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Paragraphs

The temple of commerce,
So splendidly rising,
Is built upon columns
Of good advertising.
—Exchange.

Rev. Louis J. Bristow is doing some good work on the Baptist Courier. His paragraphs are fresh and full of matter.

Rev. S. M. Provence, D. D., is now pastor of the First Baptist church, Wynne, Ark. Wynne is a flourishing town about 45 miles west of Memphis. Dr. Provence is a vigorous preacher and a gifted writer.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearre Graves request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Florence, and Rev. Lemuel Bailey Green on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 11th of December, at half after 4 o'clock. At home, Eufaula, Ala."

The Bulletin of State Agricultural Department, Serial No. 21, published quarterly by the Department of Agriculture, Montgomery, Ala., C. H. Billingsly, assistant clerk, contains an exhaustive report on fertilizers by R. B. Ross, state chemist, and will be sent free to any citizen of Alabama on application to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Montgomery, Ala.

Patsy: "Begorra, ol couldn't pay me three dollars foine, and of had to go to jail for six days."

Mike: "An' how much did yez spend to get drunk?"

Patsy: "Oh, 'bout three dollars."
Mike: "Three dollars? Yez fool, if yez had not spent yez three dollars for drink yez'd had yer three dollars to pay yez foine wid."—Harper's Weekly.

The following announcement will be of interest to the many, friends of the contracting parties:

"Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Nell Agatha, to Mr. N. Leonard Pierre, Tuesday morning, December 10, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock, 2408 Eighth avenue, Birmingham. At home after January 1 Huntsville."

Rev. H. A. Porter, D. D., of the First Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Okla., who has been called to the pastorate of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., to succeed the late Dr. T. T. Eaton, delivered his farewell discourses to his people at the White Temple, Oklahoma City, Okla., on November 10. By request he preached at the morning service the same sermon he delivered the first Sunday of his pastorate, and received 14 new members into the church. An immense congregation was present in the evening when, after baptizing ten persons and receiving four others into membership, he preached from the text, "The Hour is Come."



THE STORY OF TWO YOUNG PREACHERS

A few years ago one of the leading country churches in a certain county licensed one of her young men to preach the gospel. This young brother was very earnest, devoted and illiterate. In one or two years he entered one of our leading institutions of learning. Being very poor, however, the brethren were asked to assist in a financial way our "young hopeful," or he would in all probability have to resign college and come home; but the brethren responded liberally, and other churches helped, so our young brother stayed in school.

Bye and bye the long, weary days of hard work were punctuated with the commencement exercises, and all school work for that session was brought to an abrupt close.

When our protracted meeting came on later, our young brother was on hand, smiling and shaking hands with as much familiarity as the most exacting could wish, while his efforts at preaching were accepted as coming from a sincere heart, and that he did well for one of his training. There were several professions and a few baptisms as a result of the meeting, and the church and community contributed quite liberally to support our young brother in school for another year.

During his next vacation he spent a few weeks laboring among his home churches in protracted meetings and otherwise laboring to secure the funds necessary for defraying his college expenses next term. That brother came home the third time and assisted his old pastor in his protracted meeting. But about the close of his services he very politely informed his hearers

that it was his last work with us; that by next year he would be out of our reach; that we would not be able to procure his assistance any more, leaving the universal impression on his hearers that he would be, as he thought, too great a man to spend his time and energies for a few weeks with the country churches that had made him what he was. That man is now pastor of one of the leading city churches in a neighboring state.

The other man received much the same training at college as the first named; if, indeed, any difference, more thorough. After receiving his diploma he spent two years at Louisville, Ky., in our theological seminary, then he came home and labored with his own people for some time. Finally he was employed to do missionary work in two or three adjoining associations, and in making his announcement to his brethren he said:

"Brethren, it is not for the money consideration that is in this that I take up this work, but for the work's sake. I could," he went on, "get a hundred and twenty-five dollars a month teaching Latin and Greek in a reputable institution of learning of our own state, but I don't want the job. My business is to preach the gospel, and I had rather preach than do anything. I had rather go to the most humble widow's home and eat the simplest food than to go to the most splendid mansion and have set before me the most sumptuous fare. And I want the privilege of preaching to your weakest churches and laboring in your most neglected communities the greater part of my time. God is especially the God of the poor. God bless them!"

J. H. W.

Paragraphs

Rev. C. T. Willingham, who has accepted a call to Fifth Avenue church, Rome, Ga., is a son of Dr. R. J. Willingham, and is a young man of striking parts and great consecration.

Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, who becomes editor of the Western Recorder, is a warm personal friend of Dr. Egton. He comes to the work from Paducah. He has our best wishes in his new field.

I am on my way to my new field in Marengo county. Please change my address from East Lake to Myrtlewood, Ala., as I do not want to miss a single copy. As soon as I get settled and at work I will write again, giving the outlook down there. Meanwhile pray for me. Yours for Him,

W. M. OLIVE.

The reading of The Youth's Companion makes one well-informed on almost every subject worth knowing. It gives one clear views of the use and misuse of one's talents and powers. It provides one with wholesome diversion. It constantly sets before one ideals worthy of emulation, and carefully distinguishes between true and false success in life.

Under the pastorate of our Alabama boy, the beloved T. V. Neal, Prospect Hill Baptist church, San Antonio, Tex., received 116 additions to the church, 45 by baptism; 65 of the number came into the church in one gracious meeting held last spring by Brother F. H. Watkins, another one of Alabama's gifted young preachers, who cast his lot with the people of San Antonio, God's blessings rest upon these boys!

I have received copies of the minutes of associations for 1907 as follows: Cahaba, Coffee county (formerly Pea River), Montgomery, North River, Pine Barren and Shelby.

Brethren will please forward copies of the others as fast as they are printed, and save the expense of writing for them.

N. M. WOOD,

Statistical Secretary, Furman, Ala.

Evangelist John Bass Shelton, of Montgomery, Ala., came to us on Sunday, November 10, and preached eight days. Visible result in part was 18 additions, 12 by baptism and six by letter. Brother Shelton is, in my opinion, a real evangelist—a helper to the pastor that helps the pastor and leaves him stronger with his people. His earnest and constant plea for better pastoral support in every way, his strong missionary spirit and his interest in all the work that is of interest to Baptists makes him a most desirable helper. We are all very happy over his visit here.

L. N. BROCK,
Girard, Ala.

P. S.—We gave Brother Shelton \$76.90 as an offering for the glory of God.

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A TIMELY BOOK.

We have received a copy of the Folk-McQuiddy discussion on the "Plan of Salvation." We call special attention to the following points in the book:

1. Mr. McQuiddy continually refused to answer questions which Dr. Folk put to him.

2. From beginning to end he steadily refused to give the interpretation of passages of Scripture whose interpretation Dr. Folk asked him to give. On the contrary, Dr. Folk answered every question which he put to him, and gave the interpretation of every passage he asked him to give.

3. In his efforts to maintain his position, Mr. McQuiddy has repeatedly misquoted a number of our Baptist writers, as Dr. Folk has shown in the book.

4. The question at issue was the plan of salvation. Mr. McQuiddy, however, confined himself almost entirely to the question of baptism, and only claimed that baptism saved from past sins, leaving a man after he is baptized practically in the same position in which he was before.

5. The real issue was salvation by grace or salvation by works? Dr. Folk tried faithfully to represent the Baptist position, which we believe is the Scriptural position, of salvation by grace through faith—not of works. Dr. Folk has done a service to our Baptist cause and to the cause of Christ.

The book contains 435 pages. The price is \$1, which is cheap for a book of that size. Write to the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn., for a copy.

An Unique Financial Book.

There is perhaps no more universal desire than that to acquire money, and for this reason a peculiar interest attaches to "How to Invest Your Savings," by Isaac F. Marcosson, which has just been published by the Henry Altemus Company, of Philadelphia. This book not only meets a long-felt want, but has many qualities which make it distinct among the books of its kind. Practically all investment books heretofore published have been "inspired" in the interest of some scheme. Mr. Marcosson's book, on the other hand, is written in the interest only of the average man or woman with savings or funds to invest, and its sole purpose is to furnish accurate facts and knowledge essential to safe and conservative investment. The book is based on the articles entitled "Your Savings," which have been appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia. Illuminated boards, 50c; Ooze calf, boxed, \$1. Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

"Of Such is the Kingdom."

Childhood—its poetry, its charm and its power; parenthood—its joy, its sorrow and its beauty; friendship—its strength and its loyalty; the loveliness and the pathos of life which, as it passes, both gives and takes away—these are the themes which engage the pen of Nebraska's noted writer. And the subjects are treated lovingly and tenderly, albeit there clings about them a gentle melancholy—the melancholy which the mature, thoughtful man, recalling days and friends who are no more, must feel even though he has conquered a serene philosophy which, viewing life steadily as a whole, accepts with calm courage its sorrows, and while feeling them deeply and sympathetically, yet pronounces it good. Such is the book which Richard Metcalfe sends out of the west—a book which, once read, abides in memory's heart. If you want to make a gift to a friend, young or old, send a copy of this book. 209 pages, printed on good paper, bound in cloth, and sent postpaid for \$1. Address orders to William B. Metcalfe, General Agent, P. O. Box 28, Lincoln, Nebraska.

"The Uplift of China."

With Introduction by Dr. Griffith John. This is an excellent complement to the earlier volume on China in these Forward Mission Study courses, "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom." That was biographical; this is descriptive and historical. The purpose of these study books is to give such a view of the field under consideration, with its needs and its opportunities, as to arouse and quicken missionary interest and lay a foundation for further study. "The Uplift of China" reaches this standard. Into the compass of less than 300 pages is compressed a wealth of information regarding China, the Chinese and China missions. It is presented concretely in Dr. Smith's well-known bright and readable style. Supplementary matter given in the appendixes is well chosen, and adds considerably to the value of the book, as do also the five maps.

