention and were willing to once more visit them.

Rev. J. W. Vesey, the retiring president, made a faithful and efficient officer, and but for his positive refusal to serve longer would have had the honor again thrust upon him.

First Church, Montgomery. Membership 57, active members 50. Contributed \$5.70 to the State Union and will give \$25.00 to Howard College. This Union was not represented at the last convention.

The convention sermon preached by Rev. T. M. Calloway of Talladega, was unique and striking and made a fine impression not only on the delegates but upon the city.

Avondale (First Church). Paid for missions \$15.00; for literature \$4.00; balance in treasury \$7.30. Assisted in the organizing of three unions in the Birmingham District.

East Lake had the honor of sending the largest delegation, but we believe the most striking report was made from Albertville.

Park Avenue, North Birmingham. Membership 25, average attendance 20. Paid \$2.50 to the State Union and \$10.00 to Howard College.

The Gadsden saints have arranged to add a large Sunday-school room to their beautiful little church.

Oxford. Membership 55, average attendance 38. Paid \$5.99 to Howard College.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

Sermon preached by A. A. Hutto at Decatur, Ala., March 18, 1906:

Text: Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it, for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

This is a part of a letter addressed by Jeremiah, the prophet to the people of Israel that had been carried captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. Jeremiah seemed to realize that their captivity would last for many years and that they should be settled in mind. He said the Lord hath said build ye houses, plant gardens, take ye wives, etc. Now all this meant that they were to consider Babylon their home and then as citizens they were to help to bring prosperity and good to the city or country. Babylon was their home and as citizens they were to do all they could for the good of Babylon.

This they were to do even though they could have no voice or power in the government. Also many of the laws and customs were diverse to those of their own country. They were to be loyal and faithful citizens in spite of the idolatrous religion and heathenish practices that prevailed. Not only were they to labor, but also pray for the prosperity of Babylon. The only hope of peace and prosperity with them was that the same might come to Babylon.

Let us notice the case of these people does not correspond with ours, but the difference only heightens our obligations. Here we are in our beloved native America. The land of the free and home of the brave, the government of which is by the people and for the people. Shall we not seek the good of this our heritage secured for us by the toil, suffering, self-denial and blood-shed of our fathers? If we do not we prove ourselves unworthy sons of worthy sires. Here in this land is the greatest freedom, most splendid opportunities, the most abundant wealth and the purest Christianity the world knows today. What is true of this country at large may be true in a large measure of every state, county, city, town, village and hamlet in all the country. But let us remember after all it is not the freedom or opportunities or wealth, or the institutions growing out of these that make a great people or happy people. For the true greatness of a country is like that of the individual, in personal character. President Quincy affirms: "Human happiness has no perfect security but freedom; freedom none but virtue; virtue none but knowledge, neither freedom nor virtue has any vigor or immortal hope except in the principle of the Christian faith and in the sanctions of the Christian religion."

1. The Christian's citizenship is intensified rather than relinquished by his religion. True, Christ said ye are not of the world even as I am not of the world, but the world spoken of was the sins of the world not the governments of the world. Man is the better prepared for citizenship by being a Christian. Also his obligations are greatly increased because he has greater possibilities. Christ was a model citizen of Galilee. He paid taxes as did others and ever sought the good of his people. He wept over the sinful state of the city Jerusalem, the glory of every Jew. Mr. Botten in his book on The New Citizenship, says man is made for fellowship and cannot attain unto perfection and fulness of being in isolation and solitude." Aristotle taught that man is by nature a political being, and the man who is naturally, not accidentally, unfit for society is either inferior or superior to man. Then let no man think that politics are too insignificant or too corrupt for him to participate in. It is true that politics and religion have been divorced from each other but it is not best perhaps for either and especially for politics. The word politics is decidedly distasteful to many good people, because of so corrupt practices. What is needed is to put religion into politics. One has said: Every citizen should be a politician in the larger and better sense of the word. This means that every member of the state or county or city should be concerned in all that makes for public welfare. Christianity does not teach any particular form of government but earnestly advocates the principles for all governments for good. Paul says, "The powers that be are ordained of God, and that resisting the power is resisting the ordinance of God." Now since government is of God those who love God

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should feel their great responsibilities as citizens in the government. They should strive to make every government or part thereof serve God's purpose in contributing to public good. This duty cannot be shifted to others or treated indifferently or ignored without guilt before God. Especially is this true in this democratic government of ours, where the power of all government is in the people. As factors in the government we must meet our responsibilities to God and man.

II. Some of the best ways in which a Christian may seek the good of his country. Having proven that the Christian's duties as a citizen are not lessened by his religion, but rather increased, let us notice some of the duties in detail. He must seek the peace or prosperity of his country or state or city by

1. Obedience to laws. Law is the expression of the will of authority. Our laws made by legislative bodies elected by the people express the will of the people. Not all laws are good and wholesome. There is sometimes class legislation. Some laws work a hardship on certain classes. The law that favors one class or burdens one class is not right, but if obedience thereto is no violation of religious or moral conviction, it is better always to obey. The Christian by obedience to laws proves his high regard for the moral dignity of law. If the Christian lives under a monarchical government, and yet believes with all his heart in republican form of government, he is not to become an enemy to the government, but render faithful service to the government and labor and pray for better things. The Christian should obey laws, not through fear of penalty, but because obedience will result in greatest good to all concerned. Hence every Christian should be a law abiding citizen, even in the most minor matters. This is true in regard to national, state, county or municipal laws.

2. The Christian is also to help to secure obedience to law on the part of others. Since government is of God and laws are necessary in the very constitution of man, the Christian is to not only render obedience thereto himself, but strive to have others do the same. A law violated and penalty not enforced is worse than no law at all, so far as public good is concerned. The Christian citizen is to encourage obedience and discourage and reprove disobedience. As a faithful citizen every one should aid in bringing transgressors to justice. Of course those put in charge of exercising the law must lead in the matter, but they need the assistance of the citizenship to succeed. Every transgression of law is a thrust at the peace and welfare of every citizen and the transgressor is an enemy to the home, church and state. Every judge, juror, magistrate, mayor, recorder should strive to mete out the penalty provided for each violation of law. Many of these executives are Christians, but alas some times justice is bought off and the law prostituted. Every sheriff, constable, policeman, marshal or detective, should go to the utmost limit to apprehend lawbreakers and bring them to justice. Every Christian citizen should be ready to encourage and assist if need be in thus enforcing law. Here lies the secret of so much open and flagrant lawlessness. Officials and citizens are not willing to do their respective duties. If every good man whether officer or private citizen would strive in his proper sphere to enforce law, crime would be greatly reduced. I do not mean by these words to encourage mob law. Mob law is lawlessness itself and very dangerous. "Let the law take its course" should be our motto. We have good laws but they need greatly to be enforced.

3. The Christian citizen is to seek the good of his country, county or city by his suffrage. There is no privilege the average citizen enjoys more than casting a vote. But many I fear think little of the responsibility attached thereto. Many among us have been disfranchised by our late constitution, many others have disfranchised themselves by failing to pay poll tax. A man is a better and greater man by maintaining his right of suffrage, if he have correct ideas of true citizenship. Hence I believe every man should preserve his right of suffrage. In this country the voice of the people is supreme in government. The governed say who shall govern. Rather the people say who shall be servant; for every officer is a servant of the people. The people are responsible for the men that hold the offices. In view of this fact I wish to suggest the character of men that

the Christian citizen should seek for office. The first qualification necessary is the ability to fill the office. An incompetent man would be a failure of course. Not every man that aspires to an office is able to fill that office and we would do ourselves and others an injustice to elect a man to serve in a capacity he is unequal to. A man may be able to fill one office and not able to fill another. We need men of ability and the greater the responsibility the greater competency is needed.

Secondly. The Christian citizen should cast his vote for true men. The public official is the representative of his constituency not only by his official acts, but by private conduct as well. If a man votes for a low, dirty, scoundrel, and he knows it there is something wrong with him in head or heart. Men should be sought for office who are true to their family relations, honest in business transactions, clean in social life, truthful and trustworthy in every respect. Such men will not only reflect credit upon their constituency, which is desirable, but will render faithful service and do the people good. An immoral man or intemperate man or man engaged in a business hurtful to society ought not to receive the suffrage of Christians. Who could expect any good to be done by such men? The immoral man would be a disgrace to the Christian voter. The drunkard would be also and could not be trusted. The saloon keeper or brewer would only have placed in his hand a dagger with which to pierce the hearts of his supporters. No, do not vote for bad men, but vote for men of character and nobility, men of honor and heart, men who cannot be bought or bluffed, but who will dare and die rather than do the wrong.

Lastly, the Christian voter should vote for men that love order and whose political views would be safe. An anarchist does not love government at all. The Mormon views of government are antagonistic to republicanism. The political party or the individual whose ideas of government we believe would be hurtful to our liberties and peace we should not support by our votes.

Briefly, Christians should vote for competent men, those who can do what we want done and they should vote for true men, those who will do the right thing, and they should vote for those friendly to our form of government, those who will not destroy the good we have.

The Christian should seek the good of his country, county or city by prayer.

