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## PARAGRAPHS

I moved to Talladega and took charge of the Second Baptist church on the 1st of November, and we are getting along nicely.—T. M. Nelson.

We, the Executive Committee, have employed Rev. W. M. Garrett, Boaz, Ala., for half time as colporteur and Sunday school evangelist for the Marshall Missionary Baptist Association for the next associational year.—John L. Ray, chairman; J. R. Christian, secretary; W. C. Goodwin, treasurer.

The work of the thugs in San Francisco has caused all to arm themselves with revolvers, and yesterday the sale of small firearms was estimated at \$100. The dealers are of the opinion that 19,000 revolvers have been sold since the reign of terror started. An agitation for the general closing of the saloons is being started. The persons back of this movement want the barrooms shut until the carnival of crime is over.—Los Angeles Examiner.

**SMITH-REEVES**—These young people were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Reeves, of Lineville, Ala., on the morning of the 27th. Mr. Smith is a young merchant and gentleman of fine address. Miss Reeves is a handsome young woman of fine character. Both are members of the Baptist church and residents of Lineville. The good wishes of many friends attend them.—writer officiated. God bless them.—John P. Shaffer.

The London Baptist and Freeman says: "Acting upon the suggestion of Dr. Clifford, supported by Sir Hugh Glizean Reid, the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance has resolved to hold a Continental Baptist Congress in Berlin in 1908. Before that takes place, commissioners are to be sent from this county to collect statistics and to inquire generally into the position of Baptists on the continent, with a view to enable the congress to take effective action to secure complete freedom of worship for Baptists in all countries."

Rev. J. T. M. Johnston, D. D., for nearly ten-years pastor of Delmar church, St. Louis, offered his resignation last Sunday, to take effect the first of the coming January. As already announced, he has been elected to the chair of church history and biography in the seminary at William Jewell college. He is also chairman of a committee which has in hand the raising of one million dollars for the college. For the next year or two he will give himself largely to the work of raising this money, delivering occasional lectures in his department.—Central Baptist.

The Jackson Baptist church has great reason to praise God for the splendid meeting just closed, resulting in awakening a greater spiritual interest in the community and churches, also ten accessions to the church by baptism. The preaching was done by Brother S. A. Cowan, of Atlanta. Though young in the ministry and in his old home town, among his old schoolmates, yet he was enabled to rise above these disadvantages and preach with power and effectiveness. His plain, practical, yet forceful way of telling the dear old story was well received and will long abide with us for good and to the glory of God. Truly, S. A. Adams.

## DECEMBER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS



APPOMATTOX

Courtesy Youth's Companion

We heartily welcome Rev. J. L. Thompson back to Alabama and pray God's blessing upon his work at Ozark.

I have been a subscriber since its initial number, and it has never been upon a higher plane of excellence than now and its increasing number of subscribers manifests the appreciation of the denomination of your efforts to put brains and energy into its columns.—H. W. Caffey.

The Life and Letters of Robert Edward Lee, Soldier and Man, by Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., editor of fourteen volumes of "The Southern Historical Papers," and author of various books relating to Southern History, has been published at \$2.00 by the Neale Publishing Co., of New York. Dr. Jones was one of Lee's chaplains and knew the great Christian warrior intimately and was given a loving, sympathetic picture of our great leader.

**Brother Crumpton says, Why can't we put \$10,000 in the Foreign Mission Board's Treasury in December, instead of waiting until April to do it.**

## PARAGRAPHS

The revival service which began at the Adams Avenue Baptist church Sunday and which is being conducted by Rev. W. E. Fancher, a noted revivalist from Georgia, is attracting wide attention and the evangelist is preaching to large audiences twice daily, at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 o'clock at night.—Advertiser.

We pray God's blessings upon Bro. Fancher.

Rev. W. S. Rainsford, who, as pastor of St. George's Episcopal church, New York, became widely known as the leading exponent of "muscular Christianity," has resigned his pastorate on account of failing health. His congregation was one of the wealthiest in the city and the church's endowment has been increased during the twenty-two years of his service to \$300,000. His practical parish work was extensive and was carried on by a staff of twenty trained assistants and hundreds of volunteer workers.

This is the story they are telling out in Kansas on W. K. Stubbs: Recently, while in Washington, Stubbs took his boy to the senate gallery to witness the senate in action. Among the persons the boy was particularly interested in was Edward Everett Hale. His father told him he was the chaplain. "Oh, he prays for the senate, doesn't he?" asked the lad. "No," replied Stubbs, "he gets up and takes a look at the senate and then goes

In February, 1881, Dr. Francis E. Clark, a young Maine clergyman, after many experiments in interesting boys and girls in religion, found, as he tells us, that "nothing but religion appealed to the religious nature of young people." With some forty boys and girls he organized the first Christian Endeavor Society. It represented but a single religious denomination. Now it represents a hundred. It has members in fifty different nations or colonies. Its "Fellowship with Fidelity" and other characteristic mottoes are heard in eighty languages. It has forty publications in fifteen languages. It holds meetings all over the world. As Dr. Clark says, its members have discovered, as he did twenty-five years ago, that "a prayer meeting can be made more interesting than a debating society."—"With the Procession," Everybody's Magazine for April.

Mrs. W. G. DeWitt died at her home near Gastonburg, Ala., November 12, and was buried in the family burying ground near Bassetts Creek church, not far from the old homestead. She was daughter of Mr. William and Mrs. Sarah Gates; was born June 11, 1850, in Clarke county near Salem church; joined there in 1868; baptized by Rev. L. L. DeWitt; was a consistent Christian; bore her burdens with fortitude and faith. She had been a sufferer for some time, though she kept going. The summons came at twilight that morn, when she was cooking breakfast. Married to W. G. DeWitt November, 1869. They had four children and six grandchildren. Their son, W. E. DeWitt, lives in San Francisco, Cal. Her effectual prayer was to see him once more. Left here about ten days before her departure. Surely the crystal bar of Eden moved unbidden and the golden gates swung wide untouched, the celestial choir burst into sweetest melody and all the host of vast heaven rejoiced when the clay fell from the pure spirit of dear Cousin Kate. H. T. D.



## Pupils of Other Days--By Dr. A. P. Montague

In the earlier years of my life in Washington, in order to supplement my salary, since the Columbian university paid small salaries in those days, I taught during certain spare hours each week in the Pinckney Institute, the Episcopal diocesan school of the District of Columbia, named in honor of Bishop Pinckney, the venerable clergyman in charge of the diocese of Maryland and Washington. While the Bishop and I were of different faiths, a pleasant friendship arose between us, and I reckoned it a pleasure to have the aged and accomplished man come into my class room and to talk at length with him. While I am "getting along in years" now, I was a mere boy then; and there was much then, as there would be now, to attract me in the gentle courtesy and poetic temperament of the old prelate.

It was my task in that school to teach girls Latin, and I deemed it a compliment that the ladies in charge of the Institute trusted me to teach Latin and not something else beginning with the same letter.

When I go back into the past I recall with pleasure, blended with sadness, those whom I taught there. Some are now living, bright and happy; others have gone hence while yet in the glow of life.

Among my pupils was one whom I remember as if the time were but yesterday. Of slight build, delicate in face, refined, of kindly manner, not wanting in dignity, though then perhaps but sixteen, she impressed me as a girl who was far above the average, as one who viewed life from a serious viewpoint, and yet was not wanting in timely merriment. The daughter of a man many times a millionaire, with every wish easy of gratification, she was simple, friendly, teachable.

The years went on and I lost sight of her until one day I read in the papers that she was married to an English gentleman, and soon after

### THE HAYSTACK CENTENNIAL.

By Edward Judson.

The Protestant reformation was not confined to one spot. It simultaneously seized upon all the countries of Europe. Important discoveries have sprung up in different minds which have worked independently and far apart, as if the world had slowly ripened for the new thought, as if at the very center of things a troubled fountain of truth, in striving to make its way to the surface had bubbled up at different spots far apart. The same law prevails in the religious world. We always think of this green nook among the hills as the cradle of American foreign missions, and we come to this place with unsandaled feet as to a shrine. We tell over the simple old story of how a few plous students of Williamstown college, Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Gordon Hall, Luther Rice and others, used to meet for a students' prayer meeting in a grove near the college, and on one occasion they were driven by the stress of a sudden storm to take shelter be-



LADY CURZON

Who was Miss Mary Victoria, daughter of the late Levi Ziegler Keiter, of Chicago, who recently died.

this he was designated by the crown viceroy of India and named Lord Curzon of Kedleston, baron of the realm. So my pupil of other days had become Lady Curzon, known by courtesy as the vicereine of India, wife of the man who ruled for the queen (Victoria was then living, I think) a vast empire where rajah and maharajah still dynasty had reigned and amazed the world by the glory of conquest and a

ing their own traveling expenses, neath an old hay mow near at hand, and there, praying together, they formed a great purpose to carry the gospel to the heathen. That, we say, is the very beginning. And yet, when those young men came to Andover seminary, they found another group animated with the same purpose, the young men who had arrived at the same conclusion by different paths and in different ways—Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Adoniram Judson; and though Williamstown may be called the birthplace of foreign missions, yet those students were not the first to go.

American Christianity is conditioned upon world evangelization. Our own land is to be Christianized by way of China and Africa. There is no such thing as an American Christianity by itself. The greatest things in life come to us, not through our eager search, but as it were, around the corner while we are looking for something else. If I am eager to be happy I never succeed, but if I forget all about that and simply walk in the narrow path of duty, then happiness dogs my footsteps. The secret of the development of all solid enduring Christian character is that we forget trying to be good ourselves and become absorbed in the service of God and humanity. How true it is in regard to a local church. A church that is trying to build itself never succeeds. A church that is trying to get elements of power in the community never grows. But when a church forgets itself and begins to interest itself in the sorrows and needs of others, you can not stop such a church from growing. The Christian nations of the present day that are making most rapid progress are those which are interesting themselves in doing good in the service of God. We speak of the decline of the churches in rural districts, the prevalence of world-

splendor of pomp and circumstances that had dazzled the eyes of the nations where ancient traditions linked today with the youth of the world. While she had there no distinctive title by right, she was the wife of the man who was practically king.

In her exalted station, far beyond that of many a crowned head in the herself, as I believe, with the same simplicity and gentle dignity of man-

liness in city palaces, the shameless and undisguised sycophancy toward the rich, the lessening sense of obligation to the commandments of Christ, the falling away of the membership in our churches. Many ministers are going along with bowed heads and they say the clouds hang low. In my opinion the cure for these evils at home is the foreign missionary spirit. A faith that is not robust enough to interest itself in the perishing heathen beyond the seas is of little account here at home. A rifle that will do me good service at 600 yards will not fail me when fired point blank. Much of our Christian endeavor is pervaded by a subtle selfishness, but when you find men or women interested in the heathen beyond the seas that is plain, straightforward disinterestedness, and that is the kind of faith we need here at home.

But we make such little progress it seems to us, often as if we were pressing against a stone wall. Even though this missionary spirit prevails, very often it seems to be a kind of fad, and how are we going to test our missionary spirit to find out whether it is a fad or not? There is a very simple test. If you have an interest in foreign missions and fail of being interested in every good thing that lies between you and earth's remotest point, then your foreign missionary spirit is a fad. We have a great many people who are interested in foreign missions, and shed tears over the heathen across the seas, but their eyes are dry over those that are at their own doors. Seeing how interested we are in foreign missions it would seem as if God had said, "I appreciate that, and I will send the heathen to you." We give money to missionaries to pay their traveling expenses to go where the heathen are, but God is now sending the heathen to our own shores, and they come pay- When they arrive they do not look to

ner, with the same kindly courtesy and forgetfulness of self that had marked her lesson periods in the Latin room of the Pinckney Institute. In her beautiful life, in her care of others, she gave, and her memory gives, a lesson to many a society dame who, the chance possessor of money, reckons wealth the throne from which she may dispense a haughty patronage and view the humble with the disdain of a Clara Vere de Vere.

