

STATUTORY PROHIBITION.

(By E. R. Norman.)

A statutory prohibition bill will be the first measure introduced in the House of Representatives when the Alabama Legislature convenes in extraordinary session next Thursday at noon. Unless all signs fail, it will be the first measure to be enacted into a law by the legislators. Beyond any shadow of a doubt, Governor Comer will approve the bill.

While state-wide prohibition is almost within the grasp of the people of Alabama, there is the merest chance of defeat in the Senate. The Birmingham Ledger over six weeks ago polled the members of the Legislature to ascertain their views on statutory prohibition. Over 90 out of the total of 140 were heard from, and of this number nearly 60 came out boldly for prohibition. Only 15 were straight out against it, while the others were non-committal. The poll indicated beyond peradventure that the two-thirds vote in the House necessary to obtain the consideration of the bill could be procured with ease. The senators, however, were very timid in declaring their position. Not a sufficient number of the members of the upper house have been heard from to insure a two-thirds vote. If the friends of prohibition would exert their influence with the senators, statutory prohibition is certain to come.

State prohibition is fortunate in having for its leading advocates Speaker Carmichael in the House and Lt.-Gov. Henry B. Gray in the Senate. Mr. Gray and his friends will lead the movement in the Senate, and they have the record of usually carrying their point.

When Alabama becomes dry next January the people of Alabama must turn their attention to having Congress pass a law prohibiting the interstate shipment of liquors into territory where its sale is prohibited. This will insure prohibition that can be made to prohibit. In times like these it is the duty of every prohibitionist, as well as the believers in law and order, to make an appeal to Alabama's representatives in Congress to work for the passage of a bill which makes it unlawful to ship liquors into a dry State.

Alabama's representatives in Congress have been singularly silent on the great wave of reform sweeping over the State. Congressman J. Thomas Heffin, of the Fifth district, and Congressman John L. Burnett have stumped counties in their districts in the interest of prohibition. Congressman W. B. Craig, of the Fourth district, has announced that he will present a bill to prohibit the sale of liquors in the District of Columbia. The two United States senators and the other representatives have been silent on this all-absorbing question. The prohibition campaigns in the several counties have been largely carried on from the stump, yet only two of our representatives in Congress have volunteered their services or presided over a prohibition meeting. If they have been in sympathy with the moral reform which has swept Alabama from the Tennessee line almost to the gulf, they have, with three or four exceptions, failed to give voice to their sentiments.

(This was inadvertently left out of last week's paper.)

DR. AYER'S GREAT MEDICAL WORK.

I regret exceedingly to say that much of the time during the quarter I have been sick and unable to work, but, thanks be to the Lord, I am now able to dally go to the hospital on my crutches and resume work. This has been my first sickness since I have been in China, and it has caused me to determine to be more careful with my physical being in the future than in the past. The lamented Dr. Oxner and myself, in our efforts to make our work self-supporting, have done our medical work on cold cement floors without fire even during the coldest of the very cold weather we have here. I now see that this has been a mistake, and have resolved to hereafter have a fire during the very cold weather.

Notwithstanding the interruption caused by my illness, the number of patients treated in the Warren Memorial Hospital has been greater than any previous quarter. During the past three months the

attendance has gone up to 3,194.

Not only have the numbers been larger than ever before, a large number have been interested in the gospel, and some of the patients have given their hearts to the Lord.

I will be happy when I get the new hospital for men. Then I can do a much better work than now.

Fondly yours, T. W. AYERS.



J. S. CARROLL, TROY

Recently two letters came that gave me much cheer, one from the princely layman, Brother J. S. Carroll of Troy, the other from Brother Isaac Windsor of Goodwater, now in Texas.

Brother Carroll's letter, gracious and kindly like its writer, will speak for itself. Brother Windsor wrote that he had gone to Texas to seek work for our Master; that he had not yet found it, but he did not forget his pledge to our college, and he enclosed his annual gift to our endowment.

The same spirit of consecration and of high service that marked Brother Windsor's life in our State will win for him in Texas the blessing of God and the fraternal regard of the brotherhood.

Yours fraternally, A. P. MONTAGUE, Troy, Ala., Oct. 16, 1907

A. P. Montague, President, Birmingham, Ala.:

My Dear Brother—I am sending you herewith a check for \$100. I believe I have until April 1st to pay my subscription, but I will pay it along in installments.

I congratulate you on your success in raising funds and the progress you are making in the great work at Howard College. It is a pleasure to assist you.

With best wishes, I am, Faithfully yours, J. S. CARROLL.



REV. ISAAC WINDSOR, TEXAS

THE JEW LOOKING FOR JESUS' COMING.

That the Jew is looking for the Messiah is illustrated in a very interesting manner by the following incident in the work of ex-Rabbi Leopold Cohn among the 250,000 Jews of Brooklyn, N. Y. He relates it as follows:

"On Moore street, in the Williamsburg mission field, where the Children of Israel are dwelling, a fearful sight occurred one day recently. As the crowds were surging up and down the street, peddlers howling and shouting to sell their goods, women driving bargains, and the hundreds of children playing in the gutters, suddenly there was consternation among them. A small group of Jews stopped, turned aside, lifted up their faces toward heaven and looked with a steady gaze into the skies. All the business and turmoil around were dead to them. They stood there craning their necks upward as if hypnotized. Soon the group grew into larger dimensions until a multitude was gathered, all deeply engrossed in that sight in which the small group was so much interested. Before long all the people living in or passing by that neighborhood did likewise, and the entire vicinity were held under a spell, which looked as if all were dead. There was no noise, no talking, no motion, but an awful foreboding silence ruled the street. They saw a cloud appear above them, which formed itself into the figure of a crucified man. There was not one among them that did not feel awe-stricken at the sight. They knew something about the Crucified One—some by the fact that they had been to the mission, and others by hearsay. Now, this Crucified One seemed to approach this earth, and right at their busiest place. They had been hating and despising Him, and now He was coming. What a terror! There were among them some converts of the mission, especially one party—a man and wife—who had recently been baptized. To them it was a joy. They were waiting anxiously to see Him come down, for they had read in the New Testament that this same Jesus will come again in a cloud, as a 'cloud received him out of their sight,' Acts, 1:9, and again Luke, 21:27, 'And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud.'

"For the space of about five minutes the whole crowd was held breathlessly gazing with their pale faces upward, watching that figure. Not a word was uttered by one, as they didn't know what to think of it and what to say about it. To their great unexpected relief, the cloud began to change its form, and gradually disappeared into endless space. From the conversation they had afterwards, it appeared that every one had the more or less serious suspicion that it was Christ. There was shown a foretaste of what will take place in this busy world when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again to this sinful earth. Those that despise and reject Him now will be awe-stricken at His appearance, but those again that believe on Him now will rejoice with an exceeding joy. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

The work under the direction of Mr. Cohn is supported by the voluntary contributions by those of his people who have come to realize their debt to the Jew and are trying to pay it. He is now in need of large and generous contributions, and we should be glad to have some of our readers give liberally of their means, either through us or direct to him. The address is Leopold Cohn, 620a Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Also subscribe for his little paper, "The Chosen People," telling about the work. The price is 50 cents a year, or a sample copy will be sent you post free for 10 cents.

STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETS TUESDAY, NOV. 19TH, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

IN MEMORIAM.

Again the death angel has visited the home of Mr. W. R. Chapman and took from him his loving wife, Mary Ollie, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Randall, born July, 1879, died October 15, 1907. Mrs. Chapman was in wretched health all the year, but was not confined to her bed but a short time. She was the mother of three children, one of whom passed on to the great beyond before she did. She was a bright, Christian woman, always ready to lend a helping hand to any one. Just a few days before she died she called her husband to her bed and told him she would soon be gone, but she was ready and wanted him to raise the little ones right and meet her in heaven. How sad to give up a devoted wife and mother, a true friend and neighbor; but how comforting to those who grieve for her to know that they shall meet her again on that beautiful shore, where there will be no more partings. May he who doeth all things well comfort them in this sad hour and help them to realize that 'tis only another link drawing them nearer that happy home above. She was a member of the First Baptist church at Talladega. Brother Gwaltney conducted the funeral services and her remains were laid to rest at Providence church near Talladega. May we all follow her as she followed Christ.

A LOVING FRIEND.

ELIJAH O'REAR.

A good man gone is the tribute but elegant tribute to one who after years of faithful service comes to his grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season. Brother O'Rear was born in Morgan county, Alabama, May 5, 1829, and died at his home in Walker county near Jasper September 26, 1907. He was married to Miss Sarah Feltman, with whom he lived nearly 55 years, and brought up ten children, all of whom were by his bedside when he died. There were two little girls born to him, who died in their infancy. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Bluff Springs in 1876, but drew his letter in 1878 to become a charter member of Jasper Baptist church, where he remained a faithful member until his death. He was elected sheriff of Walker county in August, 1880, and served four years. He was also elected county treasurer of Walker in 1888, and served two terms. He served through the entire civil war, but was never wounded. He was a Christian gentleman, loved and honored by all who knew him. We bless God for the gift of his noble life.—A. J. Preston.

FROM MISSISSIPPI.

I like my move to Mississippi very much, but I am sorry to say that the Baptists over here are anti-board Baptists. They don't know much about missions, but they believe in paying mission money. They say we are afraid of the board. I believe they can be tamed. I have accepted the care of one church and have one other call. I have heard of Baptists, but of all Baptists I ever heard of we have a people over here calling themselves the stumbling stone Baptists. I have been trying to find out where they come from. The best I can learn of them is that they just jumped up. Hoping the Baptists of Alabama will still work on till the refreshing showers may overflow the hills and val-

leys of Mississippi with grace and truth of our Savior, and my prayer is for the brethren. May God bless this paper and its readers. Yours truly, J. M. Killingsworth, Rora Avis, Miss.