Not least in importance in determining the practical value and usefulness of a book is the form in which the matter it contains is presented. In "The Uplift of China" this is admirable, the plan being followed of using side headings as in earlier volumes. Questions and references at the end of each chapter will materially aid both teacher and student. Artistic and significant illustrations, good type, attractive style and binding, and low price make up the full complement of good qualities in this most valuable handbook.

The chapter on "Uplifting Leaders" may seem unsatisfactory, but this is due to the necessary limitation of space. The author accomplishes his purpose, however, in suggesting names, indicating important points in the lives of those mentioned, and arousing interest in the leaders around whom the work has centered.

As Dr. Griffith John says in the introduction which he has written, "Those who desire to have a bird's-eye view of the old China and the new can do no better than to procure this book." The seventh and eighth chapters on "Missionary Problems" and "Transformation, Conditions, and Appeal," respectively, are enough to make this volume of great value.

Illustrated. 12mo. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents. Postage, 8 cents extra. Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

"The Bible as Good Reading."

By Senator Albert J. Beveridge. The spectacle of a United States senator pleading for a wider reading of the Bible is not a commonplace affair. The picture of a critic maintaining the dictum that the best of even worldly sorts of reading is to be found in the Great Book is somewhat novel.

Mr. Beveridge was, in effect, brought up in a logging-camp. He had a tremendous natural appetite for reading, but out there in the woods there was nothing much to read save the Bible. Accordingly, the lad read the Bible through and through, and came at last—as he went on in life, and had the opportunity to compare it with other books—to see that it was, merely considered from the point of view of interesting reading, the best book of all.

The Bible has, of course, stood the test of centuries as a guide to faith and conduct. It has changed the map of the world, made and unmade kings and peoples. Men of old have died for it, and no man today, but, in thinking of his childhood, finds entwined with his tenderest memories some chapter or passage from the Holy Book. But how many of us ever stop to consider the Bible just as good reading? How many, for instance, ever take the small pains necessary to compare its narratives with the fiction we read, or its orations with the speeches we hear? Very few, we feel sure, and yet that is just the sort of study and those are just the sort of comparisons that Senator Beveridge makes, showing, in fact, that, consid-

ered merely from the point of view of interest, the Bible is still the monarch of all books. In a style which was itself formed from years of study of the Bible, he demonstrates his proposition.

Whoever has neglected the reading of his Bible will find in this book a valuable guide to the interesting portions of that other Book, and whoever reads what Senator Beveridge has to say will be sure to read his Bible also. Cloth, 50 cents. Ooze calf, \$1. Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia.

Peloubet's Select Notes.

In addition to the accurate maps, chronological tables and small pictures which have always run through the volume, the publishers have added this year four beautiful full-page illustrations in color, which are instructive and most pleasing to the eye. The busy teacher can find all that he desires in a nutshell, while to him who can devote more time to the study of the lesson, this volume offers a tremendous range for personal research.

If you haven't already bought, send to W. A. Wilde Co., 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., for a copy of the International Sunday School Lessons for 1908, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, D. D., and Prof. Amos R. Wells, M. A., 386 pages. Cloth, \$1.25. Cloth, interleaved edition, \$2. French Morocco, limp, round corners, gilt, \$2.

"Uganda's White Man of Work."

A Story of Alexander M. Mackay. By Sophia Lyon Fahs. "Uganda's White Man of Work" is a life of the Scotch missionary to Uganda, Alexander M. Mackay, told with a careful selection and presentation of such facts, in such order, and in such language, as will interest boys and girls from ten to fourteen, introduce them to some of the incidents and hardships of pioneer missionary work, put them in vital contact with a man whose missionary spirit was of the order of Paul of Tarsus, and so make mission study an immediate factor in the development of character and Christian decision.

Illustrated. 12mo. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents. Postage, 10 cents extra. Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

This book, by Rev. E. M. Bounds, ought to be on the desk of every preacher in Alabama. It is written by a man of prayer, one of the godliest men of the century—a man whose life has been an inspiration to us. It can be had of Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., for 50 cents.

We have received a copy of Mr. W. Ager's new book, "When You Are Tired of Playing." The price of the book is 25 cents, and is sold by the Fremad Publishing Co., Eau Claire, Wis. Mr. Ager's books have been so well received among the Norwegian-Americans, and also in Norway and Denmark, that an American edition was printed.

"Jonathan Upglade."

This book comes with the following announcement: "I am mailing review copies of my 'Jonathan Upglade' to the editors of numerous publications. I trust that many who receive the book will feel themselves in no way akin to 'Roderick Sylter,' and that they will not deem the presentation of the book an affront. As a reading of the book will show, I am attempting some reform work along lines in which work is much needed. Sincerely,

"W. E. CHASE."

We have not had time to read the book carefully, but in looking over some of the chapters find that the author is in earnest in exposing some of the semi-barbarisms of the twentieth century. It is a call to true men to look things squarely in the face. It is published by W. E. Chase, Madison, Wis., and is well worth reading."

"The Sweet Story of Old" is a beautiful gift-book published for children by the Henry Altemus Publishing Co., Philadelphia. It is written by Mrs. L. Haskell, and has an introduction by Archdeacon Farrar, with 33 illustrations.

LETTER FROM DR. HEARN FROM FAR-AWAY CHINA

Pingtü, China,
Shantung Province, Oct. 16, 1907.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

When we left Seattle, Wash., I promised to write you when we got to Pingtü and say something of our trip.

We sailed from Seattle Friday morning, September 13, and steamed up the placid waters of Puget Sound, and by Saturday morning were on the bosom of the great Pacific.

We had only a few sunny days on our voyage; the others were foggy, cloudy or rainy, and very cold when near the Illutian islands. We had to turn our time back one-half hour each day while sailing, and on our second Friday evening the news went around that "Tomorrow will be Sunday;" so from a loss of time we had no Saturday that week. Part of the time we had very stormy, and the great, mad, white-capped billows, which appeared to be thirty or forty feet high, would come dashing up against our huge ship, but she would ride over them like a giant. It would take a fierce storm indeed to conquer the "Minnesota," for she is a monster—near 700 feet long, and width in proportion, able to carry some 2,000 passengers, besides a large crew, and 2,500 carloads of freight. We arrived in the beautiful harbor of Yokohama, Japan, on the sixteenth day after leaving Seattle.

Tokyo, the capital of Japan, and a city of near two million people, is 12 miles from Yokohama. We went up on train and spent Saturday there, visiting the imperial palace, temples and other places of great interest to us. We spent Sunday in Yokohama, visiting Japanese and Chinese Sunday schools, churches, schools and seminaries, having for our guide a Japanese teacher in one of the seminaries who was educated in our own seminary at Louisville. Sunday morning we heard Dr. Willingham preach at Union church, the oldest in Japan.

I forgot to say that while on board our steamer we had religious services every day, and on Sunday morning and evening one of our 87 missionaries would preach.

So you see with this great number of missionaries, representing nearly every denomination, Secretary Taft and party, Ambassador O'Brien, Judge Burke of Seattle, General Edwards and many other prominent government officials, made a very interesting company.

We next spent two days each at Kobe and Nagasaki, and going from the former to the latter on the Inland sea, the scenery was superb. So in all we were a week in beautiful Japan, "the Sunrise Island and flower-garden of the Orient." One chief characteristic of the Japanese is their multitudinous bows. They bow very low a half dozen times or more when they meet and when they leave you.

We finally got to Shanghai, the great New York of China, and after spending two days very pleasantly there, left on a small German steamer, passed up through the Yellow sea, and in two days were in Tsingtan, which is a German-Chinese town some 500 miles above Shanghai.

Our conveyance in the cities was the jinrikisha, a two-wheeled cart with top, pulled by a coolie, and they can go at almost horse-speed for hours. Now we are introduced to a new way of travel. First we went from Tsingtan by rail for forty miles, and in the Shantsi is a concern suspended between two poles—usually bamboo poles—and has a cover similar to that on a wagon, and has a small mule at each end, one going before the other and led by a coolie. They go at the rate of about three miles an hour, and one can lie down or sit up in the shantsi. This was a ride I will never forget. In getting to Pingtü from Tsingtan we passed through the most beautiful country, i. e., the lands were level—didn't cross a hill—and although it has been tilled for three or four thousand years, it is still in a good state of cultivation, and I am told that their method of farming would be



T. O. HEARN, M. D.

hard to improve. We passed through a village most every mile. There are about 600 people to the square mile, and over a million in an average county. At places China looks like a great cemetery—so many graves. The mounds are large, and not very close together.

When we stopped to eat our lunch in a small village, some three or four hundred curious faces gathered around us, and some of them looked as though we were spirits just dropped from the clouds. It would have been most impossible for us to have gotten along had it not been for Mrs. Oxner, wife of the late Dr. Oxner, who died here in April. She joined us in Nagasaki, and was our pilot. She is very fluent in the Chinese language, and when at one place a number of people had gathered around us and she was talking to them, one of the men pushed up and told her she was no foreigner, but that he was sure she was the daughter of heaven, since she looked and talked as she did.

In this section the chief crops are vegetables and a kind of millet which they eat. They raise fine cabbage and sweet potatoes. The average crop for one man is one-fourth acre. They have a crude kind of plow, and work to it donkeys, ponies, oxen and cows. Their donkey is about the size of a large sheep. They eat almost anything, as sunflower seed, potato leaves, and such like. Their fuel is a great item, and they burn dry leaves, vines, straw, etc., and have no fire except when they cook.