Jeremiah believed in prayer. He told the Israelites in Babylon to pray for their city. With the Christian everything is sanctified by prayer. Prayer is the Christian's key to heaven's blessings and is his secret power. The Christian is to pray

1. For the forgiveness of his fellow citizens and all rulers. When Nehemiah learned of the sad state of Jerusalem he confessed his sins and the sins of all his people and prayed for their forgiveness. Many men seem to think they will not be held to account for their political sins. But a sin in politics is as great in the sight of God as the same sin in the pulpit. Sin is sin anywhere. Our political sins as a nation, state, county and city are a threatening cloud hanging over us today. Shall we say we had to do wrong? No, we did not. God takes care of those who trust Him and do right. Let us as Christian citizens humble ourselves before God, confess our individual sins and the sins of our people and pray for mercy and forgiveness. By so doing the wrath of God, about to be poured out upon us may be stayed. You remember Moses prayed for the sins of Israel to be forgiven and the nation was spared. We are a part of this great union, of this state, of this county, of this city, and their sins are in a sense ours. It is better to confess the faults of others than rail at them.

2. Then the Christian citizen should pray for grace and wisdom to be given the legislators, judicials and executors of our government. Their duties are arduous. Great and perplexing problems confront them. Difficulties beset them of which we are not aware many times. Many times we as private citizens censure when prayer would be more appropriate. They are in a position to see things as we cannot. I do not mean that a public official may not be criticised and censured but I fear we are not as ready to lend help and encouragement as adverse criticism. Public officials represent the people and

we should pray for them to be strong and good service to be rendered. Paul says that first of all, I exhort, "supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." wise, for only as they are such can we hope the best. The Christian citizen is to pray for all officers and for all fellow citizens that God's blessings attend them and his mercies be upon them. I know that many would say of such things, "Oh, that is Sunday-school politics." Perhaps they are right but they are the only right kind of politics. Any other kind is treason against God and humanity. The corrupt politician, who cares neither for God or man, but for self and party would say we are getting out of our sphere. They want us to let them alone as the devil wanted Christ to let him alone when he was making the little boy's life miserable. No we are not out of our sphere, but trying to make the world better in every way possible. The wave of reformation is sweeping over this country, and woe betide the man that tries to withstand it. He is sure to be engulfed. Men are finding out the place and power of government and the days of corrupt politicians and grafters are numbered. Every man who aspires to office and solicits our vote, if not worthy to represent us should be promptly refused our support. If you help to elect a man his acts are your acts. Then let us be faithful to our trust and opportunities.

What motives prompt to such duties? I speak only a few words on this point.

1. The first and lowest is a selfish one. Individual good. When peace and prosperity abound in the country, state, county, and city we may as individuals expect to share them. Then if we seek the good of the community we seek our own good. Times of war, famine and desolation in a country, though they may not come to us individually, yet they affect us very materially.

2. In seeking the good of the state or community as a government we are adding to the safety and welfare and happiness of others. We would be a blessing to others. We can be so by influencing for wholesome laws and good officials, and enforced law against crime.

3. To live righteously and contend for the right and help enforce the right and suppress wrong, we as Christians will recommend our religion to others. May God direct us as Christian citizens to his glory.

HELP DR. MONTAGUE.

This great man is doing a noble work.

His success in securing the endowment for Howard College hasn't a parallel, notwithstanding the work has its difficulties and hardships.

When he visits your church do like brother N. S. Jones did last week—write it up and tell us about the good impressions made by him and for the college.

There ought to be something in the Alabama Baptist every week from the churches visited by him.

That is one way of creating enthusiasm over the state in advance of his coming.

Again we pastors can help in this work by writing him and inviting him to visit our churches.

Don't wait for him to write you to know whether or not he can visit your field. We can't remove every burden nor take away every heart ache, but we can lighten the load by holding up his hands and cheering his heart while in the discharge of this important duty.

Brethren, this is our work; not the work of one man. Dr. Montague is meeting his like a true soldier. Are we doing our part?

Have you opened the way for him to visit your church? If not, why not? Pastors of churches in the country, what do you say? What have the pastors of the town and city churches to say?

The responsibility is on us. Do we feel it?

Another way to help in this work is to see people that he will not have the opportunity of seeing, and write to your friends, especially those who are strangers to him.

Dr. Montague has only fifty-two Sundays in the year in which to reach the people. It will take



A SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The "March Whirlwind Campaign" is over, but so many pastors have said that on account of the weather and it being impossible to visit all of their churches during March they were unable to "push" the paper as they desired, but if we would extend the time they could get many new names, and therefore we have decided to make it a Spring Campaign.

The offer of ten cents per month is withdrawn but we will send the paper from the time the subscription reaches us to January 1st for \$1.00 cash, and we will pay the same commission as under the original March offer.

1. Get 5 new subscribers at \$1.00 each and keep one dollar and send us four.
2. Get 10 new subscribers at \$1.00 each and keep two dollars and send us eight.
3. Get 20 new subscribers at \$1.00 each and keep five dollars and send us fifteen.

him a long time to visit every community in the State.

Think of him writing one hundred letters in a day with his own hand when he ought to have been resting.

His great heart burning with a spirit of anxiety for the success of the work causes him to lose sight of himself.

We would help him so much if five hundred of us would write a dozen letters each to our friends in the next few days. What do the churches say? Can you forget your Alma Mater.

You have a fine opportunity in this endowment move to show your appreciation.

Can our mother place her hand on our head and say here is a son that is true and loyal.

I believe Dr. Montague has something rich in store for us.

In my judgment we are going to be astonished beyond measure when he makes his report.

Let every man be found in his place, if all expect to rejoice together.

J. M. McCORD.



A FRIENDLY WORD WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

The Religious Herald has a valued corps of correspondents whose letters are highly esteemed by editors and readers. The editors of the Herald are deeply indebted to our brethren who send these items and thus contribute so largely to the interests of the paper. We refer not only to the regular correspondents of the paper at the centers of Baptist affairs, but also to occasional letters from pastors and others. It is necessary however, now and then, to remind our brethren of several limitations which are constantly present in a newspaper office so that they may not misunderstand us.

One of them is the capacity of the paper. We print sixteen pages every week and occasionally twenty pages. And yet it constantly happens that we have more matter in type than we can get into the forms. Something must be held over.

Now when this necessity confronts the editor various considerations influence him. Sometimes an article is left out because it is just the right length to leave out, that is, it is either too long or too short for the space which needs to be filled. Sometimes the selection is made on a different principle. The fact to be borne in mind by correspondents is that no editor, with three grains of sense, who has solicited correspondence and has accepted it ever wantonly delays it. With this put another fact. It is manifestly impracticable to write to correspondents giving the reasons for any unwonted delay. They must trust the editor and must credit him with the sincere desire to print their communications at the earliest possible day.

It frequently happens that the good news is so voluminous and varied that it is utterly out of the question to print the communications in full. Either the editor must make synopsis of these letters, giving their pith and marrow, or they must wait indefinitely. It would be far easier for the editors to put the letters in just as they are written. To "boil them down" means considerable additional work for them and not especially inspiring work either.

Sometimes brethren send business letters and on these write notes about their work. This is an evil to be averted. Business letters go into one department of the paper where they must be filed away for future reference. News letters go to the editorial department and thence to the printer. A news note on a business letter must be copied in this office. Write your business letter on one sheet and your news letter on another. Both may be mailed in the same envelope. There is no need for any further tribute to the postoffice department than is required to mail one letter. But keep the news and the business separate. This will greatly facilitate prompt publication.

While we are indulging in this brotherly gossip we will call attention to another matter. Brethren frequently write letters to the editors to which the editors fail to respond directly. We are asked to render some slight service, perhaps. Now the general rule among gentlemen is that every polite letter deserves a reply. But the rule has its exceptions. In the very nature of the case many such letters come to us, too many for us to undertake to answer all by mail. Our rule is this: If for any reason we cannot comply with the request we write at once and say so. If we can we set to work to do so. So that if any friend has honored us with his confidence in asking us to do him a kindness, and has not heard directly in reply, let him not suppose for one moment that we are indifferent or lacking in courtesy. We are trying to do just what he requests.

Several of our exchanges have recently directed attention to the nuisance of employing unusual abbreviations, such as ch. for church or worse, still Xt. for Christ. All of these have to be written out by the editor before the manuscript goes to the printer.

But enough of this. Send on your letters. Make the Herald more and more a weekly news letter, a medium of communication among the brethren. Be as patient and forbearing as possible and trust us to do our level best.

(Correspondents of the Alabama Baptist by reading the above carefully and applying the hints will save us much trouble.)

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THE TROUBLES OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

It is said that the counting house now controls the editorial room in the great dailies, and that the editor has to show to the business manager.

The truth is the business end of a newspaper is getting to be a big thing. It is much easier to find capable writers than competent business managers.

Numbers of men in Alabama could edit the Alabama Baptist with credit to themselves and profit to the denomination, but few if any could run it and make it pay any profit on the investment.

Being editor and business manager I know the troubles of both, but if I poured out my tale of woe in both capacities it might be too long. Here is the problem which keeps the business manager awake at night:

Several thousand good, respectable, law abiding, church going, people owe the paper from two to six dollars each, and despite my continual appeals turn a deaf ear to my pleadings and through negligence or some other cause fail to pay the whole or any part thereof, much to the chagrin and discomfort of the business manager who each week must pay the printers and other employees or be haled into court.

Now dear reader what would you do if you were the Business Manager?

I hear the man who is just a little in arrears say "Why don't you send them a statement." This has been tried and hardly enough comes back to pay for the stamps, not to count the labor and the stationery.

I hear another say: "Why don't you send one of your collectors after them?" That looks easy, but when many of the men you are after are hid away in the hills or in the valleys off the railroad a man in a day's collecting would hardly get enough to pay for his team.