A simple lady, with consciousness of her own limitations, with firm purpose to live her life so that its sunset should be as bright as its noonday hour, she was, in the highest sense, her husband's helper and better self. Unspolled by the fact that her position was regal in nature, that sovereigns called her husband suzerain, that Queen Alexandra of Great Britain, stood sponsor for one of her daughters, she won and held the respect, admiration and affection of all who knew her.

A quarrel between Lord Curzon, the viceroy, and Lord Kitchener of Khar-toum, commander in chief of the forces in India, caused the former to resign, and the family returned last December to England. There, crowned with earthly honors but as kindly as of yore, Lady Curzon died, died while still in the bloom of comparatively young womanhood, to be remembered as one who had stood near, if she had not occupied, a vice-regal throne, and so living, had remembered others and forgotten self, to be remembered, too, as the gentle school girl, whose beautiful life was prophecy of a noble womanhood. A lesson is here, my sisters, a lesson in kindly courtesy, in high dreams of life, to be realized in high acts, in a beautiful altruism, which makes the world better and brighter, in a luminous faith, which sees not only beyond toil and care, but also above the jeweled crown of time, the crown of surpassing glory, which He shall give in His own good time.

us very picturesque. Instead of rejoicing at their advent and saying, "This is what we want, we have loved them, we have sent out missionaries to them and God has answered our own prayers and is sending them to us," we seem to lose our interest. Yes, there is a wall against which we are pressing. We read statistics and then we say to ourselves, "There is only a thin, silvery fringe of light around that vast, dark cloud of heathenism, we make so little impression, the material that we mould is so stiff to our handling, so little is accomplished in a life time." I believe that success and suffering are vitally inter-related. If we succeed without suffering it is because somebody suffered for us, and if we suffer without succeeding, it is only that somebody may succeed after us.





**LITTLE FOLKS.**

This is an illustrated monthly for young readers between three and twelve years. Little Folks makes a most delightful Christmas or birthday present. It can be ordered from S. E. Cassino Co., Salem, Mass.

**SUNSET.**

The name of this magazine ought to be changed to the Phoenix, for it rose out of the ashes of San Francisco, evidencing the spirit of the great, unconquerable West. It is a high class, illustrated periodical which is published monthly by the passenger department of the Southern Pacific. It is filled with much that is novel and new and is intensely interesting.

**WATSON'S MAGAZINE.**

The magazine with a purpose, back of it "The People or the Plutocrats?" This, after all, is the eternal question. Bound up in it are all others; the railroads, the currency, the trusts, the tariff, the rights of labor, direct legislation, imperialism. This magazine claims to bear the evangel of political and social salvation and claims equal rights to all, special privileges to none. And yet while avowing a serious purpose it will publish stories, poems and have departments of interest to all in the home.

**THE OUTING MAGAZINE.**

Caspar Whitney, the editor, says: "What I am trying to make is a live magazine, with an American note and an outdoor flavor. A live magazine—that's the word for it. A live, full-blooded, clean, human, entertaining magazine of the best literary quality, and with a strong American uplift. I want it to be distinctive and wholesome; I want it to breathe the spirit of fair play from cover to cover—fair play in our play, fair play in our work and fair play in our lives. And he is making a live magazine, a truly national magazine. A magazine that has been growing very rapidly. The printing and color work is superb.

**THE ARENA.**

The Arena, since it passed into the hands of the present publisher, has so steadily and rapidly increased in excellence that it is now everywhere recognized by press and readers as having surpassed in attractiveness and in value of subject matter The Arena even of the earlier nineties, when its popularity was such that it distanced in circulation all the leading original reviews of opinion devoted to great living issues, with possibly one exception. Marked, however, as has been the improvement during the past year, the magazine has not yet reached our ideal of excellence set for it by its able editor, who is constantly on the alert for new and striking features.

While giving special emphasis to political, economic, social and ethical problems, it will also be a mirror of the important advance movements in art, literature, education and science.

**SUBURBAN LIFE.**

The December number of Suburban Life carries out most successfully its policy of catering to the great and steadily increasing number of our population who like to combine country life with city wage earning. Although this number starts off with a delightful illustrated article by Miss Martha McCulloch Williams called "An Old Plantation Christmas," which describes the joys of Christmas time in the South "before the war," and there is an editorial on suburban living and the Christmas spirit by the Rev. Charles F. Dole, the number is not entirely devoted to the Christmas literature, so to speak, as are many of the magazines. Among the contributors to Suburban Life are some of the best known writers in the country.



**Tips to Magazine Buyers for 1907**

**M'CALL'S MAGAZINE.**  
(The Queen of Fashion.)

A magazine for women, devoted to latest fashions, fancy needlework, millinery, useful household information, children's clothing, etc. Issued every month.

**THE FORUM.**

This is one of the more thoughtful magazines. The men who contribute to its pages are men of note and speak with authority. It has an intelligent, but select coterie of readers and is to be found on the desk of serious men with a purpose, and yet there is brightness in it.

**THE EXPOSITOR AND CURRENT ANECDOTES.**

The preacher's magazine of illustrations, homiletics, sermons, special articles and methods of church work. Special contributors: A. C. Dixon, A. T. Pierson, J. Wilbur Chapman, Russell H. Conwell, Robert Stuart MacArthur, Charles Wagner, Josiah Strong, Wilbur F. Crafts, Charles M. Sheldon. This magazine has some helpful departments. It is published for \$1 a year by F. M. Barton, 706 Coxton building, Cleveland, Ohio.

**EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE.**

It's a necessity now in 600,000 homes. Give it a chance in yours. It's big, bright and loaded with optimistic comfort. It's a working, fighting, playing magazine. You know how Lawson made insurance safe. But you may not know that Russell is bringing clean, honest politics decades nearer, or how Sinclair startled the government into making pure food a certainty, or how Teague saved workmen over a million dollars and closed the biggest bucket snop combine.

Pretty good for two years, eh? But this is only the serious side. There's a whole, big, beautiful magazine in addition, publishing more stories than ever. There's clean, bright humor—clever illustrations and sparkling special articles. It will make friends with you in spite of yourself.

**THE BURR McINTOSH MONTHLY.**

In this the fourth Christmas number the publishers have surpassed themselves. It has had good predecessors, but is head and shoulders above them all. Color work is better, the choice of subjects is better, there is a little added seriousness of purpose and a rather unusual distribution of effects. A new departure this month is a decorated page containing what is conceded to be the best poem of John Keats, one of England's foremost poets. It is simply impossible to describe the beauty of this publication. It is a triumph of the printer's art. The people of note in the December issue includes, among others, the late Mrs. Jefferson Davis, while under the head of painting and sculpture we find: Leonardo da Vinci, a brief sketch of his life, with reproductions of some of his best known works, which include a portrait of himself, the "Mona Lisa," the "Last Supper," "La Belle Ferroniere," "The Goldsmith," "Madonna and Child," "The Annunciation" and a number of drawings.

**THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE.**

This is the magazine with Joe Mitchell Chapple behind it, which means it is a magazine of human interest. There isn't a dull page in it. Its stories and departments are all alive. It deserves well of the people, for it was "Joe" who gave to us "Heart Throbs." Add the National to your magazine list.

**THE BIBLICAL WORLD.**

Founded by the late William Rainey Harper, is one of the University of Chicago's publications, with Ernest DeWitt Burton as editor-in-chief, with the following editors: Robert Francis Harper, Ira Maurice Price, Shaller Mathews, James Richard Jewett, Jas. Henry Breasted, Herbert Lockwood Willett, Clyde Weber Votaw, Alonzo Ketcham Parker, Charles Richmond Henderson, George Burman Foster and Theodore Gerald Soares. Secretaries of the Board of Editors, John M. P. Smith, Edgar J. Goodspeed. This publication is of interest to scholars.

**THE READER MAGAZINE**

Is the magazine for Americans who trustworthy information and intelligent comment on the manifold activities of our national life. It contains popular fiction by famous authors, achievement stories by expert reporters, leading articles by leading men, short stories by masters of the art and illustrations by the foremost artists. An important feature for 1907 will be the new and eagerly expected novel by the author of "The House of a Thousand Candles." James Whitcomb Riley will be a constant contributor. Price, \$3 a year, and worth it.

For the reader magazine. Is alive in every line, a magazine of today, read by people of today. Every issue for the coming year will be a source of inspiration, entertainment and genuine satisfaction.

**APPLETON'S MAGAZINE.**

The December number contains the first installment of one of the most remarkable novels of modern times, by one of the most remarkable men of the day, the great Russian author, patriot and exile, Maxim Gorky. This novel was written in America and will be first given to the world in Appleton's Magazine. Gorky considers it his masterpiece, and all who have been privileged to read the manuscript have been carried away by its power. It has the grip, the rush and the thrill of Victor Hugo. It is full of mother love. It is full of the love of man for woman. It is full of the love of man for mankind. It is full of the excitement, the fire, the plot and counterplot of the upheaval of the Russian Revolution, yet it is as wholesome as its title indicates. It is called "Mother." This will be the most important serial of the time. It is illustrated by the brilliant Russian artist Ivanowski, who is now living in America. Appleton's is truly one of the best of the high-grade magazines, being interesting, instructive and beautifully illustrated.

**THE TWENTIETH CENTURY PASTOR.**

A magazine of current sermonic thought, edited and published monthly by William Downey, 225 Washington avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., at \$1 per year; is of special interest to preachers.

**OUT WEST.**

This magazine has for its motto: "The Nation Back of Us, The World in Front." And is what it claims to be a magazine of the old Pacific and the new. It is edited by Charles F. Lummb, whose growlings in the "Lion's Den" are worth all the magazine costs. While filled with human interest the magazine is also helpful to the scholarly and to all who care to know accurately the earlier history of the Southwest.

**THE MOTHER'S MAGAZINE.**

This magazine, of great interest to mothers, is published by the David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Ill.

It is a principle with this company to return your money at any time if for any reason you are not satisfied with what you have bargained for. Your fifty cents is perfectly safe in our hands, because you may have it back whenever you feel that the Mother's Magazine is not worth that much to you.

**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.**

Good Housekeeping is unquestionably the most practical of all the household magazines, and one of the brightest and most refreshing of periodicals for general reading. It tells not only how things should be done, but how they have been done by clever people. Its contents are varied, yet inspiring to nobler effort. In a word, Good Housekeeping is a cheery, helpful, strong companion for the entire house, everything, from cover to cover, is full of vim, pleasing alike to old and young. It is published monthly and reaches over a million readers.

**THE TRAVEL MAGAZINE.**

No doubt many of our readers remember with pleasure and delight the Four-Track News with its short but graphic accounts of notable places. Well, it has been made larger and handsomer and re-christened The Travel Magazine. If you want a monthly that is filled to the brim with short stories of places of interest, beautifully illustrated, don't fail to include this magazine in your list. The December number of The Travel Magazine is full of the Christmas spirit of travel, and gives us glimpses into all parts of the world at this holiday time of the year.