You can't imagine, and I can't describe the condition of these people. They are buried in sin, ignorance and dirt. Their houses are built of mud, and they worship all kinds of idols, rubbing their hands on some of them, then on themselves, to make them strong, and others to make them healthy, beautiful, etc. And yet these people are easily taught, and when they become Christians are exceedingly earnest, kind and grateful. This city was likely built before Christ; is walled, and has some forty thousand people—but alas! only one Christian family. And yet this church, with four other churches around in the country—and in a way under the wings of this church—has 850 members. I saw 21 baptized here last Sunday, some living thirty miles out in the country, and walked in.

I performed an operation on a patient soon after I got here, who had been brought a four days' journey. I am advised not to enter actively into the practice until I am a little advanced in the language.

We have quite an able native helper in the dispensary who will do most of the work for a few months. We have now eight missionaries at our station—Mr. and Mrs. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Oxner, Miss Jeter, and wife and I. Have a good church building, a boys' school and a girls' school. Have the ground bought for our hospital, and \$2,500 appropriated by the board for the building. It will be

built when I am able to supervise, and know just the kind of building we need.

We would be so glad to have more money for the hospital, and are anxious for help to buy the ground and build our home and a house for the women's work.

Will board with Mrs. Oxner till we get our home. No one at home who has not been here can imagine the great need for workers and how far a little light shines.

Let all those who want the kingdom to come read Luke, 10:2, and pray earnestly for the workers on the foreign field, and that other needed help, as men, women and money, may speedily come. Very sincerely,
T. O. HEARN.

BOOK PARAGRAPHS.

"Pleasant Sunday Afternoons for the Children" is a book for parents compiled by John T. Farris, managing editor of the Sunday School Times. The book will be of interest to parents who care to use Sunday afternoons to acquaint their children with the Bible. This book retails at 50 cents net. The Sunday School Times Co., 1031 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

From the point of view of sheer invention it is probably harder to turn out a popular juvenile book than to produce a popular novel. Fiction has but one task—it must entertain. But the juvenile, to be popular, must both entertain and instruct. Because both these ends are secured in "Mother Goose's Puzzle Pictures" (Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia), it is safe to prophesy a wide popularity for both this and other volumes contained in "Altemus' Young Folks' Puzzle Pictures Series." Substantially bound in linen, with attractive illuminated covers, 50 cents.

"Among the World's Peacemakers."

An epitome of the Interparliamentary Union, with sketches of eminent members of this international House of Representatives and of progressive people who are promoting the plan for permanent peace which this union of lawmakers has espoused. Edited by Hayne Davis, secretary of the American delegation to the 13th and 14th conferences of the Interparliamentary Union. Published by the Progressive Publishing Co., 216-218 William street, New York city.

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Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

Headland, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We organized our Sunbeam Society on October 27 with fourteen members, but we now have forty. All of the children are carried away with it. The Sunbeams all read your letter to all of them, and we are going to try to raise the ten dollars. Please send us some more red fish. KATHLEEN SPARKS, Secretary.

Beatrice, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Last Saturday afternoon was one of pleasure to the willing workers of our little village.

The occasion was a bazaar. We had ice tea, sherbet, cream and fancy work for sale, and found no trouble in disposing of it—really could have sold more. The most of the fancy work was done by the little girls of our Sunbeam band. At the suggestion, how willing they were to come and spend a few hours with me to get their pieces laid off and to learn the stitches! They worked earnestly.

Boys can't do fancy work, but one little fellow showed a desire to help by sending us some sugar and lemon essence. Another tiny boy sent a child's picture book, skillfully made by his mother.

We enclose \$13 for the orphanage, and wish that we had more to send.

We had a very large attendance at our last Sunbeam meeting. We often wish to see you.

Yours in the work,

MRS. S. D. ANDRESS.

Cuba, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Your letter of recent date received, and was glad to hear from you. Yes, I have undertaken to act as leader of "The King's Sons," with Mrs. May to assist me. I never did any work of this kind before, so I need and appreciate all the suggestions you can give me.

I read from your letter to Mrs. Stallworth; your suggestions were all good. I think the boys are becoming more interested. We have 21 on the roll, and an average attendance of 15. We are striving to get them more interested with each meeting. I think I will have our secretary to write to Mr. Stephens. I feel sure a letter from a missionary in China would be interesting. We feel the need of some literature for the boys.

Yours in the work,

MRS. ANDREW SHAW.

Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I want to tell you about my Sunbeam Society. I am its leader. We have 37 members, and you ask me to report every quarter, but we have only been organized two months, so I will only give you what we have thus far done. I gave the mission boxes out and opened them one month afterwards, and we got \$3.27 for missions. We have not sent any off yet, and in all we have about \$5 in the treasury now. Please send me some more boxes and fish.

I am very much encouraged over my work here. Our Ladies' Aid is doing fine. Come up and see us. MRS. J. W. PARTRIDGE.

Lanett, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I have been promising the Sunbeams to write you a letter for a long time. Since our organization in last September we have enrolled about 135. After we showed such a tendency to flourish and had worked in many children of other denominations, the Methodists organized a Junior League, which reduced our membership for awhile, but they lack a good leader—one who understands children—so we are getting back nearly all of the ones who left us. I revise the roll every month, so that just now we have 90 on roll, with an average attendance of 65, and new ones come in every Sunday.

Please send us some more fish right away. We have contributed the following amounts since organ-

WOMAN'S WORK

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, 1135 12th St., Birmingham.

Vice President—Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston. Vice President—Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, 517 N. 22d St., Birmingham.

State Organizer and Sunbeam Superintendent—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, 1127 S. 12th St., Birmingham.

Leader Young Woman's Work—Mrs. J. W. Vesey, 4804 10th Ave., Birmingham.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Malone, 736 S. 29th St., Birmingham.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. T. W. Hannon, 431 S. McDonough St., Montgomery.

Advisory Board—Mrs. Chas. A. Stakely, Montgomery; Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville; Mrs. George M. Morrow, Birmingham; Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake; Mrs. D. H. Montgomery, Woodlawn.

(All contributions to this page should be sent to Mrs. D. M. Malone.)

ization: \$4.50 for church building fund, \$2.50 for orphanage, \$3.80 for China (Christmas offering), \$5 for ministerial aid, \$3 for state missions and \$10 church aid. Just now they are interesting themselves in making up a fund to help the famine-stricken portion of China. Shall we send that fund to Mrs. Barrett, too?

The children often speak of your visit to us, and one little fellow asked the other day when you would visit us again. One little fellow came one afternoon, and found the church door closed so tightly that he couldn't open it. He returned home, heart-broken, to his mother, and sobbed out that he got to the church, but was too late, for the door was locked and the Sunbeams were "turned over"—meaning "turned out," I suppose. Since then he has been on time. One Sunbeam on her way to the church found what she thought to be a copper in the road, very muddy and brown. She is a poor girl, and has but few pennies to put in, so of course was delighted to place her copper with the rest on the call of her name. She had washed it and rubbed it until it shone. In changing a nickel into pennies it was discovered that the found "copper" was a five-dollar gold piece. We offered to return it to her, but she would not accept it, so our collection that afternoon was over \$5.

We have the janitor's care of the church; boys ring bells and make fires, and the girls sweep and dust. The money goes into our treasury every month, so that we give to missions as per schedule.

We certainly enjoyed your visit to our home, and only trust that it may be repeated some day not far off. With love, ALMA McGAUGH.

Belmont, Ala.

Dear Sister Hamilton:

I enclose the report of the organization of our Sunbeam band. As we have a number of children in our church, I got them together and organized them into a band, as I wish to train them in the work of our church and get them into the habit of giving to the work of our blessed Master. They are very enthusiastic over the idea of helping to send the gospel to those in foreign lands, and I hope to soon enroll every child in our little town on our band's book. Will you please send me as soon as possible some mite boxes? Yours sincerely,

MRS. S. E. SPIDLE.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Enclosed you will find a money order for \$12 from a collection on Children's Day. We carried out the program to the letter. Our Sunbeam band is doing nicely, and we have about 45 in all.

Miss Lillie Caldwell is leader. We all appreciate her patience and her great willingness to help. We

would be glad for you to come and visit us.

Sincerely, WALTER MITCHELL, Secretary.

Huntsville, Ala.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I must tell you about the Sunbeams here. They are doing fine. We have an enrollment of nearly 50. All of them seem very enthusiastic and willing to work. Enclosed you will find \$1.71, which they want sent to the orphanage.

Wishing you every success in your work, and with love to the Sunbeams, I am, yours truly,

LOCIA FOSTER.

Fayette, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We are at last in our new home, and I must write you again about our work here—at least, what I know about it.

You know I have found me some Sunbeams, and have met with them two Sundays already. We organized when Mrs. Vesey was here in March, but they have not been meeting regularly, as the leader was not able to come. They asked me to take charge of them, so I am going to try to work up a good band. I now have over 30 bright little ones.

I secured a leader for the Carbon Hill band, and think they are doing very nicely. Will give you the names of the leaders, so you can write to them: Miss Kate Keene and Miss Bess Mae Weir.

With much love always, CLYE C. METCALF.

Brewton, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I enclose a money order for \$3.50 from the Brewton Sunbeam band. One dollar is contributed by Willie Gordon (one of our Sunbeams) for the Scottsboro Mountain School; one dollar for the same school from the Brewton Sunbeam band, and \$1.50 for the Margaret Home from the Brewton Sunbeam band.

Your friend, MRS. A. V. LOVELACE.

My Dear Sunbeams:

I am delighted with the quarterly report of the Sunbeams. Did you read it in the last Alabama Baptist? Of course you did. It is our paper, and you must read it every week. I notice that you report for all purposes \$247.48, and of that amount \$122.35 is for missions.

Good for the Sunbeams! Keep on shining, dear little ones! This dark, old sinful world is better for your living in it.