We have held a two week's meeting and this far into the third week. This is one of the hardest fields in the state, but God is with us and has blessed the work on Furnace Hill. Bro. W. L. Howse, the beloved pastor of the First church at Tuscumbia, has been doing the preaching, and his sermons are pure gospel and of the true ring. He is plain, practical and an earnest speaker; no schemes to lead men into the church by a consent of the mind, but the gospel of repentance, faith and benet in a Savior who will and does save a poor lost sinner, was held out to the sinner. The Campbellites gave us an experience that is our first in Christian work. After our meeting had commenced they came and pitched a tent within three hundred feet of us, on the same side of the street and started a tent meeting, and thus took advantage of our advertising. We went along with our meeting, never paid any attention to them nor referred to them, but the way the said evangelist jumped on the Baptist, Methodist and others was good as a circus. So far seven have joined, two by relation and five for Baptism. Praying God to bless you, yours in His name, O. E. Comstock, Sr., pastor Furnace Hill Baptist church.

We how just closed a fine meeting with our church here. Rev. L. A. Cooper, aided by his singer, Brother A. Ira Ruby did the preaching. These brethren are truly great. In their respective departments of work. I desire to commend them to the brotherhood generally as safe and helpful. Those desiring such help could not do better than secure them; they are open now for engagements for 1908. Address them at Johnston, S. C.

Our work is moving on nicely. About sixty have been added to the church since our coming here last December. Our finances are in good shape. The "duplex system," with a good finance committee, does the work. I rejoice in the triumph of temperance in your midst. May the good work go on with ever increasing scope and power till the saloons are all closed. We have no saloons here and our officers have nothing to do and our city court has gone out of business so far as I know. I could do the police work as well as any one, for we have little to be done. Our chief has truly a soft place. Greetings to our Alabama friends.—I. G. Murray.

Eoline, Ala., Oct. 3, 1907.

Whereas, since the organization of our Sunday school on the fourth Sunday in February, 1905, our little Bro. John A. Ward has been a regular attendant at Sunday school, with good lessons as long as he was able, and

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and power to remove him from our midst by the death angel on the 22d day of September, 1907; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we humbly bow to the will of Him who makes no mistakes and point the bereaved family to Him for consolation in this sore bereavement.
Resolved, second, That we extend to the bereaved parents and sister our prayers and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their only son and brother, whom we, as well as they, confidently expect to see in after life carrying

on the work of his blessed Lord.

Resolved, third, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Alabama Baptist, that a copy be spread on the minutes of the Sunday school, and that a copy be furnished to the bereaved family.

The door through which he vanished
Closed with a jar and left us here
alone.

We stand without, in tears, forlorn
and banished.

Longing to follow where one loved
has gone.

Oh, shall we ever reach him, or
See him again and know him as our
own.

Oh, will he conduct us to the Heavenly
Teacher.

And bow beside us low before His
throne.

J. A. METCALFE,
W. A. MOORE,
Committee.

We closed a good revival at Whistler last night with thirty additions, pastor's salary raised from \$500 to \$1200 and money raised to paint and improve the church house. Brother Taylor is one of God's best and is doing a great work here. My home is now in Montgomery. Yours and His, W. J. Ray.

Mrs. Alice Cross, wife of Mr. T. M. Cross, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shaw, died at her home in Dora, Ala., September 24, 1907. Mrs. Cross was born in Coosa county, Ala., March 4, 1873. She made a profession of faith in Christ and joined Goodwater Baptist church when she was about fifteen years of age, and has ever since lived a consistent Christian life. She was married to Mr. T. M. Cross in October, 1901, and was ever devoted and faithful to her husband. Her character was strong and positive, but gentle. Her Christianity was both spiritual and practical, finding expression in fitting words and helpful deeds. Her death was gentle, peaceful and happy, the light and smile of which were still beaming on her face when the coffin lid was closed. Her devotion to her aged father and afflicted mother was beautiful beyond description. Her Christian light shined in her life, in her sweet submissiveness in her last illness and in her peaceful, triumphant death. She leaves a husband, a father, mother and one brother, with a large number of friends to mourn her absence.—Her Pastor, A. J. Preston.

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KENTUCKY NEWS.

Dr. J. G. Bow, after a phenomenal record of over seven years as missionary secretary, has resigned to succeed me as manager of the Baptist Book Concern, and Dr. T. T. Eaton as vice president. Dr. C. M. Thompson resigns at Paducah to become editor of the Recorder, and president of the Baptist Book Concern to succeed me. Dr. W. D. Powell succeeds Dr. Bow as secretary of missions. Rev. W. J. Mahoney, of New Orleans, is elected Sunday school secretary.

Dr. P. T. Hale is succeeding grandly as leader in our educational move-

ment. Dr. H. A. Foster begins as pastor of Walnut Street church the second Sunday in this month. Dr. Alderman has accepted charge of Fourth Avenue church and Dr. Doolan succeeds Dr. B. A. Dawes at Highland church.

The Southern Baptist Theological seminary has opened with an increased number of students. Our colleges and schools are overflowing with students. In this connection permit me to add that I am enjoying rest from constant employment the first time since I was sixteen years old—thirty-seven years spent in active denominational work. In reply to many letters from your readers, I assure all friends of my grateful appreciation. I feel profoundly my indebtedness to the editors and the Baptists for the uniform courtesy and encouragement which was extended to me all over the south-land.

In conclusion, I have no idea of "rusting out, but expect to wear out in the service of my Master and the great denomination to which I keenly feel my indebtedness."

W. P. HARVEY.

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CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON.

was never cured by mercury or potash. These drugs give temporary relief from the symptoms, but do not destroy the active poison in the blood. Every man who is infected has tainted blood, and will never be safe from its progress until the system has been purified and cleansed of the most minute particle of the virus. Our anti-toxin remedy will do this permanently, safely and quickly, and at the same time correct the damage done by mercury and potash and restore you to a normal, healthy condition. It cures, never to return, all skin eruptions, sores and ulcers of the mouth and throat, enlarged glands of the neck, copper-colored spots, aches in bones and muscles, falling of hair, abscesses, pain in back of head, girdle like pain about body, tumors of brain and spinal cord. We guarantee a permanent cure of Blood Poison in any stage. The treatment can be taken at home without additional cost or interruption from business. Call if possible; if not, write for free prognosis and special booklet. We have cured thousands during our thirty-five years' practice and have a world wide reputation as reputable specialists in the cure of blood diseases. Free consultation by mail or in person.

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PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED IN MONTGOMERY

Speech by Judge Jno. R. Tyson

With the Montgomery theater packed to its fullest capacity, and hundreds of people turned away at the door, the campaign against liquor in Montgomery county was opened by the prohibitionists last week.

It was an appreciative audience and an enthusiastic one, that listened to the argument and the oratory of Hon. John R. Tyson, chief justice of the Alabama supreme court, and Hon. Seaborn Wright, the leader of the prohibition forces in Georgia. J. Lee Holloway, of Montgomery, a member of the last city council, presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers.

The stage of the theater was occupied by the members of the prohibition campaign committee, the pastors of the different churches of the city, many of whom had dismissed their night services to unite in the prohibition rally, and some other prohibition workers. Many of the members were accompanied by their wives.

Judge Tyson's Speech.

The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock. Chairman Holloway introducing with brief remarks Judge Tyson as the first speaker. Judge Tyson spoke as follows:

"By the act of the legislature approved on February 26, 1907, the right of petition is conferred upon one-fourth of the qualified voters of any county in this state, to require an election to be ordered for the purpose of having determined, by ballot, whether or not liquors shall be sold in their county.

"This act is known as the local option act, and its manifest purpose is to secure to the citizens of each county the opportunity and the right to determine for themselves whether the liquor traffic shall be carried on in their county. It commits them to the right to exercise an important governmental function—recognizing and putting in force the principle of local self-government with respect to a matter peculiarly affecting their social organization.

"In the exercise of so important a function, the purpose to be accomplished by governmental authority should be kept steadily in view. This purpose is that of promoting the mutual safety and advance of those composing the body politic by the joint effort of their combined strength.

Evils of the Traffic.

"This purpose can not be accomplished by the exercise of the function entrusted to you by the fostering and maintenance of a traffic that impairs, in any degree, the moral force of any substantial portion of the people of our county, their character and manhood; a traffic that incites lawlessness, perfidy and crime; that engenders prodigality, thriftlessness, dishonor and beggary, a traffic that breeds discontent, quarrels and bloodshed; a traffic that wrecks fortunes, lives and homes and breaks the hearts of fathers, mothers, wives and sisters; a traffic that supplies inmates for almshouses, asylums, jails and penitentiaries.

"If these be some of the direful consequences attendant upon the liquor traffic—and undoubtedly they are—is it not the duty of every patriotic voter who cherishes the sacred privileges of the elective franchise to assist in striking it down, rather than to promote and sustain it, and it may be, perpetuate it in power for generations to come.

"Where in all this fair country of ours is there a white man or white woman that has not drunk deep of degradation who is willing to foster and sustain and perpetuate a traffic that will make drunkards of men and boys and outcasts of women and girls?

"And is there one among you willing by his vote to say that he is so selfish and so sordid as that he is indifferent to the results produced by the traffic upon the lives, the character, the well-being, of his neighbors and their sons and daughters, to say nothing of the material prosperity that will ultimately follow in the wake of the suppression of so pernicious an institution?



JUDGE JOHN R. TYSON.

Sobriety and Virtue Priceless.

"But should it be conceded that temporary business depression will follow as a result of the suppression of the traffic—is the morality, virtue, happiness, peace, order, the security of our women and our boys, to be measured by a money standard?

"It is possible that we have imbibed the spirit of commercialism to such an extent that we are willing to barter or sell all these things so essential to our social well-doing, to the end of perpetuating in our midst an institution which impoverishes its patrons in purse, health and morals? Sobriety and virtue are priceless gems and their value incapable of a measurement by any money standard.

"Is it possible that we have imbibed the spirit of a nation that the right to engage in the traffic is neither a natural nor a constitutional one. For the same reason the state—which is nothing more than a society of men banded together for their mutual protection and advantage—in the exercise of its right to control its purely internal affairs, has, since the foundation of this republic, exercised the authority of controlling the traffic, even to the extent of prohibiting it by legislative enactment and prescribing penalties for the violation of such laws.

Minimizes Evils of Traffic.