I hear another man say: "Why don't you sue them?" I have carefully looked over a list of claims put into the hands of capable lawyers for collection, and I have figured on the returns, and read bunches of angry letters addressed to the former editor of the Alabama Baptist or to his lawyers, and although I once practiced law and was villified by some of the best talent at the bar my skin is too thin to be exposed to the wrath of the Christian who having failed for years to pay his subscription, but on being served with due process of law sits down and puts his thoughts of the editor in black and white and licks a stamp because he can't get to the editor and sends his missile through the mails.

I hear the man who has paid up say: "Cut 'em off!" Well, that's the heroic way, but this business manager being soft-hearted and opposed to surgery dreads to use the surgeon's knife.

Now, dear reader, having had a partial statement of the case, what would you do?

But wait a minute, the half has not been told for the thing that tends to sour the business manager's disposition and make him lose faith in humanity has not yet been even hinted at.

Each day mails bring notice from some postmaster or postmistress stating that J— S— of Blankville, or P— B— of Cross-Roads, refuses to take his paper out of the postoffice.

You go to your mailing list and find that he owes the paper since June, 1902, and you realize that it will be a cold day in August when you get a cent.

Now dear reader, what would you do?

Don't be rash, for you would have to do it a score or more times a week.

I used to keep a list of those treating the paper so badly. I used to send kind but firm reminders that before ordering a paper stopped it was customary to settle back dues.

I used to sit down and write pathetic letters reciting the great need I had of money and hoped they would not only pay up but renew.

In fact I passed through many stages in my effort to get the whole or the part of the amounts due. At times I was stern, then coldly courteous, then pleading. One way is as good as the other, for none are any good. All are a weariness of the flesh and a dampener of the spirit.

What do I now do?

As the postman hands them to me, I gently tear them into bits and drop them slowly into the waste basket for I know they are dead beyond the hope of

collection.

This manner of treatment costs me thousands of dollars (on paper) each year, but the departing brother or sister no longer gets on my nerves, and peace of mind is worth something.

Don't think I am cynical over the delinquent for I am not. Like the poor he will always be with us, and as long as he is editors and owners of religious newspapers will never get together enough money for it to become "tainted."

Dear reader, kindly look at your label and see to which class you belong I take checks, coin (gold, silver, nickel or copper), postoffice orders, stamps, currency. Start something my way. Don't trouble to register your letter, just put a two-cent stamp on the outside and something of marketable value on the inside, and if it reaches me, or fails to reach me I will give you proper credit. I lose little in the mails but much in the pockets of my subscribers.

Yours for service,
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

THE PREACHER FROM A LAYMAN'S VIEWPOINT.

II.
By A. P. Montague.

It is my desire to make in this paper some simple and practical suggestions to my young brethren of the ministry. In doing this, I shall probably say what nearly all of them know already; but there may be some things which all of them do not practice.

The medium through which the preacher reaches the audience is language, and language, to be agreeable and correct, must conform to the rules of grammar. Next to the Bible, the preacher should know English grammar.

Often his usefulness is seriously impaired by ignorance of certain grammatical rules, or by carelessness in the use of language. He may preach forcefully; he may show wisdom in the division and general handling of his subject; he may be logical and eloquent; but if in his sermons he violates simple rules of grammar, he fails to please some of his hearers, lays himself open to criticism, and so does not use to the fullest advantage the opportunities which are his. In this day, when our public schools and academies are teaching our children to write and speak the English language correctly, the public speaker cannot afford to use language in which boys and girls of fifteen years of age can pick flaws. The preacher wishes to attract and hold these young people; but if they discover defects in his speech, they will cease to look up to him, and his power to lead them is weakened.

In the first place, then, the preacher should know English grammar. If he has forgotten some of its rules, he will do well to study it again and again, to keep studying it, until he can write a grammar. He will now and then write a letter to "The Alabama Baptist"; he must write to friends; then let him master the first part of grammar, orthography. When he has done this, he will not spell accommodate with one m, recommend with one n, separate with one a, beginning with one n, and the following little rule will guard him, as it has guarded me, against scores of mistakes in spelling: "A word of two syllables, accented on the second syllable, ending in a single vowel, preceded by a single consonant, upon taking a suffix beginning with a vowel, always doubles the final consonant"; begin, beginning. Other plain rules will guide him, and the error of misspelling will be among the evils of a time gone by.

Next he will profit by a careful, repeated study of etymology, to the writer and the speaker one of the most important divisions of philology. As I am not writing a technical paper, I will simply say that every public speaker would do well to refresh his memory now and then as to nouns, adjectives, and other parts of speech, and especially as verbs. The preacher will help his work greatly and save himself from many a mistake by studying the list of irregular verbs until he can repeat it from memory. Then we shall not hear educated men, whose sermons are strong and helpful, lessen the usefulness of their work and invite criticism by saying "burst" for burst, "laid" for lay, "set" for sit, etc. Lest some of

our young brethren may think that I am imagining such errors, I would say that I have heard worthy D. D.'s make such mistakes time and again. Again, we sometimes hear a preacher, from whom we expect better things, say, "I have done seen him," and "I feel like I have said enough."

Then, the division of syntax should receive careful study. Errors creep into sermons from forgetfulness of the rules of syntax, and we hear a preacher say, "He came to see my brother and I"; you was at my church last Sunday"; "Neither were there." Some writers of our time, in imitation of the Latin exception, that two subjects of almost similar meaning may have a singular verb, say, "Prudence and caution was seen in our friend." I cannot bring myself to subscribe to this practice. Reed and Kellogg's grammar will be found a useful handbook.

I would mention as the second essential for thorough preparation in English the study of rhetoric, which has been well called "near neighbor to grammar and logic." As is known to many of my readers, rhetoric comes from a Greek word meaning "orator" or "public speaker," and that from a Greek verb meaning "to flow."

In early times rhetoric was "the art of oratory," as writing was not known and the voice was the medium of communication.

Today, while rhetoric is far broader in its scope, teaching us how to invent thought and then how to express thought, it is still, in a large measure, the speaker's guide. In his study of rhetoric, the young preacher will find practical and valuable assistance as to style; and the chapters on clearness, imagery, elegance, variety and grandeur will be of constant assistance. In this study he will find rules which will be of great value in the preparation of sermons.

It is taken for granted that he has studied rhetoric; but the study that will profit most is the repeated reading of a good rhetoric like Kellogg's in the quiet of his home. As auxiliary to the reading of a text book, he should have the practice of writing essays or theses. Let him choose some theme, and put into practical working the rules of his rhetoric. Writing will require reading; and reading will make writing easier.

Sometimes the young preacher will be helped by writing, not for publication, but for practice, a description of his last trip. In this he may mention whom he met, what some of his people said, his impressions of people and places, using always the best language, clear, simple, and elegant. Thus style will be benefitted and memory will be strengthened. Again, he will find it beneficial to write reviews of books read. In this way he will develop the power of literary criticism, and the salient points of a worthy book will be fixed in his mind.

Every week of his life he should write something besides sermons. Then sermon preparation will be far easier. The ready writer is the ready thinker.

Of great moment and most helpful to the preacher will be the reading and study of the works of masters of style. Without of course, attempting to copy them, he will find direction, suggestion, and hence instruction in Maculay, in Addison, in Irving, in Emerson, in certain speeches of Webster, Blaine, and others. Perhaps the most forceful writer among public men in America today, one whose articles and letters are powerful and always instructive, is Mr. Cleveland. Reading these, you will see how a strong man, honest, brave, unselfish, and a patriot, says in a few words what he thinks concerning great questions.

In adding to his education, the young preacher cannot read too much history. Mr. William L. Wilson, once leader of the House of Representatives, and later a member of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, told me once that most of all had he been benefitted in preparation for his speeches by the histories of Tacitus, perhaps the greatest secular historian that ever lived. We find in the writings of the great Roman a solemnity, a majesty, a force, which must impress every mind, and a kind of melancholy grandeur that evokes our admiration and unstinted praise. The speeches found in his "Agaicola," "Annals," and "Histories" are models of terseness, vigor, and power, while the closing chapters of "The Agricola," wherein the historian extols the virtues of the

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DENATURED ALCOHOL.

The claim has recently been widely circulated by the Wood Alcohol Trust, through Pittsburg detectives, that the people of England had become accustomed to drink denatured alcohol, and that so much drunkenness had resulted that the temperance people of Great Britain opposed the law.

William E. Johnson, acting for the Associated Prohibition Press, wrote to Secretary Williams of the United Kingdom Alliance, asking if these statements were true, and received the following cablegram:

"London, March 14, 1906.

"Johnson, Laurel, Maryland,

'Allegation of drunkenness and temperance parties' attitude absolutely baseless. Barely one case published yearly.

(Signed) "WILLIAMS."

A few of the religious papers have been seriously misinformed regarding the character and purpose of the bills now pending in Congress to allow tax free, alcohol for industrial purposes, after it has been chemically denatured, under government supervision, so as to be undrinkable. Without exception, the leading temperance papers of the country are heartily in favor of this proposed measure, not only as an industrial, but as a temperance reform. The American Issue, the great Anti-Saloon League organ is advocating it.

The American Chemical Society, comprising practically every chemist of standing in the United States, is aiding in securing this legislation.

A few weeks ago, an elaborate plot was laid by the opponents of the bill, working through the Perkins Union Detective Agency, of Pittsburg, operating in the interest of the wood alcohol trust, to bunco the temperance people of the country into fighting the measure. The plot was discovered and exploded before it was scarcely in working order. The following are the points of advantage which this legislation would have to the temperance cause:

1. We would no longer be compelled to argue what we would do with the money invested in distilleries.

2. We would no longer have to argue what we would do for a market for the farmer's grain.

3. Distillers would no longer be compelled to push their products into the beverage market when a useful one is opened to them.