I would not take anything for the pleasure of knowing and loving you and asking your help when anything hard is to be done. Just look at the long list of Bands and King's Sons, who "quick as a wink" have written me they will pledge \$10 for the Sunbeam schools at El Paso and Yintak. The names coming first are the Bands who have pledged and whose "word is as good as their bond." Those named last have already "got there," and have made one payment. Now, who would not be a Sunbeam or a Sunbeam leader? Lovingly,

MRS. HAMILTON.

Birmingham, Nov. 3, 1907.

Orrville, Brewton, East Birmingham, Demopolis, New Decatur, Headland.

Beatrice, LaFayette, Inverness, King's Sons (Aniston), King's Sons (Cuba), Fayette, Russellville, Thomaston, Oxford, Bay Minette, Lanette, Florence, Troy, Auburn, York.

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PINEHILL BAPTIST RALLY.

On the morning of November 20th a great Baptist rally was begun at the Pinehill church of Bethel Association. The weather was extremely unfavorable, but the meeting was a decided success for those who attended.

Among the prominent leaders of our denomination present as visitors were: Dr. A. P. Montague, president of Howard College; Dr. George S. Anderson, of Newbern, editor of "The Bible Studio;" Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, superintendent of missions in the Birmingham Association; Rev. W. A. Parker, pastor in Clarke County Association; Rev. P. M. Jones, pastor at Thomasville; Rev. F. M. Dunnaway, missionary in Clarke County Association; Mrs. J. W. Vesey, state organizer and leader of the Young Women's Work.

The convention organized and elected Rev. J. G. Lowrey as moderator and the writer as secretary. The subject of temperance was taken up, and the action of the Senate the day previous concerning the Carmichael prohibition bill was discussed. After strong speeches by Brother Lowrey and all the brethren mentioned above, the following self-explanatory resolution was offered by Dr. Montague and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Be it resolved by us, members of the Bethel Baptist Association, in special session assembled, that we do congratulate the Legislature of Ala-

bama upon its voting for state-wide prohibition, and that we rejoice that our Legislature has thus set for legislative bodies of other states a standard of enlightened manhood and civic righteousness.

Dated November 20, 1907.

REV. J. G. LOWREY,

Moderator.

E. C. CROSSLAND, Secretary.

Brother J. W. Gibson, of Lower Peachtree, and the secretary were entrusted to telegraph this resolution to Hon. H. B. Gray, president of the State Senate, and to Hon. A. H. Carmichael, speaker of the House of Representatives, and also to the press of Montgomery.

The sermon of the morning was then preached by Dr. George S. Anderson. The subject of the discourse was "The Trial of Moses by Jehovah."

Afternoon.

In the afternoon session "Missions" was the topic. Rev. S. O. Y. Ray presented the mission work in the Birmingham district; Dr. Montague and Rev. W. A. Parker spoke on "Home and Foreign Missions," and Dr. Anderson on "Associational Missions." The laymen's movement was then taken up and discussed by Brother J. W. Gibson and others.

At night the subject was "Christian Education." The principal address was by Dr. Montague, followed by a general discussion. A feature of the evening was an old, old church hymn,

led by Brother Lowrey at the speaker's request.

Second Day.

On the second day the first topic considered was "The Baptist Centennial of 1908." Rev. J. M. Green, of Nicholville, took the place of Dr. W. B. Crumpton, and delivered an excellent address on that movement of our denomination.

Rev. J. G. Lowrey read an instructive paper on the historical side of the question.

At 11 o'clock Brother Parker preached a stirring sermon on "The Kingdom of God." He divided this kingdom into three parts—the reign of Christ's grace in man's heart, the church in the world, and the reign of Christ after His second advent.

In the afternoon the ladies retired to their service with Mrs. Vesey, and the brethren remaining resolved themselves into an informal conference for the consideration of Baptist individualism and Baptist relationship to union Sunday school work.

After a number of strong speeches on distinctive Baptist principles by Revs. F. M. Dunnaway, W. A. Parker, J. G. Lowrey, S. O. Y. Ray, J. M. Green, P. M. Jones and Prof. J. E. Henley, it was the unanimous opinion that more emphasis ought to be put on our own denominational organizations. It was announced with pleasure that fifth Sunday school conventions had

been established in two associations—Bethel and Clarke county.

Conclusion.

The convention closed with the evening hour devoted to Sunday school work and methods.

The rally was a distinct success, considering the inclement weather, and Brother Lowrey deserves a great deal of credit for his labors in arranging it. C. E. CROSSLAND,

Secretary.

(Notice of the ladies' meeting will be found in the W. M. U. column.)

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother W. J. Ray has just closed a six days' meeting with us, with 11 additions to the church. The Lord greatly blessed us, and our church is much revived. May we hold out faithful and continue to do the work of our Master. May the Lord bless Brother Ray in all his works, wherever he may go.

A SUBSCRIBER.

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BURNSVILLE.

Phoenix-like, she is rising from the ashes of the past. On the 10th inst. a fire-brand passed down the valley in the person of W. J. Ray, our state evangelist drawing eleven souls into Shady Grove Baptist church. Five of them were admitted on profession of faith and six came in by letter, after listening on last Wednesday evening to the story of the Cross, dramatically delineated, carrying us up to "Golgotha," to the foot of the Cross, where we mentally saw our bleeding Lord hanging there. Much good has been done here. The members are more united. A feeling of forgiveness for the shortcomings of each and all seems to reign in every heart, voicing a prayer up into the "throne room" for the return of Brother Ray when the earth is carpeted in emerald tints and our senses are regaled by sweet scents wafted from the breath of the flowers.

Fraternally yours,

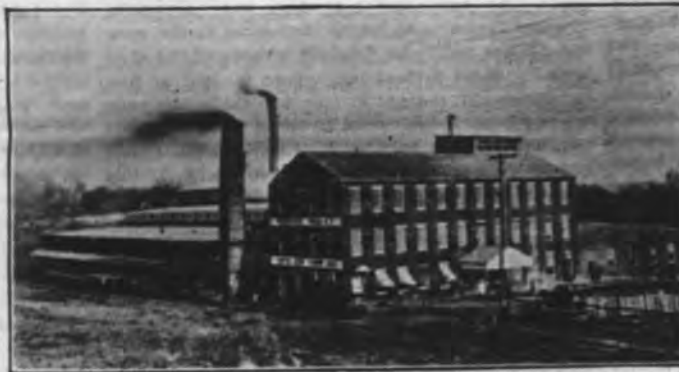
L. A. M.

Burnsville, Ala.

"The World's Sunday School Visitation" was authorized by the World's Sunday School Convention at Rome, for the purpose of conferring and cooperating with the Sunday school workers, especially of Japan, India, China and Korea. This visitation will probably be made in 1909, and the party will be composed of practical Sunday school workers willing to bear their own expenses. W. N. Hartsborn, of Boston, is the chairman of the committee having this matter in charge.

I intend to put in a few hard licks for The Alabama Baptist, Our Home Field and The Foreign Mission Journal the current year in my mission work at every point and place. I will consider them all strong allies in my work. Continued blessings upon The Baptists. Fraternaly,

J. B. HAMRIC.



A GREAT FERTILIZER FACTORY IN THE SOUTH.

The Ashcraft brothers of Florence, Ala., constitute a very remarkable family. That little city is the center of some very flourishing industries, the leading ones of which are:

The Tennessee Valley Fertilizer Co., the Florence Corn Exchange, the Florence Wagon Works, the Cotton Seed Oil Mill and the Ashcraft Cotton Mills, and Ashcraft is at the head of them all, and each one of them is prosperous.

Of these, the Tennessee Valley Fertilizer Co. perhaps leads the record for successful management. Mr. Lee Ashcraft is its president; his brother, John T., is president of the wagon works. Another brother, Erater, is president of the Cottonseed Oil Mill. Mr. Fletch Ashcraft is at the head of the traveling force of the Fertilizer Factory, and a sister, Miss Martha S., whose business ability is almost as marked as that of her brothers, is at the head of the Bag Department of the Ashcraft Cotton Mill. The Tennessee Valley Fertilizer Works, of which Mr. Lee Ashcraft is president, probably holds the record for industries so far as his careful and successful management is concerned. Mr. Ashcraft is a young

man still, and has thrown all of his indomitable energy in making a success of the corporation of which he is the head. He has built up a big business, and has won the confidence of the people in his territory by sound, honest business methods. A visit through a fertilizer firm such as your correspondent had the pleasure of seeing under the guidance of Mr. Ashcraft is very interesting. Acid phosphate sounds mysterious enough until one sees that it is just the phosphate rock mixed with equal parts of Sulphuric acid.

By the way, Mr. Ashcraft uses the very finest acid obtainable, bringing the former from their own mines at Mt. Pleasant. The bags for the fertilizers are made by his brother's factory, and the entire output of the Cottonseed Oil Mill is engaged by the fertilizer works.

Fifty-two brands of fertilizer are made and over 250,000 tons are used a year. The photograph presented herewith will give the readers an idea of how this big concern looks. Mr. Ashcraft makes a specialty of assisting farmers in selecting the right fertilizer for their farms, and will answer any inquiries addressed to him.

Crossville, Ala., Nov. 11, 1907.

Mr. Barnett:

I enclose \$2 for The Alabama Baptist, with which I am well pleased. I like it fine. I will be glad to see this in the paper. The reason I did not respond sooner was because I did not have the means.

I will say that we had a good meeting this time. There were 25 baptized into the fellowship of the church, and we are having a good prayer-meeting every Sunday night. I ask the prayers of the people. Yours,

A. P. ROBERTSON.

Mrs. Mary Dorman was born April 9, 1832, and died October 19, 1907, after an illness of eight months. She was a member of Salem Baptist church in Coosa county. She loved her church as much as anyone I knew. Her life was a remarkable one. Her greatest talk was her life on earth, and what the Lord had done for her. Now that He had heard her prayers and blessed her, she had asked Him to do the last thing for her, which was to help her cross the river of death. She leaves two daughters and many other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her absence. J. W. JONES.