"But it is said should a majority of you, by the exercise of the sovereign power conferred by the legislative act, vote 'against the sale of liquor,' the blind tiger will take the place of the saloon; that to existing evils will be added others, that the evils now extant as consequential of the traffic will still obtain, strengthened, fortified and accentuated by others equally injurious to our social status, and that the consequences attendant upon the illegal traffic thus established will be far more damaging than those attendant upon the saloon.

"It is not perceivable how this can be. The assertion is a reflection upon the integrity of our officers charged with the sworn duty of executing the law, and an imputation upon the honesty and sincerity of purpose of those of you who feel and appreciate the responsibilities of the trust committed to you to protect and preserve the manhood and womanhood of the people of our county.

All laws are framed with the expectation that they will be violated, which is clearly shown by the fact that penalties are prescribed for their violation; and the history of their administration will show that no one of them has been inviolably kept.

"There can be no question that your law will destroy the opportunities for indulgence afforded by the

open saloon and the temptations held out by it, and thus decrease the traffic.

"In proportion as the traffic is diminished, in the same proportion the evils consequent upon it will be lessened. A minimization of the traffic minimizes inebriety, drunkenness, profligacy and crime, and inculcates to that extent a spirit of industry, frugality and obedience to law.

Economical View.

"Aside from the effect which the traffic has upon the morals of our people, to the end of impairing good citizenship, from a viewpoint of pure economics its suppression will in a short time result in increasing the prosperity of the people of every community in our county.

"It is a fundamental principle of political economy that a traffic which offers to the individuals of a community an article of commerce that is of no appreciable value to the purchasing consumer can not be made the basis of prosperity. In other words, financial prosperity can not be founded upon a traffic that impoverishes its patrons, that in any degree impairs their earning capacity and ability to acquire and accumulate wealth, that encourages recklessness in the expenditure of their earnings or savings, that destroys the habits of industry and frugality and begets distrust instead of confidence.

"Sobriety is properly regarded by the business world as essential to trustworthiness and fidelity to duty, and as a requisite characteristic of every trusted employe, agent or servant, whether his duties involve the handling of funds or the performance of labor. Inebriety is generally regarded, and correctly so, as impairing the capacity of the business man, the professional man, the artisan and the laborer.

No Longer an Experiment.

"While these results must logically follow upon principle from a suppression of the liquor traffic, prohibition, as affecting the prosperity of the people of a state or of a municipality, is no longer an experiment or a theory. In every state where it has been put into operation the results mentioned have been obtained and still obtain. A more striking example of this can not be found, perhaps, than in the people of Maine, where prohibition has been in force for more than forty years. Under prohibition, according to Mr. Clinton Howard, who is a reliable authority on the subject:

"Maine is the only state east of the Mississippi river that has more home-owners than home-renters, and prohibition Maine has 36 per cent more owners than renters. To every one hundred families New York has seventeen home-owners, and the saloon; Massachusetts has eighteen, and the saloon; Connecticut has fifteen, and the saloon; Maine has forty-six and no saloon; Rhode Island has 26,000 more families than dwelling houses—and the saloon; Connecticut has 43,000; Massachusetts, 162,000; Maine has only 14,000.

Increases Prosperity.

"In a published statement made in 1901 by Mr. Littlefield, a member of congress from that state and a man of national repute, the following will be found:

"Maine has in her savings banks, \$95.22 for every inhabitant; Illinois, \$13.43; Kentucky, none; Ohio, \$10.71; Pennsylvania, \$16.72. In thirty-eight years her savings and deposits have increased \$40,000,000 despite heavy investments in the west; and while her population since 1850 has increased only 20 per cent, her valuation per capita has increased 252 per cent, thus establishing beyond controversy that with prohibition the people of Maine under climatic and other natural conditions most unfavorable, have made their state one of the richest in the American union.

"Another striking example is that of the state of Kansas, which, some years ago, embodied into its constitution a prohibition against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors except for medicinal, scientific and mechanical purposes. Governor John A. Martin, of that state, speaking of prohibition, said:

"A great reform has certainly been accomplished. Intemperance is steadily and surely decreasing. The most wonderful era of prosperity, of material, moral and intellectual development, of growth in the country, towns and cities, ever witnessed on the American continent has been illustrated in Kansas during the six years since our temperance amendment."

"For after all it is the people and not the liquor dealer who pay for the privilege which they in their sovereign power grant to him, as well as all other expenses incident to the maintenance of his business and the cost of the prosecutions of crime occasioned by that traffic."

"Indeed as an economical proposition it would be cheaper to the taxpayer to pay directly instead of indirectly the revenue derived from the sale of licenses. By doing so they will not only avoid the expense of maintaining the business, but will also avoid the great cost of policing it and of the maintenance of forums for the investigation and punishment of crime directly and indirectly traceable to the traffic."

"But it is said the blind tiger flourishes and grows fat in the prohibition states. If this be true, those engaged in the liquor traffic have no just cause of complaint. And if the people of the prohibition states are indebted to the blind tiger for their increased prosperity, those of you who oppose prohibition upon purely economical grounds are equally without a just cause of complaint."

Local Conditions.

"From the standpoint of morals and economics, there can scarcely be found in this state a community in greater need of the beneficial, restraining influences of prohibition than the people of our country. Our social status in this county is peculiarly menaced, and our financial prosperity seriously dwarfed by the liquor traffic, by reason of the fact that a large majority of our population are negroes. The total population of the county in 1900, according to the census reports, was 72,047. Of this number 52,207 were negroes, fifteen Chinamen, and only 19,825 were white. Of a total population in this city of 30,346, the negroes numbered 17,229 and the whites 13,102. Outside of the city there were 35,978 negroes and only 6,723 white. It is fairly deducible from the figures alone, that the negroes constitute in the main our farming and laboring classes. It is from the negroes, who are in the main ignorant, profligate and predisposed to lawlessness and crime, that the liquor traffic obtains its greatest revenue. It is the negro who chiefly constitutes the loafer, the vagrant and the criminal. It is from the negro race that the great criminal class comes, which produces, in a great measure, the necessity for the existence and maintenance of our criminal tribunals. It is the negro who mainly fills our jails and penitentiaries. It is he whose brain is fired by the liquor poison, clothed in raiment calculated to arouse his bestial passions, that is being dispensed by establishments that now seek a continued existence by your grace."

"Is it a wonder that the intoxicated negro is a menace to the manhood and womanhood of our country? Is it strange that under existing conditions there are those among us residing upon farms and in the suburbs of our city who feel anxious for the personal safety of those near and dear to them."

For Safety of Women.

"The future security of our women and children, of our homes and our firesides, as well as our future prosperity, depends upon the advancement of the ignorant negro to the end of his becoming obedient to law, and this end can be accomplished only by the placing of wise limitations and restrictions upon his inclination toward licentiousness and lawlessness."

"A more wholesome restraint could not be devised than the removal, as far as possible, from him of the chief inciting cause of all licentiousness and lawlessness. And this cause is unquestionably liquor."

"Prohibition is a legal barrier to its sale and distribution, and insofar as it effectuates a decrease of the traffic, it decreases the lawlessness of the negro and is promotive of his obedience to constituted authority, thus diminishing the perils to which at present we, as a people, are subjected."

"To the same extent that prohibition restricts his opportunity to obtain liquor, to that extent he becomes a more useful and trustworthy laborer and citizen; and to that extent our material prosperity is subserved."

"Already his presence, under existing conditions, has driven from the plantations in this county the white man and his family. And so long as liquor dives in this city are permitted to deal out to him poisonous liquors that incite death and destruction, this depopulation of the plantations will continue."

"The responsibility for his future conduct imperiling the security of our lives, our homes and firesides, our women, our tranquillity, order, happiness and prosperity, rests upon the white man of this county. To the white man is committed their sacred keeping and preservation."

"He can destroy them by voting in the approaching election for the continued existence of the fiercest and bitterest foe. He can make this capital city, the pride of the state, the rendezvous for outcasts driven from other counties by recent elections; or he can strike down the arch enemy of morality, decency and prosperity."

"Strike for your altars and your fires,
God and your native land!"

There was enthusiastic applause after Judge Tyson's address, and he was interrupted time and again during its delivery by the salvos of the audience.

"America" was sung by the audience between the address of Judge Tyson and that of Mr. Wright, who followed.

Address of Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright disclaimed at the outset being a "temperance lecturer," but said that he sometimes went to neighboring states to assist their people in achieving what had been accomplished in Georgia at the last meeting of the legislature. He did not abuse in his speeches, he said, because he did not believe in it. He advised charity and kindness during the campaign, urging the use of persuasion rather than force or compulsion in securing votes. "If this advice is followed," he declared, "you'll win! You'll win!"

"Because a man takes a drink, he is not a bad man," declared the Georgia orator, "but the men I hate are in the amen corner of the church who deliberately pray that the kingdom come, and then deliberately votes to put in a liquor shop. He is the man I hate. I hate the spirit of commercialism in a town, where the dollar is above every other feeling."

He emphasized three arguments that are advanced against prohibition, and declared he wanted to teach the members of his audience how to answer them. The first of these objections, as he stated it, was that "the business interests and life of the town almost depends upon the liquor traffic."

Effect on Business Interests.

His answer to this was the declaration that towns are not hurt by prohibition, "as will be admitted by the anti when prohibition is put into Montgomery." He told how business interests were going to be ruined in Atlanta and all over Georgia, according to statements before the adoption of the prohibition law, but that since its passage, the Atlanta papers were declaring the city was in better shape, through increased rents and otherwise, than ever before.

"You people have an idea," he declared, amid the applause of the audience, "that a dozen dirty liquor shops make a city. If Montgomery has nothing but a hundred and thirty such shops to show for itself, then Montgomery is a mighty sorry town."

Liquor Doesn't Make Town.

He ridiculed the objection to prohibition that it takes away revenue from the city, saying it would seem as though millions and millions of dollars of valuation depended upon the \$35,000 of revenue from liquor licenses. It was not a good business proposition, anyway, he said, as the local government receives only \$35,000 from licenses, whereas the federal government taxes were \$200,000 upon the liquor consumed, upon the conservative estimate that 200,000 gallons are consumed each year.

The second objection that prohibition would not prohibit was declared to be a reflection upon the

people. In communities where it does not prohibit, he said, there was needed some of the spirit of '61, when people were willing to fight for what they believed to be right.