4. If we aid in this matter, it will give us the friendship of scores of the most powerful organized manufacturing industries in this country which are now fighting for this economic reform.

The movement for tax-free alcohol, chemically denatured so as to be undrinkable, for industrial purposes, has been agitated from time to time in this country for eighteen years. In that time not a temperance or prohibition organization of any kind has ever opposed it. Almost without exception, every temperance reformer who has ever investigated the subject at all, heartily endorses the movement as an economic reform of great value to the temperance cause.

THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON OPIUM.

The law in force in the Philippine Islands under the government of Spain made it unlawful for any Filipino to smoke or use opium in any way. It permitted, however, a license to issue, for the maintenance of opium-smoking resorts, to be patronized only by the Chinese, and police supervision was exercised over the resorts, and any Filipino found there was arrested and punished. The owner of the resort was also punished for conniving at the Filipino's violation of the law.

Early in 1903, the Philippine Commission proposed and was about to pass a law providing for farm-

ing out the opium traffic so far as the sale to Chinese men was concerned. The bill was along the same lines as the notorious British policy in India which has been a scandal of half a century standing upon the British government, the modifying of which was one of the proposals on which the new ministry has recently assumed power.

The people of the Philippines revolted against the proposed infamy, the revolt being led by the Chinese themselves. The agitation against the proposed law was led by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Manila. The discussion became so warm that the Philippine Commission held up its bill and sent a committee to visit the opium countries and make a report. This committee reported adversely to the commission's bill. Thereupon the commission drafted a new bill embodying most of the recommendations of the committee, which has just become a law making the traffic in opium a government monopoly for two years, after which absolute prohibition of the importation and sale is to be the law, except for medicinal purposes. During the pending of the monopoly, the stuff is to be sold to licensed smokers only who have become habitues and who are disfranchised and disqualified from holding office during the time they hold such license. The law is almost precisely the law which the Japanese government adopted for Formosa after the Japanese acquired that island from China.

MISSIONS GOOD BUSINESS.

A prominent Alabama pastor remarked recently: "You have to show these hard headed business men that mission work is good business, and they will give liberally." Certainly it is good business, the best in the world. If missions is a mistake, it is God's mistake. If any thing else is sufficient for the salvation of the world, the Cross of Christ is indeed foolishness. But there is no mistake. It is good business in every sense of the word to send the gospel into all the world.

It is good business, in a temporal sense, to open the markets of the East to the resources of the South, and the missionaries have done and are doing that in a marvelous degree. It is fine business to hold the markets already opened. Nothing but the influence of the missionaries will stop the boycott of American goods in China, created largely by newspapers edited by Japanese and influenced by our seclusion laws, or the unjust execution of them. Sir Mortimer Durand, our British ambassador, testifies strongly to the helpfulness of missionaries to rulers and diplomats, and their good influence among the people.

It is excellent business sense to save and render more effective the millions of money already invested in missions. It would be foolish and criminal to have unsupported, or poorly manned, the expensive plants on the fields. Business methods demand that we should pour out our money as never before and utilize the vast opportunities which work done in the past has created. He would be a poor business man who would spend much to produce a crop, and when a rich harvest is ready, refuse the money necessary for the reaping. This is the day of harvest on the mission fields. Shall we not pray for laborers and furnish the money to send them out?

It is surely good business to obey a superior officer. Our Lord as Master, who bought us with His death, and to whom we belong absolutely, says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." What right have we to question or disobey? It is "ours but to do or die." That is the very first principle of all good business.

"THE VERY LATEST FIGURES"

by Dr. Crumpton, ough to stir every Baptist in the State who reads these lines. Let us have the princely giving our Secretary pleads for. We have been steadily increasing our gifts for home and foreign missions for eight years. We feel confident this year will not prove an exception.

On March 1, Joshua Levering was elected president of the board of managers of the Maryland School for Boys, formerly known as the House of Refuge. This is the twentieth consecutive time Mr. Levering has been elected to this position. The board has assurance of a liberal appropriation from the legislature for new buildings. Mr. Levering is the leading prohibitionist of Baltimore and was Prohibition party candidate for President in 1896.

In a report made by Mr. Luther D. Wishard to the American Board, he brings out the fact that one hundred and fifty-five churches which had undertaken the support of missionaries increased their gifts to missions \$74,300. On the other hand, one hundred and fifty-five churches of equal ability which were not supporting missionaries or other special objects actually fell off \$6,967 in their contributions to missions.

Keir Hardie, the famous labor representative in the British Parliament, has drawn up a parliamentary pledge to abstain from drink while the house is sitting and then signed it. He then secured the signatures of all the labor group of members as well as most of the liberal labor group and a large number of Irish members. Nearly 100 members have signed the document.

Irish members of the United Kingdom Parliament are trying to get passed an act to prohibit the opening of saloons in Ireland on St. Patrick's day.

Mrs. Hamilton also has a message which needs to be widely scattered for she appeals to the best that is in the hearts and minds of the Baptist women and numbers her "little sunbeams" by the hundreds. May she live to see the day when her page will throw a sunbeam in every Baptist home in the State.

"In encouraging young men to come out as missionaries, do use the greatest caution. One wrong-headed, conscientiously obstinate man would ruin us. Humble, quiet, persevering men; men of sound, sterling talents, of decent accomplishments, and some natural aptitude to acquire language; men of an amiable and yielding temper, willing to take the lowest place, to be the last of all and the servants of all; men who live near to God and are willing to suffer all things for Christ's sake, without being proud of it—these are the men we need."—Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, British Minister to U. S., before the Student Volunteer Convention.

Brother Crumpton says: "There are some men in Alabama running for offices who ought to be elected unanimously to stay at home. Every preacher and moral man in the state ought to become politician far enough to see that they get no votes in his beat. The yaller dog business is mighty nigh gone. Not many of that sort have the face, these days, to offer for office. Let's put 'em out of business August 27th. Much depends upon it. It is our Christian duty to vote only for upright, moral men. It is equally our duty to inform our neighbors that they may cast their votes only for good men."

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THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Mr. Barnett very generously gives the women of Alabama this page to be used just as we like. Let us show our appreciation to him and our loyalty to the denomination by always having a good word for the paper—get subscribers—ask our women to read it, especially our page; send me short crisp articles of your work, of some good plan to raise money, to increase the attendance, to infuse a missionary spirit. Whatever you have that is particularly good, tell it to all of us.

YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.

If my Saviour were tramping the long night through
In the wind and the sleet and cold,
For want of assistance that I could bestow,
Could I the mere pittance withhold?
If He were exposed to the pitiless storm
For want of a home and a bed;
If He were hungry, could I hold back
From giving him shelter and bread?
And yet in that line of famishing men
Some loved ones the Saviour may see
Of whom he will say: "As ye do unto them,
The same have ye done unto Me."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Table showing receipts from each state, etc., from May 1, 1905, to March 15, 1906.

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| Georgia | \$ 28,215.26 |
| Virginia | 21,709.33 |
| South Carolina | 17,641.29 |
| Alabama | 16,410.72 |
| Kentucky | 15,117.50 |
| North Carolina | 12,445.77 |
| Missouri | 9,373.03 |
| Texas | 9,357.56 |
| Tennessee | 7,974.04 |
| Mississippi | 6,121.71 |
| Maryland | 3,852.26 |
| Florida | 3,393.57 |
| Louisiana | 2,770.94 |
| Arkansas | 1,395.22 |
| District of Columbia | 711.70 |
| Oklahoma | 415.84 |
| Ind. Ter. | 360.69 |
| Other Sources | 3,144.98 |
| Total | \$160,412.01 |

CHRISTMAS OFFERING RECEIPTS.

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| Alabama | \$ 720.00 |
| Arkansas | 48.75 |
| District of Columbia | 15.00 |
| Florida | 428.13 |
| Georgia | 2,000.77 |
| Ind. Ter. | 93.27 |
| Kentucky | 716.63 |
| Louisiana | 714.23 |
| Maryland | 227.26 |
| Mexico | 5.00 |
| Mississippi | 347.98 |
| Missouri | 612.84 |
| North Carolina | 65.27 |
| Oklahoma | 95.87 |
| South Carolina | 1,734.71 |
| Tennessee | 625.63 |
| Texas | 174.07 |
| Virginia | 2,241.38 |
| West Virginia | 3.00 |
| Total | \$10,987.79 |

THE WEEK OF SELF DENIAL.

I am expecting to hear from all the societies in regard to the observance of this week.

Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Thursday, May 10, 1906, W. M. U. Auxiliary to S. B. C. will convene in its eighteenth annual session, in the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The preliminary prayer service, in the first Church, from four to five on Wednesday afternoon—immediately after the Executive Committee meeting—will be in charge of Mrs. W. L. Williams, Texas.

Let us pray that at that time God will give us an abundant outpouring of His spirit which shall abide with us during the entire meeting.

Sessions will be held on Thursday morning and afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

In addition to the usual business, Mrs. W. A. McComb, Miss., will conduct a Missionary Round Table. States are expected to inform their delegates as to their attitude toward the question involved in the resolution presented by Mrs. V. F. Elliott, Mo., at the last annual meeting.

The Foreign Board asks W. M. U. to endeavor to raise \$3,000 for the new compound in Italy; the Home Board desires \$3,000 for a house of worship at Colon, Cuba; the Sunday School Board again presents the Bible-Fund for our consideration. Some of our missionaries will speak on Sunday afternoon. A large attendance is desired.