The Western Recorder says: "The Rev. W. R. Ivey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Maysville, Ky., tendered his resignation on November 8. We would be sorry to lose Brother Ivey from the state. He was the leader in the late temperance move in that city. We understand he goes to Tennessee. Our loss would be gain to Tennessee." (Why not come back to Alabama? We will be delighted to welcome you, but we are afraid since the state has gone dry Brother Ivey will go to Tennessee and help make it dry, for he loves a temperance fight.)

A PLEA FOR THE BABIES BY REV. R. S. GAVIN

Text, I Sam. 2:1—"Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exulteth in the Lord.'"

Her prayer was one of thanksgiving. And she was a mother. She was thankful because she was a mother. Three years before she had stood in the self-same temple in which she now stands. On that occasion she prayed also. But how different was that prayer from this! Then her lips moved because she was sad; now they move because she is glad.

Then her heart sank within her because she was wife-minus mother; now her heart exults in the Lord because she is wife plus mother. Then her prayer was a petition: "O God, may Thine handmaid become the mother of a baby boy!" Now it is one of thanksgiving: "My heart exulteth in the Lord." This incident serves as the frame-work into which we cast the talk for the evening.

According to announcement, I bring a special word to the mothers this evening. The theme is "A Plea for the Babies." No word of apology is necessary. If it were, I want no better than the fact that the babies cannot make a plea for themselves. Babies have rights as real as have the grown people; but because they are not able to stand up for their rights, thousands of them never come into the possession of their rights. If they could defend themselves against wrong as grown people can, and if they could get justice at the hands of the courts as grown people can—then the number of mothers who would have to pay large damage fines to their babies would be alarmingly shocking.

I regard Hannah as an ideal mother. As a result of her ideal motherhood, we find in the life of Samuel, her son, a magnificent specimen of ideal manhood. And that is no exception to the rule. The rule is, given the right kind of mothers, and we shall have the right kind of sons. That is the almost unanimous verdict of the world. One of the world's foremost reformers has said: "If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers." Napoleon: "Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons." Lincoln (the man whom we sometimes erroneously call "self-made"): "All I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." John Quincy Adams: "All that I am, mother made me." Bible: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it." So in making my plea for the babies, I commend the career of Hannah as an example worthy the most hearty emulation by all the mothers of the land. What made Hannah the ideal mother that she was?

1. She Was a Woman Whose God Was the Lord.

I do not hesitate to say that every child born into the world has the right to demand that much. Every child that is so unfortunate as to have an ungodly mother begins life handicapped. Often, like the chrysalis which bursts its shell and flies away from its environment a beautiful butterfly, it tears itself from its environment and runs with success the Christian race laid out before it—not because it has a mother, however, but in spite of the fact that it has a mother.

Some interesting statistics are now going the rounds of the press.

Among other items of special moment, it is given out that of the children born in the country, 92 per cent. become Christians; of those born in the towns and villages, 75 per cent. become Christians; and of those born in the cities, 60 per cent. become Christians. That is another way of showing us that a child born in the country has a better chance of getting to heaven than has the city-born child. And why? In the country the mother's kingdom is her home, and her children are her devoted subjects. In the city the child is not the only member of the family who is tempted to turn aside from duty's path. The parents are tempted also, and in too many instances they yield. It is also given out that where neither parent is a Christian, only 25 per cent. of the

children become Christians, while of the children where both parents are Christians, 99 per cent. of them become Christians. If these statistics do not speak volumes, then figures can die, and things are not what they seem. And who of us will deny that the mother plays by far the more important part in the Christianizing of this 99 per cent.? There is not a mother in this splendid audience who cannot make her children believe what she believes, and think as she thinks, if she will be wise and persistent. If in any given home the father believes one way and the mother believes another way, and I want the children to believe my way—if the mother will do her best, then give me the mother every time, and nine times in ten I can win the children. That is the reason why every child has the right to demand the right kind of a mother; and no mother is the right kind of a mother if she is ungodly. She may have many virtues to her credit, but if she does not recognize the Lord as her God, she is not an ideal mother.

I have in my study a book, "Mothers of Great Men." One truth runs from page to page, and through and through. It is this: All ideally great men have had ideally good mothers before them. The exceptions are the rarest possible. But when ought the mother hear this demand from her child that she be a godly woman? There is but one answer to that—as early as possible. If she has not heard it before tonight, then now is the time. She ought to have heard it long before now.

Hannah heard it long before she heard the voice of her child, and in that regard she is a splendid example. An assembly of mothers were discussing "Timely Topics." At length they came to the question, "When ought the religious training of the child begin?" Some said at ten, others thought at five, and others still thought at four, and three, and even two years. At last a mother in Israel arose and said: "My sisters in the holy bonds of motherhood, I have seen quite enough to enable me to speak to this question with absolute correctness. I am sure that the religious and moral training of every child should begin at least twenty-five years before it is born." Yes, give us Christian mothers, and then our mothers' grandchildren will be well born; they will enter life without handicaps; they will come by right of their birth into the possession of a moral nature free from taint and twist. I insist, ladies and gentlemen, that every child's first right in this world of sin is its right to a Christian mother. And because they are not able to make their plea for such mothers, in their behalf and in their stead I stand in my place as a minister of the gospel and make the plea for them. For God's sake, for their sake, and for our future's sake, give the babies Christian mothers.

2. Hannah was the ideal Mother that she was because she accepted her child as a gift from the Lord, and counted herself most highly favored in the holy office of motherhood.

One of the Psalmists sings: "Children are an inheritance of the Lord; they are as arrows in the hands of a mighty man, and happy is the man whose quiver is full of them." And when Jacob and Esau met after their long separation, Esau asked: "And who are all these with thee?" Jacob's answer was: "These are the children which God hath graciously given me."

A pastor was talking to one of his stingy members once, doing his best to give him a larger and truer vision of life. The pastor was naming some of the many blessings the Lord had brought him into the possession of. I remember among other things the pastor said: "And He has blessed you with a house-full of children!" The father, with a sneer, said: "I do not know that God had much to do with my having a house-full of children; and furthermore, if you had them all to feed and clothe as I have to do, I am not quite sure you would place them in the list of my blessings." The stingy, sordid wretch that he was!

And then I wondered if that was the way the mother of those children thought about them. I do not hesitate to say that the second right of every child born to a mother is its right to demand a welcome. Storms come from heaven, ladies and gentlemen! By nature they do not know how to come from anywhere else; and if they sometimes come from some other whither—well, the babies are not responsible for that calamity. Yes, Psalmist, you are right: "Children are an inheritance of the Lord."

I wish that statement were written in letters of fire over every home in the land. No man has the right to the privileges and blessings of parenthood who does not accept the holy office of fatherhood as God-given, and the purpose of it, God's glory. No man has the right to refuse the responsibility of parenthood who cannot say as he does that responsibility, "I refuse to become a father for God's glory." Now, what I say of the fathers, I say with double emphasis of the mothers.

At the World's Fair at St. Louis, at a certain hour, a certain gate was ordered closed for a certain period of time. Wagons loaded with ice were barred from admittance; bread wagons were halted; meat carts were delayed; wagons of merchandise and things were stopped in the middle of the way. Presently another sort of vehicle dashed up.

On the inside of the enclosure they had an incubator for weak and immature babies. "Open the gate at once!" was the demand of the driver of this last vehicle. The reply was: "The manager says the gate cannot be opened for an hour yet." "Tell him I have an infant here that cannot live thirty minutes if I am not admitted to the grounds." The manager's reply was: "Open the gate at once and let the baby come in; that is what this gate is made for." I tell you, my friends, when the babies come into the possession of their rights, and have the right of way over stocks and bonds, and merchandise and banks, and farms and mines, and pleasure and sin, and clubs and parties, and poodle dogs and Teddy bears, they will open the doors of our homes and the doors of our hearts, and Hannahs and Samuels will be found around nine-tenths of the hearth-stones of this country.

In a certain community there lived a young man who took great pleasure in doing the very unnatural thing of hating his mother. He even went so far as to declare that it gave him pain to look at her. And because he hated his mother with such a bitter hate, he was known in the community in which he lived as "Nature's Freak." His mother sat in sadness and wondered why she had been cursed above other women. At last the old darkey who was present at the son's birth, and who had lived in the home before he was born, said: "I can tell you why de boy hates his mammy so." And then she uncovered a string of facts too awful to be repeated here. She told how that, before he was born, the mother hated him, and out of her freak mother nature, how she did everything she knew to intercept the life of her unborn babe, and how that when he was born she looked upon him with hate mingled with contempt, and declared that she had rather be in prison, shut in behind iron bars, than have a bawling brat like that lying upon her lap. "Ah," continued the old darkey, "Mars George is jis payin' ole missus back in her own money, dat's all." Yes, but that was a plenty. Mothers, if you want him to treat you right when he is grown, treat him right before he is born.