The third objection was that prohibition is interference with the personal liberty of the people. There were good men, he declared, who do not believe in legislation which prescribes the way men and women shall eat and drink. "And they are right," he continued. "The trouble with them is they are making the tail wag the dog. He has a perfect right to have a drink of liquor whenever he pleases, and we are not trying to keep the liquor away from him, but simply trying to keep him from forcing us into the liquor business, or saying that we shall sell him liquor over a bar."

A GOOD LAW.

Dear Dr. Barnett:

The recent organization to protect and insure the enforcement of the prohibition law in Jefferson county is the greatest step taken by the real "good government" of the county and the city of Birmingham.

The mere fact that prohibition is now a law, and that on January 1st all of Satan's temples in the county must be closed, does not mean, literally, that a victory has been won. In a truer sense, "war has been declared" only. The fight is now on, and it is not up to the high officials of the county to prevent the sale and use of whiskey, but it is up to those who made it a law—officials and individuals. (We know the Birmingham News will do its part.)

I write after some very careful observation in more than one State where prohibition prevails in many counties and sections. It is recent observation, too, for since the question of prohibition has been agitated seriously in Alabama, I have had occasion to fully satisfy myself on several points. As has been admitted, and which is a fact, prohibition will no more prevent the sale and use of whiskey than capital punishment prevents murder, yet it is a fact that statistics show, and are proven true, that the enforcement of the law will so reduce the evil as to be the means of saving the lives of thousands and the souls of millions of our American boys and girls. What are they worth each? Let every parent estimate the worth of his or her child!

There are towns and small cities in prohibition districts where the sale of intoxicants is so insignificant that a visitor never observes the disgrace brought about by the use of it. In these sections the law is enforced. If the officers fail to enforce the law, the people enforce the officers; and they do it without fear or favor, regardless of standing or popularity. I say this is being done right now, and I have observed it recently. These good people do not allow their children, their property and their best business interests to be disgraced by the violation of such a sacred and important law.

More time, energy and money is necessary to fight this battle than was needed in the preparation for it. Every possible league and other means of prosecuting, to the limit of the law, the first violators will count bigger than any efforts thereafter—an early lesson will be remembered—you will have the opportunity, too. Yours sincerely, A CITIZEN.

HEART RIGHT.

It Makes a Great Difference.

"About two years ago I became alarmed because my husband had attacks from fainting spells caused by weak heart, from drinking coffee."

"At first he did not like Postum, I had not then learned to boil it long as directions say, to get the rich flavor and brown color."

"After it was made right, he liked it, and now for more than a year he has not been troubled with his heart—in fact, his general health is better than for years." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WIN RECORD BREAKING VICTORY IN BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham News on Tuesday, October 29, says editorially:

"The result of the election is a step in the march of progress. * * * The returns show that prohibition was carried by the largest majority in any election in Jefferson county for many years. * * * With a sober, industrious, patriotic and public-spirited people, Jefferson county will start the new year with the brightest outlook for progress and prosperity."

Mill Workers and Foreign-Born Americans Decisive Factor in Prohibition Battle.

The Georgian, Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, October 29, under the headline, "Birmingham's Battle a Significant One," declares in its leading editorial:

"The vote in Jefferson county was astonishing to all participants in the campaign which closed on Monday.

"It is doubtful, after the result in Birmingham, if any city in the South has any reason to be discouraged over the result of a faithful and earnest fight for prohibition.

"For Birmingham was not a city naturally expected to go for prohibition. It is a city of mills and furnaces, a city of work and industry. Its population was largely born and largely recruited from the foreign elements of our own American population.

"That Ensley, the first industrial city of the South in proportion to its size, should give a sweeping majority for prohibition, tells a tale blazing with hope that the foreign element itself has come to realize that saving and thrift and happy homes and moral uplift follows the line of prohibition to the dethronement of the liquor traffic.

"Birmingham is a strong strategic redoubt which has been captured in the enemy's country. The results of its Monday's battle will have a far-reaching effect throughout the industrial as well as the agricultural South."

The Victory at Birmingham.

Spurred on by their wives, mothers and sweethearts, while 10,000 school boys and girls paraded the streets with songs, cheers and banners, the steel mill workers and factory operatives of Jefferson county, foreign-born American citizens to a large extent, went to the polls last Monday and cast the decisive vote which swept this industrial center of the Southland into the prohibition column.

The victory will undoubtedly take its place as one of the most remarkable and strategic in the whole history of the prohibition movement in America.

In the first place, Jefferson is the largest county (in population) that ever voted for prohibition. Its

population now exceeds 150,000, and is growing at an almost phenomenal rate.

The voters include thousands of foreign-born American citizens, who were counted upon to vote in favor of the saloon, but who startlingly disappointed the hopes of the whiskey politicians.

The cities of Bessemer and Ensley, where the foundries and steel mills are chiefly located, both surprised the liquor men by recording prohibition majorities.

Birmingham is now the metropolis of Alabama, and the project of extending the city limits to include a large number of the leading nearby towns is now declared assured by the result of the election. This will more than double the present population figures of the city of Birmingham.

The victory in Birmingham may prove as notable in its effect upon the prohibition movement as the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga proved to the American Revolution.

It will most surely precipitate state prohibition in Alabama within sixty days, and strongly influence the result in the campaigns now getting under way in such cities as Montgomery, Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla., and Dallas, Tex.

The result will no doubt strengthen the backbone of every Democratic congressman south of Mason and Dixon's line to support a bill for prohibition in Washington and the District of Columbia, which will be introduced at the coming session of congress, and it has also driven another nail in the coffin of the liquor lobby opposing the Hepburn-Dolliver interstate liquor bill in congress.

How the Battle Was Won.

The Anti-Saloon League and the work of the committee headed by Walter L. Sessions, together with the ministers; thorough organization; the splendid backing of the two leading daily newspapers of Birmingham, the News and Ledger; the securing of a large number of the leading prohibition orators of the nation; the forcing of the liquor men into a futile attempt at open and public defiance by means of rallies, etc.; the outrageous defiance of public sentiment by the liquor dealers, and the enthusiastic participation of the women and children of the city and county, led by the W. C. T. U., were among the factors which account for the brilliant success of the anti-liquor forces.

When prohibition goes into effect on January 1st next, 150 saloons will close their doors, but it is understood that many of the present owners and proprietors will remain in the city and go into other business. W. S. Eidge, one of the most prominent liquor dealers of Bessemer, expressed what is be-

lieved to be the sentiment of many others to a representative of the News, when he said Tuesday afternoon:

The Workingmen's Vote Carried the Day.

The most significant and unexpected feature of the election was the large prohibition vote cast by the workingmen. It is thus graphically described by the staff correspondent of the Georgian:

"The eye-opener of the memorable occasion, the shock that shook the prohi and paralyzed the anti, the premise that turned a handspring and landed wrong-side up, was the vote of the laboring men.

"The one argument that the anti had made with insistence, and which the prohi were always at a loss to answer, was that prohibition would ruin the laborers—and Birmingham and Jefferson county depend more than Atlanta on the laboring man, the men of the mills and mines.

"And these men, whom the anti had accused the prohi of trying to run away, voted the prohibition ticket!

"Would it be two to one or three to one for anti-prohibition in Ensley?" was the question Sunday. The answer Monday was: Ensley for prohibition, 348 against 314.

"The mill men in Bessemer will put a crimp in this prohibition movement, was the prediction of the anti and the fear of the prohi on Sunday. The realization was: Bessemer for prohibition, 344 against 221.

"Pratt City will hand prohibition a lemon," said the wise anti, and the weak prohi shuddered. Pratt City handed prohibition 316 votes and anti-prohibition but 195.

"And herein is where the dope went wrong. The country precincts made good with the predicted large majority for prohibition.

"Birmingham gave the anti a small majority, as had been anticipated. It was the men of the mills and mines—the great body of brawny, laboring men—who handed the uppercut that upset the dope that discolored the prophecy books.

"And so the anti can join with the prohi in rejoicing over one fact—prohibition will not keep or run away laboring men.

"The whiskey men died game.

"They had tried to withstand a wave that had swept Georgia like a hurricane, had passed over 12 Alabama counties within a few previous weeks without encountering a single obstacle strong enough to even retard it, and before this wave, strengthened with each successive rise and fall, the weak, disorganized, half-retreating whiskey forces proved as wheat before the reaper."



SCENE IN POLICE COURT, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.



TANKING UP FOR POLICE COURT

ADDRESS BEFORE DEKALB COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(By J. B. Hamric.)

I hope you may appreciate the spirit in which I make these remarks. We live in the greatest age the world has ever known. The opportunities before us bring greater responsibilities than have ever come upon any people before our time. These conditions result mainly from the spirit of the age. This spirit of progress seems to be in the very air we breathe. Our sunny Southland is now awake, and is at last coming into her own. She has long been in fetters of adverse fate, but by her mighty strength these fetters now lie broken. Material prosperity has stricken her like a great wave, and is almost sweeping men from their feet. Another great wave of public sentiment has arisen, and reform is clamoring at the doors of the legislative, judicial and executive departments of our country. Immigrants are sweeping onto our shores like the tide of the great ocean. New questions and conditions are ever confronting us. In the face of these tremendous facts, what are Southern Baptists doing? With Baptists abides the awful, the glorious responsibility of giving the gospel of Jesus to the world. A great work has been accomplished in the past. There is not one line of the record for which we need feel ashamed. But are we increasing our efforts in proportion to our increased ability? Have we, a small number of the great body, been as significant as we might have been? In the annual meetings of this body, it may be, we have not been as zealous in the business of our Lord as we might. Often members grow restless and go home just at the time they are needed worst, and our local work is not laid upon the hearts of our local churches. Our local missionary work and needs has, from this cause mainly, not had the intelligent endorsement of and co-operation with the churches its importance deserved or the necessity demanded.