**THE BOHEMIAN.**

In the December number, first of all, there is the fiction. We say first of all, because the Bohemian's fiction has rather a unique reputation. In December was begun a short serial by Adele Marie Shaw, entitled "The Magnet." Among other short stories there is a yarn called "Fancy's Elephant," by Elliot Walker, a story which, in spite of its title, is a very charming little modern love story with a good admixture of humor. Then there is a sterling tale called "The Man and the Master Love," by Roland A. Phillips, and a characteristic yarn of grim heroism, called "Patsy Sullivan, Miner," by William MacLeod Raine. "Herbert Hawtrey, an interesting Ceremony," is one of the most delightfully humorous stories Edward Marshall has done. "Her, Userene Highness," by James Raymond Perry, is a charming little tale of the studios. The November number of the Bohemian was entirely sold out almost directly after publication.



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LIQUOR LEADERS BOAST.

The delegates to the National Liquor League convention at Newark, N. J., boasted that Uncle Sam could not pay his national expenses without the \$175,000,000 tribute from their traffic.

They boasted that congress was friendly and had completely "turned down" the prohibition cranks at its last session. They boasted that leading ministers of America and England had spoken "brave words" in favor of liquor and in sympathy with the saloon, quoting extensively from these remarkable utterances.

A LESSON NOT LEARNED.

Under the heading "War Morals," the well known London correspondent of the New York Tribune some while back contributed to that journal a notable article pointing out some of the lessons of the war in the Far East. One of the most obvious of these lessons is the folly and extravagance involved in spending huge sums on great battleships to be outdated in a few years or to be destroyed by small torpedo boats costing a comparatively insignificant sum.

England, Japan and America are going on constructing great battleships and some of these launched since the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war make the average battleship look out of date and undersize.

SOME STATE CONVENTIONS.

Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina and Georgia all had great fall conventions. There was great enthusiasm for education, missions and evangelism. The Baptists of the South are beginning to plan for larger things. We wish we had space to give a running account of all the conventions. We met Brother D. C. Cooper, of Oxford, who ran up to Cartersville and got a glimpse of our Georgia brethren at work and came back fully convinced that they are a great and enthusiastic people. We are counting on a great convention at Dothan, and are praying that the Baptists of Alabama will put more enthusiasm into their work.

DEATH OF MRS. STRONG.

The Examiner: "The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller will sympathize with them in the loss of their eldest daughter, Mrs. Bessie R. Strong, wife of Professor Charles A. Strong, of Columbia university, who died at Cannes, France, on November 14. She had been in poor health for several years."

This brings us sad news, as we had the pleasure of knowing Brother Strong back in our student days, when we were both at work in Paris. In those days he was engaged to Miss Rockefeller and after their marriage they spent quite a while in Europe in study. We extend to Professor Strong our heartfelt sympathy.

THE STATE BOARD MEETING.

We ran down to the State Board meeting, but got to be present for only a part of the session, as our train was several hours behind schedule. While the meeting was not as well attended as we had hoped and expected, those who were there got down to business and did the work wisely and well. The best answer to those who oppose our organized work would be to drop in at a board meeting and see the brethren transacting their business. It would be a surprise to many of the objectors to see just how carefully the people's money is apportioned. We have been on the directories of banks, railroads and big manufacturing plants, but we have never seen a set of men more faithful in the discharge of their trust than are the men who make up our state board of missions.

A NEW SERIES BY DR. MONTAGUE.

Since coming to Alabama the magnetic president of Howard college has not only won the hearts and affections of the Baptists of Alabama by his stirring addresses on education at the association and in the churches, but he has delighted thousands with his charming sketches in the Alabama Baptist. We are pleased to announce that at our earnest solicitation he has consented to write a series of articles on "Pupils of Other Days," beginning with Miss Letter, the American girl who, nearer than any other of her sisters, came near to sitting on a throne, for as the wife of Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, she was practically the mistress of that great empire. In training and experience the Baptists of Alabama have in President Montague one of the most distinguished educators in America.

SEEN BY GOD.

There could be no greater ground for consolation to a Christian believer than the assurance that God sees him in all the situations which he is placed in, and because He sees, He therefore knows the believer's faith, his purposes, his prayers, his lofty longings and his struggles to serve God loyally. It must have been very gladdening to Jacob at the time of his separating from Laban, his father-in-law, to be told by God that He had seen all of his trials and troubles with Laban. God commissioned an angel to visit Jacob and speak unto him as follows: "I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me." These words must have been unspeakably uplifting to the heart of Jacob, for he was having a very unpleasant controversy with Laban. He was very jealous of Jacob on account of his great prosperity. He had repeatedly taken unjust advantage of Jacob. Some people say that Jacob deserved such treatment because he had gotten Esau's birthright blessing from him by deception, and hence by fraud; but the truth is, Jacob made a straight and honorable bargain with Esau, for which Esau was censured by God, as recorded in the Bible. Yet it is also true that Jacob did deceive his father when he obtained the promised blessing. But, notwithstanding that sin of deception, God continued to greatly favor Jacob. He especially watched over Jacob in all of his pursuits and conflicts. And note the fact that Jacob was a thoroughly praying man. Right away after he had received the birthright blessing, and while he was fleeing from his angry brother, he erected an altar of prayer and of consecration, which he dedicated to God, and God saw in Jacob the spirit of devotion to Him, the heart of prayer, the soul of fervent faithfulness. Hence the significance of the expression; "I am the God of Bethel," which was uttered to Jacob as he was departing from Laban. God saw the worshipful spirit in Jacob. He saw that Jacob, though sinful, was governed by a steadfast purpose to honor Him with his heart and with his substance. And God also saw the tricky treatment which Jacob received from Laban, and He rebuked Laban for it. member that God sees it all and will sustain you amid all!

THE LIQUOR FORCES AT WORK.

There never was a time in the history of the liquor traffic when it was as well organized as it is today, for the leaders realize that the forces at work against them are terribly in earnest. The fight is on everywhere, and nowhere is there more need of watchfulness than right here in Alabama. We hope that every enemy of the saloon in Alabama will be on the alert. Talk to your representatives before the legislature convenes at let them see that you mean to keep a close watch on their actions and votes. We have gathered some facts from recent utterances from the liquor leaders and will publish them on our editorial page from week to week to remind our temperance friends that now is no time for sleeping. Get busy and help Brother Crumpton and Brooks Lawrence in their effort to make the Anti-Saloon League in Alabama drive out the saloons.

IMPURE AND ADULTERATED WHISKY.

The Atlanta Journal says editorially: The board of police commissioners is to be highly commended for taking the initial action in an effort to stop the sale of impure and adulterated whisky. It is an undoubted fact that much of the crime of the city is directly chargeable to the influence of these vile and poisonous concoctions. The negroes especially who are served with this distilled damnation across the bars of the "doggeries," which they frequently draw from it a fever of the brain which often excites to murder. It is also reported that three



A DISAGREEABLE JOB.

For several weeks we have been mailing out statements and paring down our list. It is always unpleasant to cut off subscribers, and yet when we send the paper for several years and they fail to respond to our special offers, there is nothing left for us to do but to drop them from the list. We sincerely hope those who are in arrears will send in their remittances at an early date and save us the trouble and cost of sending out bills.

veterans had died recently at the Soldiers' Home from the effects of the stuff.

The resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the police commissioners, calls upon the mayor and council and the chairman of the police committee to take steps to eradicate this evil in the following terms:

"Resolved, That the board of police commissioners of the city of Atlanta do respectfully request his honor, the mayor of the city, and general council, but especially the mayor and the chairman of the police committee, to take into consideration the advisability of appointing an inspector to inspect the liquor sold by retail over the counter in the city of Atlanta, and that they be requested to pass an ordinance governing the sale of traffic and prohibiting the sale of impure and adulterated liquor; and that they impose suitable penalties on those who may violate the same."

The plan of the board as outlined at their meeting last night is for the appointment of a city inspector, who shall visit the saloons when the proprietors are not looking for him and take samples of the "whisky" sold for analysis. Of course he must possess the necessary knowledge to enable him to make such an analysis. As a punishment for violation of the law the license of the saloon which persists in selling the stuff should be revoked.

It is the duty of every government, national, state or municipal, to protect its citizens. Thereby it protects itself. We have food inspectors and milk inspectors and health inspectors. It is infinitely more necessary that society should be protected against the men who sell such noxious drinks, and the unfortunate victims who are poisoned and maddened by them. Good liquor has been designated as an "enemy" of a man which will "steal away his brains!" if put into his mouth; but these strange and villainous swills which are not liquor at all have the faculty of putting the brain of a devil in the place of the one which they take away. A visit to the police court will furnish much illuminating information concerning the effects of this class of beverage on the men who drink it.

The sale of it breeds crime and it should be stopped. The police commissioners have taken the initiative, and the public trusts that the mayor and council will proceed to stop it. Let's put a stop to the sale of any and all kinds of whisky in Alabama.

"GEMS" FROM RECENT LIQUOR DECLARATIONS.

During the past year we have been working quietly, and in most instances with the utmost secrecy, to secure certain privileges, concessions and remedial legislation; also to defeat such measures as were regarded as antagonistic and harmful, and I am pleased to state, we have met with a reasonable degree of success.—From President's report at National Liquor League convention at Newark, N. J., 1906.

It is not necessary for every man in the liquor business to know everything that the leaders in his trade organization are doing. They must of necessity do many things that can not be published to the world. All that the trade needs to know is that it has safe and trustworthy men at the head of its organization, and every liquor man should trust to these leaders.

The brewers, the wholesalers and the retailers are all represented in the direction of the great fight that is now going on for the preservation of the traffic from destruction. And each organization can learn all that it ought to know through its own official channels.

"Let every man stand to his guns and make the political strength of the liquor trade so powerful that no political party can afford to incur its opposition by unjust attacks upon it. In this way only can the liquor trade maintain itself in the face of the fierce fight against it."—Quotations from editorial page of "Champion of Fair Play," Liquor Organ, Chicago, Nov. 11, 1906.

They demanded the restoration of the beer canteen in the army. They thanked the societies and organizations throughout the country that had supported their efforts to defeat prohibition legislation at Washington and elsewhere during the year.

And finally, they declared that the interests of brewer, distiller, wholesaler, drummer and retailers were one and the same, and every interest of the traffic urged closer co-operation and more complete unity of action to protect the business from assault and extend its trade wherever possible.



## PARAGRAPHS

In electing Rev. W. J. Ray as an evangelist the board set their hands on a man who is peculiarly fitted for evangelistic labor.

The board did a wise thing in securing the services of Rev. J. V. Dickinson as an evangelist. He will locate at Troy and give his entire time to evangelistic work. John Dickinson is true gold.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara, pastor of the Clayton Street church, was on hand. Whenever Baptists are banded together for service and O'Hara is in the vicinity you can count on his taking a hand.

It would take pages to tell of the services rendered to the Baptists by W. B. Davidson, the secretary of the board. Quiet, modest, but rapid and efficient, he keeps things in shape without ever getting frustrated.

We had a pleasant talk with Brother Bush, who recently took up the work in Montgomery to find that while he realized that his field was a difficult one he was being greatly aided in his work by a faithful few.

We had the pleasure of seeing Rev. John Bass Shelton, the pastor of Adams Avenue Baptist church and was glad to learn that Rev. Henry W. Fancher, of Rome, was assisting him in a meeting that was being blessed of God.