If it would accomplish my heart's desire, I would get down on my knees before the Hannahs and all the other mothers of this country, and I would beg that they accept their babes as a gift from the Lord, and that they count themselves most highly favored in the holy office of motherhood. I was reading the other day of a certain apartment house in one of our cities where upwards of 1,500 people live, but there is not a single child in the house—though there

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are more than 600 poodle dogs in it. That is why I make my plea for the babies, ladies and gentlemen. I contend that every child, whether born or unborn, has the right to demand that no dog—I do not care what its pedigree is—or Teddy bear, has the right to take its place. If it is wrong to kill a human being after he is born, it is wrong to kill him before he is born; and the twin sin to taking life is that of preventing it. Since preparing this sermon-lecture, I have read an interesting article in the November number of the *Delinquent* on "The Home Without a Child." It makes the assertion that there are in the United States alone 2,000,000 such freak homes; and that on Fifth avenue, New York city, there are fifteen whole blocks with only fifteen children to play on the sidewalks—one child to a block. Since I have been in Huntsville a lady said to me: "I want to rent my home and board." I said: "All right; I think I know a good family that will be glad to take your house." And when I said that the family consisted of a father and mother and five children, she threw up her hands in holy horror and exclaimed: "Oh, I can't think of renting to a family in which there are children!" I am told by committees arranging for the entertainment of our district and state gatherings that it is with the greatest difficulty that homes can be procured for delegates and messengers if they carry the babies with them. To our big dinings and supperings and spreads and general formandzings, most anybody is liable to be invited except the individual who is so unfortunate as to be a child. A few invitations I have declined in my day (with thanks, of course) because they read: "To Mr. and Mrs. Gavlin." I have a boy. Pray tell me what I am to do with him? He is guilty of no crime, except the fact that he is a child. And yet, in the main, from everything that smacks of a "social function" he is ostracised. I hope to God he may make a Samuel. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but I can say without vain boasting that he has been properly mothered. I wish I had ten like him. I was reading yesterday of the death of a mother from whose breast twenty-one children have drawn their life. She was forced to have a first and second table to accommodate them at meal-time. But she gave to this world men and women whose lives are today worth while. God bless her memory and multiply her kind!

Our babies may keep us from some places, and they may force us to incessant toil; but listen! In Lemuel's commendation of the ideal woman he says: "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed." That is enough to pay us back for all we have done and endured for our children.

No, society says, "The children are not welcome here." And what is more conspicuously absent from our church services (some few of our members excepted) than are the babies and smaller children. And since I come to think it over, will some one please tell me where a baby is really welcome except in heaven? The great Dr. Parker said one night: "As I was beginning my prayer just now, I heard the voice of a little child (the child had whimpered aloud. Suppose it did! Is that the unpardonable sin?) I hope that child was not taken out. I have never had a child taken out of the City Temple. If I had written a long and learned dissertation, I had rather that were taken out, but a little child never." And that reminds me of Christ Jesus, the best friend the babies have ever had. In spite of custom, and in answer to the rebukes of those about Him, when the little children were brought to Him, He said: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," etc.

And then I can better understand how Rachel felt when she prayed: "Give me children, or I die!" Ah! babies were welcome then. They were accepted as God's best gift to woman, and as the crowning glory of wifehood. A young mother seated in her room, with a little bunch of flesh and rannel held close up to her bosom, talked this way to her friends when they called to see her:

"We used to go on picnics,
And excursions down the bay,

And say to our friends who'd ask us,
'Oh, 'twill suit us any day!'
When friends would call to see us,
We'd complacently sit down—
But we've quit such routine business
Since the baby came to town.

"We used to go out driving,
Take in concerts, and the like;
When the mercury'd climb upward,
For the shore we'd make a strike;
We'd entertain our neighbors
And friends of some renown—
But we've only time for 'How d' you do!'
Since the baby came to town."

Ah, yes! but wait a minute! That isn't all! Listen:

"And when the morning sunshine
Comes a-peepin' in the room,
And the little darling wakens
With the smile of heaven's bloom,
And he lies there, sweetly 'cooling'
On his little bed of down—
Then we thank our Heavenly Father
That the baby came to town."

God fill this world with mothers like that!

3. Hannah was the ideal mother she was because she set a high ideal for the life of her child, and then set herself, and not another, to the task of making the ideal real.

Read with me I Sam. 1:22—"But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, 'I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him.'" Did Hannah turn heathen because she stayed from church and social functions and things, and for three years poured all that was good and true and noble in her ideal mother nature into the life of her child, so that he might have an even start in life? If that is heathenish, then may our God fill the earth with heathens, is the prayer of your humble servant.

I am tempted to attempt a thing that I am not capable of doing—I am tempted to give the mothers some advice. How I wish I might, for I am interested in the welfare of the babies. Suffer a suggestion or two without comment:

1. Don't whip the babies much, if any.

But that suggestion makes my ears burn: Don't you see how red they are? You say: "Solomon says if you spare the rod you spoil the child."

Yes, but he does not say that every child will be spoiled if you do not use the rod. I say, "Use the rod sparingly; let it be the last resort." More children have been spoiled by the use of the rod than have been spoiled by sparing the rod. An old darkey with a housefull of children used to whip all of them when she whipped one. A passer-by asked: "Aunty, why do you whip all of them?" "Oh," she replied, "Ef they don't need it now, they will 'fore night. So I gives it to all of 'em while I'm at it." I suppose I am a bit cranky. If I had my way, I'd let the children eat at the first table, and I'd see that the rod was never laid on one's back except in extreme cases. And every mother who gets mad, and gratifies her temper by whipping her child, I would bring before the courts of the country and have her indicted for assault and battery. I would, so help me God!

2. Don't let any so-called "nurse" take your place in the life of your child.

To designate the average attendant of our babies as "nurse" is a misnomer. I think every mother ought to have a helper, even if the father has to sell his coat to pay the hire; but a baby that sees more of its nurse than it does of its mother is outraged. "But you are not an orphan, are you?" asked one of a little boy. His reply was: "Well, I had just as well be. Pa is a travellin' man, and ma is always off to some club, or committee meetin', or card frolic; and nurse is always a-courtin'." My friends, if that boy makes a bad man—well, he is not wholly to blame for most anything he does.

"I wish, Jane," said a so-called up-to-date mother,

who was just dressing herself for the club—(one of the greatest evils of the twentieth century, from the standpoint of the babies, is the average club. It has "clubbed" thousands of children out of their rights. Jane was the new nurse.)—"I wish, Jane, that you would use the thermometer to ascertain if the water is the right temperature when you give the baby his bath." Jane: "Oh, don't worry about that, missus. I can manage that. If the little 'un turns red, I know the water is too hot; and if he turns blue, I know it is too cold—and there you are!"

God give us mothers—real mothers—and the more the better.

Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for your presence, and for your good listening. The sermon next Sunday evening will be for the young ladies. Theme: "The Young Woman and Her Influence." Let us stand and receive the benediction.

"THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD."

This is the title of a sermon preached at the First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, by the pastor, George W. Truett, and published in tract form by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. The headings, which will give an idea of the character of the discussion, are as follows: "Circumstances of Its Institution;" "A Personal Question for All;" "It is the Lord's Supper;" "The Lord's Gift to His Disciples;" "Restricted to the Baptized;" "Sincerity Not Sufficient;" "The Other Denominations;" "The One Word of Authority;" "Church Membership a Prerequisite;" "Why Not the Immersed?" "The Church as Custodian;" "The Meaning of the Supper;" "As to Christian Fellowship;" "The Baptist Position;" "Illustration of the One Vision."

It is the clearest, strongest, most forcible, brief discussion of the subject I have ever seen, and I very earnestly recommend it to the brethren. The price is such as to enable a general distribution by pastors. Single copy, 10 cents; one dozen copies, 75 cents; fifty copies, \$2; one hundred copies, \$3.

"Errors of Romanism."

My publishers promised me my book on this subject by the 15th of the present month, but they have not yet arrived. I am expecting them to be shipped any day. I will appreciate it if the brethren who desire the book will send me the subscription price, \$1, as soon as possible, and the books will be sent to them as soon as received. The more cash I receive in advance the less I will be compelled to borrow in order to pay the publishers. W. J. E. COX.

WHAT WAS IT

The Woman Feared?

What a comfort to find it is not "the awful thing" feared, but only chronic indigestion, which proper food can relieve!

A woman in Ohio says:

"I was troubled for years with indigestion and chronic constipation. At time I would have such a gnawing in my stomach that I actually feared I had a—I dislike to write or even think of what I feared.

"Seeing an account of Grape-Nuts, I decided to try it. After a short time I was satisfied the trouble was not the awful thing I feared, but was still bad enough. However, I was relieved of a bad case of dyspepsia by changing from improper food to Grape-Nuts.

"Since that time my bowels have been as regular as a clock. I had also noticed before I began to eat Grape-Nuts that I was becoming forgetful of where I put little things about the house, which was very annoying.

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FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS
Field Editor

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT WAS SIDE-TRACKED.

Prohibition sidetracked missions in Alabama for the past few months, but if we are a grateful people we will show our gratitude to God by rising to the occasion and raising the hundred thousand dollars to properly celebrate our great Centennial year. While some have thoughtlessly criticised Brother Crumpton for his zealous work as president of the Anti-Saloon League, and while at the associations we have seen missions pushed to the rear while prohibition came to the front, we felt somehow that God was in it all, and that in reality He was preparing His people for the greatest mission movement since the days of the apostles, and instead of holding it against our beloved secretary for giving so much time to the Anti-Saloon League, we propose to throw ourself into the breach and work, and talk, and write, and pray, and give for missions as never before, and if all will do this, the money will be raised, and the Lord's work in Alabama will prosper in a way hitherto undreamt of by even those of the largest faith. Let every one feel personally responsible for the Centennial offering, and it will be raised.

THAT GREAT DAY IN MONTGOMERY.

Election day in Birmingham when Jefferson went dry was a "red-letter" day; but Tuesday at Montgomery, when the Senate voted Alabama dry, was the greatest epoch-making day in the history of Alabama, and as long as memory lasts we will always have fresh before our mind's eye the picture of that history-making scene, when the people of this great State, by their presence and through their chosen representatives, pronounced the death-knell on the sale of whiskey in Alabama. It was good to feel the thrill of intense emotion which kept hundreds standing without seeming fatigue for hours as the senators gravely faced the burning issue and put themselves on record for or against the Carmichael bill. Well to the front on the floor of the Senate, we were kept busy bowing to Baptist preachers and laymen from all parts of the State, until it seemed almost like an adjourned session of the State Convention, and there were numerous preachers of other denominations on hand, and the good women and children were present in droves. Some of the speeches were clear-cut, some confused, some boldly reliant, others apologetic; some were humorous, some grave, some pathetic, some dramatic, some sharp, some conciliatory, but all the speakers seemed to feel that it was a great occasion, and that the time for dodging had passed, and that each one was going on record for all time to have it scanned by the people back home. On the whole, the debate was pitched above personalities, and with the one exception that a Senator was hissed, the behavior of the crowd was admirable.