I have for some years been closely studying conditions and their resultant needs from a Baptist viewpoint in North Alabama. This is the greatest and most important section of our common country on God's earth to the Baptists of DeKalb County Association. Her people are nearer and dearer to us than any other people. Here live our dearest ties; here many of them sleep beneath the sod. Many of the grand old veterans of the cross have passed away. A new generation has come upon this field of life. How much grander their opportunities and greater their responsibilities than have been those of many of us! Our educational facilities are increasing by bounds. Our young people are coming more and more in touch with the outside world. They are destined to bring things to pass at no distant day. What are we doing to turn and train the powers of the Christian young people among us into Baptist service? What are we doing to reach all the unsaved among them? God alone knows how much we need this work accomplished. How we have longed to see some one take up this work of teaching, training and organizing our young people into strong, intelligent efficient workers for Jesus Christ in His churches! True, a great sacrifice must be made for this, but is not the spirit of Christ one of sacrifice? Mark this: If Baptists fail to rise up in their manhood and do this work, there are others who will who are not Baptists. What feeble efforts we have made toward this work in the past has hardly been a start. O, that the financial needs for the work would become the smallest needs! How we do need organization! What great possibilities lie hidden away in the Sunday school work! Then we need schools organized, many need visiting and encouraging, and teachers are hungering for assistance and a broader vision in the work. We need good literature put into the hands of the young that they may cease wasting their time in reading cheap novels and bogus news

or wrecking their confidence in the word and power of God on new thought and Christian Science, so-called. Did it ever occur to you how badly we need a first-class Baptist school in this county? It could soon be made self-supporting, and who can estimate the good we would receive? Why is it our people don't appreciate these things? It requires training up to it, and we need the training.

Again, our people, young and old, need educating in our doctrine and history. Oh, how weak we are when we run up against a proposition requiring a knowledge of the history of God's people called Baptists! How much better could we comprehend what we should be by knowing what we have been! It is pitiful to witness the helpless floundering of very many of our people when our characteristic doctrines are assailed to them. How we do need the assurance which knowledge brings.

The greatest issue in this world is missions. All others are but tributary to this from God's standpoint, but how we do lack knowledge here! O, thou great dark spell, called Ignorance, when wilt thou cease to hide from men their duties to their brethren and their God? I can realize how that every trouble, every remorse of conscience, every heart-ache, everything which has antagonized my personal happiness in my past life was brought about through ignorance. Ignorance, the handmaid of sin! God give me power and opportunity to fight this pair from the underworld while I live, that I may bear some humble part in hastening the time when light and knowledge shall cover this old earth as waters do the sea. This is God's mission for redeemed men and women in this world. He extends the number of our days on earth that we may do this work.

Brethren, this is our day. The night comes on apace; then we can work no more. May there be no vain regrets when the evening shadows gather:

October 15, 1907.

THE FORM OF BAPTISM IN SCULPTURE AND ART

The above is the title of a book by myself now in the hands of the printer. It is illustrated with more than one hundred pictures on baptism, contains 250 pages, printed in the best of style, and will be bound in cloth with gold lettering. The price is one dollar, postage paid. The pictures have been gathered from catacombs and churches, baptistery and sarcophagus, mosaics and ivories of the world.

Those who practice affusion for baptism have made much of these pictures, while immersionists have given them but little attention. There is no other book known to me in the English language which exclusively treats on this subject. The book is not controversial in nature, but is a calm recital of the facts.

The facts have been carefully collated, and the testimony of the authorities gathered from many sources. An original feature of the book is the testimony of many living authorities who have directly written myself. In this list are such celebrated scholars as Prof. George Lampakis, of Christian Archaeology university, Athens, Greece; Prof. Erich Franz, professor of Christian Archaeology, University of Breslau; Prof. Gustav Adolf Juellcher, professor of Church History, University of Marburg; Prof. Ahnfelt, Lund University; Prof. Bonet-Maurey, professor of Church History, University of Paris; Prof. Nicolas Gluboktski, St. Petersburg; Prof. W. Sanday, Oxford University, England, and many more.

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13. Some striking pictures.

14. Pictures gathered from many places.

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I have been to large expense in preparing this book, and I would appreciate advanced orders for it. I hope to be able to fill all orders in two weeks. Send me your name and one dollar. Address

JOHN T. CHRISTIAN,
Little Rock, Ark.

"AS YE SOW."

Is it worth your while, my brother,

To deride, berate and scorn?

Better far to scatter roses

Than the sharp and stinging thorn.

Is it worth your fleeting moments

Down this little span of life,

To go sowing seeds of discord,

But to garner sheaves of strife?

If a kind word, sweetly spoken,

Some poor shadowed heart can cheer,

Speak it out, and listening angels

High in heaven's courts will hear.

Only once we tread this pathway,

And the way is quickly run;

Let us sow for golden reaping

At the setting of the sun.

STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETS TUESDAY

RESOLUTIONS OF RUFAMA BAPTIST CHURCH CONCERNING THE BAPTIST CENTENNIAL IN ALABAMA.

Whereas, the current convention year marks the beginning of Baptist work in Alabama; and

Whereas, The Baptists of Alabama last July, in the city of Dothan, in convention assembled, decided to appropriately celebrate by raising \$100,000 for missions; and

Whereas, The convention has called upon the local Baptist churches to do all in their power to make this the most glorious year in their history; and

Whereas, We believe that the time has come when Baptists in Alabama should make a forward step for larger things in every department of their work; and

Whereas, We also believe that only by a rapid and heroic advancement shall we be able to magnify the will of God and do our work as a people:

Be it therefore resolved by Rufama Baptist church in conference assembled, this the 27th day of October, 1907:

(1) That we heartily endorse and pledge our cooperation in the Centennial movement.

(2) That we assure the Centennial committee and the secretary of our State Board of Missions of our sympathy and prayerful remembrance.

(3) That we call upon every member of our beloved church to largely increase his gifts to missions, education, the orphanage and our other several interests.

(4) That these resolutions be entered upon our minutes and a copy be sent to the editors of the Rufama Baraca and The Alabama Baptist for publication.

STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETS TUESDAY, NOV. 19TH, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.

A. D. GLASS
Field Editor

THROUGH MISFORTUNE.

Many a person's temporal misfortune at a particular time, has at last proved to be to him a great spiritual fortune. The temporal loss has resulted in an eternal gain. The sorrow over a financial misfortune has been turned into joy by the reception of blessings which no money could procure. Evangelist Gipsy Smith, of England, who recently visited this country, gives an account in his autobiography of his mother, who died when he was very young. Like nearly all gypsies she was unconverted during all of her early life and did not know of the Savior, nor could she read the Bible. There were several children in the family and while the parents and family were traveling in their wagon, Mrs. Smith was taken ill from smallpox. During her illness she thought much about her spiritual condition. When she was a little girl she heard some young people sing the following lines:

"I have a Father in the promised land.
My God calls me, I must go
To meet Him in the promised land."

Twenty years had elapsed since she heard those words sung, but during her fatal illness the words came back to her memory with great force and several times she sang them. She also prayed, according to the little light that she had, and then put her trust in God. As she was about to die she said to her husband: "I am not afraid to die now. I feel that it will be all right. I feel assured that God will take care of my children." The son says that it is evident that God's hand was in that misfortune. It was the means of causing his mother to come out of darkness into the true light, and thus preparing her for heaven. His father, too, was under deep conviction for sin and soon afterward he became a Christian. A great shadow had fallen upon the household, but out of it came the brightness of eternal salvation. And there have been many similar instances. By means of death in a family, life in Christ has been received by the other unsaved ones. What are you doing with your misfortunes? Are you growing harder in heart because of them, or are you being made better by them?

A CRACK IN THE MOON.

The business of the higher critics and scientists is to find flaws and cracks. A scientist has discovered what appears to be a crack in the moon, and of course, if such a crack exists it is worth looking into. If the moon is preparing to split in two we have a right to know something about it, especially if there is danger of the pieces falling in our vicinity. A moon is a good thing in its place, but no one wants a quarter or half section in his back yard or blocking the street in front of his house. Then, too, the moon owes something to lovers, to say nothing of the poets, and if it is the sober, self-respecting moon we have always thought it to be, then it will behave itself and refuse to split open, even at the risk of displeasing a few over-zealous scientists.

WHO PAYS THE COSTS?

Our criminals cost us over \$60,000,000 every year, and seventy-five per cent of them can be traced to strong drink. It costs over \$13,000,000 to care for the insane, and a large percentage of the insanity can be traced directly or indirectly to strong drink. It costs more than \$7,000,000 to care for the inmates of our almshouses, and seventy-five per cent are there directly or indirectly through strong drink.

The liquor traffic gives us 50,000 tramps, 100,000 insane people, 200,000 criminals and 100,000 drunkards. It costs three times as much as meat, ten times as much as our public schools and fifty times as much as the preaching of the gospel.

GOVERNOR COMER'S POSITION.

The Montgomery Advertiser reports the following conversation between Senator Reese and Governor Comer in the lobby of the Exchange hotel on the night before the legislature convened in special session:

"I am for state prohibition if they'll give the men who are now in the business a chance to close up their businesses. The people of Alabama undoubtedly want state prohibition and I am in favor of their having it. I would like to see the question taken out of politics as quickly as possible. By the way, governor, I have heard a number of people say you would veto a state prohibition bill."

Governor Comer replied:

"I don't see how they could say that. My position on the question is well known. I stood for local option. It was put in the platform and I favor carrying out the platform. But if the legislature passes a prohibition bill and the time comes when I must line up with either the temperance people or the other side, why, nobody could doubt where I would stand."

This was taken by those who heard him to mean that, while the governor will not support a movement to have the legislature repeal the present local option act, which was promised by the party platform, he will nevertheless approve a state prohibition bill if passed by the legislature with the necessary two-thirds vote."

We have always believed that the governor would sign a state prohibition bill if it reached him, and that he would see to its proper enforcement.

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WHISKY AND CIGARETTES.

General Superintendent Murphy, of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, has this to say in explanation of an order recently posted, forbidding employees to use liquor or cigarettes:

"I have been criticised for the stringency of the order, especially the prohibition of the use of cigarettes, but on the other hand, I have had the assurance of our division superintendents (of which we have twelve), aided by my own observation, that persons addicted to the use of cigarettes, especially young men, are the most careless in their duties and the less able to perform them than men using liquor in moderation. I may also mention that in seventeen years' experience as manager of public utility corporations, I have had occasion to promote many of our men from the ranks of conductors and motormen to officers, and in no case has a man using whisky come up to the requirements."