The ladies of the Southside church prepared and served a beautiful lunch, which was greatly enjoyed by the board and the visitors. We congratulate the church on having Brother Stewart for a pastor and count him happy in being privileged to serve such a noble band.

Dr. Stakely took me by to see the great white marble pile that he and his people are erecting as a fitting temple in which to worship God, and truly it is an imposing structure and will stand for years as a monument to the scholarly and lovable pastor and self-denying people of the First Baptist church.

F. H. Walker, editor of the Athens Democrat, was also on the train on his way to the meeting to make a statement about the work at Athens. The church at Athens has made a heroic struggle and when he finished his manly, straightforward remarks it was the unanimous opinion that the board ought to render the help asked.

On the train we found Banker D. C. Cooper, of Oxford, a busy man, with leisure sufficient, however, to drop his work when that of the Master's needed him. He was just back from the Georgia convention and stirred up by the rush with which the Georgians put through great things. Brother Cooper is a sound banker, a just moderator and an active church worker.

We haven't time to tell about the preachers present or to record our disappointment in missing some who were unavoidably absent. It is a great thing to go and be with the board and see a score of earnest, godly men laying out the Master's work. Let us pray for them and give them the money to spend in the widening of the kingdom in Alabama.

The Hon. H. S. D. Mallory was on hand as usual. He is one of the old guard. He is one of the kind Baptists have learned to lean on. Just let some legal point come up and instinctively the brethren turn toward the great Selma lawyer, who sets the matter forth in such a way that even an editor can see it. Blessings be upon our wise man from the black belt.

A word about Montgomery: Somehow we never visit the Capital City without coming away feeling that the world is truly a pleasant place in which to dwell. We still carry in our mind's eye a picture of a great overhanging rose bush filled with glorious American Beauties and growing out in the open. Blessed are the folk who live in a town where such things can be seen at Thanksgiving.

### OUR VISIT TO MONTGOMERY.

On our way down to the state board meeting we found Hon. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, aboard the train. It sometimes seems to me that we Baptists of Alabama fail to appreciate what this sterling layman is worth to us. For years he has stood in the breach and never been cowed or beaten, but has seen many of his efforts crowned with success. It is worth going to a board meeting just to hear Brother Pettus stand up and plead for the needs of the Baptists in and around Huntsville. He is a man of visions, but having seen some of his former ones realized we favor helping him whenever he calls on the board.

Brother D. D. Head, of Altoona, was also on the train headed for the meeting with a request for help, which we were glad to see the brethren extend. Bro. Head is a dependable man, and we need more of his kind to hold north Alabama.

President George Miles was in the choir, much to the delight of the brethren, for he knows how to preside in a way that makes it possible for the work to be concluded within the day. He was still weak from his severe operation, but is gaining strength every day. George Miles fills a unique place in the hearts of the Baptists of Alabama.

The Baptists of Alabama justly hold the Ellis men in high esteem, for they never tire in doing work for the Baptists of Alabama. The face of George W. has long been a familiar one in the board meetings, and all have had occasion to marvel at the easy way in which he handles complicated figures, but now J. B. is also beginning to be a factor each year and his level head for business solves many seeming difficulties.

Everybody knows we have the best state secretary in the world, but only a few know that Miss Maud Merritt, who assists him in the office, is one of the most efficient and helpful young women in all the land. Her accurate knowledge of the work saves the secretary much labor and anxiety and her winsome manner adds much to the pleasure of many a tired preacher who drops in to see the "bishop" or find out something about the work.

Our "beloved secretary" was on hand with a world of data, and as usual was able to answer any question about the work which the brethren piled him with in a manner so straightforward and intelligent as to show that he knows the state from north to south and east to west and up and down and across. He was unanimously re-elected. The more we see him on the field and the more we see him in his office, and the more we see him at board meetings, and the more we see him at conventions, the more we are convinced that he is the right man in the right place. Let us thank God for Crumpton and see that he does not kill himself by overwork.



LEAVING HOME.

It is a sad time when the boy grows up and leaves the old home. Many touching things have been written about it; many beautiful pictures have told the story. It is happening every day. Young men are coming from the country to fight their battles in the city. They need all the grace and grit at their command. It is a testing time. We hope that Christian people everywhere will open their homes to the young men who have come into their midst and try and save them from the temptations of the city.

The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Crane, of Boston, after careful inquiry, has come to the conclusion that there are about 140 different kinds of religion in that city.

The ecclesiastical bully is abroad in the land. Sometimes he struts the streets and as pastor hectors over his brethren; sometimes he occupies a professor's chair and flings fear into the minds of his students; sometimes he mounts the tripod and ruthlessly flays those who disagree with him. Altogether he is a menace to decent society and puts to open shame his high calling. May his race perish from the earth.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—If the police and politicians do not stop crime here soon the vigilants will. Law-abiding San Francisco is at the point of desperation. Murders, holdups, thievery, invasions of private property have continued day and night in all sections of the Bay City. The police seem unable to check lawlessness, though Chief Dinan has been officially informed that unless he holds down the lid tightly at once he will lose his head. Crime has been on the increase since the saloon traffic reopened after a spell of prohibition following the earthquake and fire.—Los Angeles Herald.

## PARAGRAPHS

If the Gentiles could not plead ignorance as a palliation, how can we hope to who live under the old and the new dispensations. If they were without excuse we are doubly culpable.

If God has warned us by word of mouth, through his prophets, in creation, to make us totally without excuse, he sent his only begotten son not only to warn, but with a message of love and peace.

Felix sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith of Christ, and as Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, so thy way for this time. When I have a convenient season I will call thee.

Paul, standing before Agrippa, asked: Believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. And Agrippa said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." And Paul, with his heart all on fire, replied: I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day.—Acts 26:28.

The true Christian loves the church where he worshipped in his happy childhood. Loves the church in which he was baptized. Loves the church in which he was married. Loves the church in which his children have grown up. And while loving other churches of the same faith and differing faiths, still loves the church best in which he works.

Judas despaired and suicided, Peter repented and lived. There is this difference between a Christian who trips and a sinner who falls: The Christian goes down with his face toward the cross and when he looks up Christ's eyes draw him upward; but when the sinner falls he is facing hell, and when he looks up he meets the devil's malignant glance and feels powerless to rise.

Paul in his terrible indictment of the awful sensuality of the Romans in his letter tells them to beware: For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead.

"South Carolina tried prohibition and it did not work," says the New York Tribune. Our New York contemporary is mistaken. South Carolina asked for prohibition, but Storekeeper Tillman assured it that he had something "just as good" if not better, and much cheaper, and dished it out without waiting for an answer. It was labeled "Dispensary," and has proved not only a fraud, but a fraud breeder.—From The Columbia State, Dem.

President Roosevelt has an account at the Riggs National bank in Washington. The bookkeepers have no end of trouble in keeping the president's balances straight, because so many people who get checks from him fail to cash them, preferring to preserve the checks as souvenirs. So many persons are willing to pay from one dollar to ten dollars for an uncashed check signed by the president that hundreds of dollars are saved to him every year.

After one of the most exciting and animated debates in the history of the grand lodge of Kentucky Masons the resolution barring liquor dealers from entrance into any Masonic lodge in Kentucky was passed in a slightly amended form by a vote of 418 to 32 at their council at Louisville, Ky., October 18. The amendment made the resolution even more drastic, for on motion of Grand Master Garnett druggists were included if they sold liquor for a beverage.

In writing the life of Jesus, his inspired biographers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, had no weaknesses to conceal, and simply told the wonderful story of Jesus of Nazareth, and today the world worships him as the Christ. But think of the unparalleled honesty of these four evangelists, none of whom omit the betrayal of Judas or Peter's denial, although they are chosen disciples of the Savior and brother apostles of some of the writers, but each tells an unvarnished tale of their shame.

Although he is the head of so fanatical a religion as the Islamic, the sultan of Turkey has always treated Jews with extreme impartiality, and he has again manifested his good will toward it by his reception of Dr. Richard Bier in Constantinople. Dr. Bier, who is the private assistant of the great German professor von Bergmann, was called to the sultan in order to attend upon the latter's favorite daughter, who was lying dangerously ill, though she has now fortunately recovered under the successful treatment of the physicians.



## BRO. CRUMPTON'S TRIP NOTES.

The Randolph County Association at Fellowship was a gathering of goodly people. I missed the first day in the hands of a good doctor and a pair of Roanoke's best people. "Into whatsoever house you enter and they receive you, when you depart out of that house, say 'peace be on this house.'" Something like that the Master said, and from the bottom of my heart I said "peace be upon the home of Bro. John Carlisle." They and the doctor did their work so well I haven't had an ache or a pain since. At the Association the next day I was allowed to talk as much as I wished.

Brother Coffield, the pastor of the church and moderator of the Association, went away to Texas a few years ago, but he repented and returned. We are always glad to have them return. I tried it in Kentucky once under the most favorable circumstances, and I was glad enough to get back. It might save the brethren some expense if they would find out from me how a fellow who is pretty well rooted in Alabama, feels to be away among strangers.

Randolph has some good, strong preachers. Brethren Holliday, Brannon, Wright, Moore, Culpepper, Daniel and maybe others whom I can not recall make a strong team. Brother Coffield thrown in for good measure and T. J. Porter, their latest addition, as the cap-sheaf. The Roanoke saints are all in love with the latter, who is their pastor, and I predict for him a successful pastorate with one of the best churches in Alabama. Roanoke is to have another railroad within a few months—of course it is headed for Birmingham, all of them want to get there.

The people are beginning to find that railroads are a doubtful blessing. I saw the fields full of cotton and it was laid on the railroads gobbling up all the labor at prices the farmers could not afford to pay. A few days later I saw the same conditions in South Alabama, where they couldn't get the cotton picked one-half for the other. There the blame was put upon the saw mills and turpentine orchards. The truth is labor is scarce everywhere. "Half as much land planted making double what it does now" seems to be the motto now discussed by the farmers. But, to return to the Association.

The spirit of the brethren was fine. With more than two thousand members in a prosperous country, they ought to do well. If the pastors will introduce the schedule, the increase in their contributions will surprise them. They need a live missionary colporteur in the field.

## The Escambia

Met at Catawba Springs some six miles from Pollard. At no distant day this county will support a teeming population. I was surprised to see that strangers were not moving in. I suppose it is due to the fact that so much of the lands are owned by the thousands of acres by the large mills. For this reason the churches are few and far apart. The shape of the county makes it almost impossible for it to become a compact body, even if all the churches should come in with them. The church at Brewton is a strong body, its pastor M. W. Gordon, being one of the best preachers in the State. There will be a move to get all the churches in the county to come in with them. When this is accomplished and the strong laymen of the churches lay hold to the work, the Escambia will become a strong, vigorous body.

Only a few miles away is

## Herrington,

On the L. and N., where Dr. Martin, a good Baptist, keeps a good hotel and furnishes as good mineral water as can be found in the State. It is marvelous to hear of the cures effected. One could easily order a jug sent on the railroad to try its effects before going. Not far away is some of the finest fishing to be found anywhere. This makes it an ideal place for those

who are a little run down in health who love fishing.

It has been a long time since I was in Abbeville,

where the Judson Association met. It is the county seat of Henry county. How the town has improved and is improving! The Baptist people worship in an imposing brick structure, built a few years back during the pastorate of H. T. Crumpton, of whom I heard many words of genuine affection. The large District Agricultural school presided over by Dr. Owen, late of Anniston, the Association visited in a body. It seems to be in a flourishing condition.