Inasmuch as several new officers are to be chosen, and to avoid the embarrassment and confusion which might result if the Committee on Nominations is not prepared, to some extent, to meet the grave responsibility resting upon it, the President of W. M. U., in January last, appointed Mrs. C. Ammen, La., chairman of that committee, and requested her to correspond with State vice-presidents in regard to the vacancies which will occur.

MRS. J. A. BAKER,
Pres. W. M. U. Aux. to S. B. C.

DELEGATES.

Judging from indications more of our women will attend the convention in Chattanooga this year than have ever gone before and they are our very best workers too. Each state is entitled to eight delegates and a vice-president. While only a few can be delegates, there are compensations for those who are not—all can enjoy the sessions alike, and often when the delegates attend committee meetings before the morning session; after the morning session; before and after the afternoon session, and sometimes a meeting in the evening is called: it is a hard matter to decide which are the favored ones, the delegates or the non-delegates. In this instance as in others a privilege carries its corresponding responsibility. So whether we go as delegates or as visitors, let us go with the full intention of enjoying the convention thoroughly, and let us return so filled with enthusiasm and inspiration that we shall bring the convention home to those who could not go.

PAPAL FIELDS.

These are: Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba.
Rev. W. M. Cote, appointed in 1870, was the first missionary of the Foreign Board, S. B. C., to Italy.

Our mission work began in Mexico in 1880. Rev. J. W. Westrup, one of the first missionaries, was murdered by a band of Indians and Mexicans.

In 1882 work in Brazil became established, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby being the first permanent missionaries.

The first missionary to represent Southern Baptists in Argentina was Rev. S. M. Sowell, in 1903. We now have nine missionaries in Argentina and sixty-seven in the various papal fields occupied by the Foreign Mission Board.

Work in Cuba was begun by the Home Mission Board in 1886. There are now thirty-three missionaries, thirty-one churches and stations.

The Religious Condition of Europe.

Statistics do not tell all, but they sometimes give a comparative view which shows the religious situation. Thus we learn from recent figures that there are in Europe 169,000,000 Romanists and about one-half as many Protestants (90,000,000) and the same proportion of Greek and other Oriental Christians. Jews and Moslems have each 5,000,000 adherents.

Italy, with 31,000,000, as well as Spain and Portugal, with 25,000,000, are almost wholly Catholic. Belgium, with 6,000,000, is papal about twelve to one. In France, out of 39,000,000 fewer than a million are Protestants. Austria contains some 37,000,000 inhabitants, of whom 12,000,000 are non-Catholic. In Switzerland nearly two-thirds of the 3,000,000 accept the Reformed faith. The German Empire holds 30,250,000 Protestants in a total of 48,000,000. Denmark, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands, with a combined population of 13,500,000, are almost solid against Rome, the latter being overwhelmingly Presbyterian and the others Lutheran. Great Britain and Ireland are Protestants by 20,620,000, against 5,640,000. Of the Catholics, 1,370,000 are found in England and Wales, and but 330,000 in Scotland. In Ireland are found 1,155,000 Protestants and about 4,000,000 Catholics. Russia and Greece have a population of 100,000,000, of which two-thirds belong to the Greek Church. Mohammedans comprise about one-half of Turkey's 5,900,000.

Conditions in South America.

"South America was discovered only eight years later than North America, and has for these centuries been considered civilized, yet interior Africa is better known than the heart of Brazil."

It is a vast continent, more than twice the size of the United States. Brazil alone is as large as the United States. There has been a singular unwillingness on the part of the churches to send missionaries there, because they regard South America as already Christianized. The Roman Catholic Church has left the people in darkness and ignorance indescribable. Only fifteen out of each one hundred can read and write, and in Ecuador only five out of each hundred can read and write.

Here we have 50,000,000 people under the dense fog bank of Roman superstition, and only 300 missionaries of all Protestant denomination scattered among them.

When Elijah was utterly depressed in mind and ready to die of a broken heart, God gave him a quiet desert, far from distraction, then a good sleep, then a comfortable meal, then sleep again, then more good food, then a six weeks' vacation. After that he recovered his spirits, and was greatly improved in his faith in God as well as in bodily condition.—Selected.

The Life of Love and Service is the symmetrical life. And the Life of Love is the life which, in expression and action, gives wisely. It is not wise for one to give that which he requires more than the recipient. It is not beautiful to offer to another what the latter does not wish or may not receive. It is neither wise nor beautiful to regard one soul as superior to another, even if that other is yourself.—Maeterlinck.

LIST OF SOCIETIES.

On April 6th there are still over twenty vice presidents that have not sent the secretary a list of their societies, nor the names of one or two officers of each. When you read this please send at once, although it will be too late for the Baltimore report. I am very anxious to make a correct list of the societies of the state. Let all the societies that have no vice president in the association send me their names. I shall greatly appreciate it.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer was observed by the W. M. S. of Bethel church, Fort Deposit. Five meetings were held and were well attended. The programs were carefully and prayerfully prepared and carried out, and the thank offering for Home Missions amounted to twenty dollars. On motion, an original paper by Mrs. E. L. Hayes, was sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication. Mrs. J. F. Hattemer, the president of this society, is an enthusiastic and consecrated worker, and God is blessing her efforts in the great work she is doing in this church. * * *

GENERAL CONVENTION.

The action of the General Convention of the Baptists of North America at St. Louis in deciding to hold its next meeting in 1906 was taken largely upon the supposition that the Anniversaries of the Northern Baptists would be held in such proximity to each other that a large and representative attendance of the denomination would be secured for its meeting in the interval between those anniversaries.

Inasmuch as this, however, has not proved to be the case, and inasmuch as satisfactory railroad arrangements cannot be secured for the meeting of the Convention in connection with those meetings, and inasmuch as these and other causes are likely to interfere with a truly representative gathering of American Baptists, the Executive Committee of the Convention, after full correspondence with members of the Board, and with their approval generally, have decided that it will be wise to postpone the meeting until May 1907, when it is expected that conditions will be more favorable for a large and representative gathering.

INSOMNIA

Leads to Madness, if not Remedied in Time.

"Experiments satisfied me, some 5 years ago," writes a Topeka woman, "that coffee was the direct cause of the insomnia from which I suffered terribly, as well as the extreme nervousness and acute dyspepsia which made life a most painful thing for me. I had been a coffee drinker since childhood, and did not like to think that the beverage was doing me all this harm. But it was, and the time came when I had to face the fact, and protect myself. I therefore gave it up, abruptly and absolutely, and adopted Postum Food Coffee for my hot drink at meals.

"I began to note improvement in my condition very soon after I took on Postum. The change proceeded gradually, but surely, and it was a matter of only a few weeks before I found myself entirely relieved—the nervousness passed away, my digestive apparatus was restored to normal efficiency, and I began to sleep, restfully and peacefully.

"These happy conditions have continued during all of the 5 years, and I am safe in saying that I owe them entirely to Postum Food Coffee, for when I began to drink it I ceased to use medicines." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

A GLIMPSE of THE STATE WORK

Atmore.—I came over not quite three months ago, from Citronelle. Have taken charge of the church here, and the one at Pollard.

At Atmore, I succeeded Rev. Geo. W. McRae, who served the church faithfully and well, completely winning the confidence and esteem of the brethren. He left the church in splendid shape. It is one of the largest and strongest in all this section, being composed of about a hundred and fifty members, many of whom are above the average in point of spiritual force, and intelligent zeal.

They worship in one of the handsomest frame church houses in the state—a monument to somebody's wisdom, taste and generosity.

The outlook is full of promise. The town is building up rapidly, and that too, with our own native folk. This fact, taken in connection with the present spiritual, numerical and material strength of the church, serves to paint the future in bright colors.

At Pollard, our Baptist work is yet in its infancy. Since its birth less than a half dozen years ago, it has had a rather checkered existence. However, it has survived its every period of adversity up to the present, when with fifty members, practically no discord, a good Sunday-school, under the able direction of Dr. J. D. Owens, Sr., a promising B. Y. P. U. services twice a month, and the most cordial relations with the other denominations of the town, it is facing the brightest future that they have yet enjoyed. J. R. CURRY.

A NOTE FROM R. S. GAVIN.

There are but few things that do one quite so much good as the knowledge of the fact that while he is doing the will of the Supreme One, he also has the confidence and esteem of his brethren.

Since I was forced to lay down the pastorate at Bessemer, I have not ceased to receive letters of sympathy and encouragement from my brethren. The Providence that afflicted me, has also blessed me in many ways—not the least of which is that it has manifested unto me a place in the affections of the Baptists of Alabama, that I did not know I had. I want to repeat what I have said once before, namely: It is worth a considerable per cent. of this "light affliction" thro' which I have passed, for one to know how many good friends he has.

Since announcing for evangelistic work, I have had more encouragement than I really think I deserve. Here are short extracts, as samples, from three private letters just received:

"I hope that you will soon be on both your feet again, standing with the best in the land. I am telling the brethren wherever I go, that they cannot do better than to secure your services in a meeting. We need you all over the State."—S. O. Y. Ray, Northport.

"I am delighted to know that you are fast improving, and will soon enter upon active work. You have decided gifts as an Evangelist, and it may be God wishes you to enter wholly upon this kind of work."—W. M. Blackwelder, Greenville.

"I hope you will soon be entirely well again, and up to your old standard. From what I have heard of you, I am sure you can do much good in evangelistic work."—Richard Hall, Montevallo.