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THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

What are you doing to help raise the One Hundred Thousand Dollars to make our Centennial year a success.

GOD AND THE CHRISTIAN.

The Bible continually conveys the idea that God and the true believer are vitally associated with each other. There is an unbreakable link between them. It is very essential to a Christian's best success in all relations in life to keep a vivid sense of this great truth ever fresh in mind. And the men in Bible history who were eminent as leaders of people, and as most effective workers in righteous ways, did hold that truth fast and foremost in their mind. It is noteworthy that they reckoned more on the help of God in their behalf, and for the good cause, than they depended upon their own wisdom, planning and pursuing. They regarded their own right as being nothing in comparison with God's right. This is one reason why they made a practice of asking God whether or not they should engage in war with a certain national enemy. They knew that they would meet signal failure if God did not approve of battle. They also knew that whenever God did go with them they were certain to triumph. And it was so in relation to all affairs. God must be first in their thoughts and in their dependence, and themselves as were servants of His. So Paul always felt and acted. He is often spoken of as being a man of extraordinary ability. The greatest men of our day declare that Paul was the mightiest man of the centuries, but it is very doubtful that he considered himself to be anything greater than many others of his day were. Notice how frequently he attributed all of his achievements to God's grace and power. He said that it was God in him who wrought so mightily. He never would admit that it was his own power that effected the works which he performed, and he was right in saying so. It was God, first of all, and then Paul as an humble agent of God. Paul would never claim the credit which belonged to God, and this is why God used him so marvellously. And if we would accomplish all that is possible for us to do we must let God have the first place in our purposes and pursuits. The strongest of us are as very weak men without God. To depend upon our own talents and education and position in church or society, supposing that we are great achievers, is to invite comparative failure. Godless men do have a certain sort of success, but only those who let God rule them can accomplish the great deeds which will be living forces in the eternal world.

LAWLESSNESS WORSE THAN LIQUOR.

We are glad that in the counties where the saloons have been voted out that law and order leagues are being formed, for as Dr. Landrum, of Atlanta, says: "If there be one evil more disastrous to the good of society than drunkenness it is lawlessness. Civil government is fundamental to our civilization. Anarchy is the sum total of all infamy."

Making the sale of liquor illegal is but one step in the right direction.

The forces that brought about prohibition must continue to operate. The W. C. T. U. can not dissolve. The Anti-Saloon League must buckle on its armor afresh. The fraternal orders that refuse membership to those who sell liquor may not relax their rules. The educators who teach in our schools the physiological effects of alcohol on the human systems must unwearyedly go forward. The church must stand up and out for total abstinence. The ministers must declare the gospel of the grace of God which is able to prevent the coming of an appetite for liquor and prove its effectual cure where it has been brought about. A battle has been won, but not the campaign. For years to come eternal vigilance will be the price of prohibition. Let us all enlist for the war, expect many campaigns and be willing to endure hardness as good soldiers, who, though they fall, will lie with their backs to the field and their feet to the foe.

DR. WILLINGHAM WRITES OF HIS JOURNEY

Pacific Ocean, Steamship "Minnesota,"
September 27, 1907.

Dear Brother:

My last letter was from Seattle. We were detained there on account of some needed repairs to the machinery of our ship, and finally sailed Friday at 8 a. m., September 13. We were glad, after traveling 3,400 miles across the continent, to have a little rest before going on the ship; besides, our tickets and baggage had to be looked after and a number of letters written to loved ones. In addition to these, we found that two receptions had been arranged for the missionaries and us, and these took precious time. Alas, for a weary man at receptions; a poor, tired traveler settled back one side on an easy chair and felt it was good to be there. Soon a quiet fell over the company, and some one rose and announced that they would like to hear from Dr. Willingham. Surely that was one time when a man had to make an "extemporaneous" address without being warned before hand. I had been so busy all day it never occurred to me that I would be called on to speak. Under the circumstances I made a talk on "The Sweetness of Christian Fellowship." The next day there was another reception and another talk. We took the boat and said, "We are thankful that we can go to sea and rest."

Leaving the Home Land.

Here we are down on the pier. We go up into the tremendous boat. People are swarming down to see loved ones off, some walking, some in carriages, automobiles, wagons—Americans and Asiatics—young and old, some laughing, hugging, shaking hands, kissing, crying; a group yonder praying and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." We saw from the deck some familiar faces of old Virginia friends (Mrs. Sydnor and Mrs. Jordan), who had heard of our going and had come down to see us off. We rushed down the gang-way and had a delightful meeting with these and others who had come with them. They presented us with beautiful flowers and a supply of delicious fruit and candy. When we went aboard the ship again there was a magnificent box of lovely carnations and American Beauties sent through the loving thoughtfulness of that prince in Zion, Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville. Two weeks have gone by, but some of those flowers still adorn our state-room. They have cheered and refreshed us, and made it easier for a fond mother leaving her "bairns" behind. Some people, not understanding, think "Uncle Lansing" rough; perhaps he appears so to those who do not know what a big, tender heart beats in his great, broad bosom. Blessed be the man who can, though 2,500 miles away, strew flowers all the way for 4,200 miles across the ocean. Some people can be in two feet of you, and not put a sweet blossom for one inch. We are all on a voyage. God made the flowers. May we all learn how to use them. Our fellow travelers (children, neighbors and friends) may never go this way again.

Our Ship.

The "Minnesota," on which we sail, is the largest boat on the Pacific, and is magnificent. Her appointments are excellent; her cuisine fine. Fowl, fish and fruits are furnished in variety and abundance. The sailors and servants are Chinese. They do well. They do not know very much English, but some of us know no Chinese at all. It is said that the ship can carry 2,000 passengers, not counting the crew of 250 more. Her capacity for freight is 23,000 tons; that is, she can stow away the freight of 100 trains of 25 cars each, or what it would require a freight train seven miles long to bring. She is 630 feet long, 73 1-2 feet in the beam, and from keel to upper navigation deck she is over 80 feet. There are nine decks. There are two hulls, one within the other, and twelve water-tight compartments, so that if the ship gets injured in one part she will still be safe. It is wonderful what man has done to master the sea. This great boat is said to ride three waves at one time, and is remarkably steady. After all that

man has done, how impotent he is! A few months ago the twin boat to this went on the rocks near Japan right near where we are sailing, and in the short space of 20 minutes had sunk. Fortunately it took place in daylight and near enough to the land for all the passengers and crew to be saved. I hear of all this, and look on the broad sea and rolling waves, and am glad that the sea is His also, and we are in His hands.

Fellow Voyagers.

We have on board 87 missionaries. I think this includes Mrs. Willingham and myself. I have told them we are not missionaries—only their servants—but they insist we shall be counted. This noble band of men and women represent several different denominations, and are going to China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, etc. There are ten in our party, of whom I have formerly written you. Rev. H. B. Berminghoff and wife, of the Missionary Union, are with us. This makes up the twelve at our table. We can all get together three times a day, when the sea is not too rough. We have enjoyed the company of our three veterans, Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tatum and Miss Lottie Price, who are returning to their loved work. Southern Baptists are blessed in having such missionaries. We "young folks, going the first time," take counsel with them. The presence on our ship of Deacon and Mrs. Harry W. Jones, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been a joy and blessing to us. They are people easy to know and fall in love with. Deacon Jones is a leading architect in the city of Minneapolis. He is cheerful and bright, and carries his religion with him. His grandfather was a worker with Judson in Burmah. His father was born in Siam. His mother was a daughter of Dr. S. F. Smith, who wrote our great national hymn, "America" ("My Country, 'Tis of Thee"). Mrs. Jones is a niece of William Howe, who invented the sewing machine. These noble people are on a trip around the world with a special interest in missions. At some time in the future I want them to visit our Southern Baptist convention. We have on board two Mormon elders going as missionaries and a Hindoo priest who has been trying to get converts in California. Some poor deluded people are returning to India with him.

There are on our ship quite a number of government officials—Judge J. C. Jenkins, bound for the Philippines; Consul J. W. McNally, for Nanking, China; Capt. John Francis Pratt, of the United States coast and geodetic survey service; Brigadier-General C. R. Edwards; Hon. Thomas H. O'Brien, ambassador to Japan, and Hon. William H. Taft, secretary of war. The latter goes to the Philippines on government business, and then returns home via Russia. As he is running for president, a number of newspaper men are attending him. He is a great, big, fine man, with open face and genial manner; stands about six feet, weighs 285 pounds, is unassuming, takes a good, hearty laugh when amused, but is a man who does some good, strong thinking. I have talked to him a number of times and studied him closely, and I believe if elected president he will make a good one. I suppose the contest will likely be between him and W. J. Bryan. I am an intense admirer of Bryan, but can write the above.

Ambassador O'Brien, who goes to Japan, is a tall, thin man, rather beyond middle age. He was a lawyer in Grand Rapids, Mich., and never had much to do with politics until sent as United States minister to Denmark a few years ago. He has now been given this larger, more important commission. Just at this time there is perhaps no more important and delicate position in our foreign diplomatic relations. Mr. O'Brien seems to be a fine gentleman, and we trust he will have wisdom for his responsible position.

Time on Shipboard.

Before starting, we wondered what we would do for weeks on shipboard. A lot of books were brought along, but so far only two have been read. It is a joy to walk deck, look at the waves, talk to the pas-

sengers and rest quietly and think. We have every day in the beautiful dining saloon at 11 o'clock a sweet devotional service. Mostly missionaries attend these, but there are others also who come. We have enjoyed the meetings very much. We arranged among the passengers for a series of entertainments. Among these were games on the deck in good weather, and lectures and a concert on different nights. Judge Thomas Burke, of Seattle, Wash., Ambassador O'Brien, Secretary Taft and the writer were pressed into service for the addresses. I was urged to speak on "The Negro of the South From a Southern Man's Viewpoint." I spoke for about an hour, though I had never spoken on the subject before. The audience was composed of people from north, south, east and west of our own land and some foreigners. I hardly know who appreciated the talk most. The Southerners seemed delighted, and others, from Secretary Taft down, crowded around to offer thanks and congratulations. I received a lecture, however, after retiring to my room, on this wise: "Well, you did fine; but look here, this thing has to stop; you came on this boat to rest. You preached last Sunday, spoke tonight," etc. I have quit. Some of us have never learned the wonderful art of Egypt, as a man said who looked on a mummy of a woman there. "Wonderful—to make a woman dry up and stay so!" But blessed be the dear women who care for us.