May God help us to remember, however, that voting whiskey out of the State and keeping it out are two different propositions, and cause each one, while living blameless, to use his best personal endeavors to not only instill temperance into the minds and hearts of the children, but to try and wean confirmed and so-called "moderate drinkers" from their drams, and see to it that the law is enforced without fear or favor.

We have received a copy of "Miss Claire's Pupils," by Mattie S. Smith. Send \$1 to Mrs. W. H. Smith, Rochester, Ky., for a copy.

Have you Sold Your Cotton?



We refrained from pressing collections until the middle of November, but as some money is now coming into the hands of our cotton growing people, we would respectfully ask that you remember your obligation to us. We have had a hard summer, as money was scarcer than usual, but we have made it thus far. Please do not forget us. To do so, would be to work a hardship on us, which we are sure you would not wish to do. Please do not wait for Brother Glass, as he can not possibly see one out of ten of our subscribers. We will appreciate a prompt response. Do not defer this matter, but act NOW!

The banks of Birmingham, in common with those of other cities, have, as a precautionary measure, adopted the policy of paying checks of any one customer to the amount of not more than \$25 per week. This necessary action of the banks makes it very difficult for us to command ready cash for meeting our heavy weekly expenses. Our publishers need the actual money week by week to meet their pay rolls.

The Alabama Baptist has 3,000 subscribers whose renewals are now due. Look at the label on this paper and see if you are one of them. If you are, will you not at once send us a postoffice money order or express money order or simply put a dollar or two dollar bill in an envelope and mail it our risk? Remember that \$1 or \$2 is a small matter to each of our subscribers, but when multiplied 3,000 times it is a great matter to us—the greater because of the present emergency.

PROHIBITION HAS HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY

Prohibition has had the right of way in The Alabama Baptist, the associations and churches ever since the State Convention, and while some have complained that the paper gave too much space and the editor too much time to the burning question, we believe that the results have more than justified our policy, which was to fight its legal sale in Alabama. We praise God for the great victories won by the temperance people, and give special thanks to the Anti-Saloon League for its able fight, led by Brooks Lawrence, its superintendent, and think that Baptists have a just right to be proud of the work of its president, Brother Crumpton, whose pen, voice and cartoons helped lead to victory. We believe that we still have a great educational fight to make to see that the prohibition laws are enforced, and from time to time will try to stir our people, but until the Southern Baptist Convention meets in May we propose to push missions to the exclusion of all other topics.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

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

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD.

We ran down to Montgomery to attend the meeting of the state board, but with the members, gave the morning to the session of the senate. At 2 p. m. an appetizing dinner was served in the basement of the Clayton Street Baptist church by the ladies, and it was nearly three before the meeting was called to order. Two of Alabama's most useful laymen were re-elected to their old places, George Miles as president, and W. B. Davidson as secretary, and Brother Crumpton as corresponding secretary. It is always an encouraging thing to be present at a meeting of the state board and watch the laymen and preachers arrange the work for the ensuing year. We are glad the brethren were not stampeded by the Wall street panic to cut down appropriations, but with larger faith moved on to bigger things. Now let's get to work and help carry out their program.

SOME STATE CONVENTIONS.

Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma have recently held their conventions, and in each state large things had been done and larger things were planned. Dr. Love, associate secretary of home missions, was greatly impressed with the magnificent reports read at the Texas convention, and Dr. Porter, field secretary of the foreign mission board, was enthusiastic about the work in the Oklahoma convention, while Dr. Robertson, of the seminary, spoke commendably of the way the Louisiana Baptists were advancing. These brethren visited us on their way home. From the accounts in the Religious Herald and the Advance, the Virginia and Arkansas Baptists had great years. The latter saints have decided on the pay plan for the future, as the convention has grown so big that few places in the state can entertain it.

THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Georgia Baptist convention, which met last week at Valdosta, was a record making one in many ways. It will meet next year in Atlanta. A slight change was made in the time of meeting. The opening session will be on Friday evening before the fifth Sunday in next November instead of Thursday evening. The state work is being centered in Atlanta.

On motion of Dr. S. Y. Jameson the headquarters of the education board of the convention was changed from Macon to Atlanta. Secretary J. J. Bennett announced that the \$50,000 which the convention determined last year to raise for mission work had all come in, and he could report the board out of debt. Secretary Ragsdale of the convention announced that there had been 403 messengers enrolled for this meeting making this next to the largest convention in recent years. We congratulate our Georgia brethren on the advance made in the organized work and felicitate the Christian Index for the helpful part it played in bringing things to pass.

GOES TO RELIGIOUS HERALD.

Elsewhere we publish the announcement of the Religious Herald that after January 1st Rev. V. L. Masters will be a member of the Herald family. We have always counted the Herald one of the very best of our Baptist papers, under the editorship of Dr. Pitt, and now that the gifted Masters is to join forces with him the rest of us will have to work mighty hard or be distanced. Masters is not only a talented journalist, but is a big-hearted fellow, and will be of great help in all the organized work in Virginia. His going will be a personal loss, as his pen has been at the service of the Alabama Baptist during his pastorate in Alabama. We sincerely hope and predict that 1909 will be the best year in the life of the Herald.

BRO. CRUMPTON BACK AT HIS WORK ONCE MORE

The reader will say, "I didn't know Brother Crumpton had been away." No, I haven't been away, but it has been very difficult for some months for me to know whether I was more secretary of the Mission Board or president of the Anti-Saloon League of Alabama. I mean by the heading that I must get back to my work as secretary of the Board. I was put in a position where I felt I must do the other, too. The opportunity was here, never to return. I do not regret it, and I do not believe there is a "Simon pure" Baptist in the State who would blame me for it. Yes, the Baptist work has been neglected some. I missed a few associations on account of the great prohibition fight. Maybe if I had "stuck to my bush" so large a debt as \$3,000 would not have been reported to the Mission Board at its annual meeting on the 19th. But I had rather pay the whole debt myself, if I were able, and have the approving conscience I now have. Whatever my contribution, whether much or little, to the great prohibition victory, I bless God for the opportunity to be used for its promotion. It is glorious to feel that "I tried."

Now, Brethren Beloved, won't you help me with a special, individual contribution to liquidate that debt? State missions doesn't come until February, so I can't appeal to the churches; but I ask for a personal contribution right now for this State-mission debt. I had rather not have it if one is going to cut down on the Orphanage, which has the right of way in November, and Foreign Missions in December.

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE.

The Religious Herald has great pleasure in announcing that after January 1st, Rev. Victor I. Masters will be a member of its staff with the designation of associated editor.

Mr. Masters is a gifted and experienced newspaper man, a vivacious and entertaining writer, and most genial and lovable in spirit. He will give his entire time and energy to the paper, partly in the office and partly on the field. He is well and favorably known, not only in Virginia, but throughout the South. He was connected with the Baptist Courier of South Carolina for a number of years, and later founded and conducted the Baptist Press, making of it a very sprightly, readable and entertaining paper.

In the early part of this year, becoming convinced that there was not room in South Carolina for two Baptist papers, and not wishing to injure in any way the interests of the Courier or to be a divisive influence among his brethren, he sold his paper to the Courier and re-entered the pastorate, taking charge of the Abbeville, Ala., church. Here he has been eminently successful, but feels that the Providential Hand leads him to old Virginia to become our "working partner."

We know that our pastors and churches will give him the warmest of Virginia welcomes. We felicitate ourselves upon the prospect of having next to us, in our arduous work, one so young, strong and gifted. He shares fully the present editor's conception of the Religious Herald as primarily an agency in the kingdom of God worthy of his best endeavors. While he will have his editorial place and work, he will also be frequently among the churches and the brethren, and it will not take him long to get acquainted with them, as it will not take them long to learn to trust and love him.

"In These Panicky Times,"

as the saying goes, I beg you don't cut down your contributions to God's cause. "Make me a little cake first," was a hard command from God's old servant to the poor widow who had just confessed to him that she had only a handful of meal. But she recognized in him a servant of God, and with her trustful heart, she obeyed. Did she suffer because of her trust and obedience? I wouldn't think to compare myself with the old foot-sore and hungry prophet; but, brethren, the same God is ours, and His servants are as dear to Him now as in the olden time. It is not for myself, but for our missionaries I am pleading. One brother wrote: "Everything I have is dependent on my getting the \$131 the Board is due me." Another said, "I have borrowed until I can borrow no more; can't you send me the \$70 due me?" Another said, "On the 22nd I have an obligation to meet; the money due me is all I have to depend upon to meet it." Did I pay them? Yes, I did, and as long as my credit is good, I am going to keep on paying them. I leave the case with the brethren and sisters.

What Did the Board Do?

In the first place, they all went to the capitol, and witnessed the greatest sight in the Senate chamber ever beheld in Alabama, when the final vote was taken on the Carmichael prohibition bill.

After that the members repaired to the Clayton Street Baptist church to partake of the splendid dinner prepared by the good women of that church.

Then for about four hours they gave most earnest attention to business.