I am virtually well now; but have decided not to begin active work until after the Chattanooga Convention. Until the Convention, my address will remain Yantley, Choctaw Co., Alabama.

Centerville.—I think you are giving us a good paper now. Would like to say that I am moving on very well with my country field, Sardis, Hepzibah, Pineflat and Antioch, I am proud of my work. They pay me six hundred dollars to preach for them and about two hundred for mis-

sions. I believe we are getting a little better all the while. I am praying for one hundred dollars in April. Have arranged for the collection ahead as best I could. Our services were rained out at Pineflat this month. I wish to say that we had a fine day at Antioch fourth Sunday. Bros. Freeman and Smitherman were with me, and helped to ordain some deacons, Brethren Corley, Jackson and Wadley; Bro. Freeman preached the sermon and Bro. Smitherman gave the charge. I am glad to say that the work was well done. These are good men Antioch has selected. She is a grand old church, and has a fine promise for the future. I sometimes think that I am an awful weak servant. The results are so small, but when I sum it all the good Lord gives me enough to live on. Some always joining my churches. Then I am never without work. All that read this little piece, please pray that I may do more, bring more to His Kingdom. J. W. MITCHELL.

Albertsville.—We had a glorious day at Albertsville on last Sunday; the congregation was exceedingly large. Dr. T. W. Ayers the medical missionary, who has just returned from China preached a very interesting sermon at 11 a. m. The church contributed one hundred dollars to foreign missions for the support of a native preacher in China.

The church has also let the contract for putting in a baptistry and for making other improvements which will add much to the comfort and beauty of the building.

We are now holding morning and evening service on each Lord's day. The plan of paying the pastor monthly has been adopted, which adds greatly to his comfort and happiness. The spirit of prayer is being revived in the hearts of many of our people, and the outlook is encouraging. J. R. STODGHILL.

URGENT, NOW, TODAY.

Hixon, Ala., March 31, 1906.
Dear Baptist.—Every Baptist in the state who is capable of writing for any publication is under moral obligation to contribute encouragement to our people to foster the momentous enterprises of our denomination. The busy pastor often thinks thus and yet in his rush will "Roll round with the year and never stand still" long enough to indite a snub. Ye scribe has been humbly thinking that now as ye editor has cut his annual income in two by half for our good, we, his friends, should scout the land and show our high appreciation by rolling up a larger sum for him than he formerly received and place our dear paper in every home possible.

Half a dozen other journals beautiful and blessed come to our table, but the Alabama Baptist is a weekly wallet of wisdom, gems of great grace cullings of Christian courtesies and letters from our loved that we hold in our hearts. We notice now especially three subjects treated recently. First, the Volunteer Students Convention at Nashville. Is it not wonderful to think of the noble young men and women of the United States, Canada and other countries our brightest and best college young people, being dominated by such a passion for missionary work?

Think of the multiplied thousands of the beauty and chivalry of our country rising up with a holy heaven-born zeal and announcing their divinely ideal of Christian determination, viz. to send the simple story of the cross to every human creature by their own efforts in their day. Oh brethren, this is the dawning of the golden age, most surely. You and I may live to see the lamb to lie down with the lion and Christ to come. Where did I read of this blessed dawning of the millennial morning? In the religious journal. In our own beloved Alabama Baptist.

Brother, sister, you read this and a thousand other good things in the

Baptist. Pass them on to your brethren until you create such a desire for such blessed things that these, your brethren will so cherish them as to keep our paper in their homes perpetually.

Fathers and mothers in Christ, what part are we going to perform by way of co-operation with our enthusiastic young friends in covering the earth with God's truth as the waters do the great deep? Let us faithfully hold the rope of their support while they go bravely down into the dark, dreary mines of heathenism and bear the blessed light of God's truth. To the end that we may be most happily enlightened upon this subject let's add to our diligent reading of the Word of God a permanent subscription to the Alabama Baptist.

Secondly another mighty movement of which I would have all to read in our paper and others until they fully appreciate it, are the marvelous achievements of the great anti-Saloon League of the United States. Oh how every good man would rejoice if he could see how he could resolve with us, that the saloon must go, the blind tiger must go, and the dispensary must go—in other words that debauchery, however brought on, must go. This is a consummation commensurate with the already peep of glory seen in the missionary millennial dawn mentioned above.

Lastly and most important, because most urgent of all just now, let us, most earnestly agree with our good and wise and beloved Montague as he put it in the last issue of our paper: "Home and foreign missions are of vast importance but today and for the next sixty days" (now only fifty) "the great and dominating issue before the Baptists of Alabama . . . is our endowment. . . I suggest," says he, "that each pastor see the other pastors" within his reach, "even if he has to leave off the preparation of a sermon."

Will other of our sons, moderators and executive committees, put plans immediately on foot to round up our college endowment? Then will not every Baptist in Alabama fall in line and execute promptly and speedily the plans of our leaders? I notice that recently the Methodists of Birmingham district made a universal exchange of pulpits, all pushing the one common cause of raising money for Owenton College. Since they made a glowing success, we most surely could succeed as well, only on the much larger scale of covering the entire state for Howard endowment. As we have a fifth Sunday in April suppose our executive councils at once take the work in hand for the fifth Sunday in April.

I would humbly suggest also that the same authorities publish and work up with the co-operation of Sunday-school leaders, Sunday-school rallies throughout the state, for the same day and with enthusiastic speakers and liberal givers lead even the children and young people into a noble sacrifice for endowment.

Also that all our Godly women who are such a power for good in our beloved commonwealth, general, as only they can do, our mission bands, ladies aids and woman's missionary unions for the same cause.

And further God grant us that our B. Y. P. Unions work up the most enthusiastic rally of their history for the same day.

Finally, let the earnest prayers of every Baptist in Alabama go up most devoutly to a throne of grace for a glowing success in this most momentous issue of our Baptist hosts in our day. If we will do all this enthusiastically we shall make such a blessed consummation of this matter that we shall so rejoice that we will joyfully and speedily meet the demands of our other pressing denominational enterprises.

Yours for the Master,
J. BUNYAN KILPATRICK.

SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

The Mailing Books of the Home Field Have Been Showing Alabama in the Lead.

Looking over the lists as published in the last two copies of that excellent little paper, I am made to fear we are falling behind. This must not be. The cheapest and best paper for the money in the world is the Home Field. It takes only ten cents to bring it into the home for twelve months. I do hope the pastors will not allow the subscriptions to run out. That paper with the Foreign Mission Journal, the Alabama Baptist and the bushels of tracts going out from this office ought to keep our people informed and stirred on the question of Missions.

The Very Latest Figures
Put Alabama for Home Missions \$7378, \$4165 less than we gave last year or \$12622 less than the amount asked of us.

For Foreign Missions \$17672.00, \$630 less than we gave last year, or \$9328 less than the amount asked of us. In all, \$4795 less than last year and \$21950 below what was asked for.

The amount received includes \$6000, the gift of our brother Bush of Mobile. Is it possible that with that splendid sum to start with, we are going to fall short of the amount we agreed to try to raise?

Oh, for Princely Giving
for the next three weeks! Shall we not have it? While the figures seem to be against us, I feel confident that we are not going to Chattanooga with less than last year. March was Home Mission month—the worst month of the year. Hundreds of churches could not open their doors. Will they not remember the Home Field yet?

I am looking for many pastors to go out and do voluntary work for the next three weeks. Brother pastor, call your neighbor to help you with your people. Let there not be a discordant note, but everyone think the same thing and do the same thing and we will get the victory.

DECAYED STARCH A Food Problem.

An Asheville man tells how light food did that which medicines had failed to accomplish:

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"Since that time I have had several such attacks, suffering death, almost. The last attack was about 3 months ago, and I endured untold agonies.

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Wednesday morning while sitting on the porch of Brother Goodhue, just opposite the church, we saw four Gypsy wagons halt in front of a little grocery store and soon a horse trade was started. Wanting to see the fun we went over and sat on a bench while the "swappers" were jockeying for position. We saw one of the younger men go into the grocery store and come out with an empty coco-cola bottle. He came up and in broken English asked me to get him some water out of the church. Knowing there was none in the church we told him so, and were surprised when he took the position that

we just did not want to bother about it. Up to then we thought he merely wanted it to drink but upon questioning him he said he wanted it for the "babie," and then he made the sign of the cross, and by signs showed that he wanted it for baptismal purposes calling it "holy-water." We tried to explain that it was a Baptist church and Baptists had no holy water and did not believe in sprinkling infants, but we made little impression on him, for he still thought we just did not care to bother for him. Some one told him there was a Catholic church around the corner and off he started in a trot with his bottle to

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION SONG.

The Christian's Marsellaise.

JEROME G. VAN ZANDT,
Gadsden, Ala., 1905.

1. Hark! the bu - gle calls to - day, On - ward let us go! The
2. See the cross - crowned banner wave, As it leads the way; Go
3. Earth is like a bat - tle - ground, Life is full of wars, But

call - o - bey, on to the fray, On to fight the foe!
forth, ye brave, the world to save, Con - quer while ye may.
faith - ful found, to win we're bound, More than con - quer - ors!