I have never enjoyed an ocean voyage as much as this one. The great rolling, rushing, crashing billows, the clouds painted with a thousand hues, the sea under the rays of the morning sun like molten silver, the whales rolling and spouting in the mighty waters—all these are God's handiwork. I am lost in wonder, and say, "Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters, O God!" Only the fool can say there is no God.

Why all these thousands and thousands of miles of rolling, tossing billows—some almost unfathomless? I asked one and another, and received no satisfactory reply. Then I remembered how the great ocean sends its refreshing breezes, its rain clouds, its currents—tempering otherwise unendurable conditions—to many lands. The ocean is God's storehouse for refreshing winds and clouds and climate. It is the highway to reach far distant nations. He made the sea and land and set them over against each other. They are all His, and we are His also. Whether by sea or land, let us praise Him and make His love known to all the earth.

I trust the funds are coming in well for the great work. It will cheer my heart if the news so comes. God open the hearts of our people that each one will pray, "God bless me and make me a blessing to the uttermost parts of the earth," and then to live as they pray.

We are now off the coast of Japan. With her thousands of islands, she lies in beauty on the bosom of the Pacific. But I must close, so as to get this letter off just as soon as we get to shore. Think of it! I will talk to you and the dear ones at home in a short time (by cable)! God keep, guide and bless you all.

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In this cause it being made to appear to the judge of this court, in term time, by affidavit of Richard B. Kelly, agent of complainant, that the defendant's residence is unknown, and that he secretes himself so that process can not be served upon him, and further that in the belief of said affiant the defendant, James H. Wilson, is over the age of 21 years, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in the city of Birmingham, Ala., once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said James H. Wilson, to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 9th day of December, 1907, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 5th day of November, 1907.
(Signed) A. A. COLEMAN,

Judge Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Now, therefore, pursuant to said order, this publication is made, and the said James H. Wilson is required to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 9th day of December, 1907, or after thirty days therefrom a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

This 5th day of November, 1907.
WALTER K. MADORY,
Clerk and Register.

Report of Chilton County Association.

The seventh session of the Chilton County Association was held with Shiloh church October 15 and 16.

The association was called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock by Moderator Rev. P. G. Maness. The letters from the different churches were called for and out of nineteen churches eighteen were represented. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. P. G. Maness from text Mar. 13:27.

The association was organized by electing P. G. Maness moderator and W. H. Shaw clerk. We are glad to say that this was the best meeting ever held in the history of the association, better representation, better contributions and better interest in every way was shown. We also had a number of visitors from the Unity and Shelby associations who rendered much help. Among the visitors was Rev. F. W. Barnett, who did much good in receiving a number of subscribers for the Alabama Baptist, the state's best paper.

Another very important feature of the association was a sermon by Rev. S. M. Adams on the subject, "The Fundamental Principles of the Baptist Doctrine." The next session of the association will meet with Macedonia church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1908. Pray for us, brethren, that we may do much for the upbuilding of Christianity and the uplifting of humanity in every respect. Respectfully, F. W. C. Bice.

The longer I take the Baptist the more I learn to appreciate it and its godly, consecrated editor. I believe multitudes will yet rise up and call you blessed for the noble part you have done and are doing in the righteous cause which was so joyously swept over the greatest county in Alabama.—A. B. Creel.

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THE MINISTERIAL CLASS AT HOWARD COLLEGE.

Nothing has been said so far as I know in the columns of your paper about what the young ministers of Howard college are doing. In connection with their regular college work the young men in college who are preparing themselves for the ministry have a class which meets every Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing things of interest, sermon outlinings, the study of missions and various other things the preacher must know. The class is divided into three sections of about fifteen each. Programs are prepared and rendered once a month by each section. Then on the fourth Tuesday evening in each month a program on missions is prepared in which all the sections come together in the discussion of the various phases of the subject. The meetings are well attended and much good is done in the way of training the young men for future work. Many of them go out into destitute places in the Birmingham district and preach in school houses or wherever the people can be brought together. But there are some who have no work yet, but who would be glad to do some preaching. Many of them are strangers in this part of the state and do not know where they can get places to preach. Many who know of places which are without preaching feel a delicacy in forcing themselves on the people and asking if they may preach for them. So a committee has been appointed by the class to look out for places that are in need of a preacher and to assist in arranging appointments for the young men. If any church within a radius of fifty miles from Birmingham, and is near enough a railroad that it can be reached, is without a pastor and will write to Rev. P. T. Anderson or Rev. A. C. Swindall, they will arrange an appointment and send some one out to fill it. The church may call the man sent out if it sees fit, or others may be sent until the church is satisfied.

Of course, no young minister in college expects to be called to a church which is able to have a pastor live among its members and do pastoral work. The main object in view is to supply those places which are not able to support a pastor—regularly every Sunday.

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 Rev. Dr. Henry W. Battle, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, has received information of the death of his distinguished uncle, Rev. Archibald J. Battle, D. D., LL. D., of Macon, Ga. Dr. Archibald Battle occupied some of the highest educational positions in the South, serving forty years as president of various high-grade colleges, during seventeen years of which long period he was president of Mercer university, the great college of Georgia Baptists. He succeeded Dr. P. H. Mell, the famous author of "Mell's Parliamentary Practice," as president of the Georgia Baptist state convention, and was himself an author of considerable distinction. Dr. Noah K. Davis, of the University of Virginia, in reviewing his work on "The Human Will," pronounced him one of the greatest metaphysicians of his day. At the time of his death, though at the age of eighty-one years, he was engaged on a volume entitled "Ecce Regnum Dei." He was a man of great learning, profound piet and exquisite courtesy. His only brother, General Cullen A. Battle, of Alabama (father to Rev. H. W. Battle, of this city), preceded him by a little to the better world.—Biblical Recorder.

Recently B. W. Wood and W. G. Gilmore, the two recently elected deacons in the Baptist church, were duly ordained in accordance with the custom of the church. In this service, which was most impressive and solemn, the pastor, Rev. R. A. J. Cumble, was assisted by Rev. N. C. Underwood, of Talbotton, Ga., and Rev. J. R. Caldwell, of Shellhorn. The new deacons were introduced by H. A. McLain, who answered the customary questions propounded by the pastor to the satisfaction of all, after which it was announced that Rev. Mr. Underwood would preach the ordination sermon. Mr. Underwood formerly served the church at this place as pastor for about sixteen years and needed no introduction. Everybody here knows and loves him. His sermon was very forceful and appropriate and his delivery pleasing and impressive.—Brundidge Record.

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God bless you for the stand you have taken against whisky. It is the greatest evil in all our land. I shall fight it while I have breath. Yours fraternally, W. P. Stewart.

Hearty congratulations to you, frank, on the splendid temperance victories in which you and your paper have taken so signal a part.—John Jeter Hort, Conway, Ark.

Dear Brother Editor: Our prospects are still encouraging. Will baptize 7 or 8 next Sunday night as a result of a revival by the Methodist people. We must pay the last of our church debt soon, but we are greatly in need of some help promised by brethren at the Aniston convention. Some have paid up. Let us have amount you pledged, brethren, for this work. Yours, A. A. Hutto.

A glorious revival at Flomaton closed Thursday night after ten days' preaching by Brother T. O. Reese, of Geneva, Ala. The immediate results are sixteen by experience and five by letter, and the membership greatly revived. Brother Reese is a fearless gospel preacher and won the love and admiration of all who heard him.—D. W. Powell.

Our church at Oxanna is moving along nicely. Brother J. M. Salley is our pastor and is doing a good work here and has a number of good friends at this place. I don't see how we could do without the Alabama Baptist. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Julia Pritchard.

The First Baptist church of Avondale has enjoyed a gracious, good meeting, beginning October 13th and closing on the night of the 25th. Bro. J. W. O'Hara, of Montgomery, did the preaching and it was well done from start to finish. He left the church, the congregation and pastor rejoicing, with thirty accessions to the church and others, I am sure, to follow.—L. M. Bradley, Avondale.

I am sorry to hear of the failure of your sight. I hope you will soon recover what is indispensable to a newspaper editor. We have held a meeting at Chickenson, on the M. and B. with good results. We were very pleased to have Brother Lowrey with us. Everybody was edified by his plain, practical sermons. Six persons were added to the membership of this little church; also one restored. I expect to see a strong church here in time. My churches are doing fairly well. We will soon move into our new house at Salem. I am leaving for my old home in England the last of November. My churches are kindly helping me on the trip, with other friends in the country. I find the Alabama Baptist is reaching our people on the prohibition question. I wish the paper success. Yours in the Lord, Wm. Kerridge, Thomasville, Ala.

(We wish Brother Kerridge a pleasant journey and a safe return from old England.

In old days it was said of the Bereans that these were more noble than these Jews in Thessalonica. Will it

be said of Birmingham Baptists that "these were more noble" than Baptists of other places? Perhaps not; yet to be in their midst (for instance, during a Wharton revival) means something to be long remembered, and as things are revolutionized in that wonderful city, as in the recent prohibition contest, we hope that great Birmingham's greater Baptists, like the revolutionary Paul and his brethren, will be foremost among those "that have turned the world upside down."—Kate McMullen.

As a matter of information to the general public I take pleasure in enclosing you herewith a handbook published by the Union Pacific Company on the "Reclamation Act," which answers all questions in relation to such act. I have a number of inquiries addressed to my office in connection with this matter, which prompts me to send you a copy of this publication, giving questions and answers in this relation. If you will see that mention is made in your paper that these books can be had upon application to

my office, or that of our general passenger agent at Omaha, Nebr., I think it will be much appreciated by many of your subscribers. Yours truly, J. F. Van Rensselaer, general agent.