The Judson Association is one of the strongest, numbering near twenty-five hundred in its twenty-five churches. It and the Carey, bearing the names of our greatest missionaries, ought to be among the foremost in missionary zeal and contributions. The Judson covers some of the best cotton lands in Alabama. Much of it is comparatively new, new houses and new towns are everywhere to be seen. Abbeville was the home of Dr. S. Y. Martin, one of the strong preachers of Alabama. His son, W. J., resides here and Harry lives at Ozark, both of them preachers. The mission discussion was good, led by the pastor, F. M. Woods, who was also moderator, in a strong speech. Brother Hubbard, of Troy, preached a great sermon at night. God bless our Alabama boys. As I grow older, the more I enjoy them. "He must increase, but I must decrease," said John the Baptist of the Savior. That was a fine spirit, to be commended to we older men, whose preparation for the work was not the best, as we go down the hill of life. Into what fine hands the work will fall when we older ones shall pass out.

What a pity it is that the Eufaula and Judson, lying side by side, meet on the same day. Seems to me the members along the border would like to have it so they could visit.

## The Antioch

Met at Leroy in Washington county a few miles from Carson Station on the Mobile and Birmingham railroad. Years ago I passed along this same road and wrote in the Alabama Baptist about the beautiful lands, then selling at two and three dollars per acre. I have always fancied that letter led Brother Dabney Palmer's mind to think about this region. He was in Wilcox, in the heart of the Black Belt. He settled here and the beautiful house we worshiped in is a monument to his devotion to the cause. I have seen no prettier house anywhere in Alabama. Why shouldn't a church building in the country be up to date? The barn style is the fashion, but here we have a modern building. I learn that other buildings are being erected after the same style.

I spent a night with a good brother in old St. Stephens, the first capital of the State, now the county seat of Washington. There is talk of an effort to move the court house nearer the center of the county on the new railroad. I was surprised not to find more people moving into this splendid country. I apprehend the prices the people are holding their lands at are keeping them back.

## The Association

from start to finish was good. The attendance was not large, as this was on the border; but these brethren are as much alive and responsive to the appeals made to them as any I have seen.

Brother W. A. Parker, Sr., after a stay of a few years on Sand Mountain, got homesick and moved back to his old stamping ground. He was the pastor at Leroy, but was just fixing to move to Frankville. He and his good wife have a very tender place in their hearts for Sand Mountain people. The Parker name is likely to be in the ministry for many years to come. I have forgotten how many sons of this good man are preaching. I hope they will each be as good preachers as their father. Surely God is good to him to honor him so.

Look out for the Antioch next year. If the arrangement can be made, it will embrace the first Sunday in November at Healing Springs, preceded by a three or four days' ministers' institute. We want one hundred preachers, deacons and Sunday school workers there. The reports from the new management at the school were good. Prof. Brock is winning quite a name as a man, a preacher and a teacher.

W. B. C.

## ALABAMA AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By R. J. Willingham.

The advance which Alabama has made in her contributions for foreign missions in the past few years has been very gratifying. Some may think this advance is due to the large gifts of one or two, but there has been advance outside of these. While one brother in Alabama has made recently the largest contribution ever received by the board, yet we are glad to see that a number of churches are advancing. It will not be long before a goodly number of churches will feel that they are not doing their duty unless they give at least enough to pay the salary of one or more missionaries on the foreign field. Surely there are a large number of churches which could give \$600 a year. How many of even the smaller town and country churches could give \$100, enough to pay a native preacher in China for all his time. We know of one church which has four members who each give the salary of a missionary (\$600). And of another church which has nine members who give \$100 each. Does not God, who gave His Son, "look with favor on these who are so honoring Him?"

## Missionaries.

Alabama has an honorable list of noble men and women who represent her at the front. We give their names below with the year of their going out. In Japan, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McCollum (1889), Mrs. D. P. Ray (1904), Rev. G. W. Bouldin (1906). In China, Miss Willie Kelly (1894), Mrs. T. W. Ayers (1901), Rev. T. M. Thomas (1904), Dr. J. G. Meadows (1904), Rev. H. W. Provence (1904), Miss Cynthia Miller (1905), Mrs. A. Y. Napier (1906). In Mexico, Miss Rosa Golden (1905). Here are twelve in all. Five of these are preachers. Is the proportion just right to have 1300 preachers at home and only five on the foreign field, where millions know not that there is a God?

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

For a number of years the sisters have been giving at Christmas time for the extension of the Master's kingdom in China. They want to make a large increase in their gifts this year. Will not the pastor's help the sisters to get a goodly number to contribute? Let each one recount God's great and continuous blessing as being a thanks offering, and lay it on the altar.

## Foreign Mission Month.

By the schedule adopted in Alabama all the churches are asked to make a contribution to foreign missions in December. We hope to get large receipts from the state. Our board is greatly in need of funds. The work on the foreign fields has developed in a marvelous manner. We need funds with which to enter the open doors. Today is our opportunity. God has put the means in our hands. Will we honor Him? Child of God, do you believe in giving dying men the gospel of His love? If so, help now.

Up to November 15, 1906, every state had increased the gifts for foreign missions except two. Alabama was one of the two. But we only mention this to see the brethren and sisters of this state come nobly forward. May we do more than ever for the glory of our God and the advancement of His kingdom. Let every church and every member bring an offering this month. Give as God has prospered you and all will be well.

## FROM BROTHER IVEY.

I entered upon my work as pastor at Maysville, Ky., the first week in October, a stranger in a strange land. I came alone, leaving my wife and little son, William, in Pulaski, Tenn., on account of his having an attack of typhoid fever. I was called back to Pulaski on the 25th on account of his having a relapse of the fever, but was able to return to my post on the 7th of November, bringing wife and William with me. When we reached here we received such a cordial welcome that I have not been able since to feel that I was among strangers. I have thought often of the dear brethren in Oxford and Jacksonville that gave me such loyal support in the Master's work, and prayed that the Lord would soon send them an earnest, able and consecrated leader.

It was with great reluctance that I took my leave of the dear old state of Alabama, but I feel sure that the Holy Spirit has led us here.

Maysville is a beautiful little city of about 10,000 inhabitants, located in a valley on the Ohio river and surrounded on every side by towering hills, beautiful for situation. Her citizens are of that sturdy quality that you would expect to find among such surroundings. The members of the Baptist church are among its choicest spirits. The opportunities and possibilities of the field are great. I have often thought of Crumpton, Montague, Patrick, Stewart and Barnett, at the head of the various departments of our denomination, at work, and am sure that no state can boast of more efficient and better leaders, and then there is Cooper, the moderator of the Calhoun county association, one of the choicest spirits of earth, with whom I was more intimately associated. He is real gold. May God's richest blessings attend the efforts of each of you and make this next year the greatest in the history of Alabama Baptists. Cordially and fraternally yours,

W. R. Ivey.

## NO MEDICINE

But Change of Food Gave Final Relief

Most diseases start in the alimentary canal—stomach and bowels.

A great deal of our stomach and bowel troubles come from eating too much starchy and greasy food.

The stomach does not digest any of the starchy food we eat—white bread, pastry, potatoes, oats, etc.—these things are devoured in the small intestines, and if we eat too much, as most of us do, the organs that should digest this kind of food are overcome by excess of work, so that fermentation, indigestion and a long train of all result.

Too much fat also is hard to digest and this is changed into acids, sour stomach, belching gas and a bloated, heavy feeling.

In these conditions a change from indigestible foods to Grape-Nuts will work wonders in not only relieving the distress, but in building up a strong digestion, clear brain and steady nerves. A Wash. woman writes:

"About five years ago I suffered with bad stomach—dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation—caused, I know now, from eating starchy and greasy food.

"I doctored for two years without any benefit. The doctor told me there was no cure for me. I could not eat anything without suffering severe pain in my back and sides, and I became discouraged.

"A friend recommended Grape-Nuts and I began to use it. In less than two weeks I began to feel better and inside of two months I was a well woman and have been ever since.

"I can eat anything I wish with pleasure. We eat Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast and are very fond of it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### BEGIN AT JERUSALEM.

A revival was begun under most auspicious circumstances at the Adams Avenue Baptist church yesterday morning. Dr. W. B. Crumpton, secretary of the Alabama Baptist Mission Board, preaching the sermon at the 11 o'clock morning service and the pastor, Rev. John Bass Shelton, preaching at night.

The services promises to be interesting and profitable. Rev. H. W. Fancher of Georgia will arrive in Montgomery today and will conduct the services for several days. Mr. Fancher is one of the most successful evangelists in the Southern Baptist church.

Dr. Crumpton, who has recently been made vice president of the American Anti-Saloon League, took as the text for his sermon St. Luke, xiv, 47, "Beginning at Jerusalem." He said in part:

"After our Master's resurrection this expression was among his last to his disciples, 'Begin at Jerusalem.' Our Jerusalem is Alabama. Hence we should hear our Masters' call to take Alabama for Christ. I love this state. I love the United States; yes, all the world; we love and want to see the whole world saved. I once hated 'Old Glory,' but now I love what I once hated and want to see the world saved from sin and death and nothing but the blood of Jesus can do it.

"It is our business, beginning in Alabama, to send the gospel to the wide world. That is what we are saved ourselves for; that is what we build churches for; that is what we educate young preachers for—we are saved to save men. Are we doing it?"

"I am to speak to you especially about Alabama, but that does not mean I want only our state saved.

"The man who opposes foreign missions is ignorant of the commands of the Bible. He says: 'I have a right to my opinions.' No, you have no right to any opinion that is contrary to God's word. What this Book says is right, and no man has a right to a contrary opinion.

"First, as to our Jerusalem: What are the conditions in Alabama now? We should never be satisfied until there is a church in every nook and corner of our great state.

"The situation is most alarming in our cities. The Christians in the country do not understand the situation in our cities. As we neglect the city we invite destruction to the country. Our cities are influencing our country either for good or bad. I saw near Atlanta the other day a river with a large dam across it. The water was backed up stream for several miles and many people have moved away because of the poison from this stagnant water. The little church near this place has had more deaths than any other church in the entire association. So the influence of the city is pressing into the country, and unless the cities are saved it means spiritual poison and death in the country.

"The great danger is found not only among the slum districts, but on the streets and among our homes and in our churches. We are cowards if we fail to give the gospel to save our cities. We are neglecting the slums and we are becoming so nice and formal that we are neglecting all. It has gotten so that we think a man can not be saved until he can clean up, and dress up. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can save any man or woman, in the slums or anywhere else.

"It is a shame that many of our city churches are moving away from the people so as to get with more respectable neighborhoods. They seem to want to save a certain class when Jesus Christ came to save all. A sad day for us when we move away from the slums. Thank of Jerry McCaully and Sam Hald, and the 75,000 lost souls in New York slums whom they led to Christ. Who in Montgomery and Birmingham are carrying the gospel on the streets and into the slums? Not our churches. Why not? Should we not go on the streets and

everywhere and preach and sing the gospel to the masses? God bless the Salvation Army in their work, but there is no reason why our churches should not be out after the lost masses also.

"If it were not for street preaching, some people would never hear the gospel. Many have moved to the cities from the country. I believe there are 10,000 in Birmingham alone. I hear them say on the first Sunday after they arrived in the city: 'Well, let's go to the First church.' They went, but all was cold and formal; then they went to the Second church. There it was not much better, and in a few Sundays they say, 'Well, we are not welcome in these city churches, and they are lost to the nomination. Go out after them. Begin at Jerusalem.'