Christ the great Com - mand - er calls, Faith - ful let us be;
Trust Him, tho' the foe ap - pear, Tho' the strife be long;
Heav'n's at hand with all its balms, Strife will soon be o'er;

Storm the walls till Sa - tan falls, On to vic - to - ry!
Nev - er fear, the Lord is near; Shout the vic - tor's song!
Crowns and palms and vic - tor's psalms, Ours for - ev - er - more!



get some holy water, but soon came back with a look of disappointment as he had been unable to find a priest. In further conversation we found that he was afraid the "babie" might die without having been baptized and that he was Roman Catholic from Rio de Janerie. The Baptists still have a work to do at home as well as abroad, and somehow as the Gypsy wagons moved on with each one bearing away three or four little ones our hearts were saddened at the thought of the superstitious belief of the parents in the efficacy of holy water and of the thousands and millions in South America who were equally misguided.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Alabama State Baptist Young People's Union, now assembled in Gadsden, is proving to be the most profitable and probably the most enjoyable in the history of the organization. Among the hundred or more delegates in attendance there are some of the most notable Baptists in the state and the sessions at the First Baptist church are attracting large numbers of local people of all denominations. Indeed, the enthusiasm manifested and the earnestness displayed in the work of the union is inspiring to the young people's auxiliaries of all the churches and the attendance is invariably large at the morning, afternoon and night meetings.—Times-News.

We are always glad to find our "Field Glass" at a convention. It means that we need not worry about subscribers for with his enlarged vision he will sweep the field. His work is both telescopic and microscopic. Glass is a great newspaper canvasser because he believes in his work and considers it missionary work of no low order. We regret that Brother Hamner has been indisposed for several weeks and was unable to be present. We congratulate ourselves upon the fact that our field editors are both loyal to the Alabama Baptist and loyal to Him whose work in Alabama we are striving to do.

Albertville: Number enrolled, 30. Special work done during the year: Educating an orphan at the orphan's home; purchased one hundred Baptist Hymn and Praise Books, costing \$25.00; paid a good amount for missions and one-third of the incidentals of the church, outside of the pastor's salary. Paid their subscription to Howard College. Contributed \$3.00 to State Union Eutaw Baptist church. Number enrolled 25. Paid their pledge of \$10.00 to Howard College, and \$1.70 towards the expenses of the State Union unable to have delegates at the convention.

A merchant in Gadsden came out as we passed on our way from the church and sent us to our stopping place all smiles, for he seemed so genuinely grateful for all that we were doing to make the Alabama Baptist of service in the home by

telling us how he prized it and looked each week for its coming. It took away the sting of many who had found fault with this or that imperfection to know that one man found it helpful. Honest criticism we want, but honest praise goes along way towards lightening the days work.

Gadsden is putting on city airs in a most becoming way and with her two dailies to "boom" her many advantages we are expecting great things to happen in the near future. Some of the "boomers" intimated on several occasions that Birmingham would soon be one of Gadsden's suburbs. With great natural advantages and a people awake to their worth no wonder that "corner lots" are soaring and sky scrapers are being projected. We are hoping for a "Greater Birmingham," and no doubt Gadsden has ambitions for a "Greater Gadsden."

There were 95 delegates enrolled at the opening session of the convention, representing the following churches: New Decatur, Huntsville, North Birmingham, Selma, Avondale, Birmingham, Montgomery, Avondale, Troy, Jacksonville, East Lake, Birmingham, Midway, Brighton Huntsville, Albertville, Talladega, Wylam, Gadsden, Oxford, Alabama City, Gadsden, Lineville, Ensley, East Birmingham, Birmingham Clayton, Anniston, Sylacauga, Oxanna, Birmingham, West End, Pratt City.

We were greatly pleased with the story of the work being done by Mr. Van Zandt among the boys of the First church and the ingenuity with which he fitted up attractive quarters for them in the basement. Brother Van Zandt is evidently a man of many parts, for he not only wrote the words but composed the music for the B. Y. B. U. song published elsewhere. It proved one of the features of the convention, and Brother Crumpton never tired of hearing it sung. We hope it will be used at Chattanooga.

We had the pleasure of being entertained with Brother Vesey in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith who did everything in their power to add to our pleasure and comfort. One of the pleasantest things in connection with our annual gatherings is the memory we have of the homes in which we have been guests. We believe in the pay plan for our larger bodies but while we have greater freedom we miss the Christian hospitality.

Brother Crumpton, that wise young man, was present to let the young people know that he was young enough to give them his sympathy and old enough to give them good advice. He was strangely quiet until the question came up of "taxing" the members when he arose and put them right about the best way in which to raise money for the contingent expenses.



A state convention of young people without Dr. Shelburne along to watch out for the appointing and getting together of the various committees would fail to do a great deal that is necessary to be done in the way of proper organization. The good brother is a past master in the art of arranging programs, and it is an art of a high order.

We Baptists ought to make more of our gatherings. We are praying that a host of Alabama Baptists will go to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga in May and that hundreds of young people who failed to attend the State Convention at Gadsden will be on hand at the B. Y. P. U., on the day before the convention.

Thos. J. Wingfield, the secretary-treasurer, understands his work and by his painstaking accuracy kept everything straight. He is a young Virginian who has cast his lot in with the Birminghamites, and we predict for him an honorable career at the Jefferson County bar.

Officers elected:—J. R. Magill, Northport, president; J. E. Pierce, Huntsville, 1st vice-president; A. E. Goodhue, Gadsden, 2d vice-president; B. F. Davidson, Montgomery, 3d vice-president; Thos. J. Wingfield, Birmingham, secretary and treasurer; O. O. Pinson, East Lake, corresponding secretary.

We never attended a convention of young people where the delegates were more faithful in their attendance upon the services. It was no mere outing but a gathering of serious young people who were bent upon getting the most out of the services.

We noted with pleasure some handsome new buildings, and were particularly struck with the buildings of two of the banks. We believe in material prosperity and are glad to know that much of the wealth in Gadsden is consecrated to the Lord's work.

It was a jolly lot of young people who boarded the special at Birmingham on Tuesday afternoon for Gadsden with just a sprinkling of preachers to let the public know that it was not a picnic but a band of young people on their way to plan for Christian work.

A few of the appointees were absent and we were surprised to find that the substitutes handled the subjects thrust upon them in such a way as to really surprise their best friends. We knew them to be capable men, but did not know them to be such ready men.

The records show that \$270.00 was paid to Howard College during the year. This is probably much less than the amount paid by the unions as many sent money direct to the college, and mixed in with subscriptions from their respective churches, which amounts do not appear in the records.

Hon. Amos E. Goodhue, chairman of the entertainment committee, gave himself unselfishly to his work and for more than two days put himself at the service of the visitors. His hospitable home was always open, and many pleasant and appreciative things were said by the delegates of his care and watchfulness.

In all Alabama there is no more enthusiastic and consistent supporter of the B. Y. P. U. work than J. E. Pierce of Huntsville, who was made first vice-president. Brother Pierce presided at the Wednesday evening service with grace and dignity.

It is a great thing to have the love and help of ones brethren. We come way from our conventions with a new determination to try and give the Baptists of Alabama a better paper for we are strengthened by knowing that so many of the pastors are backing us up in our labors.

Gadsden is not only alive to her material interests but is caring for her schools, and the handsome new Carnegie Library evidences the fact that her citizens propose to cultivate their minds between times taken from filling their pockets.

Clayton sent a delegate. He was a long ways from home, but not so far away as that other consecrated delegate to the Chinese who with face towards the setting sun goes to meet her earthly Lord to join him in service for her heavenly one.

The address of welcome was delivered by Brother Whorton, president of the union of the First church, Gadsden. Brother Whorton not only delivered the address of welcome but by his constant courtesies put all that he said into practice.

It was a short, quick trip from Birmingham to Attalla but long enough for most of the young people to pair off and compare notes while the preachers bunched themselves together and swapped yarns.

Pastor Magill of Northport, the new president, is young enough to be enthusiastic, and yet mature enough to be conservative. We predict that he will fill the office with credit to himself and profit to the work.

We left Gadsden with the impression that we have some fine young laymen who are giving themselves to Christian work and that there are scores of godly young women who are prepared or preparing themselves for effective service.

The music was good. It is always inspiring to hear a lot of young people singing gospel songs. We are fond of solos, duets, and quartets, but they fail to move us like congregational singing.

The special car was met at Attalla by the reception committee, and the delegates were taken to Gadsden to the home of the Hon. Amos Goodhue where a delightful tea was served.



The papers read at the convention were of a high order and showed that some of our busy pastors had taken time to put much thought into them. We wish we had space to publish them all in full.

The First church Montgomery, will have the honor of entertaining the next state B. Y. P. U. owing to the fine showing made by Brother Davidson, the third vice president, a young man of great promise in the work.

The papers, addresses, and impromptu speeches were all of an unusually high order and we felt that the convention was doing effective work at all of the sessions. There was no foolishness. All of the services were helpful and entertaining.

Gadsden will soon have a live Y. M. C. A., as Mr. Maurice Willows, a wide awake and progressive Y. M. C. A. worker, is now on the ground prosecuting a vigorous campaign for a building.

B. Y. P. U. Convention Song. Concluded.

CHORUS.

On-ward, on-ward for the right, Onward now with all our might;

Ev-er on-ward to the fight, With our Sav-ior's conqu'ring pow'rs!

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Fifth Sunday District Meeting
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Saturday.

9:30 a. m. Devotional—H. D. Etheridge.
10:00 a. m. Church Work—Rev. E. E. George.

10:30 a. m. Short Talks from Volunteers on these points.

- (1) The Meeting House—Prof. Walker.
- (2) The Pastors Support—Geo. W. Ellis.
- (3) The Deacon's Work—Rev. J. A. Jenkins.
- (4) Training the Young Members—Rev. H. R. Schramm.
- (5) Care of the Poor—Rev. J. W. O'Hara.
- (6) The Church and Temperance—H. D. Etheridge.
- (7) Church Discipline—Geo. G. Miles.