The First Baptist church of Aniston is without a pastor at present, Brother Spinks having resigned several weeks ago to go to another field. I have been appointed one of a committee of three to look after getting a pastor for the church. We are very anxious to get a pastor at once and as we did not know of any one that was open for a call we decided to ask you to put a notice in the paper of the fact and ask any preacher that is open for a call to communicate with us at once. We want a good, God-fearing, consecrated man that can give all his time to this one church. We have been paying \$75 a month. I think, though, we could beat that just a little in order to get a good man. Thanking you in advance to grant us this request, and praying that God will send us a good man at once, I am yours very truly, M. F. Snider.

PARAGRAPHS.

I am here and ready to serve the Master and them in any way that they may see fit to use me. Fraternally, O. F. Gragg, Clanton, Ala.

I was so dejected when on last Saturday the Alabama Baptist put in its appearance. I have read most every word of its pages. Success to the paper.—A. F. Lortin.

William J. Upshaw, lovingly known throughout the South as "Earnest Willie," has been doing good work for the temperance cause in our state and has an interesting article in his paper, The Golden Age, on "Campaigning in Alabama."

Dr. J. L. White, of Beaumont, Tex., goes as pastor of the First church, Greensboro, N. C., January 1, 1908. He is a native of that state and one of the best gospel preachers in America.

I want to ask the clerks of our various associations to please send me by mail a copy of their 1907 minutes as soon as they are printed. I will appreciate this greatly.—C. E. Crossland, box 526, East Lake, or box 13, Montgomery.

We had a good day at Mt. Olive, in Perry county. Our church has been a weak one for a number of years, but we are taking on new life now. We have a splendid Sunday school. Our pastor, W. H. Connell, goes from house to house and holds prayer with all the people. He held prayer services in five homes yesterday and preached morning and evening and organized four prayer meetings.

On the last day of April, 1898, a temperance society was organized at Moreau, Saratoga county, N. Y. This is said to be the oldest temperance society in the world, and it is proposed to celebrate its centennial at Saratoga next June 1-30 by a world's congress of temperance societies. The plans are now being worked out by a committee of which Rev. J. H. Durkee, Triangle building, Rochester, N. Y., is chairman.

The editor had the pleasure of speaking to the Hunter Street Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, November 5th, by special request. The new building is being rapidly rushed to completion. The church is making heroic efforts to get it ready for the cold weather. The pastor has a loyal flock, and they believe in him as a shepherd.

Sunday morning, November 3d, at the Baptist church of Republic, Ala., Rev. E. L. Barlow was set apart to full work of the ministry by a presbytery consisting of Rev. C. T. Rogers, W. R. Seymour and S. D. McCormick, the writer acting as moderator. In the afternoon the same presbytery ordained two deacons, Julius N. Dodd and Henry N. Triebie. Our best wishes are for the people at Republic.—S. D. McCormick.

I had the pleasure of going to the Cullman association with Dr. Montague. We were both given ample opportunity to speak to the association through the courtesy of the moderator, Rev. W. H. Absher. I had the privilege of speaking on prohibition at the noon hour out in the open air. The fight is taking shape in the county and the saloons must go.—Editor.



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Springhill, La., has no Baptist church, but a school house. I spoke last night to a large crowd in the school house. We had fifteen forward for prayer, and better evidences of the Spirit's presence I never saw. Perhaps there were ten sinners saved. It was a great service. Every man in town, I think, was out.

The average for this month (October) is better every way so far than was September. I am speaking to more sinners about Christ each week than I ever did in my life. I believe that every church member should be a witness-bearing Christian, bearing witness for Christ every day. I believe we are neglecting personal work too much and trying to substitute something else for it. I believe every church member should be a singing church member, a praying church member, a prayer meeting-going church member, a Sunday school-going church member, a Bible-reading church member, self-emptied, Spirit-filled, and thus made vessels meet for the Master's use. Possessing these qualifications, the church will then have power. When we have power from God, we then shall have power with men. Power is what we need—not money so much. May God give us all a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Then we shall be filled with power. Let me ask that every saint who may read these words pray for me and my work. Yours in Christian work.

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Fitzpatrick W. M. and A. S., state missions	.83
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Expense fund	5.00
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Foreign missions	5.00
Orphans' Home	1.00
Margaret Home	1.00
Training School	3.00
Letohatchee L. A. S.—	
Margaret Home	50.00
Prattville W. M. S.—	
Home missions	15.00
Training School	3.00
Expense Fund	2.50
Wetumpka W. M. & L. A. S.—	
Foreign missions	2.50
Home missions	5.00
Margaret Home	14.50
Orphans' Home	5.00
Benevolence	361.50
Church Aid	
	\$550.15

Muscle Shoals Association:	
Decatur First Church Aid	76.25
New Decatur, First For. M.	1.83
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State missions	5.00
Church Aid	13.50
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Orphans' Home	25.00
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Home missions	2.75
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Pinckard L. A. & M. S., For. M.	5.00
Orphans' Home	5.00
Elamville, Foreign missions	.50
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State missions	.50

Orphans' Home	.50
Church Aid	.75
Providence, State missions	1.00
Church Aid	24.70
Pinckard Sunbeams, State M.	5.00
Church Aid	7.45
	\$ 72.65
North River Association:	
Jasper L. A. & M. S.—	
Orphans' Home	5.00
Church Aid	10.00
	\$ 15.00
Pine Barren Association:	
Beatrice, Expense Fund	2.30
Allenton, Foreign missions, Miss Kelly	3.81
Orphans' Home	10.55
Furman, Home missions	5.00
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Home missions	2.00
Beatrice Suncoams, Orphans' Home	13.00
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State missions	4.36
	\$ 45.77
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Troy L. A. & M. S., Ex. Fund	2.50
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Selma Second, Church Aid	121.60
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Montevallo L. A. & M. S. Training School	10.00
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Scottsboro, Famine sufferers	3.25
Charity	4.50
Church Aid	21.40
Hollywood, Hollywood School	23.00
Expense Fund	1.20
Church Aid	15.00
Pisgah, Bouldin Fund	8.82
Home missions	.50
Expense Fund	.60
Associational missions	5.00
Margaret Home	.40
Orphans' Home	25.40
Howser, Expense Fund	1.00
Church Aid	1.75
Fackler, Expense Fund	.60
W. M. U. Tennessee River, State missions	6.10

Total	\$5,587.44
Amounts contributed by Ladies' Societies:	
Foreign missions	\$ 403.49
Home missions	282.98
Home missions, Tichenor Memorial	18.00
Home mission boxes	2,243.24
State missions	229.21
Training School	380.20
Margaret Home	23.40
Orphans' Home	355.04
Expense Fund	49.13
Associational missions	23.00
Famine sufferers	104.25
Charity	8.30
H. C. Library	11.00
H. C. Endowment	5.00
Eldridge School	10.00
Hollywood School	23.00
Benevolence	53.12
Flowers	4.00
Church Aid	2,969.50
	\$5,195.86
Amount contributed by Y. W. Aux.:	
Foreign missions	\$ 7.00
Home missions, Tichenor Memorial	2.50
State missions	28.25
Training School	45.00
Training School Beneficiary	1.00
Expense Fund	2.10
Mission Literature	1.40
Church Aid	10.00
Orphans' Home	15.00
	\$ 112.25
Amount contributed by B. Y. P. U.:	
Foreign missions	\$ 8.55
Home missions, Tichenor Memorial	3.00
Training School	5.00
Church Aid	15.00
	\$ 31.55
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Foreign missions	\$ 37.00
Foreign missions, Yingtak S. School	3.00
Home missions	3.00
Home missions, El Paso Sch'l	19.00
Home missions, Tichenor Memorial	2.75
Home missions, Scottsboro School	7.29
State missions	20.26
Orphans' Home (Mrs. Sallas' S. S. class, \$15.00)	64.98
Bible Fund	10.00
Famine sufferers	20.00
Church Aid	52.95
Margaret Home (Mrs. Allen's S. S. class, \$5.00)	7.50
	\$ 247.78

TO CHRISTIAN AND MORAL CITIZENS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS GOING DRY. TODAY THERE ARE FORTY-ONE COUNTIES OF THE SIXTY-SEVEN FROM WHICH THE SALE OF LIQUOR HAS BEEN BANISHED.

THE NEXT STEP FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF LIQUORS IN ALABAMA.

YOU CAN HELP SECURE THIS LAW.

WRITE OR TELEGRAPH YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE AT ONCE URGING THEM TO SUPPORT THE BILL INTRODUCED FOR THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MUCH DEPENDS ON YOUR ACTION.

Church Aid	131.90
Troy Willing Workers, Tichenor Memorial	2.50
Training School	2.50
Troy Sunbeams, Foreign missions	2.75
Min. Ed.	2.50
Orion M. S. Exp. Fund	.20
State missions	2.00
H. C. Library	1.00
Orphans' Home	2.00
Training School	2.50
Brundidge M. S. Orphans' Home	6.00
Training School	5.00
Henderson L. A. & M. S., Foreign missions	.75
Home missions	.50
Expense Fund	1.00
Training School	2.50
Church Aid	5.00
	\$188.10
Selma Association:	
Selma First L. A. S., Orphans' Home	40.00
Church Aid	1.00
Selma First Y. L. C. Orphans' Home	15.00
Selma Second W. M. U., Foreign missions	5.00
Expense Fund	8.00

Tuskegee Association:	
Opelika W. M. U., Foreign missions	2.90
Training School	3.45
Church Aid	139.15
Tuskegee W. M. U., Foreign missions	.50
Training School	5.00
Auburn W. M. U. & L. A. S., Training School	4.05
Auburn Y. W. A., Training Sch.	2.50
Notasulga W. M. U., State missions	5.00
Training School	5.00
Church Aid	16.58
Cubahatchie W. M. U., Foreign missions	6.44
State missions	2.00
Training School	2.00
Society Hill, Foreign missions	1.40
Home missions	.40
Orphans' Home	.50
Training School	1.00
Church Aid	3.00
Salem W. M. U., Training Sch.	2.00
Liberty W. M. U., Foreign missions	1.00
Opelika Sunbeams, Church Aid	7.50
	\$260.87

Grand total 5,587.44

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. D. M. MALONE,
 Sec.-Treas. Central Com.
 October 15, 1907.

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