"The condition of the negro in our state is awful. The negro is not here of his own volition. He was brought here and is going to stay here. What are we going to do? Kill? No! No crime is an excuse for mob law. As Christians we must stand for law. We must see that the law is enforced and takes its course. We must Christianize him. To say we can't, is to misrepresent our Father, and say the gospel is a failure. Time was when thousands of homes were left in care of the negro, while we went to fight to keep him in slavery. He knew it, but he was true to his charge and faithfully kept watch till the master came back from the war. Do we not owe more to his children than we are giving? Yes, we do.

"Books have been and are being written, saying the negro was a brute in those times. It is not so. He was loyal and true. We owe it to him now to give him the gospel and see that he is saved. We ought to preach to the negroes. Talk religion to our cooks. Assume Christ's attitude towards him and this war that is rising will melt away as ice before the hot summer sun.

"Unless we save the negro, he will drag us down. Many white men are now as low if not lower than he is, because of his immoral and brutish relation with the negroes. The gospel can save him, let us give it to him here in our Alabama Jerusalem. It is our business to uphold the law and see that justice is given to all. Then begin in Jerusalem, but let us go to all nations. Amen."—Advertiser, Nov. 20th.

### SOME STRAWS THAT SHOW THE WAY THE WIND IS BLOWING.

In Georgia and Kentucky the Masons have taken a firm stand against liquor dealers being members of their order.

The court in Prattville, Judge Brewer presiding, and the court in Montgomery over which Judge Richardson presides were opened with prayer by ministers of the gospel, who were invited by the courts to be present.

Let good men write to the judges when they do that way congratulating them. Write to the judges and solicitors everywhere, asking them to do their utmost to see that the laws against the violation of liquor laws be enforced. They need your prayers and your influence. A letter will be a great encouragement.

All over the State I hear of fines and imprisonment being meted out to the keepers of blind tigers when convicted. None of us knew until recently that it was discretionary with the judges in such cases to impose hard labor or imprisonment in addition to a fine. A brother from Georgia told how three white men and thirteen negroes were sentenced to twelve months each in the penitentiary. "That effectually broke up the traffic in that county," said the speaker. Of course it did and we have laws in Alabama stringent enough to do it here if they were enforced. Yet some of our smart lawyers are whining around like a lot of whipped curs, saying: "We can't do anything with them. Men just will have it and other men just will perjure themselves about its sale."

Confirming what I have said above, I invite the reader's attention to a clipping in another column from the Tuskegee News: "A Great Triumph for Law and Order." The judges and solicitors have the matter in their own hands. Let all good citizens encourage them in the good work.

W. B. C.

### A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR LAW AND ORDER.

The crime of illicit liquor selling had become so notoriously flagrant and defiant in Macon county that those interested took steps to employ a competent detective to get the evidence and lay it before the grand jury. Judge Brewer in his able charge appealed to the grand jury to sift the evidence and get the important violators. In a few days the rumor was out that prominent white men from different sections of the county had been indicted and so when Tuesday and Wednesday came the caravan was here. In order to make common cause all the accused practically appeared to pool their interests. Pleas to the jurisdiction, demurrers, etc., were quickly overruled by Judge Alston. The first and only case which went to the jury was decided in ten minutes or less—guilty with the maximum fine of \$500 and costs, and then the judge added six months' hard labor. Notice of appeal was given. In the first case of another friend the demurrer to the indictment went out like smoke, then the rattling of dry bones began. To trade for fines was the move and as a result every man charged pleaded guilty in most of the cases and one or two indictments were held over each one with an agreement on his part that should he violate the liquor law within the next twelve months that he would come into court, plead guilty and receive a fine of \$500 in each case and six months' hard labor.

The judge talked very kindly, but seriously to the penitents, showing how the trail to all evils leads from liquor selling especially when it is carried on by blind tigers.

This day's work and this court's work will break up the business, and good citizens can surely keep it broken up. The moral atmosphere of the county is purer and cleaner than for years.

### SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

"A Night in a Cabin" is the name of a little tract thousands in Alabama have read. The incident of which it speaks occurred nearly thirty years ago. Brother Tucker gives the sequel to that story in the letter following. Forgetting the name of the church, I called it "Pisgah." Brother Tucker says it was Pleasant Hill.

"I have just returned from a trip in north Hale county. Last week I held a meeting at Pleasant Hill church. We had a good meeting, the church being greatly revived, two additions to the church by baptism. By the way, Bro. Crumpton, this is the church where you preached the next day after spending the 'night in the cabin.' Many of the people still live there that heard you preach that day and they have never forgotten you. You still have a warm place in their hearts and they pray that long may you live to do the work that God has given you to do. On last Friday I took dinner in the cabin where you spent the night. The same old couple live there, and the meal of which I partook was prepared by the same hands that prepared the meals for you when you passed through that country as a missionary so many years ago. They now have a neat little cottage just in front of the old cabin and use the cabin as a dining room. I found this place by reading your tract, 'A Night in a Cabin,' and by hearing you refer to the incident at our Association. They remember the night well, also some of the songs that you sang and many things that you said. The daughter, who is now a good Christian woman

with a husband and two children, one of them grown and married, said that she learned her first song from you that night, and though she has never seen you from that day until now, she has never forgotten you. She told me to tell you to come to the Association next year, so that she might see you again and hear you preach. Brother Johnston told me to ask you if you remembered your walk on the outside the next morning, also if you remembered getting the little flat rock for your mother-in-law to strike matches on. "The Central Library Association will meet with that church on Friday before the first Sunday in next October. Make your arrangements to meet with them if possible."

### Minutes Wanted.

I want to beg the clerks of Associations to send me two copies of their minutes as soon as published. I badly need them in my work.

### December for Foreign Missions.

Let us make a mighty pull for Foreign Missions in December. If we could get in 10,000 in December, it would make easy sailing in March and April.

### Alabama Gains.

We are often distressed by the loss of good men from the State, but the Lord doesn't leave us orphans. Help comes from other quarters. The list below is mighty good reading to me. There may be others, whom I have overlooked. New Men.

Rev. J. M. Anderson at Newton, W. L. Howse, East Florence; H. P. McCormick, South Side, Birmingham; Spencer Tunnell, First church, Florence; J. D. Gwaltney, Talladega; Murray P. Edwards, Auburn; Bro. Camp, Northport.

### Our Own Returned.

W. W. Howard, 66th St., Birmingham, from Texas; J. L. Thompson, Ozark, from Florida; T. J. Porter, Roanoke, from Illinois; H. B. Woodward, Camp Hill and Dadeville.

My niece at Sausalito, Cal., writes: "We are all wondering what poor San Francisco will fall victim to next. She has just been in the midst of most daring hold-ups. We women are even carrying huge pins to stab with. Now, there are two very bright men here from Washington, D. C., investigating the graft." W. B. C.

### SCOFFERS

Often Make the Staunchest Converts. The man who scoffs at an idea or doctrine which he does not fully understand has at least the courage to show where he stands.

The gospel of Health has many converts who formerly laughed at the idea that coffee and tea, for example, ever hurt any one. Upon looking into the matter seriously, often at the suggestion of a friend, such persons have found that Postum Food Coffee and a friend's advice have been their salvation.

"My sister was employed in an eastern city where she had to do calculating," writes an Okla. girl. "She suffered with headache until she was almost unfitted for duty."

"Her landlady persuaded her to quit coffee and use Postum and in a few days she was entirely free from headache. She told her employer about it, and on trying it as had the same experience."

"My father and I have both suffered much from nervous headache since I can remember, but we scoffed at the idea advanced by my sister, that coffee was the cause of our trouble."

"However, we quit coffee and began using Postum. Father has had but one headache now in four years, due to a severe cold, and I have lost my headaches and sour stomach which I am now convinced came from coffee."

"A cup of good hot Postum is satisfying to me when I do not care to eat a meal. Circumstances caused me to locate in a new country and I feared I would not be able to get my favorite drink, Postum, but I was relieved to find that a full supply is kept here with a heavy demand for it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."



### THE CURATE OF ALL THE CHURCHES.

"That which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches."—II Cor. 11:28.

The office the Apostle Paul filled in the life of the early churches was varied and his service manifold. It is difficult to express them in the terms of our own day and time. Possibly a fairly competent idea will be conveyed if we say that he was missionary, secretary, almoner and general bishop combined. His sympathies and services extended to all the Gentile world. Probably he was the founder of more churches than any other apostle, but his interest in them and care for them did not cease with that service; for daily anxiety for all of them rested upon him and called forth from him whatever service was needed at his hands. Baptists in their literalistic ecclesiology have been frightened by the word bishop into depriving themselves of a service they much need for the development of their life. Our lack of cooperation and solidarity is not a little due to the fact that we have no curate for all the churches. Some have charged that we were about to make some out of our secretaries of state missions, and it would be heresy fraught with good if such should be the case. The truth is we do need curates for all the churches, and are only held back from creating them by a prejudice against the abuse of that function by others in other days. It may be argued with much reason that the structure of Christendom in the apostolic days had a curate for all the churches, whose function it was to see that their lives were duly correlated and brought into helpful cooperation; that the apostle Paul filled this position of service in the Christian world; that it soon came to be abused under the growing secularization of the church and developed into the episcopacy of the second and third centuries. But such a representation does not warrant us in destroying the position of service because it came to be abused under adverse circumstances; for every other institution was also perverted under these same conditions. If to rid ourselves of an evil we must also destroy the good of which it is a perversion, there would be left very little of good in the land. Both Christian sacraments would have to go. Have we really gotten at what is meant by the bishop in the apostolic churches, and are we availing ourselves of the benefit such a service is designed to perform for the culture of Christian life? This is the question it is proposed to discuss.

Many have denied that there were any officers at all in the apostolic churches in the modern sense of that term, and one must confess that they make out their case with much plausibility. However that may be, there is the strongest reason for thinking that the term bishop as used in the New Testament does not mean an office, but a service, a function of oversight. The seven who are selected in the church at Jerusalem are given an episcopal function and not a diaconate; for they were "set over" this business of serving tables. So also in Timothy 3:1-12, the bishops are those who are set over a service, and the deacons are those who render the service; and in Phil. 1:1 we have a statement which implies that churches were organized into bishops and deacons or servants, and the two exhausted the membership of the congregation. If this view be accepted we have in a modern Baptist church many bishops such as the pastor, the superintendent of the Sunday school, the treasurer, the deacons, the president of the B. Y. P. U., etc., and all the rest of the members are deacons or servants.

Under this theory, the real excuse for organization is a desire to render service and the efficiency in that matter would control the nature of the organization; a theory of church polity upon which our Methodist brethren work. Its apology is that that polity is best for any day and time which

works best in rendering efficient service for the promotion of Christian life. Because we find a certain office existing in the days of the apostles is no reason why we in our day should have one like it. The polity of the church is so related to the social situation in which it is placed that it may change that polity as the changing environment may require for the improving of the efficiency of service. Hence the polity of the church is relative and changeable, and a part of the duty of the church in every age is to see that its organization meets the conditions of good service according as its changing situation would require.