In view of the "panicky times" and the \$3,000 debt reported by the secretary, did they cut down the appropriations? How could they, when the missionary work has been so marvelously blessed, when God has added thousands to our membership, and when the demands seemed greater than ever before? Including the debt, the appropriations were on a \$21,000 basis. By the time all the applications are in, it will reach fully \$25,000, the full amount asked for State Missions for the year. Is this reckless? Some of our brethren will think so. They would be right if all our people had been doing their best in the past. As a matter of fact, who doesn't know that the great majority have never been touched? Even the most liberal have never given one-half of what they are well able to give. Let us remember, too, we are not "walking by sight." With faith in God and following the leadings of His Providence, we must undertake great things for Him. In every instance, where the Baptists of Alabama have stepped out on the promises of God, the record will show that His blessing crowned their efforts.

I beg the pastors, God's appointed leaders, to have brave hearts during the strenuous year that is before us. Let there be no word of discouragement. Catch the spirit of the tract: "What not to do, or a Plea for Sunshine in the Preaching."

W. B. CRUMPTON.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S REQUEST.

In this issue of The Alabama Baptist appears an especial appeal from Brother Crumpton touching the debt of \$3,000, as shown at the annual meeting of the State Board of Missions in this city on the 19th inst. His statement speaks for itself. Won't the brethren throughout the state make a generous personal response to this very urgent and important request? Even a small contribution, as Brother Crumpton suggests, from a great number will burden no one, and at the same time will relieve the situation. Prompt action in this matter, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated by the secretary and also by our missionaries in the field. G. G. MILES, Montgomery.

BROTHER W. T. FOSTER RESIGNS.

Scale, Ala., Nov. 19, 1907. I have resigned this field to take work at Midway, Ala. I expect to move by December 1. I have pastored most of my churches on this field four years, and have never lived among better people nor had a better pastorate. My four years here among these people has been very pleasant indeed, and it is hard for me to leave them. We held a series of meetings here recently. I was assisted by Brother Murray, of Columbus, Ga. We had a glorious revival, which lasted eight days. Eleven were baptized, and all of them were from the Sunday school. Brother Murray is a strong gospel preacher, and he delighted our hearts with his forceful sermons. We will be glad to have his help in Alabama as often as possible. Brother H. T. Crumpton has been called to this field, and has moved to Hartsboro, and will live there, as it was more convenient to Pittsview, which has been added to this field in the place of Hyram.

W. T. FOSTER.



Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D. (Idlewild), Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. P. T. Bell, editor of the Christian Index, says:

"Dr. J. C. Hiden has been chosen to supply the Southside church, Birmingham, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. H. P. McCormick, until a pastor shall be elected and takes up the work. Many of the students who attended the Seminary in Greenville, S. C., in the '70s would enjoy hearing Dr.

Hiden once more, as they used to do when he was pastor there."

Dr. Hiden is not only doing some scholarly preaching, but is using his gifted pen to enrich the columns of The Alabama Baptist. Owing to a severe cold, Dr. Hiden could not fill his appointment on Sunday, the 17th, and we had the privilege of being with the Southside saints.



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A MID-WINTER SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL METHOD.

(By President E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky.)

It gives me pleasure to announce to the brethren that arrangements are being made for our mid-winter lecture courses at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which give promise of being far more interesting and profitable than any we have had in the seminary hitherto. We will have, as usual, the course of lectures on the Gay Foundation, and the Sunday School Board lectures, and the course of lectures on Evangelism. But in addition to these we are arranging to have a series of lectures on practical subjects by way of connecting theological teaching with actual conditions in the churches. We desire to present at this early date the opportunity of attending these lectures, so that pastors and others who wish to do so can make their arrangements to be present. The lecture courses will begin February 17 and continue two weeks. There will be two or three lectures each day. It is probable that there will be a Sunday school institute in connection with the courses of lectures, which will be of great practical interest. Full particulars as to these lectures will be announced in the near future.

We are also considering the question of making some changes in the arrangements for examinations in our classes, so that brethren can take any portion of the session of eight months desired, and receive credit for the same, even where they are unable to spend the whole session in the seminary. This plan is not yet mature, but is being considered, and if it is found practicable, it will be announced later. The hint is thrown out now with a view to suggesting to any brethren who may have a couple of months that they can give to seminary work, and only this time, that they might be planning to enter January 27 for this purpose. On this point further announcements will follow.

SELMA UNIVERSITY ON PROHIBITION QUESTION.

At the close of chapel exercises on Tuesday morning President R. T. Polard introduced Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor of Green Street Baptist church of Selma, who delivered the following address to the faculty and students of Selma University:

Mr. President, Faculty and Students: It is with delight I appear before you this morning. I hope to solicit your sympathy and to stir up and encourage a sentiment among you in favor of the great prohibition movement that God has awakened in the hearts of the good people of this state.

Statement of the Issues.

- First: There are many great issues before the people, and we must put ourselves on record, as a race, on one side or the other.
1. Whether the negro will rise to the height of law and civil rights, as other people.
 2. Shall the railroads and trust companies or the law of the country control?
 3. Shall whiskey men debauch and curse and continue to damn and destroy the youth and the men of the nation, or shall temperance rights, law and order prevail?

These, in brief, are the three great issues that face us. Now, God, and righteousness are on one side, and the

devil and wickedness are on the other. Two great armies are arrayed one against the other, both striving for election, and you and I and every black man who is prepared to meet the demands of the law ought to pay his tax and qualify himself and cast his vote in favor of right, law and order, and he who is not prepared ought to prepare without delay.

Whiskey is our greatest foe. It will be voted out; it must go. Let us pray that the present legislature, in special session, may put it down, and put it out of this state; and when the law is passed let us see to it that we play our part in exposing every man who violates the law by handling whiskey in blind tigers, whether he is white or black, Jew or Gentile; for the white man will attempt to use the members of our race as the cat's-paw in these blind tigers. Be warned. Be not deceived. Rest assured that the trap will fall heavily upon the man that is caught.

Motion by Dr. Clanton.

Mr. President: I move that we give Rev. J. A. Martin a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for his timely address, and that an extract of his speech be published in the Selma papers, the Montgomery Advertiser, The Alabama Baptist and the Baptist Leader, so that the position of the president, the faculty and students of Selma University may be known everywhere in the State as in favor of the legal suppression of the liquor traffic, and as friends of the majesty and supremacy of the civil law, social order and domestic peace and happiness. (Carried.)

ORDINATION AT GROVE HILL, ALA.

Last Wednesday evening, November 13, 1907, the Grove Hill church met by previous appointment in conference with Brethren S. A. Adams, of Jackson, J. H. Creighton, of Whitley, and C. H. Turner, the pastor, composing the presbytery, for the purpose of setting apart Brother John A. Dickenson to the full work of the gospel ministry.

After a splendid sermon by Brother S. A. Adams upon the text, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church," in which he told what a Christian church is, of whom it is composed, and what its ordinances are, the presbytery was organized with C. H. Turner as moderator, and S. A. Adams secretary.

Rev. J. H. Creighton conducted the examination of the candidate to the satisfaction of the presbytery and the church. Brother Creighton led in the ordination prayer, and the presbytery then engaged in the laying on of hands of ordination to the full work of the ministry.

The pastor, C. H. Turner, delivered the charge to the candidate and presented the Bible. The following deacons were present: Judge Clayton Fassue and Mr. C. G. Findley.

The hand of welcome to the ministry was then given Brother Dickenson, after which he pronounced the benediction.
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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.
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Citronelle.
By the time this is printed we will be in Citronelle (D. V.) aiding Brother Chase and his people. Whoever may chance to read this, please stop here and offer an earnest prayer for us in Citronelle.

Our Work.
Our mean the work that the Master has done, for it is not our work, but His work; therefore, we should say the work of our Master through us as an evangelist for the past two months has been very sweet. He has greatly blessed us in seven meetings. There have been about 200 additions to the churches and over \$3,000 raised for church debts, pastors' salaries and other benevolences. I am in the evangelistic work for life. I earnestly solicit the prayers of my brethren that I may be guided moment by moment by the Holy Spirit, and have His wisdom in all things. Yours in Him,
JOHN BASS SHELTON.
Montgomery, Ala.

NOTICE, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS!

At the session of the Alabama Student Conference held at the Southern University April 12-14, 1906, plans were formed looking to a closer relation between the various student volunteer bands of the colleges of Alabama, and to the advisability of organizing a State Student Volunteer Band. This committee consists of L. C. Brannon, Southern University, Greensboro; Jesse A. Cook, Howard College, East Lake; Miss Annie Conder, Judson, Marion; Miss Mary Debardeleben, Girls' Industrial School, Montevallo; S. T. Slaton, Birmingham College.

The committee urges every volunteer for the foreign field in and out of college to send his name to Miss Mary Debardeleben, secretary, Montevallo, as we desire to complete the roll of all volunteers in the state preparatory to the next meeting of the Alabama Student Conference, which convenes in February.

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The church gave most favorable testimony as to the standing of the candidate in the church and among those without. The examination of the candidate upon his Christian experience and call to the ministry was very satisfactory.

Brother Ray manifested a familiarity with the doctrines and practices of the church that would do credit to one with years of experience. All who know him are confident of a large and useful ministry.

The church and presbytery take pleasure in commending this worthy brother to the confidence and esteem of the brotherhood.

The Macedonia church has laid claim to his service for one-fourth of his time, and others are conferring with him. May the Lord greatly enlarge this dear brother, and use him as an instrument for bringing many souls to Christ, is the prayer of his pastor, J. R. STODGHILL.

REV. G. W. WEBB.

For weeks I have perused the columns of The Alabama Baptist expecting to find a notice of the death of Rev. G. W. Webb, who died very suddenly at his home in Thomaston, Ala., September 25. He was acting as colporter for the Bethel Association at the time of his death, and had left this place but a few weeks when we heard the sad news of his decease. Brother Webb was a good man and good pastor, always ready to comfort those in distress. He has been known in our church and family for years. We will miss him.

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