11:30 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Chas. A. Stakeley; subject, Work of Holy Spirit.

Dinner on ground.
1:30 p. m. Devotional—P. Lowery.
2:00 p. m. Distinctive Baptist Doctrine.

- (1) Why be Baptised—Rev. J. W. O'Hara.
- (2) How be Baptised—Rev. C. A. Stakeley.
- (3) Who Should be Baptised—Rev. M. Stewart.
Christian Education.
- 3:00 p. m. Address by Rev. H. R. Schramm.
- 3:30 p. m. Short Talks from Volunteers on these points.
- (1) Teacher of our Children—Prof. Walker.
- (2) The School for our Children—Rev. J. A. Jenkins.
- (3) Ministerial Education—Rev. E. E. George.

Sunday.

9:30 a. m. Devotional.
10:00 a. m. Sunday-school lesson Taught by W. B. Davidson.

10:30 a. m. Address by Judge Carthel, Subject, The Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Short Talks from Volunteers on these Points led by W. R. Sawyer and G. G. Miles.

- (1) Its Officers.
 - (2) Its Management.
 - (3) Its Aims—W. B. Davidson.
 - (4) Its Records—H. D. Etheridge.
- 11:30 a. m. Sermon—Missionary—J. A. Jenkins.

Dinner on ground.
Afternoon.

1:30 p. m. Devotional.
2:00 Address by Rev. E. M. Stewart, Subject, The Parents Responsibility to Missions.

2:00 p. m. Short Talks from Volunteers on these points.

- (1) Pastor and Mission—Rev. H. R. Schramm.
 - (2) The Church and Mission—W. R. Sawyer.
 - (3) The Sunday School and Missions—W. R. Sawyer.
 - (4) Woman's Missionary Society—Rev. J. A. Jenkins.
- Closing Exercises.
Ordination of Deacons, Revs. Jenkins, Stewart and others.

Program of fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Sulphur Springs Baptist church, Blount Springs, Ala., R. F. D. 1, Saturday, April 28th, 1906, at 10 a. m.: Introductory sermon by I. C. McCrary. Organization at 11 a. m. Dinner. How to Secure Active Co-operation of Young members by J. W. Peaglan at 1:30 p. m. Deacons and their Authority and Duty by J. C. Thomas at 2:30 p. m. What it Takes to Constitute a Model Church, by J. W. Trotter at 3:30 p. m. Adjournment. Preaching at 7 p. m., by Rev. J. C. Calvert. April 29th, Sunday-school at 9 a. m. Sunday school rally at 10 a. m., by Rev. John T. Screws and Thomas G. Carr and P. F. Wooten and W. R. Speakman. Preaching then Dinner. Brethren come on let's have a good meeting. J. M. Sandlin, C. P. Dean, P. G. Isbell, A. S. Young.

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RESOLUTIONS

Of the Ladies Aid Society of the Brundidge Baptist Church.

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom called from us on Feb. 24th, 1906, Sister Kate French, one of our most beloved and consecrated members, and most loyal secretary. Be it

Resolved, 1st, That we lose in the death of our sister one of our most devoted members whose cheerful presence and loyalty to her Master's work in the church will be keenly missed with great sorrow, but to whose death we humbly submit, believing that He who called her from us doeth all things well.

2nd, That we extend to her heart-broken husband and relatives our deepest sympathy, and that we pray God to comfort their hearts, speak peace to their troubled souls, and wipe away sorrow's tears and we commend them to Him who said "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me," for the things I do now ye understand not, but ye shall understand hereafter" and know that all things have worked together for good to those who love the Lord.

3rd, That copy of these resolutions be recorded upon the minutes of the Society, and published in the Alabama Baptist.

MISS WILLIE E. PIERSON.
MISS HALLIE HENDRICK.
MRS. W. G. GILMORE.

Hilliard:—Sister Nancy B. Hilliard gave her heart to Christ in early life and joined the Trussville Baptist church. She afterwards moved her membership to New Prospect where it remained until her death, which occurred Feb. 24th, 1906, in her 68th year.

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The death of her husband which occurred many years ago, left her a widow with two little boys, W. R. and J. A. Hilliard. Her religious impress was stamped on them in their childhood. Their devotion to her was seen in the tenderness with which they ministered to her all through her life. She has left a legacy to her sons and grand children that is far above gold and silver.

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MOLLIE BYRD vs. WILLIAM D. BYRD

In this case it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court in Term time by the affidavit of Mollie Byrd, Complainant, that the Defendant William D. Byrd is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and resides in Atlanta, Georgia and further, that, in the belief of said affiant the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him the said William D. Byrd to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 16th day of April, 1906, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

This 14th day of March 1906.
C. W. FERGUSON
Judge City Court of Birmingham.

The State of Alabama } City Court of Birmingham
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ELLEN MCGEE vs. TURNER MCGEE

In this case it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court in Term time by the affidavit of J. E. Smith, Solicitor for complainant that the defendant Turner McGee is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, particular place of residence being unknown and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him the said Turner McGee to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 16th day of April, 1906, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a certain mortgage executed on the 14th day of December, 1904, by S. I. McElrath and Mattie McElrath, said mortgage being recorded in Vol. 161, page 156 on the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Ala., I, G. H. Grain, will proceed to sell before the Court door of Jefferson County, Alabama, on Monday, May 14th, 1906 during the legal hour of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said S. I. McElrath and Mattie McElrath in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

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CONVENTION NOTICE. The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., at 10 a. m., Friday, May 11, 1906. Brethren in Alabama expecting to attend as messengers will please send their names to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Montgomery, Ala., at once.

MORTGAGE SALE. Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage executed on the undersigned on the 10th day of February, 1904, by B. M. White, to secure the payment of certain notes therein described, default having been made in the payment of the same, the undersigned will under the powers and authority of said mortgage on Monday, April 30th, 1906, sell to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Court House of Jefferson County, Alabama, the following real estate, to-wit: Being a part of the survey of the Austin Sub-Division of the Morrow and Hickman property in the town of Avondale, Jefferson County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the corner of a fifty foot street and Sumner Avenue, extending thence in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty feet (120); thence in an easterly direction two hundred feet (200); thence in a northerly direction one hundred, thirty and one-half feet (130 1/2) more or less, to the corner of Sumner Avenue; thence along the south side of Sumner Avenue in a westerly direction two hundred feet (200) to the point of beginning according to the said survey of the Austin Sub-Division of the Morrow and Hickman property in the town of Avondale, Jefferson County, Alabama.

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State of Alabama, Jefferson County, ss. I, Edward T. Rice, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify, that George W. Harris and John T. Fletcher, Junior, whose names are signed to the foregoing agreement, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day, that being informed of the contents of the agreement, they executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand, this the 21st day of February, A. D. 1906. EDWARD T. RICE, Notary Public.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, ss. I hereby certify that the within was filed in my office for record February 21, 1906, and duly recorded in Vol. F of incorporations, Page 315, on the 21st day of February, 1906. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, ss. Know all men by these presents, that Whereas, the undersigned George W. Harris and John T. Fletcher, Junior, are the holders of all of the capital stock of the Harris-Fletcher Transfer Company, a corporation organized in Jefferson County, Alabama, under an act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved on the 12 day of October, 1903, entitled, "An act to confer and limit the powers of business corporations, and to provide for their organization and regulation"; and Whereas, the said George W. Harris and John T. Fletcher, Junior, desire to dissolve the said corporation; and, Now, then, this instrument witnesseth, that the said George W. Harris and John T. Fletcher, Junior, as holders of all the capital stock of said corporation, hereby agree that said corporation shall be dissolved, as provided in Section 43 of the Act aforesaid. Witness our hands, this, the 21st day of February, A. D., 1906. GEO. W. HARRIS, JOHN T. FLETCHER, JR.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, ss. I, Edward T. Rice, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify, that George W. Harris and John T. Fletcher, Junior, whose names are signed to the foregoing agreement, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day, that being informed of the contents of the agreement, they executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand, this the 21st day of February, A. D. 1906. EDWARD T. RICE, Notary Public.

State of Alabama, Jefferson County, ss. I hereby certify that the within was filed in my office for record February 21, 1906, and duly recorded in Vol. F of incorporations, Page 315, on the 21st day of February, 1906. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

East Lake, Ala., Dec. 8th, 1902. Mr. A. B. Glazead, Savannah, Ga. Dear Sir:—This is to certify that on August 1st I went to Verbena, Ala., to hold a series of meetings. Was at that time, and had been for six weeks prior, so feeble I was scarcely able to preach. Mr. F. A. Gullidge, of Verbena, with whose family I was stopping, kindly offered me three bottles of Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic, gratis. I accepted, and began the use of the Tonic at once. Within three days I was much better. In three weeks I had taken the three bottles of Tonic and was fully well. Took no other medicine then nor since, and am in better health and heavier than for the past fifteen years. J. M. McCord, Pastor Verbena Baptist Church. 2 bottles sent anywhere on receipt of \$1.00 in stamps. JOHNSON'S CHILL & FEVER TONIC CO., Savannah, Ga. Less Than One Bottle Did It. A sufferer writes: "Can certainly say that Hughes' Tonic is the best chill-remedy I ever heard of. Used only part of a bottle, and used no quinine, and it cured me." Sold by Druggists—50c, and \$1.00 bottles. Prepared by Robinson-Pettet Co., (Inc.) Louisville

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