Many Baptists also hold to this same theory of ecclesiastical polity even in a local church, and many more hold it in interchurch polity. They deny that the New Testament was ever intended to put the common-sense of Christendom out of business in this matter, but was only intended to facilitate the good sense of Christians in that function as in every other problem of life. However, one may think on this matter, there can be no doubt that the Apostle Paul felt the care of all the churches, and in his letters to his son Timothy recognized that he, too, would have to perform some such function. The apostle also had assistants, apostles of the churches, the glory of Christ, "to help him in his work." II Cor. 8:23. So whether one gets his notions of church polity from the New Testament, or from reason, or as I myself do from reason guided by the New Testament I hold that the Baptists of Alabama need to pay more attention to the care of all the churches; and to this end must have curates for them. It is a line of service which we can ignore only to our impoverishment of life and to our ineffectiveness as servants of Christ. When we consider that one hundred and fifty thousand people in this state professing to form a community for the culture of the Christian life have only one man to care for and look after their common interest, their community life, it is difficult to maintain that we are either competent exegetes of the Scripture or that we are ordinarily gifted with common sense. I realize that that is a terrible indictment, and that few have drawn the conclusions indicated; but that does not effect the truth in the premises. You may consider it a hyperbolic statement if you wish, and yet even under that construction it will abundantly maintain the proposition I wish to base on it. The Baptists of Alabama suffer more from a feeble interchurch fellowship than from all other failures combined. This distress is due both to the lack of realizing the fullness of the ecclesiastical organization and cooperation taught in the New Testament and to the lack of sound and rational effort to relieve that distress. In this matter no one among us cares what the Scriptures teach, nor does any one take anxious thought in this matter, which is the very soul of the kingdom of God. The Methodists meet annually to deliberate upon it but we have no conference which may in any adequate sense be said to go into these matters. Are we more biblical than they? I do not ask are we more theoretically scriptural; Baptists have always been theoretically scriptural, believing the Bible from lid to lid and not from heart to heart as in the early churches. Do we in our interchurch life realize more of the word of God than they? This question ought to stop our boasting at least.

No man or set of men can live the Christian life in isolation from his fellows. It is oratorical to speak of one's being alone with his God, as though the life in Christ took one out of the social world for its richest experiences; but it is not true to the experiences of the most favored friends of God. You will find most of Christ when you are most with his people, and you best provide for your own growth in grace when you link yourself to the most people who are your associates in that search. The

religion of Jesus is one of personal relations, the interplay of personality on personality, and fruits in the correlation of person with person. It is therefore a life of fellowship among personal spirits. Primarily it is a fellowship with God and with his son Jesus Christ our Lord; then it is a fellowship with other redeemed ones. In my judgment we have gotten away off the track by throwing the emphasis on faith as a system of doctrine to be believed, and going around looking for men "of like faith and practice" with whom to associate; when we ought to be throwing the emphasis on fellowship and seeking men who are set on getting the same good in life which engages us. If I read the Scriptures aright, a faith which isolates one in the world and cuts him off from relations of mutual service in the fellowship of others, is not the faith that Jesus engenders, though it may be considered orthodox among us. In the early churches it was the rankest of heresies. Valuable Christian experience, primarily engendered by our fellowship each for himself with God, may be communicated to each other unto the enriching of the whole, and each member becomes in the language of the Scripture a "joint of supply." So to the extent to which a body of Christians realize a flow of fellowship, to that extent with their own lives become the richer and better. We must come into articulation in our lives as Christians. If this be true we need media of communication in the body of Christ, and the more effective and extensive that medium may be the more it will flow the life of the whole with blessings from our God. How often the duty to communicate is enjoined in the New Testament; and how extensively it was practiced not only in material things, but also in spiritual things. We may be keeping up in the matter of communicating in carnal things, but I doubt whether we are in spiritual things. Not much of the letter is conveyed or provided to be conveyed, in our interchurch converse. There is great need for the putting of the body of Christ into better articulation of member with member in order that the full life of the Lord may reach every part and make it richer and happier in experience of his grace; and this raises the question as to the curate of all the churches. Are there not problems just here which are more practical than doctrinal, which call for the common sense, of the practically minded more than the study of the teacher? We want more men to devote their time and talent to this realm of service, and we want the best men among us. So I make a plea for the curate, the bishop, who shall give his time to the care and the culture of all the churches in their mutual relations in the body of Christ. But I call special attention to the fact that I spell curate with a little c and bishop with a little b. Because we need leaders in God's heritage is no ground for concluding that we need lords. I should like to make some practical suggestions along this line, but will reserve them for another time.

A. J. DICKINSON.

### SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY.

Mrs. I. G. Murray.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16.

I. Study the Bible daily.—Acts 17:11.

The Bible is God's revealed will concerning us. Realize as you open your Bible that "God is now going to speak to me."

Set apart at least fifteen minutes each day for Bible study. Get up earlier in order to have the time, while the mind is fresh, strong and active. "He wakeneth morning by morning." Isa. 40:4.

### II. Study the Bible with system.

For example, read the gospel of John through five times. Test yourself with some questions, chapter by chapter.

1. Who are the principal people mentioned?
2. What is the best lesson?
3. What is the best verse?
4. What does the chapter teach about Jesus, about God, about the Holy Spirit?
5. What definite thing have you resolved to do as a result of studying this chapter?
6. Mark the promise you claim and memorize it. Study Luke, the Acts and any other book in the same way.

### III. Study the Bible with close attention.

Do not hurry—linger and ponder. Memorize the passages that impress you most. Memorize the location, the chapter and verse. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11.

### IV. Study the Bible believingly.

Accept it as a message direct from God to you. Nothing helps us to understand as we read like obedience. To obey a truth you see prepares you to see other truths.

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own soul," James 1:22. Cultivate prompt, exact, joyous obedience to each command as it relates to you.

### V. Study the Bible prayerfully.

"Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."

When we read the Bible, God talks to us—when we pray we talk to God.

God is always present in the person of the Holy Spirit to help us understand. Jesus said, "When He the spirit of Truth is come He shall guide you into all truth." If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

The humblest believer may have the Holy Spirit as a guide and interpreter of the Scriptures. The Lord invites us to prove him. Sometimes steal away alone and place your finger on a promise while you are prostrate on your knees before our Heavenly Father and claim it.

### VI. Store away Scripture in your mind and heart.

1. It will keep you from sin.
2. It will keep you from false doctrine.
3. It will give you power in prayer.
4. It will give you peace and joy.
5. It will make you wise.
6. It will help you win souls to Christ.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.





**A BLESSED WOMAN GONE TO HER REWARD.**

Sister Jane Talbot was born in Wilkes county, Ga., October 2, 1832. Her maiden name was Bolton and she joined the Baptist church at the age of thirteen years, being baptized by her dear father. She was married to Mr. Isaiah Talbot in the year 1849. About the year 1859 Brother Talbot moved to Alabama, and both of them united with County Line church, where their membership has been continuous.

They were blessed with five children, four daughters and one son. The son died in infancy. The daughters were Fannie, Lula, Mary and Minnie. All of them were fine young women and good Christians. What a blessing to have such a family! The father, though old and feeble, will never lack for the very tenderest and most willing attentions while the splendid daughters live. Fannie married Mr. John Allen and resides in Texas. Lula married Dr. U. G. Carthon and resides at Dudleyville, Ala. Mary was married to Professor W. J. Jarrell. She died some years ago, and her sister, Miss Minnie, is now the wife of Professor W. G. Jarrell, and resides near Dudleyville. Mrs. Talbot was more than an ordinary woman at many points of view. She was a woman of much intelligence and fine judgment. Her high grade mental ability and sound piety fitted her very highly for the responsible position of wife and mother. Her husband and family were ever ready to defer to her judgment in matters of importance, and her modesty was such that none of the honors heaped upon her by her family spoiled her in the least. She was a useful woman in all the relations of life, as wife, mother, neighbor and church member, she measured up to the full measure of a lofty womanhood. Oh, what a blessing is intelligent, virtuous, modest, Christian womanhood! Such was our dear Sister Talbot.

During the last illness she remained the same patient, uncomplaining woman that she had been through life. She was conscious of the approaching end and was not afraid. She breathed her last at the home of Dr. Carthon, her son-in-law, November 8, 1906, and was interred in the County Line cemetery, surrounded by relatives and a large company of friends and brethren and sisters. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Farewell, precious woman, till we all meet you in the mighty beyond. Very affectionately, her old pastor,  
JOHN P. SHAFFER.

**CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.**

The Clear Creek Association convened with Sardis Church October 7, 1906.

Rev. A. J. Preston preached the introductory sermon and a fine one it was, too. The writer was re-elected moderator with G. B. Lester clerk. The various reports were read and received. We had with us Rev. A. J. Preston, of Jasper; J. H. Longier, of Ensley, and A. N. Reeves, of Eldridge, and last, but not least, Dr. Montague, of the Howard College. Well, to say these brethren did not thrill our hearts is putting it too small. They did everybody good with their sermons and fine speeches. We have some good brethren that are opposed to the organized work, but our people as they become more and more educated on that line can see more alike. We have a host of good brethren in the Clear Creek Association. When they get to understand more fully how to do mission work they will be better missionaries. We have some so-called gospel missionaries and they try to prejudice the minds of the brethren, but if we can have such help as we had at our last session I think all will be right. If we could only get our brethren to reading our denominational literature we would be more enlightened.

May God bless you in your noble effort in giving us such a good paper.  
G. W. GIBSON.

**How You Can Rid Yourself of Catarrh**



In the practice of my profession many years ago, I very quickly found out that the treatment of catarrh as laid down in medical books and taught in medical colleges did not give satisfactory results, and I determined to find something better.

I reasoned that as the catarrhal germs enter the nasal passages with the breath, and catarrh is always aggravated by breathing cold and raw air, the most likely cure would be by the inhalation of a warm, medicated, germ-destroying vapor; and, after nine years of effort, I at last found a combination of healing herbs, leaves and flowers which, being burned and the warm fumes inhaled, promptly relieved and in due time cured this disease where other remedies had completely failed.

THE ACCOMPANYING ILLUSTRATION shows the route by which the vapor of my Catarrh Cure is carried directly into all the parts that are affected by the disease. It searches out and wipes out catarrh where liquids, sprays, douches, salves and medicated creams cannot possibly reach it. This treatment is so simple that it can be applied at home, and so harmless that it may safely be employed by any man, woman or child.

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Dear Bro. Frank Willis Barnett, Editor:

Please allow me to pen a few lines for your paper and ours, too. I make it ours because I am a Baptist. I do not want to take up too much space, but I do want to congratulate Bro. Montague on that fine sermon he preached at Phenix City during the Harris Association. I never listened to a more powerful sermon that he preached in our beautiful little city on the west bank of the Chattahoochee river. His discourse I don't think can be excelled from the text he choose. He held his audience spell-bound and it was so plain a four-year-old child could have comprehended. From the time he started until he closed he showed so plain just what our missionary doctrine was and the adverse circumstances our older brethren had to overcome, but yet with all the persecution they did not give up as they were so Christ-like and their good works show for themselves today, and I do feel proud that our Baptist denomination is in the lead and am proud of Bro. Montague and our other distinguished ministers. I am obliged to admit that Brother Montague preached the most powerful sermon I ever heard and I have heard some smart men, as I have traveled a good deal, but I have placed him in the lead and I know we could not get a more able man than he is at Howard, and I think all Baptists should feel proud of him and I want him to come again to our beautiful little city, as all of our people have fallen in love with him. We have a dear good pastor, Bro. Long. He has not been with us but a short time, but everybody has just fallen in love with him and his dear good-Christian family. I feel like our church is going to prosper more this year with Bro. Long as our pastor than it has for years. I have already noticed a vast difference since he came here. Some of our members are found now in his congregation that had not attended church in two years, and I am proud to see his good work taking effect so early. Our church is revived up so much since he came and he is such a good Christian. Our people can't help love him, as he visits all alike, the rich and the poor. He makes no distinction, and I know he is the right pastor in the right place, and I believe every member of our church is going to help him in his great work, and I feel our church is going to be more prosperous than it has been for years. God bless Bro. Long. I am glad he is with us in such a great vineyard as Phenix City. Your brother,

**ERNEST FLOYD.**  
P. S.—I am trying to get more of the members to take the Alabama Baptist, and I think each family should subscribe for it. I can not do without it.

Yours in Christ,  
E. F.

Be it resolved by Blooming Grove church that it is with regret that we accept the resignation of Bro. T. W. Shelton, who has served us faithfully for thirteen years in the pulpit. We have found in him an energetic, active and consecrated pastor, watchful and always ready to do God's service. We commend this zealous worker of Christ to any with whom his lot may be cast. May the Lord bless his future.

Be it resolved, That a copy of this be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication and also that a copy be read in our next conference at Blooming Grove church. Clement Smith, W. B. White, T. G. Morrison, Blowham, Ala.

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The meeting closed on Sunday, Nov. 25th, and this was a great day. Bro. Quisenberry preached on the subject that he declared was nearest his heart "World-wide Evangelization," and at the conclusion of his sermon asked all of those who were willing, if the way opened, to give themselves to the work of foreign missions to come forward and stand in front of the pulpit while he joined in prayer with them. Fifteen bright young ladies came forward, among them many of the brightest and best girls in the Judson, and included in this number was the daughter of Bro. George C. Miles, of Montgomery, the daughter of President Patrick, of the Judson, and the daughter of the pastor of the Siloam church. The congregation was deeply moved, and subscribed generously to support a missionary on the foreign field. Prayer had been made that at least ten would offer themselves, fifteen came forward, and that \$600.00, enough to support a missionary, would be given; more than \$900 was subscribed. The Lord is always willing to do more for us than we have courage to believe. It is ever true that "in courage is the only safety." It was a great and blessed day, and I'm sure Baptists all over the state will rejoice with me and pray the Lord of the harvest for continued blessings upon the schools in Marion and the work there.

PAUL V. BOMAR.

Programme for Baptist Rally to Be Held at Jasper, Ala., Dec. 28th, 29th and 30th, 1906.

FRIDAY, 28TH.

9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises.  
10. Temperance, by W. B. Crumpton and Brooks Lawrence and others.  
11:30. The Baptist position and work in the religious world, by J. H. Longler.  
2 p. m. Evangelism by W. B. Earnest and S. O. Y. Ray.  
3 p. m. B. Y. P. U. work, Austin Crouch and others.  
7 p. m. Sermon by L. M. Bradley.  
8 p. m. The place of the Bible in the culture of Christian life among Baptists by A. J. Dickinson.

SATURDAY, 29TH.

9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises.  
10 a. m. Our schools. A. N. Reeves, A. B. Metcalf, A. P. Montague and W. B. Crumpton.  
11:30. Preaching by Hugh P. McCormick.  
2 p. m. Our duty to preach our distinctive principles by J. M. Shelburne and others.

Question box opened.  
7 p. m. Sermon by J. I. McCollum.  
8 p. m. The outlook for Baptists in Northwest Alabama. W. T. Shelton, George W. Gibson, A. N. Reeves, B. F. Shanks and W. B. Earnest, 10 minutes each.

SUNDAY, THE 30TH.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.  
11 a. m. Sermon on missions by W. B. Crumpton.  
2 p. m. Sabbath school mass meeting.  
3 p. m. Denominational literature by F. W. Barnett.

We extend a special invitation to all whose names occur on this program, and sincerely hope that not one will disappoint us. We shall also expect all the preachers of the North River Association and the surrounding associations. The deacons and S. S. superintendents and S. S. teachers are also expected. Fraternally, A. J. Preston.



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She was a daughter of Rev. Moses Park, a man of very saintly life. He removed from Georgia to Alabama, when the subject of this sketch was a small girl. She was a handsome and dutiful daughter and attracted attention wherever she went.

She was married to Mr. M. J. Mickie Dec. 16, 1852. They soon moved to the town of Roanoke, Ala., where all of their after life was spent. Their union was blessed with six children, two of whom preceded her to the great beyond.

The living children are Lizzie, now Mrs. William White; Emma, now Mrs. Alvin Higgins; Mr. E. P. Mickie and Mollie; now Mrs. Thomas Weathers, and is a widow. Mrs. Mickie had been a member of the Baptist church for more than half a century, and died as she had lived—full of faith in her blessed Savior.

It is common to speak well of the dead, but too much could hardly be said in praise of Sister Mickie.

She was one of the sweetest and most amiable and saintly women with whom I was ever acquainted. As a wife and mother she was loving, tender, careful and influential. Her piety, intelligence and conservatism made her a model friend and neighbor. She led none astray by her example and could very strongly oppose whatever she thought was wrong, in either friend or foe, and yet without offense. The churches of Christ were precious to her in all of their work, and she never failed to respond to the calls of the gospel. All of her children except one are members of the Baptist church. Her husband and father preceded her by eight years to their heavenly home. Sister Mickie was in feeble health for a number of years and endured much suffering, but without complaint. In the years of affliction she remained the same sweet woman that she had been through all the long years of her beautiful life. No woman in Roanoke was more loved and respected than Sister Mickie—"Aunt Mary," as she was familiarly called. Her name and life will long be a sweet memory to the older inhabitants of Roanoke and vicinity.

As a girl she was as modest and unassuming as a lily and remained so to the end of her life. Oh, what a sweet woman! We shall not often see the like of her. Her remains were tenderly interred in the city cemetery by her loving children. Goodby, dear sister, till we meet you in our father's home. Very affectionately, her old pastor and friend,

JOHN P. SHAFFER.

### TEMPERANCE SUNDAY BIG AFFAIR; STRONG RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED.

Sunday was a great temperance day in Gadsden, the Sunday school of the Baptist church making a special occasion of the World's Temperance Sunday.

During the morning Judge J. A. Bilbro, Dr. E. T. Camp and Dr. E. S. Jones made addresses; John A. Inzer and D. P. Goodhue in the afternoon, and J. E. Blackwood at night. The whole day was given over to temperance discussion and the result was the passing of the following resolutions:

We, the citizens of West Gadsden, in mass meeting assembled, hereby express our confidence in the Anti-Saloon League of Alabama, and instruct our representatives and senator that it is our desire that they give their support to all such legislative enactments as the Anti-Saloon League may favor for the suppression, regulation or curtailment of the traffic in intoxicants as beverages in the state of Alabama. And especially do we favor the legislative enactments which

the Anti-Saloon League of Alabama proposes, which provides for local option privileges, and we urge our representatives and senator to support such legislative enactments.

We again express our earnest disapproval of the establishment of any saloon in West Gadsden and again urge the city council of Gadsden to grant no such privileges to any one.—Gadsden Times-News.

On Friday morning, November 23, Mr. Curtis Watts Dearing, the only son of our Mr. Charles T. Dearing, passed away at his home in this city after a lingering illness of almost two years. Mr. Dearing was thirty-five years old and left a devoted wife and four children. His funeral was conducted by the pastor of the family, Rev. B. A. Dawes, and the burial was in Cave Hill cemetery. The wide circle of friends both in this city and over the whole land where our seminary students have gone, will sympathize with the father and bereaved family. May the Lord comfort them all. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, City Court of Birmingham. In Chancery.

Susie Tolson, complainant, vs. W. T. Tolson, defendant.

In this cause it being made to appear to the judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of James M. Russell, solicitor for complainant, that the defendant, W. T. Tolson, is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, his 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 W. T. Tolson, to answer, plead or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 17th day of December, 1906, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 7th day of November, 1906.

CHAS. A. SENN,

Judge of the City Court of Birmingham.

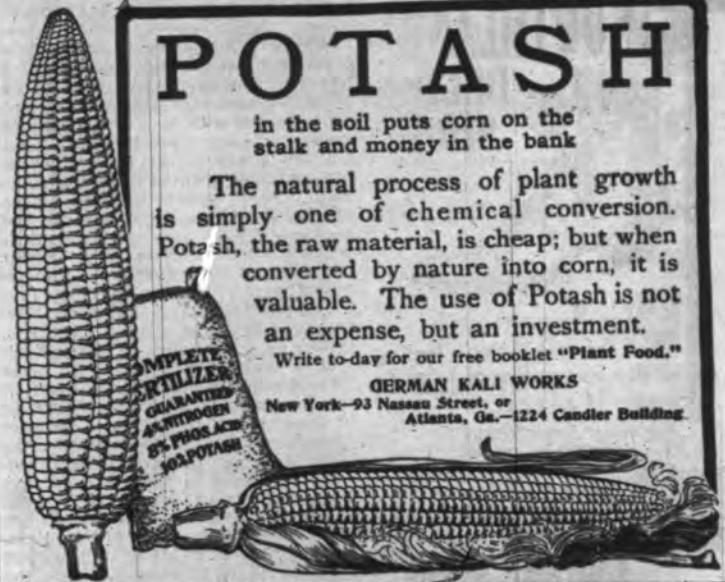
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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

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The State Board of Missions of the Alabama Baptist convention met in annual session yesterday morning at the South Side Baptist church with a full attendance of members and with G. G. Miles, president; W. B. Davidson, recording secretary, and W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary and treasurer, in their respective places.

Among the matters of importance which came before the board was that of the annual appropriation for mission work in Alabama. This appropriation was made on a \$20,000 basis, which is in advance of anything done by the board in the past.

It was found that the Baptists of Alabama gave away for mission purposes last year the sum of \$65,000. The appropriation made at the meeting yesterday is to be used solely for work in Alabama.

The Birmingham district was taken under consideration and the board resolved that greater efforts should be put forth in that district. Huntsville, Sheffield and Anniston were also considered.

Probably 100 missionaries, stationed throughout Alabama, will share in the benefits of the increase.

Steps were taken by the mission board to establish schools in the mountains of the state.

A number of aged ministers were helped from the indigent ministers' fund. An election of officers was held and the officers were re-elected.

Dr. Crumpton, corresponding secretary and treasurer, was granted a month's vacation at any time he wants to take it.

Rev. J. V. Dickinson and Rev. W. J. Ray were employed as evangelists for all their time. Mr. Dickinson was located at Troy, but Mr. Ray's location was not determined. Rev. T. V. Neal was employed as Sunday school evangelist for all his time.

At 1:30 o'clock the Board adjourned to partake of a delightful dinner which had been prepared by the ladies of the South Side church, and after dinner returned to the work, adjourning at 5 o'clock.

The members of the board who were present were: G. G. Miles, president; W. B. Davidson, recording secretary; W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary and treasurer; R. E. Pettus, Huntsville; W. D. Hubbard, Troy; H. S. D. Mallory, Selma; C. A. Stakely, Montgomery; W. J. Elliott, Montgomery; G. G. Miles, Montgomery; W. B. Davidson, Montgomery; A. E. Burns, Brighton; L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa; M. B. Wharton, Eufaula; A. J. Dickinson, Birmingham; J. B. Ellis, Selma; George W. Ellis, Montgomery; D. C. Cooper, Oxford; J. W. O'Hara, Montgomery.

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I. A. WHITE.

Pratt City, Nov. 23, 1906.

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